Before the Reading Period begins, we highly encourage all Leverties to spend a day outside of a Harvard bubble in order to take a break and re-energize. Here are a few suggestions:

1. The Freedom Trail
Boston’s signature attraction is a 2.5-mile line of red paint or brick laid out at the suggestion of a local journalist in 1958. Following the whole Freedom Trail can consume the better part of a day, but several options that concentrate on the downtown part of the walk take 2 hours or so. Your goal is to cover -- at whatever pace suits you, as carefully or as casually as you like -- the first two-thirds of the trail, from Boston Common through Faneuil Hall.

2. Faneuil Hall Marketplace
The retail scene at Downtown Crossing is in a down cycle thanks to the temporary closing of the legendary Filene’s Basement (for building construction that was on hold at press time). Faneuil Hall Marketplace offers more shopping options, many of which are outlets of national chains. You can give your wallet a workout before, after, or even (this can be our little secret) during your sightseeing.

3. Quincy Market
The main level of Faneuil Hall Marketplace’s central building, Quincy Market, is a gigantic food court. You can eat at the marketplace, but we suggest crossing Atlantic Avenue and enjoying your snack or lunch with a glorious view. Stake out a seat overlooking the marina next to Christopher Columbus Waterfront Park.

4. Paul Revere House
Our favorite Freedom Trail stop is a little 17th-century home overlooking a picturesque cobblestone square.

5. Hanover Street
Coffee outlets throughout the city valiantly attempt to serve good espresso and cappuccino; the shops here always succeed -- and if they don't, they don't stay in business very long. Pair your caffeine with a fresh-baked pastry, settle in at a bakery or café, and take in the scene on the North End’s main drag.

6. The Waterfront
As the day winds down, you can take a sightseeing cruise from Long Wharf or Rowes Wharf. If cruises are out of season, explore the New England Aquarium or the Boston Children’s Museum. If those don't appeal to you, head for the nearby Seaport District (also known as the South Boston Waterfront) and visit the Institute of Contemporary Art. It’s a 20- to 30-minute walk or 10-minute cab ride.
Mt. Auburn Cemetery

Yes, cemeteries are usually creepy, not are the kinds of places where you would want to spend a Sunday afternoon. I get it, and I agree—I do not make it a habit to hang out in graveyards. I do make an exception, however, for the Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge—a mere 20-minute walk away from Leverett House. The Mt. Auburn Cemetery was founded as a “garden cemetery,” meaning it is much more landscaped than most other cemeteries (think New York City’s Central Park, but with more dead people). Mt. Auburn does, in fact, feel much more like a park than like a graveyard—except, unlike other parks, Mt. Auburn is not an ideal place for picnics, Frisbee, and/or cruising. Those caveats aside, Mt. Auburn is one of the most beautiful spots in the Boston area, although few people have seen it. The cemetery is also historically significant—Dorothea Dix, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Charles William Eliot, Isabella Stewart Gardner, and Amy Lowell are just a few of the famous Bostonians buried in Mt. Auburn. The best part of the Mt. Auburn Cemetery, however, is a tower in the center that gives what is possibly the best view of Boston. Not a shabby place for a romantic date.

Mystery Movie Quote

Last week’s quote: “‘Do you know if the killer was a man or a woman?’—‘Well of course I know that! What else is there? A kitten?’” was from Pink Panther.

— “Which is better, having sex or stealing cars?”
— “Having sex while boosting cars.”

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Leverett Intramurals

T 4/16 8:30: A Volleyball vs. Pfoho
W 4/17 7:30 Ultimate Frisbee vs. Cabot
W 4/17 9:30 Softball vs. Winthrop
Th 4/18 8:30 B Volleyball vs. Currier

Not many opportunities left to do Spring IMs Lev!!