DIRECTOR'S NOTE

As autumn deepens, and we approach the season Edith Sitwell described as "the time for home," I hope that you will make yourself at home here at 10½ Beacon Street. Much awaits you. In the galleries, we open the exhibition, *Collecting for the Boston Athenæum in the 21st Century: Maps, Charts, & Plans*. In the Long Room, we welcome *New York Times* bestselling author Mary Beard, taste-testing expert Jack Bishop, and Harvard curator Ted Stebbins -- to name only a few. Our concerts include performances by the Asylum Quartet and Choro Bastardo. In the Children's Library, we are increasing story times to four days per week. Elsewhere, we are launching weekly computer basics classes, and introducing two new book discussion groups. We would be delighted to have your company at these events, and your daily companionship as fellow readers, writers, and viewers here at the Boston Athenæum.

Elizabeth E. Barker, Ph.D.
*Stanford Calderwood Director*

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**GLIMPSED AT 10½**

Children watch Hampshire College Professor and professional storyteller,
Natalie Sowell during *My Athenæum Day*, the annual family day at the library.

More than 20 families joined us for the fairy tale-themed event, complete with crafts, story time, and a puppet show by the Tanglewood Marionettes.

*Selected UPCOMING EVENTS* (click each title to read full details)

**WHY ROMANTICISM WAS A GOOD IDEA**

Wednesday, November 4, 12-1 pm  
Lecture with University of New Hampshire English Professor Michael Ferber  

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**ASYLUM QUARTET**

Tuesday, November 10, 6-7 pm  
Concert with award-winning saxophonists  

P R Members $15 Non-Members $30

**S.P.Q.R.**  
*A History of Ancient Rome*

Wednesday, November 11, 6-7 pm  
Book talk with *New York Times* best-selling author Mary Beard  

P R Members Free Non-Members $15

**NO MORE CHAMPAGNE**  
*Churchill and His Money*

Thursday, November 12, 12-1 pm  
Book talk with banker and biographer David Lough  

P F
100 RECIPES
The Absolute Best Ways to Make the True Essentials

Tuesday, November 17, 6-7 pm
Book talk with celebrated author, test-testing expert, and editorial director of America's Test Kitchen Jack Bishop
PR Members $15 Non-members $15

101 DALMATIANS
Children's Movie Showing

Saturday, November 14, 11 am-1 pm
Join us for classic movie theater treats like popcorn, gummy bears, and chocolate sweets while we enjoy the animated antics of 101 dalmatians unfold. MF

View a complete listing of upcoming Children's Library Events.

VIEW ALL UPCOMING EVENTS

COLLECTIONS CORNER
Recently Digitized

Now Online: The Athenæum recently digitized Pierre Attaingnant's 1532 collection of masses, *Primus Liber [Septum librorum] Viginti missarum*, which consists of seven volumes that were issued separately throughout the year 1532. Collectively, the set includes a total of 20 mass settings, most of
which were written by French composers active at the time of the publication. Acquired in 1809 as part of the library of General Henry Knox, the first U.S. Secretary of War, the Athenaeum's collection, now bound into one volume, is available for viewing on the Digital Collections page or by appointment in the special collections reading room.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

- **LEARN BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS** Starting November 4, Readers Services will offer drop-in workshops on basic computer skills, including how to copy and paste, attach files to an email, adjust the font on a computer screen, and more! Wednesdays at 1 pm and 6 pm in the Reference Department on the second floor.

- **IMAGING STUDIO** In late October, we welcomed back to 10½ Beacon Street the Imaging Studio (formerly called the Digital Lab), where colleagues create the online images that bring our rarest collections before the world. The new studio offers optimal climate and security controls, and ideal proximity to rare materials storerooms.

- **COMPUTER LOCATIONS** To accommodate the relocated Imaging Studio; to provide members with more robust staff computing assistance; and to increase access to computers throughout the building, members' computers have been relocated to the 2nd floor Bow Room and 5th floor Reading Room. Visit "Using the Library" page or call the Reference Desk to learn more about expanded printing options.

- **NEW FACES** The Athenæum is pleased to welcome the following colleagues: Alyssa Garcia, Development Intern; Liane Naauao, Conservation Intern; and Ryan Reed, Serials Intern. View a complete staff directory.

- **FREE ADMISSION TO BOSTON HOME DÉCOR SHOW** Boston Athenæum members and their guests are eligible to receive complimentary admission to the Boston Home Décor Show, November 20-22 at the Cyclorama. Just pick up a voucher at Circulation or request one by email [membership@bostonathenaeum.org]. Vouchers must be completed and submitted to the show’s box office.
DOWN IN THE DUMPS

*Reader to Reader Recs*

In Athenæum jargon, the "dump" refers to reshelving area on every floor. Members in the know have been perusing these shelves for years. Can't make it into the building for this serendipitous search? Don't fret. View our weekly list online for reader-to-reader recommendations.

Recent titles found down in the dumps, include:


JUST UPLOADED

Miss Simon Winchester last week? Watch his presentation on Vimeo or listen to it on SoundCloud or iTunes.

Recordings of most 2015 events are now available. Future recordings will typically become available within 48 hours after the events.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Wednesday, November 25, Closing at 5:30 pm
Thursday, November 26, Closed All Day

STAY CONNECTED