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## Reminder: July 4th & 5th

The Library will be closed Friday, July 4, and Saturday, July 5 in honor of Independence Day.

Please Note: the Library will be open Saturdays in August in 2014.

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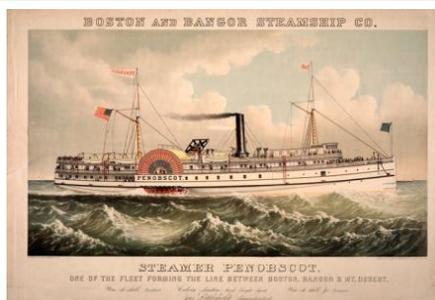
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## Featured Events

## New Benefit of Membership: Reciprocal Museum Admission Privileges

Are you thinking about planning a day trip to a local museum or spending a summer vacation across the country? If so, check out this great new benefit just for Athenæum members.



Members\* of the Athenæum are now eligible to enjoy free or discounted admission to over 650 arts and cultural institutions throughout North America through the Athenæum's participation in the North American Reciprocal Museum Association (NARM) and the Reciprocal Organization of Associated Museums (ROAM).

To take advantage of this benefit, you must present a card bearing the NARM and ROAM logos when visiting a participating institution. To request a NARM/ROAM card(s), contact the membership office at [617-720-7604](tel:617-720-7604) or email [membership@bostonathenaeum.org](mailto:membership@bostonathenaeum.org), and indicate:

- Your name and member ID number
- Your travel date (so we can prioritize requests)
- The names of any additional individuals on your membership who will need a card

You are encouraged to request your NARM/ROAM card at least two weeks prior to your visit to allow for USPS delivery.

Go online for a [complete listing of participating institutions](#), as well as additional details regarding this benefit

Please check the **calendar** or your booklet for the entire spring program. If you find these subjects interesting, you may want to check out a list of **books related to the events**.

Lecture in conjunction with the Polly Thayer Starr Charitable Trust: Thayer Tolles, **Angels, Goddesses, and Augustus Saint-Gaudens**  
Monday, July 14,  
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

### Children's Library

Check out the **new and recommended books** from Suzanne Terry, Children's Librarian.

Story Time & Crafts, Tuesdays:  
July 8, 22  
3:30 p.m.

Stories, Songs, & Activities  
Thurs: July 10, 17, 24, 31  
10:30 a.m.



Family Story Time  
Sat: July 12, 19, 26  
10:30 a.m.

Lego & Chess Club  
Tuesdays, July 15, 29  
2:00 p.m.

### Staff Recommendations



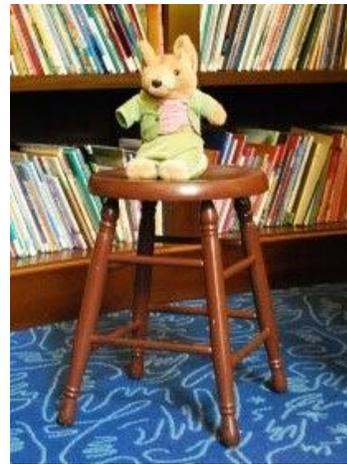
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Director of Annual Giving/Membership

*\*Due to limitations imposed by NARM, some discounted and complimentary members may not be automatically eligible.*

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### Vote for Elevator Stool

After **four long months without an elevator**, the Athenæum is preparing to welcome the replacement to our 100-year old lift.



In what began as a tradition during the time of the elevator operator, the Library has kept a stool in each elevator to commemorate this part of history. Today, members, staff, and visitors use the stool for a quick respite, to tie a shoe, and to hold belongings on the trip between floors.

Help us choose the next official elevator stool. Many have held this illustrious position during the last century, but there can be only one winner. **Read the biographies and then vote** for your favorite. The winner will be announced when the new elevator is inaugurated.

Emily Anderson  
Membership and Annual Fund Officer

Credit for image above: Fox on stool, (Emily Anderson, 2014).

### International Archives Day

What should I read next, you ask?

This **summer's reading list** reflects the varied interests of the staff of the Boston Athenæum. Most suggestions are on the new book shelves, but a few are older books you may have missed. If you need help locating any books, do not hesitate to contact the **Reference Department**.

### Discussion Groups

**Discussion groups** meet monthly and are open to members only. A few take a break for the summer months, but many still meet. Browse their webpages and compare to your own reading list. No doubt you have something to share:

Fiction  
Mystery  
Shakespeare  
World History  
WWI

The **International Council on Archives** established that International Archives Day be held annually on June 9. This year the Boston Athenæum participated by contributing a photograph from its Archive to their **online display of photographs** from archives located all around the world which creates a stunningly diverse presentation. The



mission of International Archives Day is to unite archive professionals and to also act as a general reminder of why it is important to support collections of historical documents and objects as well as the professionals who care for them. This visual array is fascinating, and I urge you all to spend some time with it and learn about materials, locales, and institutions you may otherwise not have had the opportunity to encounter.

Carolle Morini  
Caroline D. Bain Archivist, Reference Librarian

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