

# Ames Free Library eNewsLetter

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### Museum Passes

#### Make Sure You Pick Up Your Reservations

Click [here](#) to see the link to all the museum passes available with your Easton Library Card.

***Please don't forget to pick up passes after you place a reservation online.***

If you will not be able to use the pass, please call the library to cancel your reservation at 508-238-2000. A failure to cancel a reservation results in depriving someone else of their use of the pass. Please be considerate.

### Story Time Schedule

*Schedule Now Available- Babies & Pre-Schoolers*

Help encourage a love of books and reinforce early literacy skills through stories, songs, and fingerplays in a small group setting.

Storytimes are wonderful opportunities for children to learn to enjoy books and group activities. Click [here](#) for a complete schedule and more information.

Also, don't forget to sign up for the **Summer Reading Program** for children and teens which will begin on June 25th, at the kickoff party at the Main Library. Click [here](#) for full details.

### Nonfiction Book Awards

You may have used [Novelist](#), a searchable free database for readers to learn more about fiction books and authors.

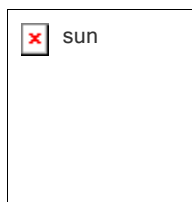
This is a fine service, but what if you have a particular penchant for non-fiction reading?

Book awards from a variety of organizations provide the discerning reader with new choices and ideas. Here are some of the major awards which also include categories for nonfiction works:

The [American Book Awards](#) aim to encourage

### Library Summer Hours

Starting Saturday, July 7th, the Main Library will be closed on Saturdays, and will resume Saturday service after Labor Day in September.



#### Summer Schedule

##### Main Library

Mon. & Thursday ---10 - 8  
Tues & Wed. -----1 - 8  
Friday -----10 - 5

##### Five Corners Branch

Monday -----1- 8  
Tues & Wed. -----10 - 5  
Thursday -----1 - 8  
Friday -----10 - 5

### Summer Reading Lists

*Easton Public Schools*

We have received summer reading lists from the Easton schools. Copies of these lists are included on our website as a service. All updates will be posted when they are available.

Click to view the [High School English Department](#) list.

Click to view the [Junior High School English Department](#) list.

Click to view the [Social Studies Department](#) list for grades 8-11.

### Online Services

*For Easton Card Holders Only*

The services below are all offered free-of-charge to Easton residents with a valid library card. More good reasons to make sure you and your family members have library cards!

#### [Novelist](#)

The fiction database for children K-8 and adults that provides subject heading access, reviews,

diversity in American writing by recognizing contemporary American authors, without restriction to race, sex, ethnic background or genre.

The [Audie Awards](#) are given annually by the Audio Publishers Association, and recognize achievement in the area of audio books. Past winners include "Charles Kuralt's America" and "Jumanji."

The [Black Caucus of the American Library Association Literary Awards](#) recognizes outstanding works of fiction and non-fiction by African- American authors.

The [Boston Book Review Literary Award](#) consists of the Fisk Fiction Prize, the Rea Non-Fiction Prize and the Bingham Poetry Prize.

The [Kiryama Pacific Rim Book Prize](#) aims to promote books that will contribute to greater understanding and cooperation among the peoples and nations of the Pacific Rim.

The [Lannan Literary Award](#) recognizes both new and established writers of the highest caliber. It is sponsored by the Lannan Foundation, dedicated to promoting cultural freedom, diversity and creativity.

The [Massachusetts Book Awards](#) are presented each year by the Massachusetts Center for the Book. To be eligible, books must have been written by authors who currently live and work in Massachusetts or must present topics of particular and specific importance to the Commonwealth regardless of their author's residency.

One of the nation's most prestigious literary prizes, the [National Book Award](#) is given by the National Book Foundation.

The [National Book Critics Circle Award](#) annually recognizes books in five categories: fiction, general nonfiction, biography/autobiography, poetry and criticism.

[Pulitzer Prizes](#) have recognized the best in journalism, letters, drama and music and many consider it the most prestigious award a journalist or author can achieve.

The annually awarded [Robert F. Kennedy Book Award](#) is given to the book that best represents the values RFK stood for: "concern for the poor and the powerless, his struggle for honest and even-handed justice, his conviction that a decent society must assure all young people a fair chance, and his faith that a free democracy can act to remedy disparities of power and opportunity."

annotations, and much more for over 120,000 fiction titles. It also includes Author Read-alikes, Book Discussion Guides, Book Talks, and Feature Articles.

#### [Boston Globe](#)

The Boston Globe Electronic Edition is an exact digital copy of the printed newspaper. With the Electronic Edition, you can enjoy The Boston Globe exactly as it appears in print, including all photos, layouts, graphics, headlines, and ads. Every day the Electronic Edition is available by entering your library card number. Back issues are also available for the past month.

#### [OverDrive Audio Books and Music](#)

Choose from hundreds of titles available in OverDrive Audio Book and OverDrive Music formats. Download these titles directly to your PC. You may search for your favorite titles or simply browse through subjects of interest. Click [here](#) for a brief introduction.

### **Bookspot.com and Libraryspot.com**

*Useful Websites for Booklovers and Information Seekers*

With the glut of information available on the web, sometimes we need a push towards the best and most useful locations in cyberspace. The following are two locations to try.

[BookSpot.com](#) is a free resource center that simplifies the search for the best book-related content on the Web. Featured sites are hand-selected by BookSpot.com editors and organized into intuitive categories, such as bestseller lists, genres, book reviews, electronic texts, book news and more.

Sections include:

**What to Read:** Bestsellers; Online Books; First Chapters; Reading Lists

**Genre Corner:** Children's; Mystery; Science Fiction; and more..

**Behind the Books:** Authors; Discussion Groups; Books Events; Literacy...

The [LibrarySpot.com](#) is a free virtual library resource center for just about anyone exploring the Web for valuable research information. LibrarySpot.com breaks through the information overload of the Web and bring the best library and reference sites together in one user-friendly spot. Sites featured on LibrarySpot.com are hand-selected and reviewed by an editorial team for quality and content.

Sections include:

**Reference:** Current Events; Reading Room; Reference Room..

**Elementary, Middle School and High School:** Arts and Crafts; Math; Science; Technology..

**Reading Room:** Books; Headlines; Journals;  
Literary Criticism; Newspapers; Newswires;  
Magazines; Podcasts; Poetry; Speeches

Thanks for reading our newsletter. If there are events or services you would like to see profiled in the future, email or stop by and let us know. Contact us at [info@amesfree library.org](mailto:info@amesfree library.org)

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