



Help us Build Programs for the Library

We love nothing more than seeing a roomful of people come together around book discussions, concerts, and all of the many programs we offer here at the Morse Institute Library. We're looking to expand our programming and offer more topical discussion, makerspace idea, and other events specifically for adults here in the library. What free programs would you like to see here in the library? Throughout March, we'll have Post-Its available in the library for anyone to leave us a note—what kind of programs would you like to see? What's the best time for offering programs? What topics do you want to see addressed? We're excited to hear your responses as we begin to build more programs into our schedule.

What free programs would you like to see at the library?

Tolkien Reading Day

Enjoy an afternoon of magic and myth with Tolkien Reading Day on **Saturday, March 25 at 1:00pm!** This is an annual event to celebrate the life and work of J. R. R. Tolkien. The library will host a reading day event for the whole family. Our library staff will be reading aloud selections from *The Hobbit*. "I love this book and have read it myself many times," says librarian Dave Bartos. "But it really came alive for me when I first read it aloud with my 4-year-old daughter."

We'll have copies of the book available to check out so you can continue the journey at home with your family. We'll also have crafts, food, and a Tolkien costume contest!

Fake News, Internet Rumor, and The Onion

We've all been hearing a lot about "fake news" these days, but misinformation on the Internet is nothing new. Back in the early 2000s we worried about bogus email chains and Internet urban rumors. These days, we have new names for untrue content. No matter what you call it, all content deserves a critical eye. Before you start believing *The Onion*, take a minute to look at source with a few easy steps:

Read it: In a recent study conducted by a group of computer scientists researchers found that 60% of the time readers comment or share Facebook stories without opening the link to the full story. Best way to combat fake news? Read the story itself! A little critical thinking about content is often enough to find the fake.

Verify it: Spend some time looking to verify any numbers, quotes, or stated facts in stories. You can do your own research, or use a reputable site like **FactCheck.org** to find out the rumor and the not-quite true in many kinds of online stories.

Date it: Just because something was true in 2013 doesn't mean it's true now. In the up-to-the minute world of social media we don't train our eyes to look for dates on stories, but a date can tell you a lot. Forwarded alerts on Facebook from 2 years ago are a good indicator and should remind us all to be more critical consumers of information.

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Programs and Events

Library Hours
 Monday–Thursday 10am-9pm
 Friday & Saturday 10am-5pm
 Sunday 2pm-5pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
<p>All Age Events Adult Events Teen Events Children's Events Learn English</p> <p>* This event requires sign up. Call 508-647-6520 to register</p>			<p>facebook.com/morselibrary @morseinstitute morseinstitute</p>			<p>1 10:30am* Storytime for Preschool Listeners</p>	<p>2 10:30am* Baby Play 3pm* Teen Minecraft 6:30pm English Conversation Classes</p>	<p>3 10:30am* Sing Me a Song with Fran Friedman 10:30am English Conversation Classes</p>	<p>4 10:30am Open LEGO® 11am MIL Stitches 11:30am English Conversation Classes</p>
5	6	7 7pm* Teen MakerLAB	8 10:30am* Storytime for Preschool Listeners	9 10am-1pm* SCORE Help for Small Businesses 10:30am* Toddler Time 6:30pm English Conversation Classes 7pm Comic Book Group: <i>March</i> by John Lewis	10 10:30am English Conversation Classes	11 10:30am- 12pm Drop-In Craft Time 11:30am English Conversation Classes			
12	13 10:30am Preschool Film Fest 6pm Community Health Film Series: <i>Passing On</i>	14 10:30am* Little Listeners 4pm Library Board of Trustees	15 10:30am* Storytime for Preschool Listeners 11:00am Morning Book Group: <i>Claire of the Sea Light</i> by Edwidge Danticat	16 10:30am* Baby Play 6:30pm English Conversation Classes	17 10:30am English Conversation Classes 3pm* Teen Animanga Club	18 10:30am Sit- With-Me Story and Craft 11:30am English Conversation Classes			
19 3pm Concert: Jacqueline Schwab & Emily O'Brien	20	21 7pm* Teen MakerLAB	22	23 10am-1pm* SCORE Help for Small Businesses 10:30am* Toddler Time 3pm* Teen Minecraft 6:30pm English Conversation Classes	24 10:30am English Conversation Classes	25 11:30am English Conversation Classes 1pm Tolkien Reading Day: <i>The Hobbit</i>			
26	27 10:30am Preschool Film Fest 6:30pm Silver Apple Bedtime Storyhour	28 10:30am* Little Listeners	29 7pm Evening Book Group: <i>We Need to Talk About Kevin</i> by Lionel Shriver 6pm Teens: OUT MetroWest Meeting 7pm Natick Repair Cafe	30 6:30pm English Conversation Classes	31 10:30am English Conversation Classes				

For more information about any of these programs visit morseinstitute.org/events or call us at 508-647-6520