

# MCL Notes

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## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

A few years ago I wrote about a colleague who asked me what I did for a living and I explained my role as a library director. My response at that time, I am happy to say, has stood the test of time, as I discussed with them what tasks have allowed our community members to have a library that provides what they need, whether it's research, a movie to watch with their family or a cookbook to help dress up the usual holiday meals. Reflecting back so many years later has made me appreciate all those who helped me become a better librarian and leader. I have been fortunate to have had support of our staff, our Trustees, my colleagues from around the region, fellow city employees, fellow Department Heads, Mayors and Aldermen and most of all the many members of the community I have gotten to know over the years!

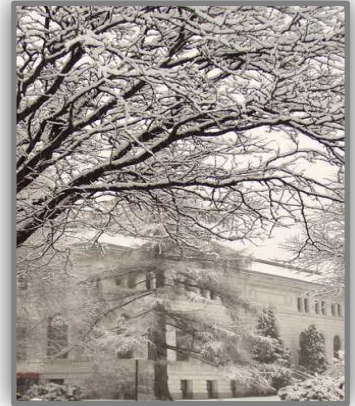
During the past decade I have also had the fun of overseeing large renovation projects to improve the physical plant of our library buildings. Yes, I think renovations, especially when I get to work with the wonderful staff at our City's Facilities Division are fun! We have worked together to renovate our branch after a massive flood, replaced outdated carpeting at the main library, installed more historically appropriate tile in our Rotunda, replaced outdated restrooms, and created a warm and welcoming oasis for families in our youth services area. And I have had the pleasure of leading a dedicated and supportive staff that believes in customer service, in providing resources to all ages and maintaining access to information for all. More importantly I have seen the success of staff members, from being able to promote some into leadership roles here at MCL and taken pride in those that have left us to take on leadership roles elsewhere in the New Hampshire Library Community.

As we enter 2024 we will be undertaking yet more renovations at both buildings so stay tuned for the details of the Lead Paint Abatement and Restoration work at the Main Library and the creation of a new public Makerspace area at the branch. There will be some disruptions but I promise it will be worth it!

Thank you for your continued support of the library staff and we hope you all have a safe Holiday Season and may the New Year be a healthy one for all of us!

Warm regards,

Denise M. van Zanten  
Library Director



Manchester City Library

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The 2023 Art & Poetry Challenge exhibit of the Racial Unity Team will be on display at the Manchester City Library for the month of January, the current theme "Untold Stories - A hidden past, an inclusive future," encouraged submissions to uncover a rarely told story and express them in a poem or artwork. Entries were judged by a team of professionals in the visual and word arts world. The mission of New Hampshire's Racial Unity Team (RUT) is to advance relationships among people of different racial identities, increase understanding, and reduce racial bias in our communities. To learn more about the work of the Racial Unity Team and the Art and Poetry Challenge display visit their website <https://racialunityteam.com/art-and-poetry-challenge>.  
Opening ceremony TBA.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE LIBRARY'S TALKING BOOKS PROGRAM

The Talking Books Program exists to meet the reading needs and interests of New Hampshire residents who are physically unable to see, handle or process printed material comfortably.

The Talking Books program is one of many across the country that connects adults, teens, and children who cannot read traditional print materials to resources like braille books, digital audiobooks, descriptive videos, and Playaway Books. This program began in 1969 in New Hampshire circulating 500 books. As of today the program circulates more than 70,000 items to more than 2,000 residents of NH.



NH residents are eligible for this service if they experience temporary or long-term conditions which lead to low vision or blindness, or any disability which makes reading regular printed material difficult. Examples include: arthritis of hands & wrists, cataracts not ready for surgery, dyslexia, epilepsy, full body cast, head injuries, multiple sclerosis, and other physical problems.

The program works by sending patrons audio cartridges and the equipment needed to listen to them through the mail postage free. Patrons can request multiple books or magazines at once. Materials are then downloaded onto the audio cartridges and they are mailed out.

For those eligible for the Talking Books Program, there is also a mobile app which allows for instant download of these materials. The Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) is a web-based service that provides

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access to braille and talking books, magazines, and music scores you can access from your computer or smart device. There is no waiting for books to come in the mail and no due dates to return books.

Applications can be filled out or downloaded online through the NH State Library website. Click the link for the application and more information: <https://www.nhsl.dncr.nh.gov/talking-books>

More information on BARD can be found here: <https://www.nhsl.dncr.nh.gov/talking-books/braille-audio-reading-download>



## 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!

- **Thompson, Victoria – City of betrayal**

A year has passed since Elizabeth Bates ran her last con. It is her ability to interact with difficult men and to persuasively explain all the advantages of allowing women to vote that have made her a valuable member of the suffragette movement. But she would never have expected the lengths to which some people would go to keep the vote out of women's hands. Due out December 5.

- **Poyer, David – The Academy**

In his final tour of duty after a remarkable career at sea, Dan Lenson is appointed Superintendent of the US Naval Academy at Annapolis. He begins at a difficult time: Congress is cutting military budgets in the wake of the devastating war with China, calls for radical reform are upending traditions, and Dan himself faces legal jeopardy for his actions during the war. And when a Category 5 hurricane threatens to overwhelm the coast, Dan must fight to rescue the Academy itself. Due out December 12.

- **Perry, Thomas – Hero**

Justine Poole takes her job seriously providing security for wealthy and high-profile Hollywood stars. When she prevents a brazen robbery at the Beverly Hills home of two of her clients she is initially lauded in the media as a local hero. But the spotlight soon puts her in the crosshairs of the crime kingpin behind the burglaries. Justine soon finds herself up against both a

hardened killer and the fickle media landscape that can turn on her just as quickly as it celebrated her. Due out January 16.

- **Burke, James Lee – Harbor lights**

This collection of eight stories moves from the marshlands on the Gulf of Mexico to the sweeping plains of Colorado to prisons, saloons, and trailer parks across the South, weaving together love, friendship, violence, survival and revenge. Due out January 23.

- **Hannah, Kristin – The women**

When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, Frances "Frankie" McGrath impulsively joins the Army Nurses Corps and follows his path. As green and inexperienced as the young men sent to fight, Frankie is overwhelmed by the chaos and destruction of war, as well as the unexpected trauma of coming home to a changed America. Frankie will also discover the true value of female friendship and the heartbreak that love can cause. Due out February 6.

- **Phillips, Susan Elizabeth – Simply the best**

Rory Garrett and Brett Rivers. A woman who has succeeded at nothing and a man who's succeeded at everything confront the challenge of their lives as they struggle with themselves and each other. When it comes to love – what price are any of us willing to pay to be simply the best? Due out February 13.



## BOOK SALE

The next book sale will be on Saturday February 24<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 1 PM.

The pricing will be \$10 per average sized grocery bag filled with materials. Bring your own bag or we can provide a paper grocery bag. Hardcover books are also available for \$1.50 each and most other materials are \$1 each. Cash or check only please. For further information, please contact Caleb Moshier at 603-624-6550 x 7692.

## ADULT PROGRAMMING

### SIGNUPS ARE APPRECIATED!



To sign up for any of the following programs, use the links provided with the program description, or visit [www.manchesterlibrary.org](http://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!

#### NYT Crossword Puzzles Daily at Main and West

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 at both the Main and West

library branches. 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 PUZZLE

#### Available in the Main Library Rotunda December – February

Stop by the Main Floor of the library and build a mosaic masterpiece! Follow the legend and stick different colored stickers to the matching letters on the grid. This meditative, stress-relieving, and inclusive activity is a perfect way to create something special with your community!



### West Library Adult DIY

Starting in December, we will be offering Adult DIY crafts at the West Library! Stop by the Information Desk on the Main Floor and pick up a kit. Kits are available while supplies last. Kits cannot be reserved and are available on a first-come-first-served basis. One kit per person. These kits are for Adults only.

## ORIGAMI INFINITY CUBE

**Tuesday, December 12, 2023**

Only at the **West Library!** An infinity cube is a puzzle toy with mathematical principles, similar to a Rubik's cube. These connected cubes can be endlessly folded in on itself,

which is where it gets its name! Follow along with these [Origami Instructions by Jo Nakasima](#) to make your own, without using any tape or glue! For more information, call Emily M at 603-624-6550 x 7620 or email [emierswa@manchesternh.gov](mailto:emierswa@manchesternh.gov)



### Main Library 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. One kit per person. These kits are for Adults only. Pick up at the Main Branch library in the Rotunda. For more information, please contact Yvonne at [yloomis@manchesternh.gov](mailto:yloomis@manchesternh.gov) or call the Information Desk at 603-624-6550 ext. 7619.

## THE CHRISTMAS SPIDER

**Tuesday, December 12, 2023**

Pick up at the Main Library! Have you ever heard about the legend of the Christmas Spider? Grab one of these adult craft kits and read all about it!

These colorful, beady little spiders are about as cute as a spider can be. If you want, you can give them a spooky Halloween vibe that looks a little like "Nightmare Before Christmas" by switching out your colored bead selections later on. This popular holiday project is festive, fun and easy. All you need are a few beads, craft wire, some basic tools and that good old holiday spirit.





## BEADED FELT HEARTS

**Tuesday, February 13, 2024**

Pick up at the Main Library! Overcome the winter blahs with this sweet Valentine's decoration that is stitched with love! These pretties would be wonderful hanging from some white branches or as sachets slipped secretly into your sweetie's pocket. These kits will come with everything needed to make one beaded felt heart.

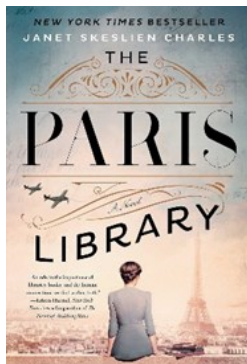


## ADULT BOOK CLUBS

### Wednesday Evening Book Club

Do you like talking about books as much you enjoy reading them? Consider joining our monthly book club! We meet in the Winchell Room on the second Wednesday 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.

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



- **Wednesday, December 13, 2023, 6:30-8:00 PM**

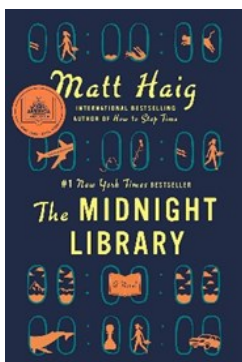
***The Paris Library*, by Janet Skeslien Charles.**

Based on a true story, describes how a lonely, 1980s teenager befriends an elderly neighbor and uncovers her past as a librarian at the American Library in Paris who joined the Resistance when the Nazis arrived.

- **Wednesday, January 10, 2024, 6:30-8:00 PM**

***The Midnight Library*, by Matt Haig.**

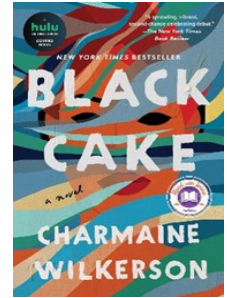
Somewhere out beyond the edge of the universe there is a library that contains an infinite number of books, each one the story of another reality. One tells the story of your life as it is, along with another book for the other life you could have lived if you had made a different choice at any point in your life.



- **Wednesday, February 14, 2024, 6:30-8:00 PM**

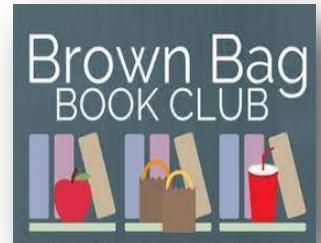
***Black Cake*, by Charmaine Wilkerson.**

Eleanor Bennett's death leaves behind a puzzling inheritance for her two children, Byron and Benny" a traditional Caribbean black cake, made from a family recipe with a long history, and a voice recording. In her message, Eleanor shares a tumultuous story about a headstrong young swimmer who escapes her island home under suspicion of murder. Can Bryon and Benny reclaim their once-close relationship, piece together Eleanor's true history, and fulfill her final request to 'share the black cake when the time is right'?



**Brown Bag Book Club**

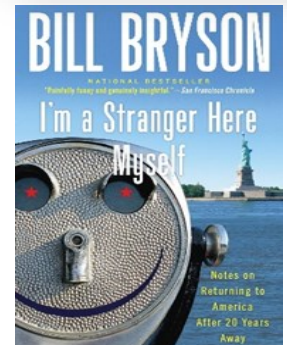
The Brown Bag Book Club meets on the last Tuesday of each month from 12:15-1:30PM in the Hunt Room. For more information, call the Information Desk at 603-624-6550 x7620.



- **Tuesday, December 26, 2023 12:15-1:30 PM**

***I'm a Stranger Here Myself: Notes on Returning to America After Twenty Years Away*, by Bill Bryson.**

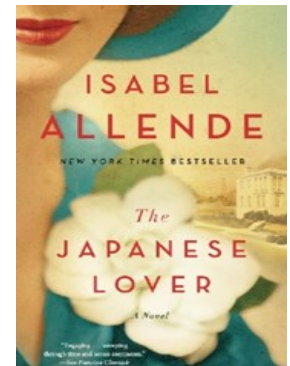
A love letter, at times bemused and humorous, to the home Bryson returned to after an absence of twenty years.



- **Tuesday, January 30, 2024 12:15-1:30 PM**

***The Japanese Lover*, by Isabel Allende.**

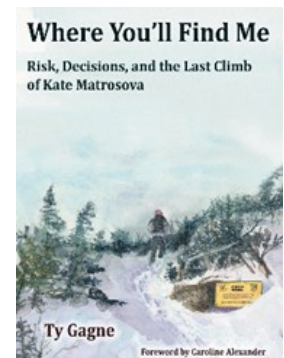
A sweeping multigenerational love story spanning a number of topics including antisemitism and fascism.



- **Tuesday, February 27, 2024 12:15-1:30 PM**

***Where You'll Find Me: Risk, Decisions, and the Last Climb of Kate Matrosova*, by Ty Gagne.**

An attempt to answer why an experienced, thirty-two-year-old climber, perished in the northern Presidential Range of the New Hampshire White Mountains.





## -LIBRARY EVENTS-

### WRITERS GROUP | [SIGN UP HERE!](#)

**Wednesdays in the Hunt Room at 6:30 PM**

**December 20 | January 17 | February 21**

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. Virtual attendance now available on Zoom! For questions, call Tess at 603-624-6550 x7620 or email [tkimsey@manchesternh.gov](mailto:tkimsey@manchesternh.gov).



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

**Mondays at the Senior Center or on Zoom, 10:30 AM**

**December 11 & 18 | January 8 & 29 | February 12**

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](mailto:sharmon@manchesternh.gov)



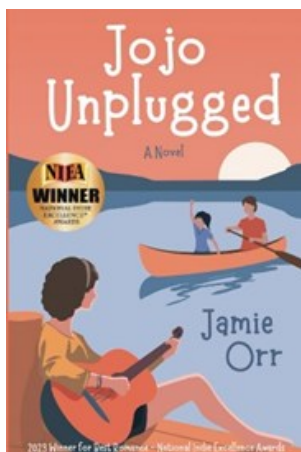
### SELF-PUBLISHING WITH JAMIE ORR | [SIGN UP HERE!](#)

**Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 6:30**

**In the Library Auditorium**

The publishing business is rapidly changing. More than two out of every three new books is Indy-Published. Even as it becomes easier to self-publish, it also becomes increasingly difficult to get noticed among millions and millions of books. Local Author, Jamie Orr, whose novel *Jojo Unplugged* won the National Indie Excellence Award for Best Romance, will talk about his favorite tools for giving your book a professional look and feel, discuss the pros and cons of publishing exclusively on Amazon vs. "publishing wide," and also welcome your questions.

For questions, contact Tess at 603-624-6550 x7620 or email [tkimsey@manchesternh.gov](mailto:tkimsey@manchesternh.gov)



## GOOGLE DOCS BASICS | [SIGN UP HERE!](#)

Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 2:30 PM

### In the Winchell Room

This easy, relaxed class will be 1 hour. Familiarity with Microsoft Word or other word processing program would be helpful but not necessary. Some skills participants will learn are: Basic text formatting such as bold, italic, font size, font color. You will also learn editing features such as cut, copy, paste, and spell check. We will create a document and share it. Please bring your laptop. If you don't have a laptop one may be available for you. Class size is limited. A handout of all tasks taught will be available.

For questions, call Amy H. at 603-624-6550 x7619 or email [ahanmer@manchesternh.gov](mailto:ahanmer@manchesternh.gov).



## SEED SWAP WITH THE MANCHESTER GARDEN CLUB | [SIGN UP HERE!](#)

Seed Swap with the Manchester Garden Club | [Sign Up Here!](#)

Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 2:00 PM

### In-Person in the Winchell Room

Join the Manchester City Library and the Manchester Garden Club for an afternoon of community connections and sharing abundance! Please bring with you any seeds you wish to donate! These can be seeds you

harvested, seeds you weren't able to use last year, or any other *identifiable* seeds *no older than 2 years*. There will be plenty of donation envelopes on hand to package up your donated seeds for inclusion in the Manchester Seed Library. You can also take some seeds home with you! For questions, call Sue Harmon at 603-624-6550 x7620 or email [sharmon@manchesternh.gov](mailto:sharmon@manchesternh.gov)



## TEEN PROGRAMS

Thursdays: 12/7 – 2/28

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Main Library, Winchell Room

Every Thursday, come hang out in the Winchell Room after school. We'll have snacks, arts and craft supplies, Nintendo Switch, and other games. Once or twice a month we'll have a special structured craft or activity. Check the teen website for details at [www.teens.manchesterlibrary.org](http://www.teens.manchesterlibrary.org). For teens in grades 6 - 12.



## TEEN TUESDAYS AT WEST



**Monthly on Tuesdays: 12/19, 1/16, 2/20**

**3:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

**West Branch**

Once a month is Teen Tuesdays at West! We'll have snacks, a special craft or activity, Nintendo Switch, and other games. For teens in grades 6 - 12.

## TEEN ANIME AFTERNOON



**Thursdays: 12/28**

**3:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

**Main Library, Auditorium**

Join us over your holiday break for anime fun in the auditorium! We will watch a few episodes of your favorite anime, try out some fun snacks, and do an anime related

craft. Those who attend will vote on which shows we watch. Registration in advance is requested to help us plan. For teens in grades 6-12.

## TEEN MOVIE & PIZZA NIGHTS



**Wednesdays: 1/31 & 2/28**

**5:30 pm – 7:45 pm**

**Main Library, Auditorium**

Come for a movie and pizza in the auditorium, where we'll watch a teen movie (or anime) on the big screen. For teens in grades 6 – 12.

Registration in advance is requested to help us plan. If you have food allergies or restrictions, let us know when you register or email Dori ahead of time at [mclouthservices@manchesternh.gov](mailto:mclouthservices@manchesternh.gov).

Visit the Teen Services website at

[www.teens.manchesterlibrary.org](http://www.teens.manchesterlibrary.org) for movie selection updates.



## TEEN WINTER READING CHALLENGE 2024



Participate in the 2024 Teen Winter Reading Challenge! From January 3<sup>rd</sup> through March 30<sup>th</sup> 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 beginning January 3<sup>rd</sup> at <http://manchesternh.readsquared.com/>, or visit the teen website for more information at <https://teens.manchesterlibrary.org/>.

# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## DECEMBER STORYTIMES

Beginning the week of November 27th, our December storytimes will begin. This session will run for two weeks until December 8<sup>th</sup>. **Family Storytimes** for 2-5 years old will meet Thursdays mornings at 10:00 & 11:00 am. These are drop in sessions. Please attend only one session each week so everyone can attend this very popular program. All sessions are held in the Winchell Room. And for our youngest patrons, 6-23 months, **Baby Storytime** will be on Friday mornings at 10:00 am in the Winchell Room This is also a drop in program. please call 624-6550 ext. 7628.



## WINTER STORYTIMES



Beginning the week of January 8th, our Winter storytimes will begin. This session will run for Eleven weeks ending the week of March 18th. **Family Storytimes** for 2-5 years old will meet Thursdays mornings at 10:00 & 11:00 am. These are drop in sessions. Please attend only one session each week so everyone can attend this very popular program. All sessions are held in the Winchell Room. And for our youngest patrons, 6-23 months, **Baby Storytime** will be on Friday mornings at 10:00 am in the Winchell Room. This is also a drop in program. Please call 624-6550 ext. 7628.



## 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 18<sup>th</sup>. There is a limited supply; be sure to grab your kit as soon as they are available. Happy New Year!



## STORYTIME AT THE MALL

**Tuesday, December 12, 2023, 11:30 am, Play Area**

Manchester City Library Children's Room and the Mall of New Hampshire have teamed up for Storytime at the Mall. Our next Mall Storytime will be on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 beginning at 11:30 am in front of JC Penney. We will have holiday stories and have a special guest. Afterwards, there is a cute craft to make and take home. Recommended for all ages. Registration is not required. For more information, call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628





## STORYTIME SCIENCE

**Wednesdays, December 13, 2023 & January 10, 2024 & February 14, 2024**

The Children's Room staff are excited to announce our Storytime program with SEE Science Center. Once a month, kids ages 2-6 years old are invited to join Ms. Yvonne and Ms. Becky from the SEE Science Center for Storytime Science. This storytime is based on a Stem/Steam theme with hands-on activities afterwards. Registration will

be required to make sure that we have enough materials for everyone. Storytime Science is a program of the SEE Science Center's First Steps in Science Initiative presented by Dartmouth Health Children's. This program is a great way to introduce our youngest patrons to fun STEM/STEAM hands on activities. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628



## HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD

**Thursday, December 14, 2023, 10:00-11:30 am. Winchell room**

Join us as we travel around the world as we explore countries and how they celebrate the winter holidays. We will have different crafts, games and other activities. This is a drop in program for ages 2-6 years. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.



## WORLD CRAFTS AFTERNOON

**Friday, December 15, 2023, 3:00-4:30 pm Winchell Room**

Families are invited to come, explore different world holidays and traditions through crafts. This is a drop in program for grades K-6. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.

## ELEMENTARY EXPERIMENTS

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays – 3:30 pm Winchell Room**

**4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays – 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in the Winchell Room from 3:30-4:30 pm. After the programs, we will post how-to videos on Facebook and YouTube all of that month's activities and crafts! If you are unable to come to the in-person session, craft kits will be available at the Children's Reference desk after each program. Please register on our website or call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628 so we can make sure to have enough supplies for everyone!

**Dates for Wednesday In-Person – Wednesdays, December 13, 2023, January 10, 2024 & February 14, 2024**

**Dates for Tuesday In-Person – Tuesdays, December 26; January 23, 2024; February 27, 2024**



## WINTER BREAK LEGO AFTERNOON

**Wednesday, December 27, 2023**

**1:00 – 4:00 pm, Winchell Room**

During Winter Break, 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



## PAW PATROL PARTY

**Tuesday, January 16, 2024, 10:00 am Winchell Room**

Join Marshall, Skye, Chase and others on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, beginning at 10:00 am in the Winchell Room. Come listen to your favorite Paw Patrol stories, play fun games and make a cute Paw Patrol craft. This program is for children 1 to 5 years old. Registration is recommended to make sure we have enough material for everyone. For more information, please call 624-6550 ext. 7628.



## LEGO AFTERNOON

**Wednesday, January 17, 2024**

**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



## VALENTINE'S STORYTIME AT THE MALL

**Tuesday, February 13, 2024, 11:30 am, Play Area**

Manchester City Library Children's Room and the Mall of New Hampshire have teamed up for Storytime at the Mall. Our next Mall Storytime will be on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 beginning at 11:30 am in their food court play area. Ms. Karyn will read fun Valentine stories. Afterwards, there is a cute craft to make and take home. Recommended for all ages. Registration is not required. For more information, call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628





## PETE THE CAT PARTY

**Tuesday, February 27, 2024, 10:00 am  
Winchell Room**

We will be rocking in our school shoes for this fun program. Come listen to your favorite Pete the Cat stories; pin the shoe on Pete and go on a scavenger hunt to find Pete's missing green button. There

will be a cute craft to take home. This program is for children 1 to 7 years old. Registration is recommended to make sure we have enough material for everyone. For more information, please call 624-6550 ext. 7628.



## 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! - WINTERFEST -



- On Monday, February 26, 2024, will be our **Lego Day** from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Winchell. Build a Lego masterpiece for our display cases. Families are welcome. Please call 624-6550 ext. 7628.

- On Tuesday, February 27, 2024, come to our **Pete the Cat Party** in the Winchell room from 10:00-11:00 am. We will have fun while creating something messy. For ages 1-7 years. Registration is required. For more information, please call 624-6550 ext. 7628.

- On Tuesday, February 27, 2024, we will have our Tuesday session **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 Wednesday, February 28, 2024, we will be having a **Mystery Morning** from 10:00-11:00 am in the Winchell Room. There will be stories and fun activities and crafts. We have invited a special guest to come to the library to say 'hi' to everyone. Stay tuned for more clues about are our mystery guest. Families are invited. For more information, please call 624-6550 ext. 7628.

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- On Wednesday, February 28, 2024, come and learn about animals when **Wildlife Encounters** comes to Manchester City Library in our auditorium at 1:30 pm. We are traveling the world with Wildlife Encounters. We will learn about how animals adapt to the faraway places as well as those that are close to home. Families are welcome but space is limited. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.
- On Wednesday, February 28, 2024, Grades 6-12 are invited to our next **Movie/Pizza night** from 5:30-7:45pm at the Manchester City Library, Auditorium. Registration is requested so we know how pizza to order. For more information, please call 624-6550 ext. 7628.
- On Thursday, February 29, 2024, families with children ages 2-5 years are invited to join Ms. Rose at **Family Storytime** either at 10:00 or 11:00 am at the Manchester City Library Winchell Room. Space is limited. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.
- On Thursday, February 29, 2024, grades 6-12 are invited to **Teen Thursday** at the Manchester City Library's Winchell Room. Drop in between 3:00-4:30 pm crafts and games. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.
- On Friday, March 1, 2024, families with children ages 6 months to 2 years are invited to join Ms. Karyn at **Baby Storytime** at 10:00 am at the Manchester City Library Winchell Room. Space is limited. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628
- On Friday, March 1, 2024, grades 1-6 are invited to our **Creative Day – Pokémon Party** from 1:00-4:00 pm in the Manchester City Library, Winchell Room. For more information, please call 624-6550 ext. 7628.



*The Manchester City Library Staff  
 Wish Everyone a Safe  
 and Happy Holiday Season*



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