

HOLLISTON PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

WELCOME

Welcome to the Holliston Public Library Newsletter! What can you expect to find? Look forward to details on ongoing programs and event calendars, news about library activities, book suggestions, messages from the director, and so much more! Make sure to check in each month to stay updated on all that's happening here!



MAY HOURS

In addition to our regular Sundays, please see below for the scheduled closures in May. For updates regarding unexpected closures, kindly visit our website at hollistonlibrary.org.

Memorial Day Weekend: May 24th through May 26th



Regular Library Hours

Monday - Wednesday	9:30am - 8:00pm
Thursday & Friday	9:30am - 5:00pm
Saturday	9:30am - 2:00pm

LETTER FROM THE LIBRARY

The signing of Executive Order 14238 on March 14, 2025 has left many wondering exactly what that signifies and how this will affect libraries across the country. This order means that, along with other agencies, the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is eliminated to the maximum extent of the law. As the only federal agency dedicated to funding library services, this is alarming. Library funding draws on less than 0.003% of the annual federal budget despite being an integral resource for millions of Americans who rely on public, school, academic, and special libraries. Learn more using the QR codes below and raise your voice to save libraries!



Send a message to our Senators and Representatives urging them to overturn Executive Order 14238



Learn how these cuts affect libraries in Massachusetts



FAQs about Executive Order 14238

UPCOMING SPECIAL PROGRAMS

One Up Games - Kids

Tuesday, May 6 @ 3:00pm

Register for a spot to play the afternoon away with One Up Games! They bring a complete gamer setup with monitors and a wide selection including Minecraft and Fortnite. Open to children ages 8-12. Children's program.

Registration required

Story Time with Police Chief Stone

Wednesday, May 7 @ 10:15am

Join us for a story time with special guest Chief Stone from the Holliston Police Department! Children's program.

No registration required

STEM Story Time

Saturday, May 10 @ 11:00am

Join Holliston High School's Women in Science and Engineering Club for STEM Story Time! Share books and a stem-based activity run by these wonderful students. Ages 3+. Children's program.

No registration required

Music and Movement with Deb Hudgins

Tuesday, May 13 @ 10:30am

Nothing gets kids on their feet and having fun quite like songs, dance and silly stories. Come dance and sing along with Deb! Children's program.

No registration required

Water Color Painting Series

Tuesday, May 13 & May 27 @ 5:00pm

Indulge your creativity with this 4-week watercolor painting class, perfect for aspiring artists of all skill levels. See website for full details. Adult program.

Registration required

Play Date with Parks & Rec

Wednesday, May 14 @ 10:30am

You're invited to a play date with Parks and Rec! Stop by to play and have fun! Children's program.

No registration required

Reading Night w/ HHS Students

Wednesday, May 14 @ 5:00pm

Join HHS Global Studies students Sinead, Grace, and Brenda for a Reading Night at the library! They're promoting early literacy with activities and books for kids of all ages. Children's program.

No registration required

Pet Video Contest

May 15 through June 14

Have a cute or funny video of your pet? Submit it to HPL for our Pet Video Contest! A voting period and viewing party of the videos will take place in June and then the winner will be announced! Submit your videos to holreturns@minlib.net.

No registration required

Reading Fur-iends

Saturday, May 17 @ 10:00am

Practice your reading with the best furry audience, Molly Bird! Molly is a rescue pup and certified therapy dog - aka, the paw-fect reading companion. Children's program.

No registration required

Sound Bath and Relaxation

Saturday, May 17 @ 3:00pm

Come relax into a natural state of being using crystals, breath, sound, and guided meditation by Pamela, owner of Soul Spirit Studio right here in Holliston! Feel free to bring your own yoga mat or blanket, or use one of our chairs! Adult program.

Registration required

HHS Math Project

Monday, May 19 @ 3:30pm

Join HHS Students for their National Honors Society Leadership Project! Open to ages 8 and up. Solve fun math problems/games and participate in hands-on activities! Children's program.

No registration required

Story Time with Miss Jackie

Wednesday, May 21 @ 10:15am

Join Miss Jackie from Holliston Youth and Family Services in making special connections with children and their caregivers! Story times focus on encouraging social-emotional skills, fostering communication, and engaging learning opportunities at the library through songs and stories. Children's program.

No registration required

HPL Paint Night

Wednesday May 21 @ 5:30pm

Join us for an adult paint night! We're bringing back Jen from The Felted Bee, this time to instruct us in painting! She'll lead us in painting a spring landscape - all materials are provided and your painting is yours to display! Adult program.

Registration required

Story Time with Fire Chief Cassidy

Wednesday, May 28 @ 10:15am

Join us in welcoming Fire Chief Cassidy in a fire-themed story time! Children's program.

No registration required

Night Sky Painting

Wednesday, May 28 @ 5:00pm

Join Pop Art School for a fun canvas painting event. Follow along step-by-step to create a magical star-filled night sky with silhouettes of a hillside and trees. It's amazing what you can create with four colors and some simple brush techniques! YA program.

Registration required

CONTACT THE LIBRARY

Need help registering for programs or have other questions?



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PROGRAM CALENDAR

May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Sensory Drop In @ 10:00 Lego Builders @ 2:00 D&D Teens @ 2:45	2 Drop In Playgroup @ 10:00 Nintendo Switch Drop In @ 2:00 D&D Kids @ 3:00	3
4	5 Morning Book Club @ 11:00 YMCA Playgroup @ 11:00	6 Drop In Playgroup @ 10:00 One Up Games @ 3:00	7 Story Time with Chief Stone @ 10:15 Things That Go! Playgroup @ 2:00	8 Sensory Drop In @ 10:00 Lego Builders @ 2:00 D&D Teens @ 2:45	9 Drop In Playgroup @ 10:00 Nintendo Switch Drop In @ 2:00 D&D Kids @ 3:00	10 STEM Story Time @ 11:00
11	12 YMCA Playgroup @ 11:00	13 Music & Movement @ 10:30 Mystery Book Club @ 11:00 Teen/Tween Book Club @ 3:30 Water Color Paint Series @ 5:00	14 Play Date with Parks & Rec @ 10:30 Things That Go! Playgroup @ 2:00 Reading Night @ 5:00	15 Sensory Drop In @ 10:00 Lego Builders @ 2:00 D&D Teens @ 2:45	16 Drop In Playgroup @ 10:00 Nintendo Switch Drop In @ 2:00 D&D Kids @ 3:00	17 Reading Fur-iends @ 10:00 Sound Bath & Meditation @ 3:00
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There are many virtual programs happening throughout May!
Visit hollistonlibrary.org to explore all of them and to register for the Zoom link.

ONGOING PROGRAMS



Monday Morning Book Club

Monday, May 5 @ 11:00am

This month: *The Rosie Project*
by Graeme Simsion



D&D Kids

Every Friday @ 3:00pm



Mystery Book Club

Tuesday, May 13 @ 11:00am

This month: *The Sanatorium*
by Sarah Pearse



Nintendo Switch Drop In

Every Friday @ 2:00pm



History Book Club

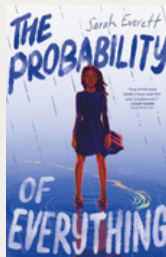
Monday, May 19 @ 10:30am

This month: *Democracy Awakening*
by Heather Cox Richardson



Sensory Drop In Play

Every Thursday @ 10:00am



Teen/Tween Book Club

Tuesday, May 13 @ 3:30pm

This month: *The Probability of Everything*
by Sarah Everett



Drop In Play

Every Tuesday & Friday @
10:00am



YMCA Playgroup

Every Monday @ 11:00am



Matinee Tuesday

Tuesday, May 20 @ 12:30pm

Mother's Instinct

Running time 1h34m

Rated R

Thriller/Drama



Tinker Time Drop In

Every Tuesday @ 4:30pm



D&D Tweens & Teens

Every Thursday @ 2:45pm



Things That Go! Drop In

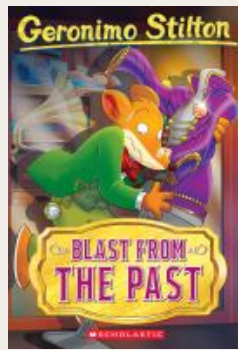
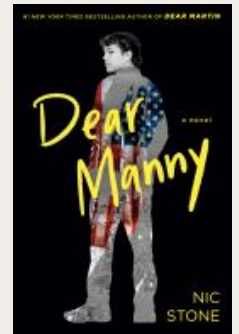
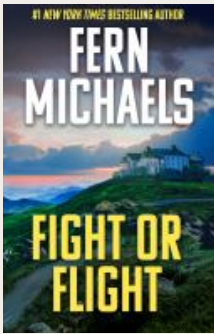
Every Wednesday @ 2:00pm



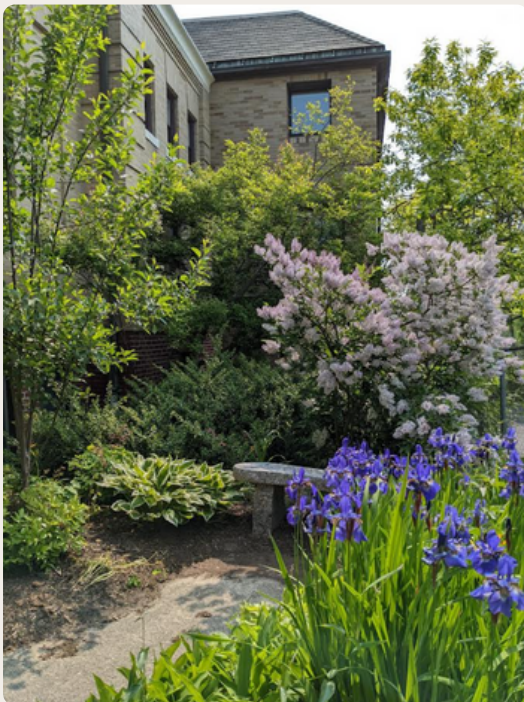
LEGO Club Drop In

Every Thursday @ 2:00pm

OUR LATEST RECOMMENDATIONS



MONTHLY HIGHLIGHT



Visit the Library Gardens

Have you seen the hidden garden to the right side of the library? Come take a look after your visit and you'll discover a beautiful and peaceful area created and meticulously maintained by the Holliston Garden Club. Discover the vibrant colors of perennials, bushes, and trees during each changing season. Before you leave, rest on one of the three granite benches and enjoy all that our garden offers. Don't forget to say hello to our watchful "friend" in the garden!

~Dora, Children's Room Staff

SUPPORTERS

The Friends Book Sale Has Moved!

The Friends Book Sale Shelf has relocated from the top of the stairs and is now more centrally located within the library! We invite you to come in, explore the rotating inventory on the shelves, and support the Friends of HPL! You'll find hardcovers, softcovers, paperbacks, children's books, DVDs, and much more – all available at affordable prices! The sale table in the Children's Room remains in the lobby.



Funding for programming, museum passes, special projects, furniture, and equipment comes from the Friends of the Holliston Public Library. Please consider supporting the Friends by visiting hollistonlibrary.org. Thinking of becoming a member? Meetings take place on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm via Zoom. For more details and to receive the Zoom link, email fohpl@outlook.com.

The Friends of HPL Are Asking for Your Support!

For years, the Friends have collaborated with TD Bank through the TD Bank Affinity Program, which provides vital support for library programming. We are at risk of falling short of our annual commitment for eligibility and need a few more individuals who cherish our Holliston Library to open a checking account with TD Bank or affiliate your existing account with the Friends before May 31st, the date when TD Bank determines eligibility for the next donation. With your assistance, the library can continue to offer a wide range of programs, events, equipment, and materials to all our patrons! Visit a TD Bank location today for more information on how you can support HPL!



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