



# BOSTON ATHENÆUM

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## **THIS SATURDAY: POP-UP HOLIDAY BOOKSHOP AT THE ATHENÆUM**

***Featuring Athenæum librarians' picks for new, interesting, and worthy books, as well as free access to two exhibits of books from and about Venice***

**Boston, MA — November 27, 2018** — The Boston Athenæum announces a pop-up holiday book sale open to the public on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 1-3pm at 10-1/2 Beacon Street in Boston. Admission is free.

Athenæum librarians Dani Crickman, Carolle Morini, Will Evans, and Mary Warnement will offer their informed recommendations and reviews of the season's best books. Stop by to enjoy tea, cocoa, and cookies while you shop for holiday gifts. Gift wrapping will be available.

While in the library, visitors can take the opportunity to see, at no cost, a pair of exhibitions on the first floor: *Stampato a Venezia/Printed in Venice* and *Ecco Venezia!/Behold Venice!* Drawn from the library's special collections, the items on display celebrate Venetian printers' artistry and craftsmanship, as well as visitors' fascination with the legendary city. On view are rare, historic, and beautiful printed objects, including works by Aristotle, Dante Alighieri, Marco Polo, Saint Catherine of Siena, and Baldassare Castiglione, among others, as well as 16<sup>th</sup>-century depictions of the city, exemplars of typographic and design innovations, and evocative modern-day illustrations. The usual admission fee will be waived for this special event.

### **ABOUT THE BOSTON ATHENÆUM**

The Boston Athenæum first opened its doors in 1807. Encompassing an expansive circulating library, rich collections of paintings and rare materials for research and enjoyment, quiet spaces for reading and reflection, and serving as a forum for lively discourse, the Athenæum is a distinct cultural treasure in the heart of Boston.

### **Public Hours**

Tuesdays 12noon-8pm  
Wednesdays through Saturdays 10am-4pm