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Welcome!

Pirates and Privateers!

Ahoy Mateys!
Take a gander and
some photos from our
recent party: Pirates
and Privateers.
Much fun was had
by all!

[See the complete album
on Facebook.](#)



Letter from the President

Dear Members and Friends:

Recently I attended a lecture on "Abstract Expressionism," by Cynthia Fowler. The lecture was the first in the series on that topic, and I became fascinated with a subject that I had almost no knowledge of. For me, it was another "Athenæum moment" of cultural expansion. Our second lecture is on April 24, and I am looking forward to it.

Other offerings are upcoming: Eric Chafe's course on the music of Richard Wagner begins on May 4, and Sid Berger will speak on Book Conservation on May 7. If you have interest in these topics, you will want to attend. If you have no interest in these topics, I invite you to consider attending. You might be treated to an "Athenæum moment."

Now that the winter is finally gone, the blossoms on the azaleas, rhododendrons and dogwoods are set to open for our Garden Party on June 2. Our second Adopt-A-Book night is scheduled for June 4. On that night, the conserved works from the first Adopt-A-Book will be unveiled, and our 2013 selections for adoption will be presented. It will be an exciting evening, so mark your calendar in early June for the Athenæum.

The Annual Meeting of The Salem Athenæum will be held on Wednesday May 1, 2013, as required by our by-laws. This is an important meeting for our proprietors to review the past year, and to elect officers and trustees. I urge your attendance.

On a very personal note: As I look back over my tenure on the board of trustees, I am grateful for all the Athenæum has done for me. I have learned a great deal, my interests have been broadened, and I have come to know a truly outstanding group of people.

Richard S. Jendrysik
President, Board of Trustees
The Salem Athenæum

Adopt-a-Book Update

Last June, members and friends of the Athenæum attended Conservation Night, an event with the goal to preserve and protect some of the Athenæum's most valuable and historic volumes.

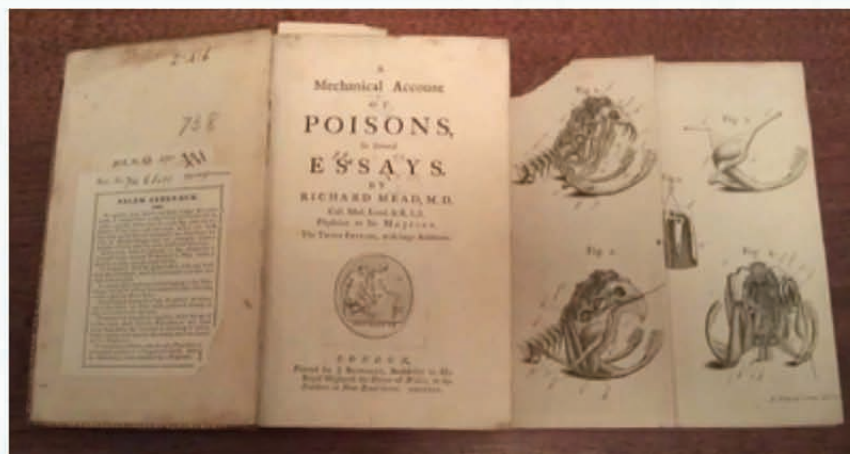
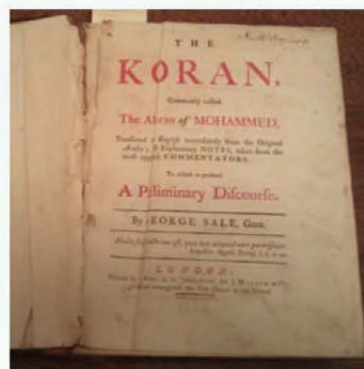


Many generous people stepped up and contributed to this cause. We are delighted to announce that the volumes sponsored at last year's Conservation Night will be unveiled in their restored state at **this year's Conservation Night on June 4.**

The Collections Committee has selected this year's batch of volumes from the Athenæum's core collection. A complete list will be released shortly. See below for a sneak peek at the candidates.

At this year's Conservation Night, people who wish to sponsor a restoration will be matched with a book in need. Sponsors--and many books will need more than one--will underwrite the preservation effort. Interested patrons may "bid," alone or in groups, on a selected book project, committing to covering preservation costs. The names of those who underwrite the costs of preserving a book will appear on a bookplate inside the book.

If you wish to take part in our Conservation Night, call the Athenæum, [978-744-2540](tel:978-744-2540) or email [Jean Marie Procious](mailto:Jean.Marie.Procious@athenaeum.org). All are welcome. There is no charge for the evening. Refreshments will be served.



Newton's *Opticks* (1730), Sale's translation of *The Koran* (1734), and Mead's *A Mechanical Account of Poisons* (1745) are some of the books available for sponsorship at this year's conservation night.



Salem Athenæum Welcomed at Ateneu Barcelonés

Salem Athenæum member Kristine Doll paid a visit to our sister institution, Ateneu Barcelonés, in Barcelona, Spain.

One of the Directors of the Barcelonan Athenaeum, Sr. Alfred Sargatal Plana, accepted a copy of *America's Membership Libraries* as a

gift from the members of the Salem Athenæum's Spanish-speaking group, La Tertulia. In the photo above, the poet August Bover, who has spoken at the Salem Athenæum, stands to Sr. Plana's right. In return, Ateneu Barcelonés presented us



Stay tuned for possible intercultural events with our sister library!



Sr. Alfred Sargatal Plana receives the book from Kristine Doll.



Spring Garden Clean-up Day

Saturday, April 20, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Join us for our annual spring clean-up day. Bring your gloves, snippers, and other garden tools (if you have them!) and spend a couple hours in the fresh air and sunshine, preparing the Athenæum garden for a new season of gatherings, activities, and quiet afternoons.

Even if you do not have a green thumb, there's plenty you can do to prepare the building and grounds for the warm weather.

Hope to see you there!

[Contact Jean Marie](#) if you are interested in helping!





Abstract Expressionism Speaker Series

The Athenæum is pleased to offer an art lecture series this Spring.

Abstract Expressionism was the first specifically American art movement to achieve international influence. A post-World War II development, the term was first applied to American art in 1946. The response was so profound that the center of the Western art world shifted from Paris to New York City.

April 24 Jackson Pollock

Jennifer Roberts, Professor of Art History at Harvard, will lecture on Jackson Pollock, the pioneer of Abstract Expressionism best known for his "drip" method paintings.

[Reserve Now](#)

Additional lectures to be announced.

Members \$10; non-members \$15.
Free for students with ID.



Jackson Pollock

Annual Meeting

Wednesday, May 1, 7:00 p.m.

Please join us for the annual business meeting of the Salem Athenæum. All current members are welcome and encouraged to attend. The meeting will include officer and committee reports, election of new trustees and officers, and setting of the annual assessment for proprietors.

Reception to follow.

Spring Course

Wagner at 200

Eric Chafe, Instructor
6 Saturdays starting May 4, 2:30-4:30 p.m.



In honor of German composer Richard Wagner's upcoming 200th birthday in May, the Athenæum will offer a course on this important and influential musician. Wagner Societies all over the world are planning special celebrations and concerts in honor of this anniversary, so we are pleased to make this

course available in concurrence with these events.

Professor Eric Chafe, Chair of the Music Department at Brandeis, will teach this course. You may remember his well-received course on Chopin, Schumann, and Liszt at the Athenæum two years ago. As in this previous



course, the Wagner will be held in the grand drawing room of a private home on Chestnut Street. We cordially invite you to join us for this very special experience!

Members \$155, non-members \$175.
(Course seats fill fast. Make your reservation soon!)

[Reserve Now](#)



Nature vs. the Book: Preserving Library Collections

A lecture by Sidney Berger

Tuesday, May 7, 7:00 p.m.

All kinds of things wind up in libraries, and they are made of all kinds of materials: paper, leather, cloth, wood, metals, plastics, synthetics, etc. Everything deteriorates. The librarian's job is to make these things last as long as they can, despite the forces of nature and time, man and industry. Future generations benefit from the decisions we make today. Sidney Berger, The Ann C. Pingree Director of the Peabody Essex Museum's Phillips Library, will introduce us to the nature of the library's physical world and teach us about the preservation and conservation tactics employed to extend the useful life of objects.

Members \$10; non-members \$15.
Free for students with ID.

[Reserve Now](#)



Join us early beginning at 6:00 p.m. for the opening reception of the new exhibition: ALL ABOUT BOOKS!



Summer Salons: Call for Speakers

Now that we are able to finally put our snow shoes aside and think about spring or even summer... it's time to start thinking about our renowned Friday afternoon Summer Salons.

Have you got a topic you'd like us to pursue? Or would you like to present at a salon? [Contact Jean Marie](#) and we'll see what we can do to make this summer as wonderful as the last.



Annual Members Garden Party

Sunday, June 2, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Join us for an Athenæum tradition!

Members and their guests are invited to enjoy our lovely garden at the Athenæum at its peak. This annual event features live music and a reception in the garden.

Sponsored by The Salem Athenæum



Spring Exhibition

All About Books

Guest curator, Win Wilkens, who previously brought us the "Elements of Murder" in Fall 2011, describes her new exhibition as a peek into her personal collections of miniature books, books about books, and book people (librarians, archivists, and book sellers). Not only books are on display- Win has also collected cards, book marks, news clippings and photographs about books and reading.



Win attributes her collection to her career as a librarian and a lifelong love of reading. Win tells the tale of the New York Public Library having a 5 book limit when she was young. She and her sisters would check out 5, go home and read them, then come back for more the same day. Her involvement with the Salem Athenæum over the past 16 years (as Trustee and Clerk of the Proprietors and on the Collections Committee) has also shaped her interests and collection. The exhibit features an ephemera collection of the lectures she attended and books she shared with friends and neighbors.

Win hopes that displaying her collection will encourage others to share their collecting passions and enrich the on-going exchange of ideas at the Athenæum.

Join us for an opening reception with Win Wilkens on **Tuesday, May 7** from 6:00-7:00 p.m. preceding Sid Berger's lecture on book preservation.

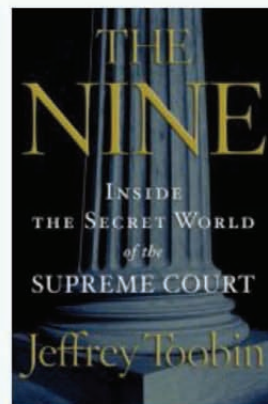
Book Group Update

Second Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.

The Athenæum book group will now hold one meeting per month. Each meeting will have a discussion leader who will select the book and provide background materials. Join us for this opportunity to discuss, debate, and grow together as book lovers.

The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court by Jeffrey Toobin will be discussed on May 11th.

[Contact Jean Marie](#) if you are interested in joining or leading a discussion!



Recent Events

The following highlights recent noteworthy events at the Athenæum.

Egg Hunt

Despite the snow-covered ground the week before, our Annual Egg Hunt landed on a perfect Spring day. Sunshine, merriment and tasty treats were in plentiful supply at this year's hunt, which for some was their introduction to this Spring celebration.



Also at the Athenæum

The following events are not sponsored by the Salem Athenæum. Due to their cultural focus, they are occurring at the Athenæum and may be of interest to members.

Dickens Fellowship

Literary discussion meetings on the following Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.:

May 2 *David Copperfield*, Chs. 48-58

June 13 *David Copperfield*, Chs. 59-end

For details on all events, visit [Dickens North of Boston](#).

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Welcome!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

Jonathan and Austen Bailly
John F. Casey and Paul Pinto
Dr. James Corbett
Michelle and Dan Finamore
Ryan and Joanne Hemphill
Mary Ann Lyons
Martha and Racket Shreve
Mark Stolle
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