



# Crossword Puzzles

## An Inside Look

Thursday, April 24, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Robbins Library, Arlington  
(700 Massachusetts Avenue)

**FREE and open to the public**

Have you ever wondered how crossword puzzles are created? **Will Johnston** presents a behind-the-scenes look at the hidden craft and art behind the puzzles you see in newspapers and on the web every day.

Johnston, a nationally published crossword puzzle constructor and moderator of The New York Times online crossword forum, will demonstrate and discuss creating puzzle themes, making diagrams, filling them with fresh and interesting words and phrases, and writing both tricky and straightforward clues.

**Why attend?** You'll come away with new insights to enhance your own crossword solving skills and deepen your enjoyment of this popular pastime. And hanging out with other crossword fans is fun!

Bring a pencil for some brief audience activities. Appropriate for all ages.

Presented by the Cruciverbalists of Boston ([www.BostonCru.org](http://www.BostonCru.org)).

### About the Speaker

Will Johnston, a Watertown resident, has published crosswords in the New York Times, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, Boston Herald, and New York Sun. He is a textbook editor in Boston. This year he ranked among the top 20 fastest solvers in the American Crossword Puzzle Tournament.

### Parking and driving directions

Robbins Library is easily accessible via Route 2, just northwest of Cambridge. Free parking is available in the rear of Robbins Library in the library lot and at the yellow Robbins House.

*From points west and north:* Take Route 95 (Route 128) to Route 2 (east). Take exit 59 for Pleasant St./Route 60. Turn left onto Pleasant Street. Go one mile to traffic light. Turn left onto Mass. Ave. Go half a block, and the library is on the left.

*From points east and south:* Take Fresh Pond Parkway or Alewife Brook Parkway to Route 2 (west). Exit at Pleasant St./Route 60 and turn right onto Pleasant. Go one mile to traffic light. Turn left onto Mass. Ave. Go half a block, and the library is on the left.

### Taking the T

The library is directly on the #77 bus line which runs every 10 minutes from Harvard and Porter Square stations in Cambridge.