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DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

There has been a lot of talk lately that e-readers are taking over the world—well okay, maybe not the world, but that they are going to replace “real” books. For some reason this has sent many people in the library field into a tizzy. I for one don't see it that way. Libraries are a place for information, no matter how you “receive” it. E-readers are not the end of reading a book with your child, niece, nephew, or grandchild! In this technology savvy world, the fact that many of us still read is a good thing!

Libraries continue to lead the way in providing access to educational and recreational reading no matter what the format or manner of delivery. At our libraries we offer downloadable audiobooks and e-books, but that hasn't stopped you, our library users, from checking out over 28,000 “real” books this past July. No matter how you chose to read your books, magazines or newspapers, libraries will be there. We are not just about books- libraries are about community- we are about giving you an opportunity to stay informed about our city, our state, our country, and our world.

Our libraries still offer traditional storytimes to promote reading, but where we have them is no longer “traditional.” Our children's librarian hosts storytimes at the Currier Museum, local churches, and even at the Mall of New Hampshire. The children and families who attend these storytimes are there because reading is important to them. It is the joy of reading that should be the focus, not the delivery system.

So no matter if you like your books in paperback, hardcover, large type, as an audio, or on your iPad, Nook, or Kindle, your library is the source to use! I love my e-reader; it is convenient and means that I don't fill up half my luggage with books when I head off on vacation! The message should be that reading is fun and educational, it is good for us and it doesn't matter how you read, just that you do read! And until someone can make my e-reader's battery last longer than the average power outage during an ice storm, I will still keep a “real” book nearby to read by candlelight.

I hope you all enjoy the fall season and find time to read a whole bunch of good books in any format you want!

HOURS OF OPERATION

With the coming of fall there are usually changes to the libraries' operating hours; however, this year that will not be the case. The main library has reduced hours of operation on Saturdays during the school year and is now open 5 hours on Saturday year round. Hours of operation at both buildings will no

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longer change with the start of the school year. Please see the libraries' hours posted on the front page of the newsletter!

CLOSINGS

The libraries will be closed the following days in the fall:
September 3rd and 5th

October 10th
November 8th, 11th, and 24th

CONSTRUCTION

The main library will be under construction through October as we have our gas furnace replaced. The city received money to improve energy efficiency and we are very glad the main library was considered. So please bear with us as this project will have an impact on the lower level of the library—specifically, it will be noisier in the area around our children's room. There will also be some interruption to our parking lot to bring in equipment from time to time. We will keep you posted on the project via signs in the building and on our blog.

STATE VAN SERVICE

Some of you may have heard or noticed that it is taking longer to receive materials from other libraries. This delay is the new norm as we adjust to a drastic reduction in the number of deliveries we are now getting from the State Library van delivery service. Effective July 1st we lost two days of service at our main library and our service was completely eliminated from our branch. This reduction was due to state budget cuts at the New Hamp-

shire State Library. This has made it difficult to meet your demands for materials in a timely and efficient manner. Although we have asked for service to be restored to our branch we do not see that happening in the foreseeable future. In the coming months we will be evaluating the best way to adjust to this service reduction as we strive to limit the inconvenience to you, our patrons. We thank you for your patience.

FOUNDATION NEWS

The elections of officers for the Manchester City Library Foundation board were held at our June 16th meeting. President Matt Johnson, Vice-President Bob Robbins, Secretary Lisa Shadroui, and Treasurer Jocelyn Charles were unanimously elected. Board members Dan Scanlon and Stephanie Bergeron have left as their terms expired. We welcome new board members Lisa Shadroui, Amy Tessier and Joe Emmons.

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The board's Planning Committee was voted to be a standing committee. The committee is working on plans for a new concept of fundraising to be decided on this fall.

The board would welcome those who would be willing to serve on this important asset of the library. The Foundation board functions as a fundraising organization to fill some of the library's needs. In these tight economic times, it is a vital part of the library. Feel free to call the library and inquire how you can participate if you feel you would like to belong to this worthwhile organization.



THE GIFT OF FAMILY HISTORY

Why wait to the last minute to begin thinking of Holiday gifts for your family?

Instead of the ordinary, give your family something personal and unique. Give them copies of their family history. Great for grandparents and siblings, the information is the same until the current generation. You can include as little or as much as you like. Family photographs, recipes, favorite sayings and artwork can make your history interesting and come alive.

Where do you find this information? Begin by writing your own history and then write about the family members you know. Try asking older family members for information. Now that you have a place to begin, come to the library to look at city directories, Catholic Church records, U. S. census records, obituar-

ies from the local newspaper, town histories, and online databases.

If you have scrapbooking skills you can make your history as elaborate as you like. The library has books on scrapbooking, calligraphy, and lots of other hobbies.

Make your favorite family recipes for a gift or a family gathering. If you don't have the recipes but know the types of food they enjoyed, the library also has a large cookbook collection. You may find the same or similar recipe, or one from our collection of ethnic cookbooks.

So why wait? Right now is the time to begin your search, get started on a new project, and test those recipes. By the time the holidays are here you'll be ready to enjoy yourself!

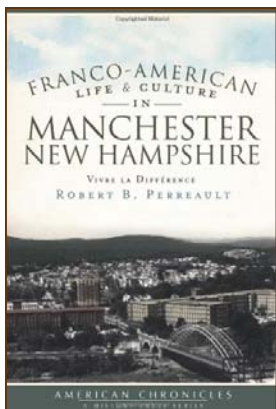
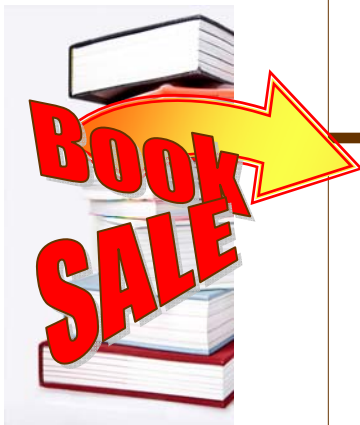


THE TIMES, THEY ARE CHANGIN'

As the purse strings tighten and staffing levels are reduced, Manchester City Library has had take a hard look at what programs and services we can continue to offer the Manchester community. For the last four years, the library has been fortunate to have the resources, both financially and staff-wise, to be able to reach out to local businesses through our annual fall li-

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brary card campaign, One Card... Endless Possibilities. In 2010, we had 32 local businesses partner with us to offer a bevy of discounts and freebies to anyone presenting a Manchester City Library card at their establishment during the month of October. This program afforded our organization the opportunity to promote local businesses as well as library services. While this program has been gaining popularity over the last four years, the planning and implementation for the One Card program requires a significant concentration of staff time, which we can not accommodate this year. We feel it is critical to concentrate our efforts on programs that we can sustain with current staffing levels. We are hopeful that we will be able to resume the One Card program in the future. We offer a special thanks to all the businesses and library customers who have supported this program in the past.

\$5 BAG BOOK SALE

Sat., Sept. 10th, 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM

There will be a \$5 Bag Book Sale taking place on September 10th, from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM in the Winchell Room of Manchester City Library.

We have many, many materials to choose from, to read or watch or listen to. We have fiction and non-fiction books available on all kinds of subjects and interests, for all ages. Large print books are also available. We also have a wide variety of VHS tapes and audiobooks (mostly cassettes), in addition to some odds and ends. Donations arrive weekly, so we don't know until the sale what all will be available.

For this sale, please bring your own bags to fill with the many available choices. Make sure you plan enough time, so you can look everything over to see if that special item is available.

Please contact Eileen A. Reddy if you have any questions about the sale. She can be reached at ereddy@manchesternh.gov or 624-6550 ext. 320.

LOCAL AUTHOR SERIES CONTINUES

Are you a writer? An aspiring writer? Do you like to support local talent? Our series continues this fall, with each event different than the last, much like our authors. Part book

signing, part dramatic reading, and part writing seminar, each month we host a local author who will share their stories, their inspiration, and their writing process.

ROBERT PERREAULT

**Tues., Sept. 27th at 7:00 PM
Winchell Room**

NH Humanities Council speaker and teacher Robert Perreault has written numerous books and articles in both English and French on the history of Man-

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chester, NH and the New England Franco-American culture. His most recent work is *Franco-American Life and Culture in Manchester, New Hampshire: Vivre la Différence*, which was published shortly before last Christmas.

ROSAMOND VAN DER LINDE

**Thurs., Oct. 6th at 7:00 PM
Auditorium**

Author of *A Piano in Every Room*, extraordinary piano teacher Rosamond van der Linde writes vividly about founding the famous Sonatina

School of Piano in her home in Vermont, together with her pianist husband—while they raised their five children with love and music. Ms. van der Linde will also play for us on the library's Steinway piano.

Rosamond van der Linde



Don Previe



Photo by Rebecca Tilley

DON PREVIE

**Tues., Nov. 29th at 7:00 PM
Winchell Room**

Don Previe has begun a fantasy series, *The Adventures of D'artello*, book one being *Love and War*. In addition to talking about his novel and his characters, Mr. Previe will also

talk about the process of getting a book published.

For more information about the local author series, contact Steve Viggiano at sviggiano@manchesternh.gov or 624-6550 ext. 323.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

**Thursdays at 7:00 PM
Hunt Room**

The Book Discussion Group meets monthly, on the second Thursday of the month. For more information, contact Sarah Basbas at 624-6560.

Sept. 8 - *The Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield

In this gothic suspense novel, Margaret Lea has been commissioned to write the life story of bestselling English author Vida Winter and in uncovering the secrets of the author's life, uncovers secrets of her own.

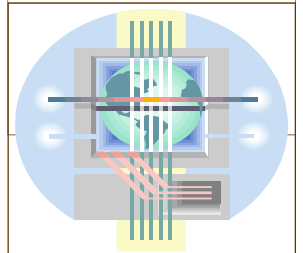
Oct. 13 - *Ethan Frome* by Edith Wharton

This is a 1911 classic of love, tragedy, and betrayal set in rural New England.

Nov. 10 - *The Last Lecture* by Randy Pausch

In this inspiring work of nonfiction, a professor diagnosed with terminal cancer discusses how to live the life of your dreams.

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BROWN BAG BOOK CLUB



**Tuesdays at 12:15 PM
 Hunt Room**

The Brown Bag Book Club meets monthly, on the last Tuesday of the month. For more information, call 624-6550 ext. 320.

Sept. 27 - *The Lace Reader* by Brunonia Barry

Soon after a young woman returns to her hometown her beloved great-aunt drowns under circumstances suggesting foul play. A suspenseful, intense read that mixes New England history and lore with the present.

Oct. 25 - *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain

Considered one of the greatest American novels, the story of Huck and Jim and their time on the Mississippi is still causing controversy with a recently "edited" version.

Nov. 29 - *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett

Jackson MS, 1962. With the civil rights movement exploding all around them three women start a movement of their own that changes a town and the way women view one another.



Doris St. Pierre



ABCs OF PHOTO ORGANIZING

**Tues., Sept. 22nd at 7:00 PM
 Winchell Room**

Personal Photo Organizer Doris St. Pierre specializes in teaching people how to organize a lifetime of family photos. Please join us for an interactive and information presentation, where you can learn various ways that you can bring your photos and family stories to

life, from creating scrapbook photo albums to digital slide shows. Become inspired to conquer this daunting task!

Registration is recommended. For more information, contact Steve Viggiano at sviggiano@manchesternh.gov or 624-6550 ext. 323.

INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT WORD 2010

**Tues., Oct. 4th at 2:30 PM
 Winchell Room**

Learn the basics of Microsoft Word, essential knowledge you need in today's

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job market. We will create and save a file, learn basic functions such as copy/paste, tabbing and setting margins and have fun with enhancements (**bold**, *italic*, font size, and font color). Come join us for this relaxed, hands-on class. Class size is limited to 8 people. Sign up by calling 624-6550 ext. 320.

FALL MOVIES

Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM:

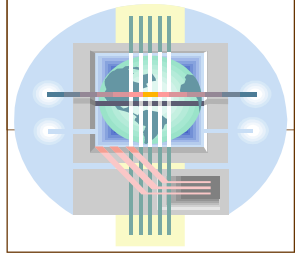
- Sept. 13 - *True Grit* (2010, PG-13, book to film)
- Oct. 11 - *Country Strong* (PG-13)
- Nov. 8 - Library Closed

Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 PM:

- Sept. 7 - *The Eagle* (PG-13, book to film)
- Sept. 14 - *True Grit* (2010, PG-13, book to film)
- Sept. 21 - *Just Go with It* (PG-13)
- Sept. 28 - *Doctor Dolittle* (1967, G)
- Oct. 5 - *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* (PG-13)
- Oct. 12 - *Country Strong* (PG-13)
- Oct. 19 - *Green Hornet* (PG-13)
- Oct. 26 - *Gremlins* (PG)
- Nov. 2 - *Rabbit Hole* (PG-13)
- Nov. 9 - *The Tempest* (2011, PG-13)
- Nov. 16 - *The Tourist* (PG-13)
- Nov. 23 - *Jack* (PG-13)
- Nov. 30 - *Tuck Everlasting* (PG, book to film)

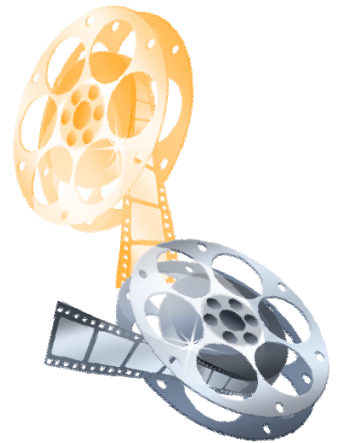


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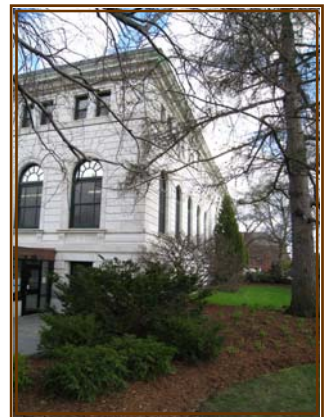
LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

Every September, the American Library Association sponsors a national Library Card Sign-up Month to promote the importance and value of public libraries. Make sure you carry one of these all-important cards—if not, come and see us!

The Smartest Card GET IT. USE IT.

@ your library®

Celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month in September





JUST DANCE

Thursdays at 4:00 PM in the Winchell Room
Sept. 1, Oct. 6, Nov. 3

Teens in grades 6-12 come show off your video gaming skills!



WRITER'S CLUB

Thurs., Sept. 8; Fri., Oct. 21; Thurs.; Nov. 10
4:00 PM in the Winchell Room

Teens in grades 6-12, come practice your writing skills, learn new techniques, read what other teen writers are working on, and hear helpful comments about your own writing.



ANIME CLUB

Thursdays at 4:00 PM in the Winchell Room
Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17

The Anime Club is open to teens in grades 6 to 12, and is an informal club where fans can gather to play cards, watch movies, discuss their favorite characters, and draw!



TEEN COOKING PROGRAM

Thurs., Sept. 22; Thurs., Oct. 27; Fri., Nov. 18
4:00 PM in the Winchell Room

The Teen Cooking Club is a great way to learn the basics of cooking. Teens in grades 6-12 are welcome to attend.



GAME DAY

Thurs., Sept. 29th from 4:00 - 8:00 PM
Winchell Room

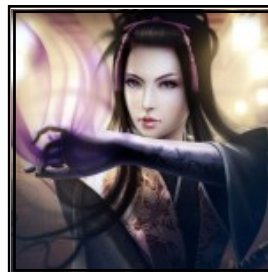
Ages 12 -18 are invited to learn, play, and enjoy new card, strategy, and board games. Semi-professional gaming geeks will be on hand to mentor new players in an array of classic and modern games.



Anime Art Contest

Thurs., Oct. 20 at 4:00 PM
Winchell Room

During Teen Read Week, create something out of this world. Teens in grades 6-12 can compete in the second annual Anime art contest! Prizes will be awarded including a gift certificate to Barnes and Noble.



FALL STORYTIMES

Fall storytimes begin the week of September 12th, running through the week of November 14th. All sessions are held in the Winchell Room.

- Tuesdays at 9:30 AM – Preschool Storytime (ages 4-5)
- Wednesdays at 9:30 AM – Toddler Storytime (ages 2-3)
- Thursdays at 10:30 AM – Little Movers Storytime (ages 2-5)
- Fridays at 9:30 AM – Lap-sit Storytime (0-23 months)





STORYTIME IN THE GALLERY

Mondays at 11:30 AM
Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 28
Currier Museum

Looking for a way to introduce

your preschooler to art? Join us at the Currier for an art-related story, followed by a gallery talk. Recommended for ages 3 to 5, but all are welcome.



CHILDREN'S ART CLUB

Tuesdays at 4:00 PM
Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15
Winchell Room

Do you like to draw, paint and be creative? Join us once a month for activities and crafts that will let you explore your creative side. Children in grades K-3 are invited to join. Registration is recommended.



ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY AT THE LIBRARY

Mon., Oct. 31st at 7:00 PM

Children and parents are invited to come in costume for our annual Halloween parade and party. This year's entertainment will be provided by Toe Jam Puppet Band. Come trick or treat with Toe Jam's

all original Halloween songs & puppets. Toe Jam will dress up the kids in the kooky Halloween gear and dance some spooky dances like "Do the Frankie!" (as in Frankenstein). The show is full of Toe Jammy Monsters and silly string too. Boo to You! All ages are welcome.



HALLOWEEN/CEMETARY SCAVENGER HUNT

Sat., Oct. 29th at 11:00 AM

After gathering in the Winchell Room, we will walk down to the Valley Cemetery for our hunt. You will work in small groups to find the oldest grave stone, the tallest monument, and who was born on the same day as you. Wear good walking shoes. This program is for children in grades 1-5 and their parents. Registration is recommended.

DAY FOR KIDS



Sat., Sept. 17th, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Radisson Hotel

Come visit us during this annual event, sponsored by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Manchester. For more information, visit www.mbgcnh.org.

TRAVEL CLUB

Tuesdays at 4:00 PM
Winchell Room

Take a trip to the library and travel the world with us. Each month we will explore a different country through pictures, art, food, and games. Maybe we will share a story or even sing a song. Whatever we do, we'll know more about the country we visit and have fun doing it. Don't forget to get your passport stamped. Registration is required.

Sept. 27th - Portugal
Oct. 25th - Bolivia
Nov. 22nd - Italy

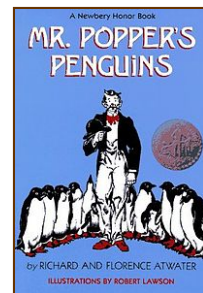


MR. POPPER'S PENGUINS SHINDIG!

Tues., Sept. 13th at 4:00 PM
Winchell Room

It may be the end of summer, but you can keep cool at this unique

gathering for penguin lovers! Join us for games, chilly snacks, and an arctic craft. This program is for grades 2-5. Registration is required.



IF YOU GIVE A...

Mon., Sept. 19th at 10:00 AM
Winchell Room

It all started with *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*. What's next? Only Laura Numeroff can delight with such chaos involving mice, moose, pigs, and their whims. Visit with the books, activities, and food that will please our eager readers. For ages 2-5. Registration is required.



FANCY NANCY SOIREE

Tues., Oct. 11th at 4:00 PM
Winchell Room

Come dressed in your most glamorous finery and accessories to explore,

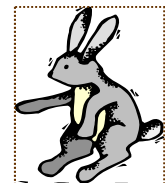
play, and party with Fancy Nancy! You won't want to miss the elegant and fabulous festivities here. For grades 1-4. Registration is required.



KNUFFLE BUNNY ESCAPE

Mon., Oct. 17th at 10:00 AM
Winchell Room

Take a trip through the neighborhood, and hope things don't go terribly, hi-



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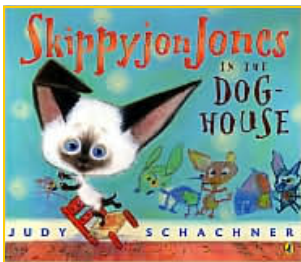
lariouly wrong. Bring your favorite furry friend for a foolhardy getaway. For ages 2-5. Registration is required.

JUDY MOODY/STINK COINCIDENTALLY

Tues., Nov. 1st at 4:00 PM

We couldn't do one without the other! What kind of mood are you in..good, bad, happy, sad, silly, or

smelly? Could you survive without your younger/older brother or sister? Our adventure is sure to tickle your humerus. For grades 2 to 4. Registration is required.



SKIPPYJON JONES

Mon., Nov. 21st at 10:00 AM

Skippyjon Jones is a Siamese kitty boy who thinks he's a Chihuahua. He just can't stay out of trouble. ¡Ay carumba! Join our fun-filled hoopla. For ages 3 to 5. Registration is required.

STORYTIME AT THE MALL OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



First Thursday of the month at 11:00 AM

The library has partnered with Pizza Regina for a monthly storytime at

the mall, with one or two stories and a simple craft based on a theme. Recommended for all ages, no registration required.

SUMMER WRAP-UP

We would like to thank the following for helping make our summer reading program "One World, Many Stories" a great success.

Ben & Jerry's
Chunky's Cinema
Davis Farmland
Friendly's Ice Cream
McDonald's
Mel's Funway

New Hampshire Fisher Cats
Papa John's Pizza
SEE Science Center
Manchester City Library Foundation

Thank

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WEST MANCHESTER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Thank You!

Thank you to all of our supporters who helped to spread the word about the importance of our west side branch in our community. The outpouring of letters, e-mails, and phone calls was heartening for library staff and trustees as the budget process unfolded. We are very, very thankful that enough funds were restored to our operating budget to maintain our branch three days a week. Keeping the building open is imperative so that when the economy turns around we can add back hours. We will continue to provide all the newest materials and family programs at the Branch!



NEW HOURS AT WEST

Monday: Closed
 Tuesday: Closed
 Wednesday: 12:30-8:30

Thursday: 9:30-5:30
 Friday: 9:30-5:30
 Saturday: Closed



STORYTIME

Every Thursday at 10:00 AM

All ages welcome—just drop in for a great story and a fun craft.



KNITTING CLUB

Every Friday at 11:00 AM

Experienced or novice knitters are invited to get together for fun, conversation, and to give each other assistance. No registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the West Manchester Library



MOVIES

Every Friday at 3:00 PM

See a great movie (usually one that has just come out on DVD) on our big screen—it's almost like going to a movie theater. Scheduled for September are:
 Sept. 2 - *Soul Surfer* (PG)

Sept. 9 - *The Fox and the Hound* (G)
 Sept. 16 - *Marley and Me: The Puppy Years* (PG)
 Sept. 23 - *Thor* (PG-13)
 Sept. 30 - *Dumbo* (G)

See the Library calendar for October and November movies or stop by West for a schedule.





LEGO CLUB

Thursdays at 4:00 PM
Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10

Build, create, and have fun with those little blocks. The Library provides the LEGOs—you provide the imagination. Open to kids of all ages. No registration required.

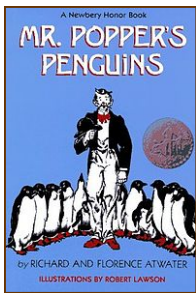


JUST DANCE

Thursdays at 3:30 PM
Sept. 29, Oct. 27

Just Dance is a music and rhythm

video game for the Wii that lets kids show off their moves. Open to teens grades 6-12.



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CUTTING COSTS AND SAVING MONEY IN HARD TIMES



Wed., Sept. 21st at 6:30 PM

Do you need help getting through these tough times? Sharon Cowen, Family and Consumer Resources Educator for the Hillsborough

County Cooperative Extension Service, will show creative ways to stretch your money, including how to make your food budget go further and still eat healthy.

BOOK DISCUSSION



Wed., Sept. 28th at 6:30 PM

The West Manchester Book Discussion Group will discuss *Year of Wonder: A Novel of the Plague* by Geraldine Brooks. This group welcomes new members—no registration required. Copies of this book are available at the Circulation Desk at West.

BEDTIME STORYTIME

Wed., Oct. 5th at 6:30 PM

Come in your PJ's and bring along your blanket and favorite furry friend. We'll settle in for some stories to prepare everyone for pleasant sleep and dreams. Families are welcome.



FRIENDS MEETING

Wed., Oct. 19th at 6:30 PM

The Friends of the West Manchester Community Library will hold its annual

meeting to plan the coming year's events and fundraisers. New members are welcome. Refreshments will be served.



Wed., Oct. 26th at 6:30 PM

Games, treats, and spooky surprises for children. We have a treasure trove of

Halloween costumes for all ages begging to be used—see what you can find to wear for Halloween!



MAKE A THANKSGIVING DECORATION WITH CHALIFOUR'S

Wed., Nov. 16th at 6:30 PM

Sign up to make a Thanksgiving decoration with Doris from Chalifour's. Supplies for the decoration may be purchased for \$15.00 (MasterCard, checks or cash). Registration is required.

