

Fall's Back in the Valley

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# Active Life

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I fondly remember the expression, "spring forward and fall back" growing up in New England. It was usually connected to Daylight Savings Time (DST) when we move our clocks and watches ahead in the spring and back in the fall. As a result, we lose an hour of sleep in the spring and gain an hour of sleep in the fall. The fall changes also signify that we are nearing the end of summer, with the beginning of the Autumnal Equinox around September 21-22nd. It also means the beautiful colors of autumn will begin to dazzle us with splendid foliage. It is a cornucopia of magnificent splendor that captures the eye and heart. There is no better place to enjoy this wonder of nature than right here in the Merrimack Valley, with its beauty on display in the trees and other nature spots along the beautiful Merrimack Valley.

the signs of fall are upon us. We have the best of both worlds to enjoy in the month of September. It is still hot enough to go to the shore/beach and take advantage of summer recreation. Swimming, boating, water skiing and other beach, lake and river activities still beckon and call. We are not quite ready to turn the page on summer. Ask any school age student and they will flat out tell you that there is plenty of warm weather remaining to put off any thoughts of fall. School will be back in session, but the thermometer tells us a different story. It is a great time to enjoy the end of summer and the beginning of the fall season. The Merrimack Valley is one of the most beautiful spots in which to experience the change of seasons.

Although summer is not officially over,

The Merrimack River is a natural wonder of beauty that we are blessed to have in our natural surroundings. It stretches over 116 miles in length and meanders and flows through several cities and

towns in the Valley. The glimpse of boats and watercraft of all shapes and sizes coursing down the river is a sight to behold. The river is a source of utility, resource and enjoyment for all of us in the Valley and beyond. The history of how the Merrimack River became a source of power for the Industrial Revolution in Massachusetts, right in our own backyard in Lowell and surrounding towns is also worth looking into and exploring further. You can do this by visiting the Lowell National Historic Park and touring the mill buildings that make up the museum. Park guides are very informative and very capable of providing the facts and stories behind one of the most transformative industrial stories of mill and textile manufacturing this region has experienced. You will also hear the realities of what is was like to work in the mills. A large percentage of the laborers were young women, who labored long hours for little wages in order to make a living during this industrial revolutionary time period. It was not glamorous, but history looks back with admiration for what these laborers endured and accomplished working in the mills.

After taking in the history of the Lowell mills, you can also visit natural sites of the Merrimack Valley right here in our own backyard. What better time to do so than during leaf peeping time when fall colors are bursting forth on the landscape. One such place to visit is the Pawtucket Falls on the Merrimack River located in Lowell, MA. There is also a Pawtucket Falls located in Pawtucket, Rhode Island on the Blackstone River. For our purposes, I am referring to our treasure on the Merrimack River. What is so special about the falls that deserve a visit during this wonderful time

of year? From a historic perspective, the waterways were a source of food for the Pennacook Indians prior to colonial days. It was a natural fishing location to provide sustenance to the Pennacook tribe. Today, it is a source of beauty with the calming effect of water cascading down the waterfalls. The drop from the top of the falls to the water below is approximately 32 feet in length at its highest. From a scenic perspective, just watching the falls and enjoying the natural beauty of the water is a worthwhile activity. If you are fortunate enough you might just catch a rainbow, when the sun hits the falls at the right moment in time to provide a wonderful prism reflection.

Famous American naturalist, essayist and author, Henry David Thoreau once wrote, "Warm September sun, which illuminates all creatures." It is indeed a wonderful time of year when we still bask in the sun of summer but soon turn to the warm sun of autumn. It is a time when we feel like we have it all in the form of warm summer weather and the beauty and classic turn to autumn. The season is our oyster and the geography of the Merrimack Valley is our pearl. This is a special time to relax and enjoy all that the rich environment of the Valley and Merrimack Valley have to offer us. I challenge you to go out and find those

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on hand.

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many of these household products to remove soap scum, clean and shine brass and remove hard water deposits. Just spray some lemon juice on tile surfaces to remove soap scum or hard water deposits. Squeeze lemon juice on a cloth

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and use to polish brass around the

Other easy, green ideas for keeping your home clean include opening windows and doors while you clean to improve air quality and taking off your shoes when you come inside, which can help avoid tracking dust, dirt, pollen and more throughout the house.

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ing soda can serve multiple home three parts baking soda to one part water. Rub onto silver with a clean cloth or sponge. Rinse thoroughly

> get rid of dirt and grime around the home, vinegar can be used to clean cloudy glassware. Simply soak paper towels or a cloth in full-strength white distilled vinegar and wrap around both the inside and outside of the glass. Let sit before rinsing clean. To remove lime deposits on your tea kettle, add 1/2 cup distilled white vinegar to the water and let it sit overnight. In the

sprinkle baking soda on upholstery

and carpet to get rid of odors.

## **Merrimack Valley Calendar of Events**



# September

#### Tuesday, September 2

WHERE'S TRACY? TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2—SATURDAY, SEP-**TEMBER 27 ALL DAY** Reference Desk 2nd Floor Newburyport Public Library, 94 State Street, Newburyport, MA, 01950

Where's Tracy Can you find Tracy?

Nathaniel Tracy once owned the building that is now the Newburyport Public Library. Now he is hiding somewhere in the library and we need your help to find him! Using the clues shared on our social media and in the the library, find Tracy in his new hiding place each week to collect a stamp. Each stamp collected will earn you an entry for our prize drawing for a Book Wallet and \$30 Jabberwocky gift certificate at the end of the month.

This program is a part of the Newburyport Public Library's celebration of Massachusetts 250 and Library Card Sign Up Month. No Registration Required. Stop by the 2nd floor desk to receive a player card.

#### Wednesday, September 3

WEDNESDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Milhendler Room Haverhill Public Library 99 Main Street, Haverhill, MA, 01830 Wednesday Morning Book Club No Registration Required

FIBER ARTS GROUP WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 6:30-8:00 PM Milhendler Room Haverhill Public Library 99 Main Street, Haverhill, MA, 01830 Fiber Arts Group

Calling all fiber artists! Bring your current project(s) of knitting, crocheting, hand stitching, hand guilting, and embroidery, or whatever else, to work on in the company of other fiber arts enthusiasts! Instruction is not offered at this event but fellow attendees are always happy to offer advice when they can.

No registration needed. Drop in at any point during the 90-minute block! No Registration Required

> **NEXT CHAPTER BOOK GROUP** (IN PERSON)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 2:00-3:00 PM Senior Community Center 331 High Street, Newburyport, MA, 01950

Next Chapter Book Group (IN PERSON) The Next Chapter Book Group invites you to join our monthly book discussion on the first Wednesday of the month at 2pm. We will be meeting at the Senior Community Center. This meeting will be held in the Boardroom. Registration is not required, and masks are optional.

This month's title is "Three Days in June" by Anne Tyler.

"Gail Baines is having a bad day. To start, she loses her job—or quits, depending on whom you ask. Tomorrow her daughter, Debbie, is getting married, and she hasn't even been invited to the spa day organized by the mother of the groom. Then, Gail's ex-husband, Max, arrives unannounced on her doorstep, carrying a cat, without a place to stay, and without even a suit. But the true crisis lands when Debbie shares with her parents a secret she has just learned about her husband to be. It will not only throw the wedding into guestion but also stir up Gail and Max's past." --Goodreads

Books are available for request via the library catalog. Click HERE to put a copy on hold. Email programs@newburyportpl. org or call 978-465-4428 x2 if you have any questions, or to have a librarian put the book on hold for you.

No Registration Required

**COMMUNITY OF STITCHERS** WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 6:30-7:45 PM Amesbury Room Amesbury Public Library149 Main St., Amesbury, MA, 01913 COMMUNITY OF STITCHERS

Do you have a sewing, cross-stitch, knitting, crotchet or other craft project you are working on? Bring it to a meeting of our Community of Stitchers where you can work on your project, get advice from your fellow creators, and show off your work! Our local stitching enthusiast and advanced knitter, Sarah Chapman, will be on hand at each meeting to help attendees with their projects. All experience levels are welcome - come enjoy a creative evening with us!

No advanced registration required - walkins welcome!

No Registration Required

#### Thursday, September 4 **GAME NIGHT**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 5:30—8:30 PM

Johnson Auditorium Haverhill Public Library 99 Main Street, Haverhill, MA, 01830 Game Night

Join us Thursdays for a night of board games at Haverhill Public Library! Strategy games, abstract games, filler games, complex and non complex alike, come and try out whatever you like. Feel free to bring your own games! All experience levels are welcome.

No Registration Required

FRIDAY FLICKS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 10:00 AM—12:15 PM

Johnson Auditorium Haverhill Public Library 99 Main Street, Haverhill, MA, 01830 Join us for movies in September to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 - October 15)! Today we watch Frida

> (2002). Rated R. No Registration Required

#### Saturday, September 6

SPANISH CONVERSATION PRACTICE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 11:00 AM—12:00 Johnson Auditorium Haverhill Public Library 99 Main Street, Haverhill, MA, 01830 Are you looking to improve your conversational Spanish in a supportive and friendly environment? Join us the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month from 11 AM-12 PM. Come practice your Spanish speaking and learn some vocab!

No registration required.

#### Monday, September 8

**ENGLISH (ESL) CONVERSATION CIRCLE** MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 6:00—7:30 PM Milhendler Room Haverhill Public Library 99 Main Street, Haverhill, MA, 01830 English (ESL) Conversation Group Would you like to practice your English with native speakers in a relaxed and informal environment? Join us for a friendly chat--Monday evenings at 6 PM. No Registration Required

WHAT A GLORIOUS CRASH THEY MADE: MUSIC OF NEW ENGLAND'S REVOLUTION (IN PERSON)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 6:00—7:00 PM Program Room Newburyport Public Library, 94 State Street, Newburyport, MA Glorious Crash

"What A Glorious Crash They Made" will feature an evening of "New Songs" and Hymns published in New England during



the American Revolution. From the time of the Stamp Act through the British surrender at Yorktown, New England's seditious colonists used these works to foment rebellion, commemorate victory, and give thanks for preservation. Richard Franklin Donohue, tenor & harpsichord, will explore this fiery repertoire that in the words of John Adams "cultivated the sensations of Freedom."

#### About the Performer:

Richard Franklin Donohue is a singer, private music instructor, and historian. Vocally, he is a tenor who specializes in historic music ranging from Middle English Carols to 19th century romantic music. He has been teaching Piano, Voice, and Music Theory since 1992. Richard is the Town Historian of his hometown of Cromwell, Connecticut and has been the President and Program Director of the Cromwell Historical Society for nearly twenty years. He is the author of "Rosetown Review." a monthly history article published in the Cromwell Life newspaper, and presents historical lectures throughout New England on various topics.

This program is part of the Newburyport Public Library's celebration of Massachusetts 250.

No Registration Required

#### Wednesday, September 10

NPL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIAL (IN PERSON) WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 5:30—7:00 Program Room Newburyport Public Library, 94 State Street, Newburyport, MA Arts and crafts social

Join NPL's monthly Arts & Crafts Social! We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of every month in the Program Room.

All skill levels are welcome! Please bring in your own supplies and projects to work on. The Library will provide coloring pages, color pencils, and origami. Suggested projects include knitting and crocheting, collaging, small-scale painting and/or drawing.

Adults only. Please call 978-465-4428 x2 with any questions. No Registration Required

#### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

FRIDAY FLICKS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 10:00 AM—12:30 Johnson Auditorium Haverhill Public Library 99 Main Street, Haverhill, MA, 01830

Join us for movies in September to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 - October 15)! Today we watch In the Heights (2021). Rated PG-13. No Registration Required

ADULT CRAFT: DIY STICKERS & MAGNETS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 2:00—3:00 PM Milhendler Room Haverhill Public Library 99 Main Street, Haverhill, MA, 01830 This program for adults is led by HPL staff. Use an array of materials to make cool stickers & magnets for yourself or as gifts! All supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring any materials you'd like to use.

Please only register for one session. When registration for our events fills up, interested attendees are often added to a waitlist. If for any reason you or anyone in your party is unable to attend, please notify the library at (978) 373-1586 x608 as soon as possible so that someone else may have the spot. Thank you!

Registration for this event opens Monday, September 1 at 9:00 AM.

#### Saturday, September 13

ON SCREEN: SINNERS (2025) SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 2:00—4:15 PM Johnson Auditorium Haverhill Public Li-

brary 99 Main Street, Haverhill, MA, 01830 Trying to leave their troubled lives behind, twin brothers (Michael B. Jordan) return to their hometown to start again, only to discover that an even greater evil is waiting to welcome them back. Directed by Ryan Coogler. Also starring Hailee Steinfeld, Jack O'Connell, Wunmi Mosaku, Jayme Lawson, Omar Benson Miller, and Delroy Lindo. Rated R.

No Registration Required

#### Monday, September 15

VIRTUAL TALK WITH ROMANTASY AU-THOR ALYSHA RAMEERA MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 7:00—8:00 PM Haverhill Public Library - Zoom

We are so excited to be in conversation with debut author, Alysha Rameera! Her new book, Her Soul for a Crown, sounds absolutely fascinating and unique - an epic, slow-burn romantasy inspired by Sri Lankan mythology follows a fierce orphaned young woman with an affinity for poisons and revenge who would do anything to end the reign of heartless rajas—even sell her soul to the most dangerous cursed god of all—the Blood Yakka, Reeri. We hope you can join us to cheer on Alysha and learn about her book and the inspiration behind

RECORDING NOTE: This program will be recorded. All registrants will receive the recording via email within 48 hours of the program.

About the book

Anula Ramanayake of Anuradhapura calculated her ascent the moment she was orphaned—when her village burned in an endless war and the gods forsook her prayers. First, she would marry the raja. Then, she would poison him and take the throne for herself and her people. But when an unexpected coup thwarts her careful plans, Anula is left with one desperate option. She offers her soul to the cursed gods she renounced in exchange for the crown.

In the Second Heavens, Reeri the Blood Yakka, the most dangerous and powerful of his clan, hears her prayer. For eons, he's waited for such a valuable offering—one that could finally give him the chance to kill his divine tormentor and return his fellow Yakkas to their former glory on earth. Reeri accepts Anula's bargain, tethering them until their goals are achieved, or until they die.

As the war presses on, Anula must move guickly or lose her chance to become the first raejina. But while she is skilled at many things, especially in stopping hearts, the closer she grows to Reeri, the more she finds her own heart at risk. And when the time comes to fight enemies both human and divine, Anuradhapura and the Heavens will never be the same.

About the Alysha Alysha Rameera is a Sri Lankan and German American author who writes about little-known historical figures, romance,

and magic, preferably altogether. On non-writing days, you can find her baking at home or traveling the world with her husband.

Please register for this event and you'll receive the link in the confirmation and reminder emails - make sure to check your spam folder for them, as the email will be coming from Zoom.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Ashland Public Library and is in collaboration with a multitude of MA Libraries.

#### **Tuesday, September 16**

WATERCOLOR CLASS WITH PIXIE YATES TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 6:00—7:30 PM Milhendler Room Haverhill Public Library 99 Main Street, Haverhill, MA, 01830 This program is for adults ages 18+

If you're looking to learn a new skill or expand your watercolor painting practice and meet new friends come to Pixie's watercolor class! Pixie is a local artist who will teach you how to create fun sunflowers on paper using watercolors. There will be templates for beginners to use. Take home a watercolor painting perfect for a gift, or pop it into a frame to welcome September! When registration for our events fills up, interested attendees are often added to a waitlist. If for any reason you or anyone in your party is unable to attend, please notify the library at (978) 373-1586 x608 as soon as possible so that someone else may have the spot. Thank you!

Registration for this event opens Monday, September 1 at 9:00 AM.

#### Wednesday, September 17

PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB - PM SESSION WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 6:30—7:45 Amesbury Room Amesbury Public Library149 Main St., Amesbury, MA, 01913 Page Turners Book Club.

Join us For An In-Person Discussion of Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon. A gripping historical mystery based on the real-life diary entries of Martha Ballard, an 18thcentury midwife who found herself at the center of a murder trial.

Pre-registration is required. Registration will open on the morning of August 21st. Waitlist will be available.

NOTE: Participants will be notified when the book is available at the library to check out upon completion of registration

YOUR BRAIN ON CHATGPT WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 7:00—8:00

Does using ChatGPT and AI have a cost on our brain cognition? A new study from MIT found the answer could be yes. Hear from lead researcher and professor Dr. Nataliya Kosmyna of MIT Media Lab about this groundbreaking study and its implications. Registration is required; This program will

not be recorded. This program is presented in conjunction with Watertown Free Public Library. This program is presented in conjunction with Andover's Memorial Hall Library. About the presenter: Dr. Kosmyna is a research scientist at MIT Media Lab's Fluid Interfaces group and a Visiting Research Faculty at Google. She has over 15 years of experience in developing and designing end-to-end brain-computer interfaces (BCIs). Coming from a background in artificial intelligence, neuroscience and human computer interaction, she is passionate about the idea of creating a partnership between AI and human intelligence, a fusion of the machine with the human brain. QUESTIONS ABOUT REGISTRATION?

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brary.org, 978-388-8148 x607 Sign up for our e-newsletter and be among the first to learn about all of our programs and events.

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#### Thursday, September 18

DIABETES AND YOUR A1C THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 1:00—2:00 PM Milhendler Room Haverhill Public Library 99 Main Street, Haverhill, MA, 01830 Diabetes is a chronic disease that occurs when your blood sugar is too high. It can affect many functions of the body and cause other serious health issues if it is not managed correctly. We will discuss the two types of diabetes and explain the importance of getting an A1C test. The A1C test is a simple blood test that provides the average blood sugar levels in your body for the past three months. It is an important indicator for diagnosing diabetes, being at risk for developing diabetes, and determining how well the disease is being managed. Please join us for this informative and important health seminar.

Sponsored and presented by the City of

Haverhill Public Health Department. No Registration Required

#### Friday, September 19 FRIDAY FLICKS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 10:00—11:30 AM Johnson Auditorium Haverhill Public Library 99 Main Street, Haverhill, MA, 01830 Join us for movies in September to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 - October 15)! Today we watch Beatriz at Dinner (2017). Rated R. No Registration Required

#### Saturday, September 20

Special Collections - Saturday Hours SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 2:00—4:00 PM Special Collections Haverhill Public Library 99 Main Street, Haverhill, MA, 01830 West End Branch Library, Railroad Square, Haverhill, 1935

The Special Collections team is happy to continue open hours on one Saturday per month! We are open September 20th, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Researchers are welcome to drop in during this time without an appointment, though we recommend calling ahead if you are traveling a distance to visit. Please join us and get a little research done on the weekend!

No Registration Required

#### Wednesday, September 24 COOKBOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 6:30—7:30 Milhendler Room Haverhill Public Library 99 Main Street, Haverhill, MA, 01830 Cookbook Club

Join us for our cookbook club! We'll all cook a different recipe from one cookbook and then bring the dishes in to share and discuss, potluck-style, every OTHER 4th Wednesday of the month! Register as usual.

Pick up and check out a copy of the cookbook from the Holds shelf.

Reserve the recipe you'd like to cook by emailing programming@haverhillpl.org. Reserved recipes will be listed here.

You can cook anything from the book except alcoholic recipes (beverages, etc.). Space is limited.

We will provide plates, eating utensils, and napkins (feel free to bring as well). Please bring serving utensils.

We cannot reheat or warm anything at the library.

Per Massachusetts state law we need to let you know that neither the food nor the facilities have been inspected by the state or by a local public health agency. We cannot guarantee that food served at library programs does not contain tree nuts, soy, or other allergens.

September 2025 Details We'll meet Wednesday, September 24th from 6:30-7:30pm.

Our cookbook will be What Goes With What by Julia Turshen. Reserved Recipes:

Registration for this event opens Monday, September 1 at 9:00 AM.

#### **Tuesday, September 30**

CLASSIC MATINEES: BACK TO SCHOOL TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 10:00 AM—12:15 Johnson Auditorium Haverhill Public Library 99 Main Street, Haverhill, MA, 01830

Join us in watching some classics celebrating going back to school. Today we watch Old School (rated R) starring Will Ferrell and Vince Vaughn.

No Registration Required

**COFFEE CUPPING: A TASTING EXPERIENCE** TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 5:00—7:30 PM Program Room Newburyport Public Library, 94 State Street, Newburyport, MA **Coffee Cupping** 

During and after the American Revolution, coffee became the patriotic drink of America. Join us at the Newburyport Public Library to learn all about the fascinating world of coffee from coffee enthusiast, Rob Fitzgibbon. This informal, half hour pre-

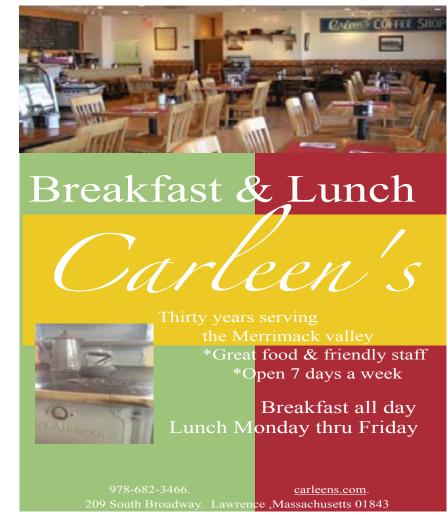
sentation covers coffee as an agricultural commodity, how it's grown and processed, how it's been consumed throughout history, and about roasting, aroma, taste and mouthfeel. Rob will then lead participants in a fun interactive exercise in which they try three different coffees and document what they smell and taste using stickers and a flavor wheel. The event concludes as participants review their shared perceptions of taste and aroma, have a Q & A session and finish the coffee.

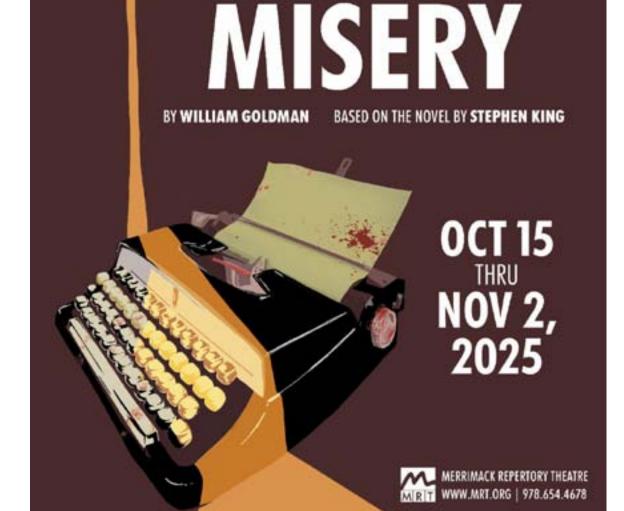
About the Presenter: Rob Fitzgibbon is a UX professional in the Boston area who has been hosting coffee cuppings since 2014. In between software design and coffee events, Rob writes articles on Essex County history. He is always caffeinated.

This program is part of the Newburyport Public Library's celebration of Massachusetts 250.

Registration for this event opens Saturday, August 30 at 9:00 AM.

Please send any events you would like considered for the Calendar of Events to Editor@merrimackvalleyactivelife.com





#### METHUEN MEMORIAL MUSIC HALL

#### METHUEN YOUNG PEOPLE'S THEATRE PROGRAM AND FALL VARIETY SERIES

Friday, September 5 at 7:00 pm Saturday, September 6 at 2:00 pm Saturday, September 6 at 7:00 pm Sunday, September 7 at 3:00 pm Methuen Young People's Theatre Gilbert & Sullivan's "Ruddigore"

Saturday, September 13 at 7:30 pm 40th Anniversary Alumni Concert MYPT

Saturday, September 20 at 7:30 pm Silent Shadows: Sherlock Jr. Silent Movie with Organ Accompaniment Walter Strony

Saturday, September 27 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Pipes & Pipes
Classic Car Show
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Friday, October 3 at 7:30 pm Jazz at Methuen Rob Flax's Boom Chick Trio

Saturday, October 4 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Open Console Day 15 minute slots available for organists and pianists Contact info@mmmh.org

Sunday, October 5 at 3:00 pm Piano at Methuen Laura Kargul, piano and Callie Brennan, violin

Details and tickets available at http://www.mmmh.org

### Reading Community Singers 2 more OPEN Rehearsals ~ Come Join Us!

Mark your calendar! The Reading Community Singers is pleased to announce our Fall season has 2 more OPEN Rehearsals, on September 2 and 9. New and Returning Singers are welcome!

Sign-In at these Open Rehearsals starts at 6:45 PM, with Rehearsal to follow at 7:30. Registration is Open for these rehearsals – try RCS out before joining! While RCS does NOT require Auditions, our Members must love to sing, be able to match pitch and carry a tune, and be committed to attending rehearsals. We're open to all ages and backgrounds – from 18 years to Senior Citizens. Founded in 1919, RCS is one of the longest running non-audition choruses in the United States.

All Rehearsals are on Tuesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 PM at Old South United Methodist Church, 6 Salem St., Reading MA.

Our Concert "Hope for the Holidays" will be presented Saturday, December 6 at Reading Memorial High School, with Beth Mosier ~ Artistic Director, and Joe Beninati ~ Accompanist, and a full band. The music is a mix of uplifting songs, to bring Hope, Peace, Love and Dreams to this Holiday season. And this session – Once rehearsals are underway – Any singers who wish to will have the opportunity to audition for a solo or small group number of their choosing. More details on this will be available at rehearsals.

Join RCS this season and have a fantastic time learning the music and making new friends. For more information, go to our website https://ReadingCommunitySingers. org, find us on FB https://www.facebook.com/ReadingCommunitySingers, or email us at info@ReadingCommunitySingers.org

