



The Athenaeum Voice

Director's Words

As the end of summer approaches, we will say goodbye to many of our summer patrons and their families until next summer while we prepare for the upcoming school year and the return of our after-school program families to the Athenaeum.

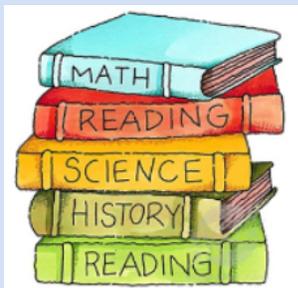
Please spread the word that the Dalton CRA offers an affordable after-school program 5 days per week at the Becket Washington School. The Athenaeum subsidizes this program thanks to our generous after-school program grant. Please contact the CRA at 684-0260 ext. 13 or e-mail aduane@daltoncra.org for more details.

I would like to thank Emily Gunn for all her efforts this summer to pull together a very creative and interesting preschool program here at the Athenaeum. We truly hope Emily can come back again next summer!

Hill Engineering has completed the assessment work on the septic system at the Athenaeum. We plan to review our options with Hill and representatives from the Board of Health by early September to determine our path forward.

I would also like to acknowledge Romi Drubetskoy, our student volunteer page. Romi offered to help us out the last 2 weeks of August shelving returned books, DVDs, etc., as well as checking for proper shelf locations for many of our materials. This makes finding items so much easier for our staff and patrons! Thanks so much for all your help!

Cathy DeFoe
Director



WE ARE LOOKING FOR TUTORERS!

The Athenaeum's ACE (after-school academic assistance) program (grades 2-8) is getting ready for School Year 2018-19! If you are looking for a way to volunteer in your community and improve the lives of our young ones here in Becket and Washington, please stop by to talk with Jodi, or email her at jodi@bwlibrary.org.

Athenaeum Book Club

We meet at 1:30pm on the first Tuesday of the month to discuss the book over tea/coffee and make our next selection. Even if you haven't read that month's book, consider attending to give input when selecting the next book.

Our book selection for September 4th is: *Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls* by David Sedaris.

Regular attendance is anywhere between 6 and 16 people. We generally wrap up by 2:45 or 3pm. We read fiction and non-fiction.

CHECK ON OUR WEBSITE (AFTER 9/4) FOR OCTOBER'S SELECTION!

A few books that we've read over the years:

- *The Cellist of Sarajevo* by Emily St John Mandel
- *The Red Haired Woman* by Orhan Pamuk
- *Someone Knows My Name* by Lawrence Hill
- *Do Not Become Alarmed* by Maile Meloy
- *The Wright Brothers* by David McCullough

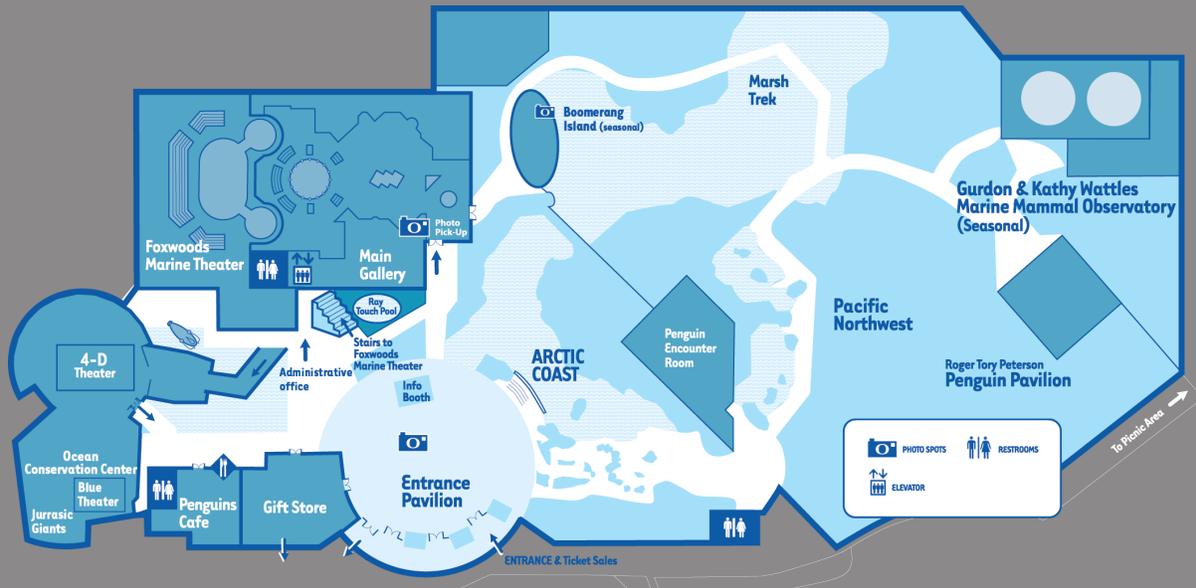
FEATURED MUSEUM PASS OF THE MONTH



AT MYSTIC AQUARIUM, CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE
INCREDIBLE KIND HAPPEN EVERY DAY!

Whether you're touching a ray, feeling the splash of a beluga whale, going beak-to-nose with a penguin or exploring Jurassic Giants, you'll learn more and "sea" more than you ever thought possible!

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 youth (13-17) \$30.99; child (3-12) \$26.99; children 2 & under are free

HOURS OF OPERATION 2018

April 1 – September 3 9:00am to 5:50pm
 September 4 – November 30 9:00am to 4:50pm
 December 1 – December 24 10:00am to 4:50pm
 December 26 – December 31st 9:00am to 4:50pm

Open daily (except for Thanksgiving and Christmas)

Once inside, guests may visit ten additional minutes after close.
 Hours are subject to change without notice.

In the event of severe weather, please call 860.572.5955 for updates.
www.mysticaquarium.org

ADVENTURE BOXES!

The children from the Friday Enrichment after-school program created STEAM-BASED Adventure Boxes now available for patrons to check-out. Just like books or movies!

These are filled with science experiments and activities for you and your family to enjoy at home. Each box has its own theme, with plenty of materials and instructions for each activity.

Themes include “Water,” “Magnets,” “Archaeology,” and “Simple Machines”!

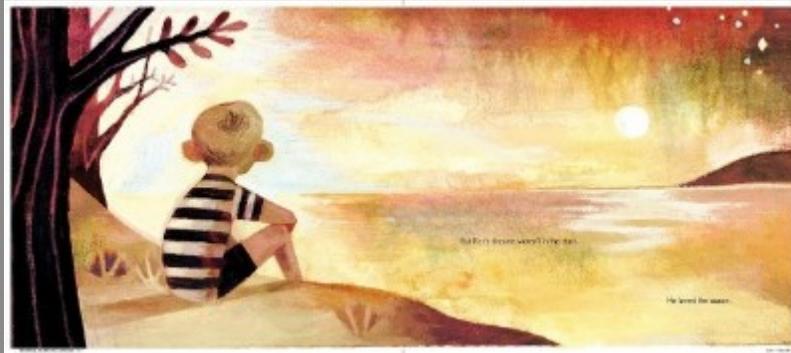
Stop by to check them out!

ADULTS' NEW BOOK SELECTION
 OF THE MONTH: *WOODCUT* by Bryan Nash Gill



If there is, indeed, nothing lovelier than a tree, Connecticut-based artist Bryan Nash Gill shows us why. Creating large-scale relief prints from the cross sections of trees, the artist reveals the sublime power locked inside their arboreal rings.

He rescues the wood from the property surrounding his studio and neighboring land, extracts and prepares blocks of various species (including ash, maple, oak, spruce, and willow), then makes prints by carefully following and pressing the contours of rings and ridges until the intricate designs transfer from tree to paper. The results are colored, nuanced shapes—mesmerizing impressions of the structural integrity hidden inside each tree. [Woodcut](#) will appeal to anybody who appreciates the grandeur and mystery of trees, as well as those who work with wood and marvel at the rich history embedded in its growth.



CHILDREN'S NEW BOOK SELECTION OF THE MONTH:
*The Brilliant Deep: Rebuilding the World's Coral Reefs:
The Story of Ken Nedimyer and the Coral Restoration Foundation*

All it takes is one: one coral gamete to start a colony, one person to make a difference, one idea to change the world. The ongoing efforts to save and rebuild the world's coral reefs—with hammer and glue, and grafts of newly grown coral—are the living legacy of Ken Nedimyer, founder of the Coral Restoration Foundation. Kate Messner and Matthew Forsythe tell the true story of the coral restoration pioneer in this brilliant tribute to the wonders of nature and the power of human hope.



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