



The Athenaeum Voice

Director's Words:

As the cooler weather and shorter days descend upon us, be sure to stop by the Athenaeum for a book or two as well as the latest DVDs. We have e-books, too, if you prefer! Don't see what you are looking for? Let one of our friendly staff members know what we can order for you. We can purchase a new item to add to our collection or reserve through the Inter Library Loan (ILL) network.

Our adult program series is back!

These programs are held once per month and are a collaboration between the Athenaeum and the Arts Center. If you haven't attended one of these sessions yet, I encourage you to give it a try! We welcome your suggestions for future sessions.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers from our community that help the Athenaeum by shelving books, tutoring the students in our after-school programs, and serving on our Board of Trustees. We couldn't get the job done without all of you!

Cathy DeFoe
Director



The Becket Athenaeum & the Becket Arts Center present
the Fall & Winter Adult Evening Workshop Schedule:

Making Your Voice Heard with State Senator Adam Hinds (D-Pittsfield).

Wednesday, October 23, 7-8:30pm

State Senator Hinds comes to the Becket Athenaeum to discuss current legislation being considered in 2018, Berkshire County interests, and how to contact your state and federal elected officials to make your opinions and wishes known.

Winter Entertaining: Appetizers Made Easy with Sally Soluri & Jodi Shafiroff

Wednesday, November 7, 6-8pm

Sally and Jodi will work with participants on how to plan a selection of make-ahead appetizers with the intent to de-stress winter and holiday entertaining. This is a hands-on cooking prep class. We will include appetizers that can be made weeks ahead, frozen, and baked when wanted.

Winter Table Centerpieces: Greenery and Light

Wednesday, December 11, 6-8pm

Sign up quickly for this table centerpiece design workshop as we look to bring greenery and candlelight into our homes as the days shorten. (There are a limited number of spaces in this workshop due to the hands-on nature of the project.)

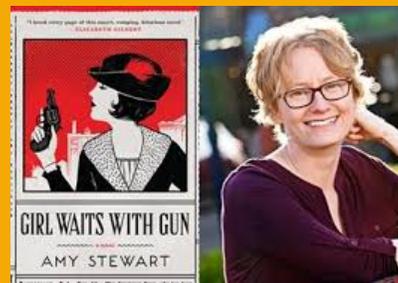
Call 413-623-5483 or email jodi@bwlibrary.org to register.

All Adult Evening Workshops are funded by a grant from
the Central Berkshire Fund of the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation.

Book Club

All are welcome to join us at the
Athenaeum for our monthly
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



In November, we will discuss Girl Waits With Gun by Amy Stewart.

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

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.

**Next meeting time is:
November 13, 1:30pm**

NOTE: Book Club is being held a
week later than usual this month due
to voting day November 6th.

A few that we've read over the years:
Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls by
David Sedaris
Station Eleven by Emily St John
Mandel
*The Hundred-Year-Old Man Who
Climbed Out the Window &
Disappeared* by Jonas Jonasson



CALLING MOVIE ENTHUSIASTS of ALL AGES:

We are planning to hold Community Movie Night events here at the library
and we are looking for patron input on movie selections, age ranges
interested, etc. Please stop by to talk with Jodi or shoot her an email
(jodi@bwlibrary.org) with your ideas on these new community gatherings!
Keep an eye out in future newsletters for scheduling details!

We are reaching out to local authors to gauge interest in
holding a reading of their work here at the Becket
Athenaeum.

If that is *you*, please call or email:
413-623-5483 or jodi@bwlibrary.org.

October's Featured Museum Pass:



ARROWHEAD

Arrowhead, also known as the **Herman Melville House**, is a historic house museum in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. It was the home of American author Herman Melville during his most productive years, 1850–1863. Here, Melville wrote some of his major work: the novels *Moby-Dick*, *Pierre* (dedicated to nearby Mount Greylock), *The Confidence-Man*, and *Israel Potter*; *The Piazza Tales* (a short story collection named for Arrowhead's porch); and magazine stories such as "I and My Chimney."

The house remained in private hands until 1975, when the Berkshire County Historical Society acquired the house and a portion of the original 160-acre property. The Society restored most of the house to Melville's period and operates it as a house museum; it is open to the public during warmer months. It has been designated a National Historic Landmark and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

This museum pass admits 2 for a free guided tour.

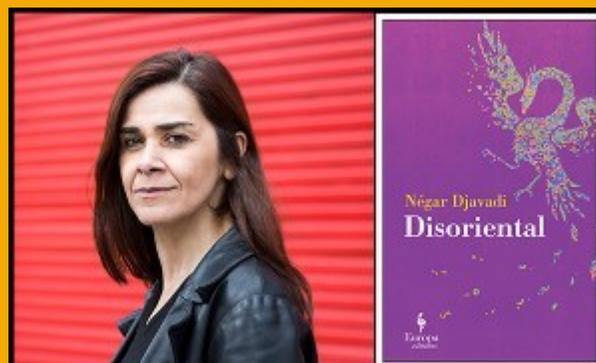
*Regular admission adult \$15;
senior \$13; student \$10
child \$8*

Arrowhead is now open for regular tours until October 21, 2018.

Hours: seven days a week, 9:30 – 5.

Guided tours of the house on the hour starting at 10:00, last tour at 4:00. NOTE: Only one museum pass may be checked out at a time per family.

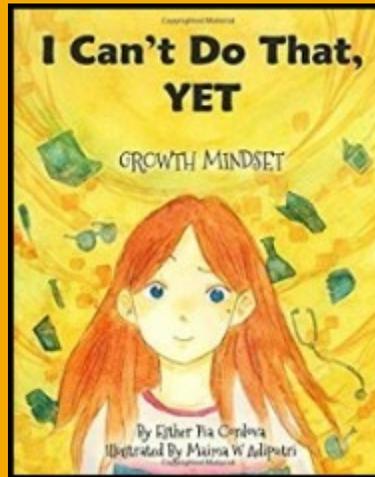
Passes may be reserved up to one month in advance. Reservations may be made twice per month per household with these additional restrictions: only one reservation for a Saturday and only one reservation per museum.



In the New Adult Section:

Disoriental by Négar Djavadi

Kimiâ Sadr fled Iran at the age of ten in the company of her mother and sisters to join her father in France. In this high-spirited, kaleidoscopic story, key moments of Iranian history, politics, and culture punctuate stories of family drama and triumph. Yet it is Kimiâ herself—punk-rock aficionado, storyteller extraordinaire, a Scheherazade of our time, and above all a modern woman divided between family traditions and her own “disorientalization”—who forms the heart of this bestselling and beloved novel.



And in the New Children's Section:

I Can't Do That, YET by Esther P. Cordova

Enna is a girl who doesn't believe in herself and often utters the phrase "I can't do that!" One night in a dream she sees all the possible future versions of herself, discovering that she can be any of those versions with time, knowledge and dedication. She develops a growth mindset throughout her journey and instead of saying "I can't do that," she learns to say "I can't do that, YET!".

And at the Becket Arts Center:

BAC's Annual Wreath Making Workshops are scheduled and taking registrations now! Call or email to save your space as these classes fill up quickly!

Details:

Saturday, December 1

10-12pm: Wreath

1:30-3:30pm: Wreath

Sunday, December 2

10-12pm: Kissing Ball

1:30-3:30pm: Wreath

Email office@becketartscenter.org or call 413-623-6635 for more details, or to register.



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