



BOSTON ATHENÆUM



DIRECTOR'S NOTE

If "every leaf becomes a flower" (as Albert Camus would have it), then autumn at the Athenæum might be compared to a second spring, blossoming with activity and ideas. In addition to the perennial pleasures of settling in with a good book, joining a lively discussion group, perusing an exhibition, bringing a little one to story hour, and enjoying a thought-provoking lecture, October also offers more fleeting delights. This month's speakers include award-winning poet Henri Cole, Morning Edition senior editor Kitty Eisele, author and journalist Simon Winchester, and veteran foreign correspondent Alix Christie--to name only a few. In celebration of American Archives Month, members will discover rarely seen materials displayed on the second floor. Intended to whet the intellectual appetite, we hope these artifacts will inspire you to [make an appointment](#) to see more extraordinary works from our Special Collections. Whatever your fancy--browsing the stacks, attending an event, or reading in a comfortable red chair--we'd love to see you this month at 10½!

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Stanford Calderwood Director



GLIMPSED AT 10½

Athenæum docent Scott Guthery shares with Open House visitors interesting tidbits about the Henry Knox Collection, which is located in the cases that line the hallway on the fourth floor.

We are pleased to have welcomed more than 1,150 visitors during the Open House on September 12.

selected **UPCOMING EVENTS**

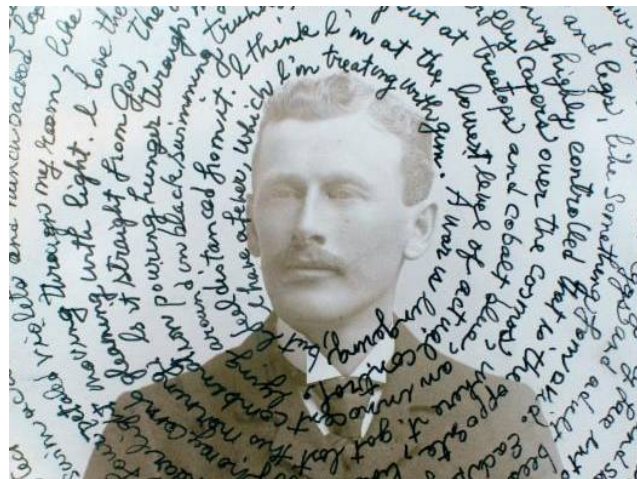
M-Members only **P**-Open to the Public **R**-Reception **F**-Free event

NEW POEMS

Monday, October 5, 6-7 pm
Poetry reading with Award-Winning Poet, Henri Cole.
P R (F for Members)

WE ARE ONE
Mapping America's Road from Revolution to Independence

Thursday, October 15, 6-7 pm
Lecture with the Curator of Maps at the Boston Public Library, Ronald Grim.
P R (F for Members)



Talking in Pictures

Developing a Visual Vocabulary to Show - and Tell - American's Stories

Wednesday, October 21, 6-7 pm
Discussion with writer, producer, and senior editor at NPR's Morning Edition, Kitty Eisele.
P R (F for Members)



MAGNA CARTA

Thursday, October 22, 6-7 pm

Book talk with New York Times bestselling author, Dan Jones.

P R

BENJAMIN WEST

And the Struggle to be Modern

Monday, October 26, 6-7 pm

Lecture with American-British television presenter Lloyd Grossman.

P R

MY ATHENÆUM DAY

Family Day at the Athenæum

Saturday, October 17, 11 am-2 pm

Pop in and stay for a fun-filled day for the whole family. Enjoy a variety of events and activities including puppet shows, musical performances, art projects, and more! **M F**



VIEW ALL UPCOMING EVENTS

JUST UPLOADED

Did you miss David McCullough and Adam Van Doren this week? Watch the discussion on [Vimeo](#) or download a podcast from [SoundCloud](#) or iTunes.

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





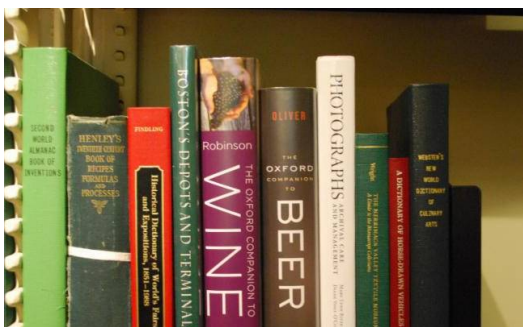
COLLECTIONS CORNER

Recently Acquired

Now on View: An installation of five Washington Allston paintings from the Athenæum's collection. Among the works of art is a *A Young Troubadour*--a relatively recent addition to the Athenæum's collection--which was exhibited previously at the Athenæum in 1835. View *A Young Troubadour* and the rest of the installation in the hallway leading to the Children's Library.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

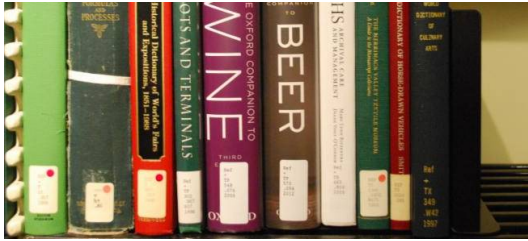
- **COMPUTER LOCATIONS** In an effort to better serve all members, computers have been relocated to the second-floor Bow Room and fifth-floor Reading Room, providing members both a quiet and silent space for computer access. Visit the [Using the Library Page](#) for more information on computer and equipment resources for members, including printing instructions.
- **NEW FACES** The Athenæum is pleased to welcome the following individuals to its ranks: Dawna Burrus, Administrative Assistant (Advancement); Heather Lonks, Membership and Development Assistant; Charlotte Emans Moore, Acting Associate Curator of Paintings & Sculpture; Jeanette Miller, Polly Thayer Starr Foundation Intern; Virginia Rundell, Cataloging Intern; and Brian James Wanders, Systems Technician. Say hello next time you stop by! [View a complete staff directory.](#)
- **TWO NEW STORY TIMES** In addition to the weekly Story Times previously offered on Thursdays and Saturdays, the Children's Library now offers a Preschool Story Time on Tuesdays and a Stories and Crafts for Ages 5+ on Wednesdays, both at 10:30 am. [View a complete listing of upcoming Children's Library events.](#)
- **LEARN BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS** Starting November 5, 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 your screen, and more! Thursdays at 1 pm and 6 pm in the Reference Department on the second floor.



DOWN IN THE DUMPS

Reader to Reader Recs

In Athenæum jargon, the "dump" refers to re-shelving areas 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 monthly [list online](#) for reader-to-reader recommendations.

Save the Date

COLLECTING for
the BOSTON ATHENÆUM
in the 21st CENTURY

*Maps
Charts
& Plans*

Opening Reception
November 2, 5:30-7:30 pm
Free and open to all; registration not required

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