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DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

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You can access library research information from home 24 hours a day. Thanks to our State Library and our GMILCS consortium, we have numerous online resources available on our library website. These research tools can assist you with anything from school projects to collecting business statistics. They allow you to access to newspaper articles and contain full text *Consumer Reports* articles. You can even download an audiobook or an e-book right from home. All you need to access these resources is your library card and pin number.

Library services continue to evolve as technology improves so we can provide services by different access points and in various formats. You can be a library user and never set foot in a building—of course we'd love to have you visit us in person, but if a virtual library suits your needs better you do have one.

For research needs try out:

- **EBSCO**, a set of databases containing general interest magazine articles, scholarly journal articles, health information, business information, online newspapers, reference texts, magazines for children, and the Funk & Wagnall's New World Encyclopedia.
- **American History Online** offers more than 500 years of political, military, social, and cultural history, highlighting the important people and events of the American experience from well known reference publisher Facts on File.

- **Auto Repair Center** contains information on most major manufacturers of domestic and imported vehicles, with repair information for most vintage makes starting as far back as 1945. Database content includes approximately 26,000 vehicles covered from 1945 to present; over 150,000 factory drawings and step-by-step photographs; approximately 70,000 technical service bulletins & recalls issued by the original equipment vehicle manufacturer; over 100,000 enhanced wiring diagrams for easy viewing and printing; specifications & maintenance schedules; Labor Time Guide & Estimator; and Quick Tips, a complete guide to vehicle ownership & maintenance.

- **NewsBank** carries issues of the *New Hampshire Union Leader* from January 1, 1989 to today, as well as the *Concord Monitor* from January 1, 2002 to today. However, many obituaries are not included.

- **Novelist K-8** allows children in kindergarten through 8th grade to identify fiction titles they will enjoy reading. This is a great database for children and parents to use together.

- **Reference USA** contains information on U.S. businesses and households. It is especially useful for job searches, people starting businesses, criss-crossing phone numbers, and marketing professionals.

- **Science Online** provides a comprehensive, authoritative overview a broad range of scientific disciplines through extensive definitions, essays, diagrams, illustrations, images, biographies, experiments, and activities.

So remember, your libraries are more than just brick, granite, marble, and mortar! We have services available 24 hours a day for you to utilize.



MISSION STATEMENT

The library staff and our Trustees are proud to announce our new mission statement:

“The Manchester City Library shall strive to provide quality services and materials to meet the cultural, educational and informational needs of our diverse and changing community.”

FURNACE PROJECT

Our new gas furnace is in place and will help to keep the main library toasty and energy efficient as we enter the winter. We thank the City's Facilities Division,

Aramark, SAM Mechanical, and our various contractors for handling the project with no interruptions to library service!

PARKING

Winter months are often busy, but add the additional challenge of snow, cold, and ice to the mix! This will be our first winter with our patron lot, so we do ask your patience as we work with the city's Parking Division to keep it clear of snow and ice—as it is on the north side of the building, it does not get a lot of sunlight to help with the melting!

DECEMBER 8TH ROAD/PARKING LOT CLOSURES

On December 8th, it will be challenging to get to the main library as our neighbors at the Manchester Cathedral will be installing their new Bishop and are expecting over 1,000 guests. To accommodate such a large crowd, the city is **closing the Hartnett Parking lot and a majority of the roads around the main library**. This means our patron parking lot, along with our book drops off of Concord Street, will be inaccessible from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM that day. No library materials will be due back that day at either of our buildings, and no fines will be charged if you can't return your items that day. We apologize for the inconvenience!

LIBRARY DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

These are challenging times for all of us, and the Manchester City Library is no exception. The library has experienced layoffs, and the west side branch has been spared from closure and remains open three days per week as a resource for west side students and residents needing access to books, the internet, and programs. Making difficult decisions and leading the largest public library in the state with vision and professionalism has earned Manchester's Library Director, Denise van Zanten, the honor of being one of two recipients of the New Hampshire Library Director of the

Year award presented by the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association.

Joannie Barrett, chairman of the Manchester City Library Board of Trustees, is very proud to announce that our director is receiving the recognition she so richly deserves for "going above and beyond the call of duty, from working with difficult budgets to moving books on weekends after heavy rains and flooding." An award ceremony was held at the library on Saturday, October 22nd.



Denise van Zanten
Library Director

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

It is with pleasure and pride that I accepted the Library Director of the Year award on October 22nd. I am very fortunate and honored to work for such a supportive and dedicated Library Board of Trustees. I also wish to express my thanks to the Trustees Association for selecting me for this honor and for all that they do to promote libraries in our state.

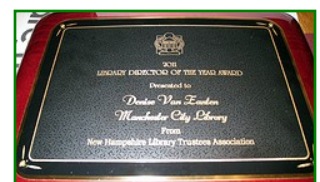
There are many people who have helped me to achieve success for our libraries. I did not do this alone. My trustees, Mayor Gatsas, our aldermen, our foundation board, our foundation donors, my fellow department heads, co-workers from other city departments, professional colleagues, my husband Marc, family, friends, our library patrons, and of course my staff have all played a part in helping to make our libraries what they are today.

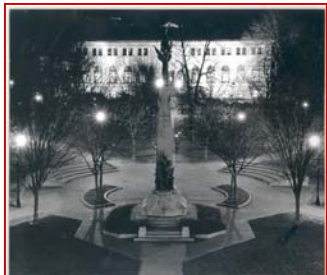
When I became Director there was a very long to do list—the most important was that the staff wanted to feel proud that we worked here. We wanted our community to appreciate and support the library by providing quality services. We wanted to let our community know about what was going on in their libraries so we started an electronic newsletter, the first in the city! We wanted to be visible at local events, so we started attending Day of Kids, Taste of Downtown, and as many school open houses as we could. We joined the Chamber of Commerce to help promote library services to the business community. With a great deal of hard work, we continue to provide library services that are relevant and vital to our patrons. We have survived renovations, floods, bats in our clock tower, tightening budgets, and lightning strikes as we continue our forward progress. Most of all, I could not lead this library without my management team both past and present. They are right there beside me saying we should try

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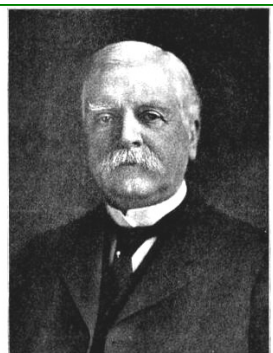


Director of the Year Award





Adult Programs & Events



FRANK P. CARPENTER

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this, we should do that, and somehow we manage to accomplish it as a team. My success is also their success.

I can firmly state that our community supports us, that we provide quality services, and although our city is struggling with economic issues, we have managed to keep pace with current demands and technology. As a city, a community, we should all be proud of our libraries and the part we have all played in making them what they are today! The city of Manchester has supported a public library since 1854, and I am thankful to be a part of the history of this institution. Thank you to all of you who have stopped by, called, sent cards, and emailed to offer your congratulations. I am proud to be your Library Director.

FOUNDATION NEWS

Over the summer, the library's foundation board created a planning committee. The committee met numerous times to consider different methods of fund raising. They suggested the board de-

velop a telephone soliciting campaign, which was held on Wednesday, November 30th, in place of a second mailing. They also suggested the board develop a program of planned giving.

WINTER MYSTERY READS

As the winter months approach, many of us hunker down for some reading once all the holidays are past. There are many authors who have written series in which a character returns again and again to solve a mystery. Many of these series allow us, the reader, to visit with a character as if they are a friend. In the coming months give the following authors a try:

- **Jane Cleland** and the Josie Prescott Mysteries are set in the seacoast of New Hampshire. Josie is introduced in *Cosigned to Death*.
- **Leslie Meier** and the Lucy Stone Mysteries are set in Maine. The first book in the series is *Mistletoe Murder*.

- **Diane Mott Davidson** and the Goldy Bear Mysteries are set in Colorado, and include yummy recipes. Goldy's first adventure is *Dying for Chocolate*.

- **Dorothy Howell** and the Haley Randolph Mysteries are set in California with a focus on designer handbags. You should start with *Handbags and Homicide*.

- **Donna Andrews** and the Meg Lanslow Mysteries are set in rural Virginia. Meg and her hysterical family can be met in *Murder, with Peacocks*.

- **Brendan DuBois** and the Lewis Cole Mysteries are also set in New Hampshire. Begin by the series by reading *Dead Sand*.

DID YOU EVER WONDER WHERE FRANK P. GOT ALL HIS MONEY?

He gave the Carpenter Memorial Building to the City of Manchester, dedicated to his wife, Eleanora Blood Carpenter, to be used as a public library. He was involved in the building of the Manchester Historic Association, the former U. S. Post Office Building at Hanover and Chestnut Streets, the YWCA building on Concord Street and the YMCA on Mechanic Street, the Carpenter Hotel, and Camp Carpenter, home of the Daniel Webster Council Boys Scouts of America. His home on Elm Street was

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given by his family to the Manchester Chapter of the American Red Cross. He also built the Manning House on Elm Street for his daughter, Mary Carpenter Manning, as a wedding present. Mary left the home to the Brookside Congregational Church.

Frank Pierce Carpenter was born in Chichester, NH, worked on his father's farm, and was schooled there and in Concord, NH. He later received two honorary degrees from Dartmouth. He came to Manchester and worked at a grain mill, but was interested in business. Later he became part owner of the Manchester Wholesale Flour and Grain Company, and bought the American Paper Company. Both businesses were successful.

He served on the Boards of many institutions in Manchester, including the Mechanics Savings Bank, Amoskeag Manufacturing Company, NH Fire Insurance Co., Manchester National Bank, Boston & Maine Railroad, and the Police Commission. He was also a Trustee of the Manchester City Library.

Politics were not his major concern, but he was known as the "Number One" resident of Manchester, a term sometimes referring to the mayor of the city. Taking inflation into account, he was a philanthropist and possibly the city's largest donor to date. Not your conventional "rags to riches" story, but Frank Carpenter probably did reach his American Dream. The evidence still stands in Manchester.

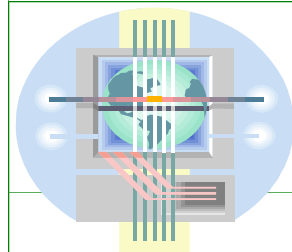


CHAD STORYBOOK BALL

The Manchester City Library was honored to take part in the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth's first annual Storybook Ball. The ball took place on Saturday, October 22nd at the Radisson in Manchester. Over 20 different companies around New Hampshire designed tables based on their favorite storybooks. We chose *Make Way for Ducklings* by Robert McCloskey, the 1942 Caldecott Award winner, be-

cause the story takes place in the historic Boston Gardens. Many of our patrons enjoy visiting the bronze statues of Mrs. Mallard and her ducklings featured in the book. The ball was such a success that CHaD has decided to make the event one of their annual fundraisers. We are already planning next year's table.

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MCL NOTES



ONLINE!

Go to our Website at
www.manchester.lib.nh.us

HOLIDAY DECORATING WITH JACQUES FLOWER SHOP

Thurs., Dec. 1st at 6:00 PM
Winchell Room

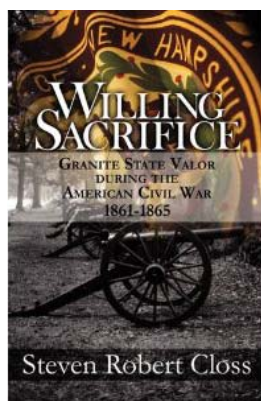
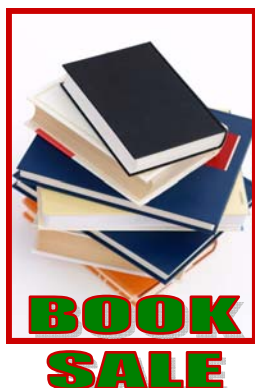
Just in time for the Holidays! Join Nancy Godbout and her daughter, Aimee Lindh, as they decorate for the holidays and show you how to make wreaths, roping, and many other crafts. Registration is required and seating is limited to 50 people. For more information, please contact Mary Gallant at 624-6550 ext. 311.

HOLIDAY MUSIC

Thurs., Dec. 15th at 1:00 PM
Rotunda

We are pleased welcome back harpist Lisa Washington Calvo. Ms. Calvo plays soothing yet uplifting holiday music right inside the library rotunda, and her performances have become an annual tradition here at the library. This event is free and open to the public.





\$5 BAG BOOK SALE

Sat., Jan. 28th from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM
Winchell Room

Our first book sale of the year! We have been restocking the Winchell Room shelves with donated materials and items weeded from the library collection. There are lots of fiction and nonfiction books to choose from, on so many topics. We will have many large print books (mostly fiction) available for this sale. In addition, we have books for children and young adults, VHS tapes, DVDs, audiobooks, LP 33 1/3 records, and other odds and ends. You just never know what you will find.

Bring your own bags to fill up with goodies on January 28th, for just \$5 per bag. We are still one of the best bargains in the city. If there are questions, please contact Eileen A. Reddy at eredy@manchesternh.gov or by phone at 624-6550 ext. 320

INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT WORD 2010

Tues., Jan. 31st at 2:30 PM
Winchell Room

Learn a marketable skill in 2012! Back by popular demand, we will learn the basics of Microsoft Word 2010. We will create and save a file, copy and paste,

set margins, and have fun with enhancements such as **bold**, *italic*, font size, and **font color**. Come join us for this relaxed, hands-on class. Space is limited. Sign up now by calling the Library at 624-6550 ext. 320.

LOCAL AUTHOR SERIES: STEVEN R. CLOSS

Tues., Jan. 31st at 7:00 PM
Winchell Room

Our series continues with Steven R. Closs, author of *Willing Sacrifice: Granite State Valor during the American Civil War 1861-1865*. Mr. Closs will discuss the contributions of the over 2,000 soldiers from New Hampshire who died in combat during that monumental war, and will give extra attention to the stories of the 157 soldiers from the city of Manchester.

Mr. Closs, a retired 24-year veteran of the Nashua Police Department, is a member of the Civil War Round Table of New Hampshire, the New Hampshire Historical Society, and the Merrimack Historical Society. He has been a student of the Civil War for over twenty years, and speaks at public schools, historical societies, and libraries throughout the state.

For more information, contact Steve Viggiano at sviggiano@manchesternh.gov, or call 624-6550.

LET'S GO FLY FISHING!

An Introduction to Fly Tying

Sat., Feb. 11th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Winchell Room

Jim Norton, NH Fishing Guide, and Stan Jodziewicz, certified "Let's Go Fishing" instructor, will cover the tools, mate-

rials, threads, and hooks required for fly tying; a hands-on session on the basic steps; and a full fly

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tying session with nymph, wet fly, streamer, and dry fly samples. Participants are encouraged to bring their own tools if they have them.

Registration is required. For more information, contact Steve Viggiano

at sviggiano@manchesternh.gov or 624-6550. The program is sponsored by the Merrimack River Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited, the NH Fish and Game Aquatic Education Program, and the Manchester City Library. Additional information is available at www.merrimacktu.org.



INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERNET

Tues., Feb. 14th at 2:30 PM
Winchell Room

Are you curious about the Internet? This class will talk about the basic terminology, how to navigate in the internet, how to search, some of the things to watch out for, and how to create an email address. During the class, laptops will be available for use. Space is limited. Sign up now by calling the Library at 624-6550 ext. 320.



WINTER MOVIES

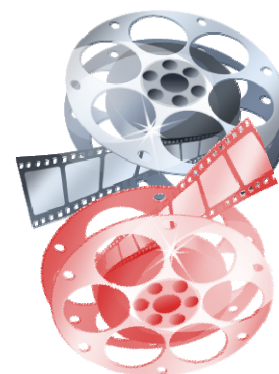
Tuesdays at 6:00 PM

Dec. 13 - *Thor* (PG-13)
Jan. 10 - *Pirates of the Caribbean on Stranger Tides* (PG-13)
Feb. 14 - *Time Traveler's Wife* (PG-13, book to film)

Wednesdays at 1:00 PM

Dec. 7 - *Pearl Harbor* (PG-13)
Dec. 14 - *Thor* (PG-13)
Dec. 21 - *Meet Me in St. Louis* (NR)
Dec. 28 - *Toy Story 3* (G, patron request)

Jan. 4 - *Music Never Stopped* (PG)
Jan. 11 - *Pirates of the Caribbean on Stranger Tides* (PG-13)
Jan. 18 - *Water World* (PG-13, patron request)
Jan. 25 - *Adjustment Bureau* (PG-13)
Feb. 1 - *The Conspirator* (PG-13)
Feb. 8 - *Rocky* (PG)
Feb. 15 - *The Pelican Brief* (PG-13)
Feb. 22 - *Back to the Future* (PG)
Feb. 29 - *African Cats* (G)



JUST DANCE

Thursdays, Dec. 1st, Jan. 5th, Feb. 2nd
4:00-5:00 PM, Winchell Room

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



WRITER'S CLUB

Thurs., Dec. 8th, 4:00-5:00 PM
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. We will focus on journaling during this session.





ANIME CLUB

Thursdays, Dec. 15th, Jan. 19th, Feb. 16th
4:00-5:00 PM, Winchell Room

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

Thursdays, Dec. 22nd, Jan. 26th, Feb. 23rd
4:00-5:00 PM, 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.

PLAY DATE NH

Thurs., Dec. 29th, 4:00-8:00 PM
Thursdays, Jan. 12th and Feb. 9th,
4:00-6:00 PM
Winchell Room

Ages 12 -18 are invited to learn and 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.

COLLEGE COST & FUNDING OPTIONS

Thurs., Jan. 19th at 7:00 PM
Auditorium

This seminar will address options for managing college costs, how to apply for financial aid and college funding options.

SUPER SMASH BROS: BRAWL

Tues., Feb. 28th, 1:30-3:30 PM
Winchell Room

Play Wii at the Library and participate in a Super Smash Bros Brawl tournament.

TEEN CRAFT

Wed., Feb. 29th, 4:00-5:00 PM
Winchell Room

Get in touch with your creative side! Come make a special craft.

HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD

Tues., Dec. 6th at 3:30 PM
Winchell Room

Have you ever wondered how other countries celebrate the holidays? Drop in as we explore holiday traditions and customs from several different countries through crafts and foods. For grades 1-6. Registration is required. For more information, call 624-6550 ext. 335.

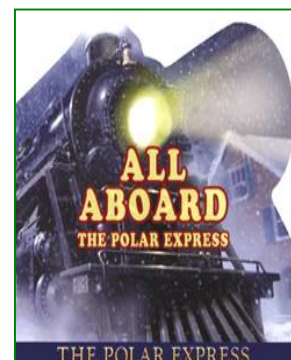


POLAR EXPRESS PARTY (PRESCHOOL)

Mon., Dec. 12th at 10:00 AM
Winchell Room

Listen closely and you just might hear the ringing bells of Santa's sleigh. Celebrate the holiday season with the story, games, and activities featuring this

popular children's book. Sip hot chocolate, make a holiday craft, and sing Christmas songs. For ages 2-5. Registration is required. For more information, call 624-6550 ext. 328.



POLAR EXPRESS PARTY (SCHOOL AGE)

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

All aboard for a magical trip to the North Pole for those who truly believe. We'll be taking off and you're not going to want to miss this one! Experience the magic of the season with the story, crafts and snacking fun. For grades K-5. Registration is required. For more information, call 624-6550 ext. 328.

NEW YEAR'S PARTY

Fri., Dec. 30th at 11:30 AM
Winchell Room

Let's celebrate the arrival of 2012 with a New Year's Party! We will ring in the New Year at the stroke of noon with noisemakers, balloons, and confetti. Children ages 1-7 are invited to this celebration. Registration is required. For more information, call 624-6550 ext. 335.

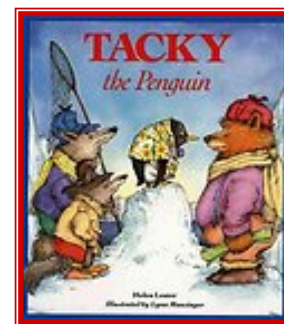


TACKY THE PENGUIN

Mon., Jan. 23rd at 10:00 AM
Winchell Room

Join us as we go on a wacky adventure! We will listen to stories, play games, and make a craft. Remember to come

dressed in your Tacky best! Parents, remember your cameras for this fun event! For ages 2-5. Registration is required. For more information, call 624-6550 ext. 335.



DIARY OF A WIMPY KID

Tues., Feb. 7th at 4:00 PM
Winchell Room

Boys don't keep diaries—or do they? Here's an unforgettable kid that every family can relate to. How about sharing the middle school hallways with kids who are taller,

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meaner, and already shaving? Join us for the laughs and fun of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*. For grades 3-5. Registration is required. For more information, call 624-6550 ext. 328.

VALENTINE'S FUN

Mon., Feb. 13th at 10:00 AM
Winchell Room

It's Valentine's Day, let's have a party! We will listen to stories, play games, and make a cute Valentine's craft.

Don't forget to wear red! Refreshments will be served. For ages 2-5. For more information, call 624-6550 ext. 335.

TRAVEL CLUB

Tuesdays at 4:00 PM
Winchell Room

Join us as we take a journey around the world. You will visit countries through stories, art, music, and food. Have your passport stamped as you travel along. Don't forget to write in your journals what you see, hear and taste. For grades K-5. Registration is recommended. For more information, call 624-6550 ext. 328. Here is a list of upcoming meeting dates:

Dec. 27th – Germany
Jan. 24th – Canada
Feb. 28th – China

CHILDREN'S ART CLUB

Tuesdays, Jan. 17th and Feb. 21st
4:00 PM, Winchell Room

Join us once a month to make different crafts that will teach you the basics of drawing, painting, and other creative fun. For grades K-5. Registration is recommended. For more information, call 624-6550 ext. 335.

WINTER STORYTIME SESSION

Jan. 17th through Mar. 9th

- 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, ages 0-23 months

CELEBRATE WINTER BREAK AT THE LIBRARY

Calling all young artists! Join us at **Little Artists Storytime** on Monday, February 27th at 11:00 AM in the Winchell Room. We will listen to creative stories and

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make a cool project for you to take home. For ages 3-7. Registration is required. For more information, call Amy at 624-6550 ext. 345.

On Monday, February 27th at 2:00 PM, we will be hosting a **Family Movie Afternoon** in the auditorium. All ages are welcome.

On Tuesday, February 28th, Magician **BJ Hickman** will perform a show featuring clever deceptions, mind reading miracles, and non-stop action-packed magical fun and silly surprises. All ages are welcome. Registration is not required. For more information, call Karyn at 624-6550 ext. 335.

On Friday, March 3rd at 2:30 PM in the Winchell Room will be playing **Life Size Trivial Pursuit**. Answer questions on children's entertainment, fiction, fairy tales, picture books, and nonfiction to gain pie pieces. The team with the most pie pieces wins! For grades K-8. Registration recommended. For more information, call Karyn at 624-6550 ext. 335.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to **MOMS of Manchester** for their donation of a bubble machine for our Lap-sit Storytime.



CHILDREN'S STORYTIME

Every Thursday at 10:00 AM

All ages welcome – just drop in for a good story and a fun craft. No registration required.

MOVIES

Every Friday at 3:00 PM

See a movie that was recently released on DVD on our big screen. December's schedule follows; for January & February check the calendar on our website or call 624-6460.

Dec. 2 - *Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides* (PG-13)
Dec. 9 - *Spy Kids 4* (PG)
Dec. 16 - *Mr. Popper's Penguins* (PG)
Dec. 23 - *Kung Fu Panda 2* (PG)
Dec. 30 - *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 2* (PG-13)

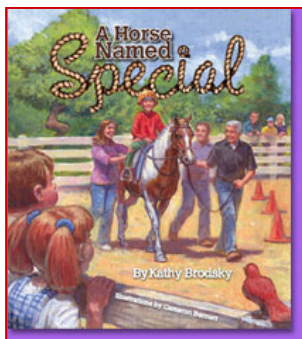


LEGO CLUB

Thursdays, Dec. 29th, Jan 26th, Feb. 29th at 4:00 PM

Children of all ages can make whatever they can imagine with LEGOS supplied by the Library.





JUST DANCE

**Thursdays, Dec. 15th, Jan. 19th, Feb. 16th
3:30 PM**

Teens grades 6-12 can show off their dance moves with this great music and rhythm video game for the Wii. Don't know how to dance? This game is still a lot of fun for novice and experienced dancers alike.



KNITTING CLUB

Every Friday at 11:00 AM

Just drop in to join others interested in needlecraft. Get help with your latest project or show others a special skill. Sponsored by the Friends of the West Manchester Library.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The West Manchester Library has a dynamic book discussion group made up of people who like to read and talk about books. This group meets on an irregular basis – call West at 624-6560 to find out when the next meeting is and what book will be discussed.

ANIME: THE CULTURE OF JAPANESE ANIMATION

Wed., Dec. 7th at 7:00 PM

Jonathan Beaudette will bring us a brief introduction to the history and culture of Japanese Animation, more commonly known as anime. Jonathan is a recent graduate of St. Michael's College in Vermont who holds a BA in Business Administration and East Asian Studies. His interest in all Anime and Japanese culture started early with Godzilla and

Ultra-Man as a toddler. He has been studying the Japanese language since high school and his junior year was spent living in Tokyo for a full two semesters attending Musashi University. Jonathan will be bringing some of his anime collection as well as other items he has picked up in his travels. All ages are welcome, as there is separate anime designed for kids and adults.

TACKY THE PENGUIN PARTY

Wed., Dec. 14th at 6:30 PM

Tacky the Penguin does things with style and marches to the beat of his own drummer. Things in Nice Icy Land come alive with Tacky and his companions. Celebrate his eccentricity with stories, games and really cool snacks.

A VISIT WITH CHILDREN'S AUTHOR KATHY BRODSKY

Wed., Dec. 21st at 6:00 PM

Children's author Kathy Brodsky will read and sign her new children's book, *A Horse Named Special*.

MAKE AND TAKE HOLIDAY CRAFTS

Dec. 21st-23rd

Children can come in anytime to make something that might make a great gift for someone in the family.



MAKE AND TAKE VALENTINE'S DAY CRAFTS

Feb. 8th-10th

Children can come in anytime to make something for a loved one for Valentine's Day.



FEBRUARY VACATION PROGRAM: ANDREW PINARD

Thurs., Mar. 1st at 2:00 PM

Andrew Pinard will present his Old Tyme Magic Show at the Senior Center. Please enter through the West Library.



Holiday Wishes

We wish everyone a
Happy Holiday Season!

