

The Athenaeum Voice

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Director's Words

We hope you are all enjoying the summer warmth, swimming, gardening, and all that the Berkshires has to offer in the summer season!

We are having fun with our Summer Storytime with families of children ages 0-7. If you have a child in that age range, please stop by on Saturdays, 10-11am, for a fun book and craft time. See details below!

Planning is underway for the upcoming school year - we have applications for the ACE after-school tutoring program ready. So please call, email, or stop by to pick one up if your child(ren) will need academic support from our tutoring program. More information will follow about the after-school Friday Enrichment program, as soon as we have finalized those details.

Much to our delight, our magazine subscription for Consumer Reports comes with digital access and search ability - perfect timing as we needed to review and purchase a new printer! So before you make any large purchases, come by the library to do your research comparisons on brands and models.

See you on your next visit to the Athenaeum!

Jodi Shafiroff



AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORS NEEDED!

We are seeking anyone looking to give back to our community by tutoring students in ACE, our after-school tutoring program. This is not something that requires a teaching degree - we are all community members interested in helping children reach their full potential.

We aim to provide a one-on-one tutoring experience. The time commitment is approximately 3-5pm on either Tuesdays, Wednesday, or Thursdays.

Email jodi@bublibrary.org or give us a call at 623-5483, if you are interested!

Monthly Book Club

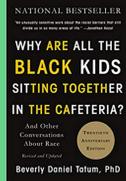
All are welcome to join us at the Athenaeum on **Tuesday, September 3rd at 1:30pm** to discuss **The Music Shop** by Rachel Joyce.



We meet at 1:30pm on the first Tuesday of the month to discuss the book over tea/coffee and make our next selection.

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

Next month, we will discuss **"Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?"** and **Other Conversations About Race** by Beverly Daniel Tatum on October 1st at 1:30pm.



Here are a few that we've read over the years:
Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
The President is Missing by Bill Clinton & James Patterson
Born a Crime by Trevor Noah
Giri Waits With Gun by Amy Stewart
A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

The most recent 24 selections are available in our Book Club section. All others are shelved in their appropriate section and have "Book Club" in green on their spine label.

FREE Children's Programs

Pre-School STEAM



Tuesdays
August 13 and 27
1-2pm

Join Wendy Provencher for stories, crafts, and learning!



Summer Storytime

Saturdays
through August 24
10-11am

We have local students from Becket Washington School volunteering to read a book each week to the children ages 0-7 with a fun craft after the story. Please call 413-623-5483 to pre-register so that we can have enough supplies for the children planning to participate!

In the Adult New Book Section:



Mrs. Everything
by Jennifer Weiner

Do we change or does the world change us?

Jo and Bethie Kaufman were born into a world full of promise.

Growing up in 1950s Detroit, they live in a perfect "Dick and Jane" house, where their roles in the family are clearly defined. Jo is the tomboy, the bookish rebel with a passion to make the world more fair; Bethie is the pretty, feminine good girl, a would-be star who enjoys the power her beauty confers and dreams of a traditional life.

But the truth ends up looking different from what the girls imagined. Jo and Bethie survive traumas and tragedies. As their lives unfold against the background of free love and Vietnam, Woodstock and women's lib, Bethie becomes an adventure-loving wild child who dives headlong into the counterculture and is up for anything (except settling down). Meanwhile, Jo becomes a proper young mother in Connecticut, a witness to the changing world instead of a participant.

Neither woman inhabits the world she dreams of, nor has a life that feels authentic or brings her joy.

Is it too late for the women to finally stake a claim on happily ever after?

In her most ambitious novel yet, Jennifer Weiner tells a story of two sisters who, with their different dreams and different paths, offer answers to the question:
How should a woman be in the world?

Our Battle of the Books (BOB) section for grades 3 through 5 has been updated with the selections for the upcoming year!

Including:



A Handful of Stars
by Cynthia Lord

This powerful middle-grade novel from the Newbery Honor author of *Rules* explores a friendship between a small-town girl and the daughter of migrant workers.

When Lily's blind dog, Lucky, slips his collar and runs away across the wide-open blueberry barrens of eastern Maine, it's Salma Santiago who manages to catch him. Salma, the daughter of migrant workers, is in the small town with her family for the blueberry-picking season.

After their initial chance meeting, Salma and Lily bond over painting bee boxes for Lily's grandfather, and Salma's friendship transforms Lily's summer. But when Salma decides to run in the upcoming Blueberry Queen pageant, they'll have to face some tough truths about friendship and belonging. Should an outsider like Salma really participate in the pageant—and possibly win?

Set amongst the blueberry barrens and by the sea, this is a gorgeous new novel by Newbery Honor author Cynthia Lord that tackles themes of prejudice and friendship, loss and love.

Updated Museum Pass Procedure

Some museums are allowing **photocopies** of their library pass to be used for admission. We hope this allows for a more streamlined experience for our patrons. You can make a reservation for any available day and we will provide you with a formal photocopy that you will submit to the admissions desk.



No due date, nothing to return to us!

For the museums that do not allow photocopies, the loan period remains:

Check out Tuesday, due back Thursday by 1pm
Check out Thursday, due back Saturday by 10am
Check out Saturday, due back Tuesday by 1pm



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OVERVIEW

The Becket Athenaeum offers e-books, digital audiobooks, and video content! Our patrons have access to eight different library network collections: Boston, CLAMS, C/W Mars, Merrimack Valley, Minuteman, NOBLE, Old Colony, and SAILS.

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