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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Well it is officially soon to be winter when you wake up to the first frost of the season! Everything is sparkling outside today as I write with the end of 2022 in sight.

We have been having a busy fall at the library with many new members joining the library community and attendance at programs continuing to be high. It is also nice to see the meeting rooms being used by community groups again! Library staff continue to do an amazing job with their ideas for programs, displays and take home crafts.



Once again this newsletter is full of activities and programs for everyone for the upcoming winter months. I am especially looking forward to the program on cats in December. My husband and I adopted a bonded pair of sisters in early 2022 and they are some of the most interesting cats we have ever shared our home with!

I also want to thank our Library Foundation for running another successful Libations Toss to raise funds for the libraries! I especially appreciate all the organizations that provided sponsorships and made libation donations to the event. A new water fountain (sorry I am not a native New Englander!) and bottle filler has been installed at the main library courtesy of the Foundation's fundraising efforts. I also want to welcome new Foundation Directors Jason DeYoung, Laura Raymond and Caroline Miller.

We look forward to seeing all of you around the library buildings or online at programs over the next few months! From all of us at the library we wish you a safe and happy winter season!

Happy New Year!

Denise van Zanten
Library Director



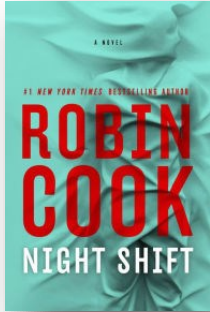
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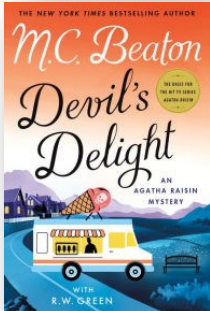
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NEW FICTION COMING SOON!

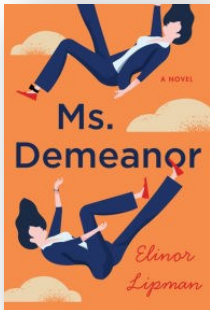
Here's a sneak peek at some of the new fiction coming out over the next few months. It's not too early to get yourself on the waiting list for these hot titles:



- Cook, Robin – Night shift
Colleagues-turned-spouses Dr. Laurie Montgomery and Dr. Jack Stapleton already have their plates full with crazy work schedules and family pressures. The last thing they need is a murder. But when Laurie's longtime friend dies mysteriously and Laurie asks Jack to take special care with the case, he can hardly refuse. Due out December 6.



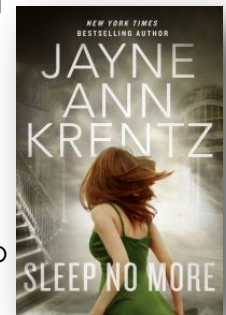
- Beaton, M.C. – Devil's delight
Toni and Agatha are in the car on their way to Officer Bill Wong's long-awaited wedding when, much to their shock, a naked young man busts through a hedge, claiming to have seen a dead body. When they reach the spot, the body is gone. And when another disappearance occurs, it's up to them to put together the pieces. Due out December 13.



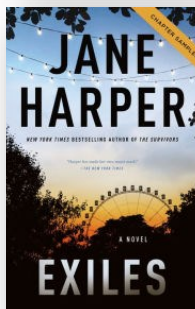
- Lipman, Elinor – Ms. Demeanor
When a neighbor's complaint about consensual al fresco sex turns into house arrest and a suspended legal license, Jane's recipe for survival includes cooking for another home-arrested tenant (could this be a match made in confinement?) while trying to figure out the whys and hows of her mysterious accuser. Due out December 27.



- Krentz, Jayne Ann – Sleep no more
Seven months ago, Pallas Llewellyn, Talia March and Amelia Rivers were strangers; now they are friends with a common goal: to find out exactly what happened to them that fateful night, because none of them can remember. Due out January 3.



- Elliott, Kate – The keeper's six
It's been a year since Esther set foot in the Beyond, the alien landscape stretching between worlds, crossing boundaries of space and time. But when she wakes in the middle of the night to her grown son's cry for help, Esther will risk everything to find him. Due out January 17.

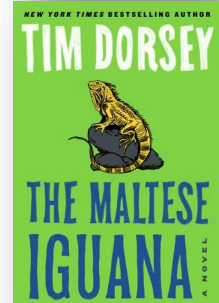
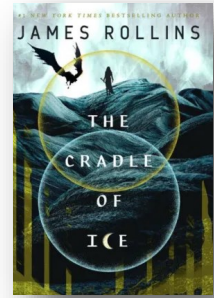


- Harper, Jane – Exiles
Federal Investigator Aaron Falk is on his way to a small town deep in Southern Australia wine country for the christening of an old friend's baby. But mystery follows, him, even on vacation. Due out January 31.

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- Rollins, James – The cradle of ice
To stop the coming apocalypse, a fellowship was formed – a soldier, a thief, a lost prince and a young girl, bonded by fate and looming disaster. Now, they must split, traveling into a vast region of ice to a sprawling capital of a world they've only known in stories. Time is running out and only the truth will save us. Due out February 7.
- Berry, Steve – The last kingdom
Cotton Malone is in a race across Bavaria for clues to the lost kingdom of King Ludwig II, the mad king that died in 1886 – land that Germany, China and the United States all want, for vastly different reasons. Due out February 21.
- Dorsey, Tim – The Maltese iguana
After a long and arduous COVID-19 quarantine, Serge A. Storms is fully vaccinated and ready to hit the road. Along with his condo neighbors, he cooks up a wild plan to celebrate in true Serge fashion: every week they rent a shuttle van and head for funky Florida road trips and some serious revelry. Due out February 28.



ADULT PROGRAMMING

Signing up: To sign up for any of the following programs, you can use the links provided with the program description, or visit www.manchesterlibrary.org and click on "Upcoming Events" to view the library calendar. You can also call us at 603-624-6550 x7620.

Signing up lets us know how many people to expect for a program, allows us to send you any handouts, follow-up emails with a program recording (if being recorded), and notify you of any unexpected changes. We'll send you reminder emails, as well as any zoom links for the program.



LIBRARY CHALLENGES!

What is your Name Around the World?

Monday, February 13-Friday, February 24

Find out what your name is in several languages as well as American Sign Language. See the information desk or check out our website or social media for the handout sheet on how to participate. Complete the hand-out sheet and turn it in to the information desk or email it to the library at library@manchesternh.gov to **win a prize!** Websites will be provided to help you find your name in the languages listed. Have fun learning about the fascinating ways different cultures name their kids! For questions, call Amy at 603-624-6550 x7620 or email ahanmer@manchesternh.gov





NYT CROSSWORD PUZZLES

Daily in the Reading Room

There are many reasons to enjoy crossword puzzles. They offer a chance to relax, keep your mind engaged, and just have fun! We are now offering daily crossword puzzles from the New York Times in the Library's Reading Room. Pick up a puzzle during our normal business hours and challenge yourself! Monday's puzzle is always the easiest, and they get harder as the week goes on. See how you do Monday to Sunday! Answers are also provided, if you want to see how you did!



STICK TOGETHER COMMUNITY ART STICKER PUZZLES

Daily in the Rotunda December - February

Stop by the Information Desk and build a mosaic masterpiece! Pick up some stickers from the Information Desk once per day

and join the community in creating some art. This is perfect if you enjoy meditative coloring, diamond painting, or paint-by-number kits! There will be a new picture each month!



ADULT DIY

These craft kits are for adults only and are available for pickup at the Information Desk while supplies last! Due to limited supplies, kits cannot be reserved and are available on a first-come-first-served basis.

BIG DIPPER FELT ORNAMENTS

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

For December's take & make craft we will be looking to the North Star and the Big Dipper for inspiration. The Big and the Little Dipper constellations are very familiar stary companions to us all. And as winter stars shine brilliantly in the night sky, they are most welcome friends during the long dark nights. Bring a bit of that starlight and magic into your

home this winter by making these Big Dipper felt ornaments. These kits come with the materials needed to make one bear. These kits will be available on Tuesday, December 13th at the Information Desk in the library rotunda while supplies last. For more information, please contact Yvonne L. at yloomis@manchesternh.gov or at 603-624-6550 ext. 3319.



VISION BOARDS

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

Manifest your goals for 2023 with a vision board! One helpful way to achieve your New Year goals is to create a visual representation of your goals. Vision boards include helpful images and text that represent something you're trying to accomplish. These helpful tools can motivate, focus, and serve as a reminder that you need to put in the work to make your goals happen! Stop by the library to pick up a kit with everything you need to start your vision board!

These motivating kits will be available starting January 10, 2023. These kits are for adults only and are available while supplies last. For more information, call Sue Harmon at 603-624-6550 x 7620 or email sharmon@manchesternh.gov.

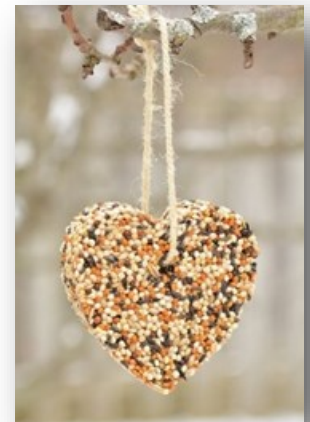


COOKIE CUTTER BIRDFEEDER TREATS

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

Did you know that February is National Bird Feeding Month? This is a chance for bird feeding, bird watching, and for anyone who is feeling in the spirit to extend a helping hand (or wing) to our flying friends. So spread your wings

this February! Take part in National Bird Feeding Month with us because this month we're making cookie cutter birdfeeder treats for our feathered friends. For more information please contact Yvonne L. at 603-624-6550 ext. 7619 or e-mail yloomis@manchesternh.gov.



LIBRARY BOOK SALE

**Saturday, February 4th.
10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.**

The book sale will take place in the Winchell Room on the lower level of the library on Pine Street.

Just bring empty **average size grocery bags** (cloth or paper) and fill them up with books, musical CDs, audiobook CDs and DVDs. As you exit the sales area, you pay \$10 per bag.

Visit www.manchesterlibrary.org and click on "Upcoming Events" to view the library calendar for more information. You can also call us at 603-624-6550 x7620.



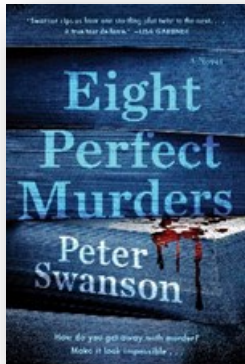
ADULT BOOK CLUBS



Thursday Evening Book Club

Do you like talking about books as much you enjoy reading them? Why not join our monthly book club! We meet on the second Thursday of the month, September through June, and you can attend either in person or via Zoom. Selections include fiction, nonfiction and biographies, both recent and classic. We're selecting titles for our next series starting in the fall.

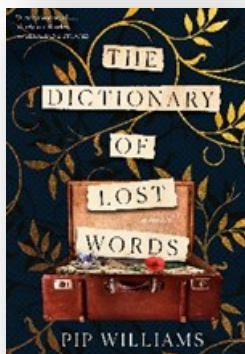
For more information, or to make a recommendation, contact Steve Viggiano at sviggiano@manchesternh.gov. Call (603) 624-6550 x 7620 to reserve a print copy of the book.



Thursday, December 8, 2022, 7-9PM

***Eight Perfect Murders*, by Peter Swanson**

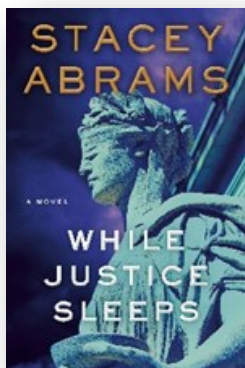
Years after establishing a literary career through his compilation of the mystery genre's unsolvable classics, an unsuspecting bookseller is tapped by the FBI for help solving murders that eerily mimic the books on his list.



Thursday, January 12, 2023, 7-9PM

***The Dictionary of Lost Words*, by Pip Williams.**

As a team of male scholars compiles the first Oxford English Dictionary, one of their daughters decides to collect the "objectionable" words they omit.



Thursday, February 9, 2023, 7-9PM

***While Justice Sleeps: A Novel*, by Stacy Abrahams.**

Plunged into an explosive role she never anticipated, Avery Keene, now the legal guardian of power of attorney for the legendary Justice Howard Wynn, must unravel the clues he left behind in regards to a dangerous conspiracy that has infiltrated the highest power corridors of Washington.

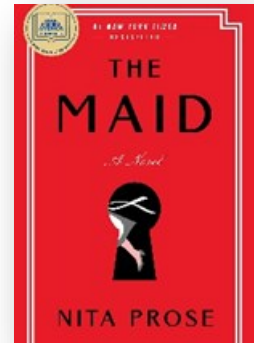
Brown Bag Book Club

The Brown Bag Book Club meets on the last Tuesday of each month from 12:15-1:30 in the Hunt Room. For more information, call the Information Desk at 603-624-6550 x7619.

Tuesday, December 27, 2022 12:15-1:30

***The Maid: A Novel*, by Nita Prose**

A heartwarming mystery with a lovable oddball in charge. Molly's job at the Regency Hotel is a perfect fit until a wealthy guest is found dead in his suite and Molly learns that she is the prime suspect.



Tuesday, January 31, 2023 12:15-1:30

***The House at Riverton: A Novel*, by Kate Morton.**

The time: England between the wars. An aristocratic family, a house, a mysterious death, and a way of life that is vanishing forever. Told in flashbacks by a woman who witnessed it all and kept a secret for decades.



Tuesday, February 28, 2023 12:15-1:30

***The Reading List: A Novel*, by Sarah Nisha Adams**

A bored teenager working at the library for the summer finds a list of novels in a library book and shares it with an older patron. This simple exchange forges an unexpected bond between the two.



WRITER'S GROUP | [Sign Up Here!](#)

Wednesdays in the Hunt Room at 6:30 PM

December 21 | January 18 | February 15

Join the Manchester City Library on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm for our new writers group! Meet with other writers and discuss what you're writing, critique others work, and give feedback. This group is open to writers of all abilities and ages. For questions, call Tess at 603-624-6550 ext. 7620 or email tkimsey@manchesternh.gov.





REMEMBERING TOGETHER | [SIGN UP HERE!](#)

Mondays at the Senior Center or on Zoom, 10:30 AM
December 12 & 19 | January 9 & 20 | February 13

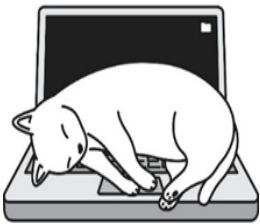
Our lives are made up of stories. The Remembering Together program offers seniors a unique opportunity to share with one another some of their memorable life stories. These stories are often a source of encouragement, mutual appreciation, perspective, and a sense of connection. Of course, there are also times when a story gives everyone a good laugh. Attend In-Person or Virtually via Zoom! For questions, call Susan Harmon at 603-624-6550 x7620 or email sharmon@manchesternh.gov



DECODING THE MYSTERIES OF CATS | [SIGN UP HERE!](#)

Tuesday, December 13, 6:30-7:30PM
On Zoom

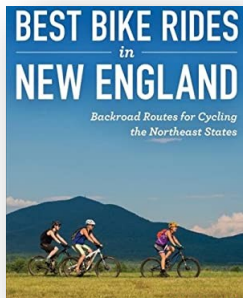
In conjunction with the Hooksett Public Library, Wadleigh Memorial Library, Goffstown Public Library, and Rogers Memorial Library, the Manchester City Library welcomes you to join is via Zoom for a program on cat behavior with animal behaviorist Stephen Quandt. Stephen Quandt is the feline behavior coordinator at the Animal Care Centers of NYC, and previously worked with the ASPCA. Join us for a 30-minute webinar on cat behavior, followed by a half hour of Q&A with participants. For questions, call Tess Kimsey at 603-624-6550 x7620 or email tkimsey@manchesternh.gov.



BEST BIKE RIDES OF NEW ENGLAND | [SIGN UP HERE!](#)

Wednesday, December 14, 7-8PM
On Zoom

In conjunction with the Tewksbury Public Library, join us for a virtual presentation by author David Sobel on his new book, *Best Bike Rides in New England*. Sobel will reveal some of his favorite rides, discuss the variables he uses when designing a ride, explain how to design rides using online tools like "Map My Ride" or "Strava," advocate for incorporating bike riding 3-5 times a week into your personal wellness goals, and suggest a great ride in or around your community. For questions, call Tess Kimsey at 603-624-6550 x7620 or email tkimsey@manchesternh.gov



HARPIST**LISA
WASHINGTON
CALVO****Friday, December 16, 2022
1:30-3:30****Live in the Library Rotunda**

Join us for a live performance of seasonal music by [Harpist Lisa Washington Calvo](#) in the library rotunda for the Holiday Season. Lisa has performed for countless professional freelance engagements in the New England area. Please stop in and enjoy her beautiful music.


**TANGLED LIVES: NATIVE PEOPLE AND ENGLISH
SETTLERS IN COLONIAL NEW ENGLAND | [SIGN UP HERE!](#)**
**Wednesday, January 4th at 6:30pm
Live in the Library Auditorium**

Tangled Lives blends and juxtaposes material from Abenaki and English tradition, tracing some of the intertwined threads in the relationships between English settlers and Native peoples as they struggled to control the Abenaki land of northern New England – land to which each group felt entitled, land on which different cultures clashed, mingled, and merged. Exploring questions of responsibility and justice, the stories reveal the way English and Native people in this region saw one another as defenders and trespassers, pursuers and refugees, relatives and aliens, kind neighbors and ruthless destroyers. For questions, call Caitlin at 603-624-6550 x7620 or email cdionne@manchesternh.gov. This program is brought to you by the New Hampshire Humanities Council.


**SECRET STORIES BEHIND THE WORLD'S MOST
ICONIC PAINTINGS-PART II | [SIGN UP HERE!](#)**
**Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 7:00 PM
On Zoom**

From American Gothic to Whistler's Mother to Nighthawks, there are some images that are so ubiquitous in our culture that we have stopped looking at them closely. This program delves into these iconic works and shares the secret stories behind their creation and reception. Join the Manchester City Library on January 19, from 7-8 pm via Zoom for the highly-requested Part 2 of Jane Oneail's Secret Stories program! If you missed part 1, you can watch the [recording](#). Image: Grant Wood. American Gothic, 1930. Art Institute of Chicago. For questions, call Sue Harmon at 603-624-6550 x7620 or email sharmon@manchesternh.gov





THE HISTORY OF AMERICA'S KITCHENS

| [SIGN UP HERE!](#)

Monday, February 6, 2023

On Zoom

From the colonial period to the present, the kitchen has been a source of nourishment and comfort. The way Americans have lived with their kitchens has changed dramatically over the course of three centuries. Historic New England curator Nancy Carlisle will discuss how the American kitchen has evolved from the seventeenth-century to the present. Drawing on her book *America's Kitchens*, co-authored with Melinda Narardinov, Ms. Carlisle will discuss the technological and social changes that have taken place in this room and suggest how these innovations have transformed kitchen work and changed women's lives. For questions, call Caitlin or Yvonne at 603-624-6550 x7620 or email library@manchesternh.gov.



RESILIENT RAPTORS: SECURING THE BALD EAGLE'S CONTINUED RECOVERY

Dates and time TBD: [Check the Calendar!](#)



Bald Eagles across the continental U.S. were decimated by DDT, an environmental contaminant that impacted egg hatchability beginning in the 1940s. By the 1960's, these raptors were greatly diminished and rarely seen, and only around 400 pairs were known to breed in the entire Lower 48 states. Bald Eagles were among the first animals placed on federal and state Endangered Species lists in the 1970's. Even after being taken off the NH Endangered and Threatened List in March 2017, threats to the health of the eagle population remain, and continued monitoring and management helps to ensure the population's ongoing recovery in the Granite State.

Starting in January, and running monthly through May, you are invited to learn about these iconic raptors and follow real-time Bald Eagle development via public YouTube channels that broadcast various nest sites across the country. Learn about the history of the Bald Eagle's endangerment and the challenges that they face, their life-cycle, and what you can do to aid in the species' continued recovery. For questions, call Susan Harmon at 603-624-6550 x7620 or email sharmon@manchesternh.gov



TEEN PROGRAMS

DECEMBER:

Teen Wednesday Drop-in

Wednesdays: 12/7, 12/14, and 12/21

3:00 – 4:30 pm

Winchell Room

Each Wednesday, come hang out in the Winchell Room after school. We'll have snacks, arts and craft supplies, and games. No registration necessary. For teens in grades 6 - 12.



TEEN SOCK PENGUINS

Friday, 12/16

3:30 – 4:30

Winchell Room

Join us in the Winchell Room to make an adorable no-sew sock penguin! All supplies will be provided. Registration requested by not required. For teens in grades 6 - 12



TEEN MOVIE!

Thursday, December 29, 2022

2:00pm – 4:00pm

Auditorium

Join us over winter vacation for teen movie in the auditorium. Popcorn and snacks will be served! Registration requested but not required. For teens in grades 6 – 12.



JANUARY

Teen Thursdays

Thursdays: 1/5, 1/12, 1/19 & 1/26

3:00 – 4:30 pm

Winchell Room

Winchell Room after school. We'll have snacks, Nintendo Switch, arts and craft supplies, and other games. No registration necessary. For teens in grades 6 - 12.

Every Thursday, come hang out in the





TEEN MOVIE & PIZZA NIGHT

Wednesday: 1/25

5:30 – 7:30 pm

Auditorium

Come for a movie and pizza in the auditorium, where we'll watch a teen movie on the big screen. Please note the movie will be rated PG-13. Registration requested by not required. For teens in grades 6 – 12.



FEBRUARY

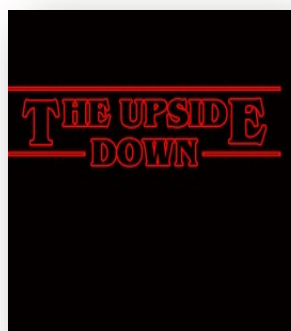
Teen Thursdays

Thursdays: 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, & 2/23

3:00 – 4:30 pm

Winchell Room

Every Thursday, come hang out in the Winchell Room after school. We'll have snacks, Nintendo Switch, arts and craft supplies, and other games. No registration necessary. For teens in grades 6 - 12.



TEEN ESCAPE ROOM: ESCAPE FROM THE UPSIDE DOWN

Thursday: 2/9

3:30 – 4:30

Winchell Room

Join us for a special Stranger Things Escape Room during our regular Teen Drop-in time. You'll have an hour to escape by cracking codes, solving puzzles, and following clues. Snacks will be served! For teens in grades 6 – 12.



TEEN MOVIE & PIZZA NIGHT

Tuesday: 2/28

5:30 – 7:30 pm

Auditorium

Come for a movie and pizza in the auditorium, where we'll watch a teen movie on the big screen. Please note the movie will be rated PG-13. Registration requested by not required. For teens in grades 6 – 12.



TEEN & TWEEN GAMING AFTERNOON

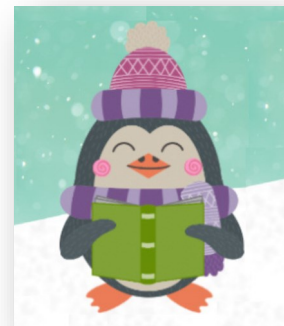
Wednesday: 3/1
1:00 – 4:00 pm
Winchell Room

Drop in for some friendly competition with the library's new Nintendo Switch. We'll have a variety of games available. For Teens and Tweens in grades 4 – 12.



TEEN WINTER READING CHALLENGE 2023

Participate in the 2023 Teen Winter Reading Challenge! From January through March you can earn points from reading and attending Teen programs to win prize coupons and a free Young Adult book of your choice. Register online with [READsquared](http://manchesternh.readsquared.com/) and stop in the library to pick up your registration packet. <http://manchesternh.readsquared.com/>



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

DECEMBER STORYTIMES

Beginning the week of November 28th, our December storytimes will begin. This session will run for three weeks until December 18th. **Family Storytimes** for 2-5 years old will meet Thursday mornings at 10:00 & 11:00 am. These are drop in sessions. Please attend only one session each week which so everyone can attend this very popular program. All sessions are held in the Winchell Room. And for our youngest patrons, 6-23 months, **Lap-sit storytime** will be on Friday mornings at 10:00 am in the Winchell Room or the Children's Room play area. This is also a drop in program. please call 624-6550 ext. 7628.



WINTER STORYTIMES

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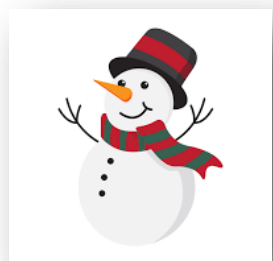


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LET'S CELEBRATE NEW YEAR'S EVE!

Ms. Karyn has put together New Year's Party kits for you to have your own celebration at home. Each kit is in a brown paper bag that has a noise marker, a party hat, bubble wrap and a bag of confetti inside. They will be available for pick up beginning on Monday, December 19th. There is a limited supply; be sure to grab your kit as soon as they are available. Happy New Year!



WINTER WONDERLAND PARTY

Wednesday, December 14, 2022, 10:00 am. Winchell room

Join Ms. Karyn as we a winter journey through stories, games and crafts. We will play pin the nose on the snowman; make a paper gingerbread person and paint the snow, if there is some on the ground. For ages 2-5 years old. Registration is recommended. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.



TRAIN PARTY

Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 10:00 am Winchell Room

All aboard for this train adventure on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 beginning at 10:00 am in the Winchell Room. Come listen to your favorite train stories, dance to *I Was Working on the Railroad*, play train games and make a simple craft. This program is for children 2 to 5 years old. Registration is recommended to make we have enough material for everyone. For more information, please call 624-6550 ext. 7628.

VALENTINE'S DAY FUN

Tuesday, February 14, 2023, 10:00 am Winchell Room

It is Valentine's Day! Let's have a party! On Tuesday, February 14 at 10:00 am in the Winchell Room, treat your little sweeties to some heartfelt merrymaking with stories, games, crafts and yummy treats. Refreshments will be served. Children ages 2-5 years old are invited to join in the fun. Registration is recommended to make sure that we have enough supplies for everyone. For more information, please call 624-6550 ext. 7628



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LEGO LEAGUE JR.

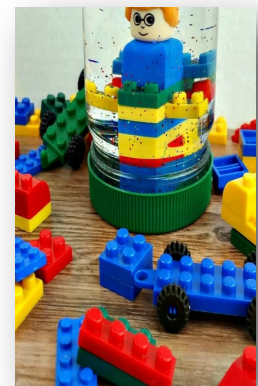
Join Ms. Karyn on Wednesdays, January 25 & March 1st for this fun program for ages 3-5 years. You will work in a team to build BOOMTOWN theme park using STEAM activities in science, technology, engineering, art and math in a playful, fun way. We will meet once a month in Winchell room 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Registration is required. For more information, please call 624-6550 ext. 7628.



WEST MANCHESTER BRANCH LEGOS & CRAFT AFTERNOON

**Thursdays, December 15, 2022; January 19, 2023; February 16, 2023
3:00-4:30 pm, Meeting Room**

Kids in grades K-5 are invite to join Ms. Rose for a fun afternoon of Legos and crafts. You can create a Lego masterpiece that will be displayed in the library. Also each month, there will be a fun craft to make using different craft materials. You will be making crafts that will bend, jump, make sound or are from recyclable materials that be taken home to enjoy. For more information, please call 603-624-6560.



LEGO AFTERNOONS

Friday, December 9, 2022

Wednesdays, January 11 & February 8, 2023

3:00-4:30 pm, Winchell Room

Once a month, come build with the 10,000 Lego pieces that have been donated by Lego System. This is a drop in session, no registration is required. This program is for ages 3-12 years old. For more information, please call 624-6550 ext. 7628



CREATIVE DAY – GINGERBREAD HOUSES

Wednesday, December 28, 2022

1:00 – 4:00 pm, Winchell Room

Gingerbread Earthquake! – Do you have what it takes to be a Gingerbread architect? Drop in from 1:00 to 4:00 pm to construct a gingerbread house, then test it on our earthquake simulator platform to see what magnitude of earthquake you have built it to survive! While celebrating your success or figuring out better ways to build, check out our gingerbread-theme activities! This program is for grade 1-6. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.



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CREATIVE DAY – RETRO GAMES & PIXEL ART WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2023

1:00-4:00, Winchell Room

Come and enjoy the day off with familiar games in new ways as we play some life-sized, live action retro games and game inspired activities! Also, Pixel Art Crafts – a style used in older (and some newer) video games. This program is for grades 1-6. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.

ELEMENTARY EXPERIMENTS

1st & 3rd Tuesdays – 3:30 pm Facebook & YouTube

4th or 5th Tuesday – 3:30 pm Winchell Room

In Elementary Experiments anyone grades 1-6 can join us for activities and crafts with a STEAM focus (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math). On the 1st and 3rd Tuesday we will post videos on Facebook and YouTube to accommodate busy school schedules. Then, on the last Tuesday of the month at 3:30 pm we will do all of that month's posted activities and crafts in person! Please register on our website or call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628 so we make sure to have enough supplies for everyone!

Dates for Sessions on Facebook & YouTube – Tuesdays, December 6 & 20th, January 3rd & 17th, 2023; February 7 & 21, 2023

Dates for In-Person/Winchell Room – Tuesdays, December 27; January 31st; February 28th

WINTER READING PROGRAM

Readers of all ages will explore fun and exciting events this winter as Manchester City Library presents winter reading program for ages 5-12 years. It will begin from Tuesday, January 3, 2023 to Saturday, April 1, 2023. We will be using an online program, READsquared to register, track your reading by entering minutes, earn badges and win prizes. You can register for an individual account or a family account at manchesternh.readsquared.com. Once you are registered, stop a Reference Desk to pick up your Winter Reading packet. In the packet, you will find a reading game board, reading logs, program list and a list of winter challenges.

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1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Don't forget we are offering a reading program for our youngest readers. Through READsquared, parents can register their children ages 1-4 for our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten. You will create an account where you can enter the number of books they read, listen to storytimes, or use the several booklists that the staff have put together. Once registered, don't forget to pick up your reading bag. Kids will earn little prizes as they read towards their goal of 1,000 books before Kindergarten.



CELEBRATE WINTER BREAK AT THE LIBRARY! WINTEREEST

- **On Monday, February 27, 2023**, come play **Super Hero Bingo** beginning at 10:00 in the Winchell. Win prizes from our bingo Treasure Chest. Space is limited. Families are welcome. Please call 624-6550 ext. 7628.
- **On Tuesday, February 28, 2023**, come to our **Messy Art Morning** in the Manchester City Library Winchell room from 10:00-11:00 am. We will have fun while creating something messy. For ages 2-7 years. Registration is required. For more information, please call 624-6550 ext. 7628.
- **On Tuesday, February 28, 2023**, we will have our next in-person Elementary Experiments from 3:30-4:30 pm at the Manchester City Library Winchell Room. Grades 1-6 are welcome. For more information, please call 624-6550 ext. 7628.
- **On Tuesday, February 28, 2023**, Grades 6-12 are invited to our next **Movie/Pizza night** from 3:30-5:30 pm at the Manchester City Library, Auditorium. For more information, please call 624-6550 ext. 7628.
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The American Library Association Freedom to Read Statement

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