March 22
Dazzle: How Nature Uses Color to Attract, Repel, and Fool with Paul Erickson
Paul Erickson will take you on an entertaining photographic journey from nearby gardens and woodlands to distant reefs and deserts, scored with some of the world’s greatest musical compositions. See how a fantastic diversity of living things around the world use millions of colors to survive and flourish. Trained as a biologist, Paul has traveled around the world as a naturalist and photographer, as a full-time staff member of the New England Aquarium, and a special correspondent for Good Morning America and WBZ-TV News. This presentation will be exclusively live via Zoom. Program will not be recorded for later broadcast.

March 29
MOBA 101: An Introduction to the Museum Of Bad Art with Louise Reilly Sacco, Museum Of Bad Art
MOBA collects, exhibits, and celebrates art that is seen in no other venue. We interpret the art, compare it to classic works, and share the adventure of building MOBA to a worldwide phenomenon. This is art too bad to be ignored! Despite a complete lack of formal training in any visual arts, Louise Reilly Sacco continues to lead MOBA to maintain a reputation as the world’s leading institution in this field.

April 5
Hikes Through History with Author Alison O’Leary
Where can you hike through a equestrian’s grand estate, over a “penny bridge,” and to visit Dungeon Rock? The Hikes Through History program, based on the author’s guidebook AMC’s Best Day Hikes Near Boston, takes you through the background of nearly a dozen parks and natural spaces in eastern Massachusetts. Alison O’Leary is a Massachusetts journalist and author of several outdoors and history books. Visit www.alisonoleary.com for information.

April 12
Tales of a Reluctant World Traveler with Randy Ross
Sixteen weeks, four continents, three bungee jumps, and author Randy Ross couldn’t come home soon enough. This is the story of how a Boston homebody turned a solo trip around the globe into a comedy novel and an acclaimed one-man show. This one hour comedy show includes a travel slideshow, story-telling, and staged readings from his 2017 novel God Bless Cambodia. Randy Ross is a Boston-area writer and performer. His one-man shows have been featured in the U.S., Canada, and the U.K.

April 19: Holiday—NO PROGRAM

April 26
Self-Care Using Holistic Practices with Mandy Lubas, OTR/L C-IAYT , AWP and Kristen Harte, MSN, NP, RYT
Kristen and Mandy of Holistic Therapies 4Life will take you on a journey exploring Yoga Therapy, Energy Medicine, Essential Oils, and Ayurveda to assist with better sleep, focus, energy, and feeling a sense of calm throughout all areas of your life. We will be demonstrating simple techniques for each of these healing arts. Come and share your morning with us! Kristen is a Nurse Practitioner specializing in Women’s Health and Mandy is a Holistic Occupational Therapist. This program is made possible through federal funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services as administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

May 3
Animal Songs for Adults with Judy and Dennis Cook
A program of delightful songs for adults about animals from pets to pests. From an educational song praising Carl Linnaeus, father of our system of binomial nomenclature, to a lighthearted trio of songs about pigs. We’ll have an hour of entertainment with plenty of choruses, words on the screen, and pictures galore. Judy Cook has been actively touring on both sides of the Atlantic since 1998. She has been doing multimedia shows for the Beverly Public Library since 2014.

May 10
A Libertarian Walks Into A Bear with Matt Hongoltz-Hetling
A tiny American town’s plans for radical self-government overlooked one hairy detail: no one told the bears. Author Matt Hongoltz-Hetling tells the story of the Free Town Project, a 2004 plan to take over an American community and dramatically reduce its government, in accordance with libertarian ideals. Drawing on evolutionary biology, humor, political theory and American history, the story tracks how the utopian social experiment created unforeseen, and dramatic impacts on the rural New Hampshire municipality. The anything-goes atmosphere soon caught the attention of the utopians’ neighbors: the bears. Matt Hongoltz-Hetling is a Pulitzer Prize finalist journalist who won the 2011 George Polk award for Local Reporting. Follow him on Twitter @hh_matt.

May 17
Frenemies: The Art World’s Greatest Rivalries with Jane Oneail
This program will examine the ways some of the world’s greatest artists challenged and competed with each other for commissions, sales and status. Learn about rivalries between da Vinci and Michelangelo, Constable and Turner, and Matisse and Picasso and decide who history has treated most kindly. Jane Oneail curates and delivers art appreciation programs to audiences throughout New England. For more information visit www.iamculturallycurious.com.

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