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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

For those of you who like to garden and grow your own produce during these warmer months I hope you have checked out our new Seed Library! The seeds are housed in one of old library card catalogs, outside the New Hampshire Room, on the second floor of the main library.



I checked out a few packets and hope to have a successful gardening season. However, it appears that our yard has become home to two groundhogs, one rabbit, two raccoons, numerous squirrels, and a herd of deer so it may be a challenge even if a fence goes up! I may do some more container gardening this year as those seem to be safer from the critters at our house. If you also are facing some challenges, please ask a staff member about where to find the gardening and

landscaping books we have in our collections to assist you.

As they do every year our staff have lots of activities and programs planned for the summer! I encourage you to join the Summer Reading Program to help promote literacy in our community, and maybe earn a few prizes!

Enjoy the warmer months and thank you for supporting all the efforts of our wonderful library staff!

Warm regards,

Denise van Zanten
Library Director



Manchester City Library

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THE CITY OF MANCHESTER PRESENTS

FREE

MOVIES IN THE PARK

JUNE THROUGH AUGUST IN VICTORY PARK

MOVIES BEGIN AT DUSK - BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS AND BLANKETS
CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

BACK TO THE FUTURE
JUNE 14



THE GOONIES
JULY 12



E.T.
AUGUST 9



TOP GUN MAVERICK
JUNE 28



COCO
JULY 26

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HOOPLA TO BE DISCONTINUED AUGUST 31, 2023

The Manchester City Library began offering Hoopla in 2017 on a trial basis to provide streaming music and movies. Since starting Hoopla, the costs associated with the service have risen steadily. Although it is free for patrons to use, MCL gets charged for every item a patron checks out. The more Hoopla gets used, the more it costs. We believe the pricing model and cost of Hoopla make it unsustainable for MCL, and will reallocate our resources to other digital content.

While patrons will no longer be able to access Hoopla, they will still be able to access content from [OverDrive/Libby](#),

[cloudLibrary](#), and [Kanopy](#).

You do not have to cancel or delete your Hoopla access. Starting on the evening of August 31, 2023 you will simply no longer be able to borrow Hoopla content. Unfortunately, there isn't another way to access Hoopla, unless you are a member of another library or library system that offers it.

If there were titles carried by Hoopla that aren't available through our other ebook providers, you can recommend those for purchase by contacting the library at 603-624-6550 ext. 3319 or library@manchesternh.gov.



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:

- Weber, David – [The Weltall file](#)
The Weltall Tournament's professional VR games were supposed to be a symbol of cooperation between SysGov and its militaristic neighbor, the Admin. But that was before star Admin player Elly Sako received a death threat, written in blood next to a copy of her own severed head. SysPol Detective Isaac Cho and DTI Special Agent Susan Cantrell are sent in to take charge of the investigation, but a jilted relationship between players soon explodes into signs of a far-reaching conspiracy and the two detectives find themselves racing to solve the case before the tournament ends. Due out June 6.

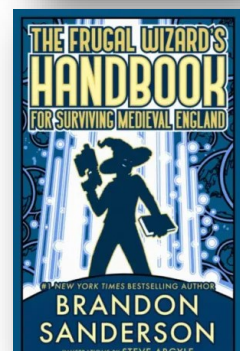
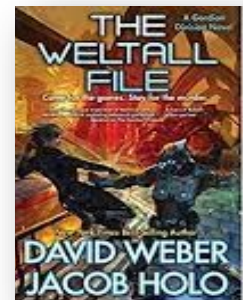
- Davis, Fiona – [The spectacular](#)

Nineteen-year-old dance teacher Marion, feeling trapped by her straitlaced father and her upcoming engagement, impulsively auditions for the Rockettes and is soon flung into a sequined world of grueling rehearsals, stage glitter, and four shows per day. When an anonymous bomber targets Radio City Musical Hall, Marion's glittering new life reveals a dangerous dark side and she is flung into the search for a killer. Due out June 13.

- Sanderson, Brandon – [The frugal wizard's handbook for surviving medieval England](#)

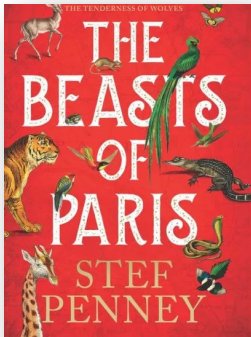
A man wakes in a clearing in what appears to be medieval England with no memory of who he is, where he came from, or why he is there. Chased by a group from his own time, his sole hope for survival lies in regaining his missing memories. His only help from

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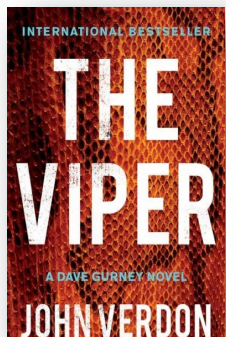
the “real world” should have been a guidebook entitled *The Frugal Wizard’s Handbook for Surviving Medieval England*, but his copy exploded during transit. Can he figure out the clues from the few fragments that survived in time? Due out Jun 27.



- Penney, Stef – The beasts of Paris

A diverse group of memorable characters find themselves in Paris during the build-up to the Franco-Prussian War of 1870. There is Anne, half-Haitian, possessed of incredible gifts, but with a past she tries to bury; Lawrence, desperate to

develop his talents as a photographer and escape the restrictions of his Canadian upbringing; and Ellis, an army surgeon who has lived through the trauma of the American Civil War and will do anything to avoid further violence. Due out July 4.



- Verdon, John – The viper
- Tennis bad boy Zeko Slade is serving twenty years for the grisly murder of small-time criminal Lenny Lerman. The facts of the case seem indisputable. But when Dave Gurney begins a cursory review of the case as a favor for his wife’s friend, it soon spirals into something much more

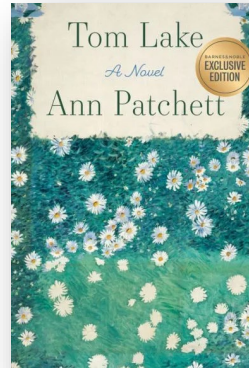
complicated. And when his involvement threatens to expose a viper’s nest of corruption, Gurney finds himself framed for murder and pursued by sensational media, a ruthless district attorney and a cold-blooded killer. Due out July 18.



- Peterson, Tracie – Finding us

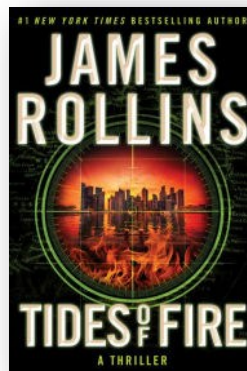
While taking photos at an exhibition in Seattle, camera girl Eleanor Bennett meets a handsome stranger, Bill Reed, who recognizes the subjects in

one of her photographs as a missing woman and her child. As they hunt for the truth, Eleanor and Bill will have to band together to face the danger that follows. Due out July 25.

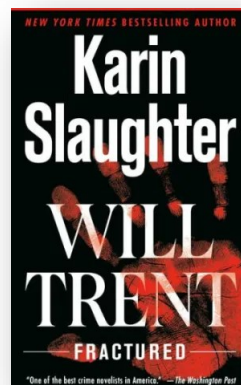


- Patchett, Ann – Tom Lake
- In the spring of 2020, Lara’s three daughters return to the family’s orchard in northern Michigan. While picking cherries, they beg their mother to tell them the story of Peter Duke, a famous actor she shared both a stage and a romance with years before at a theater company called Tom Lake. As Lara recalls the past,

her daughters examine their own lives and relationship with their mother, and are forced to reconsider the world and everything they thought they knew. Due out August 8.



- Rollins, James – Tides of fire
- An international research station in the Coral Sea comes under siege during a geological disaster that triggers massive quakes, deadly tsunamis, and volcanic eruptions. To stop the world from burning, it’s up to Sigma Force to uncover a secret buried at the heart of our planet. Due out August 15.



- Slaughter, Karin – After that night
- Fifteen years ago, Sara Linton’s life changed forever when a celebratory night out ended in a violent attack that tore her world apart. Since then, Sara has remade her life and has finally managed to leave the past behind her. Until one evening, while on call in the ER, when everything changes again.

This latest entry in the Will Trent series is due out August 22.

ADULT PROGRAMMING

HELP US
SERVE YOU!



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 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!

MCL Seed Library
Available April – August 2023
Main Library, 2nd Floor

Introducing the Manchester Seed Library! Interested in starting a



or experienced gardener, the

garden? What about trying out a new type of produce? Whether you are a beginner

Manchester Seed Library will be a wonderful resource for many different varieties of seed options to try in your own garden each season. Interested in how it works? [Read more...](#)

We would love to see your thriving gardens! Share pictures with us on social media by tagging @manchlibrary or using #Manchesterseedlibrary.



WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE DINOSAUR?



April 29 – July 1st

In recognition of National Dinosaur Day on May 17th and June 1st, the Manchester City Library will be asking adult patrons to vote for their favorite dinosaur. Ballot boxes are available at the reference desks at both the Main and West branches from April 29th to July 1st, and a poll is also available on our Facebook page for those unable to come into the library. The top three most popular entries will be posted on our social media with fun facts about each one.

If you want to learn more about your favorite dinosaur, or just dinosaurs in general, check out the nonfiction display that will be up for the months of May and June, or check out the catalog to see what titles we have available. You're never too old to have a favorite dinosaur, so vote for yours, or check out a book and find a new favorite!





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!

LIBRARY HOP



June 1- August 31

At participating GMILCS Libraries

Come visit the libraries in the GMILCS consortium during this summer's Library Hop to see all the interesting things they have to offer. All participating libraries are listed in your passport along with the instructions and prizes for each library. To participate, simply pick up a passport

at any GMILCS library, complete a challenge, earn a prize, and get your passport stamped. At the Manchester City Library, take a picture of your visit, show us the photo and win a piece of candy or an owl keychain. All participants will be automatically entered into a grand prize raffle for a gift certificate for *The Bookery*, in Manchester. Have a safe, fun summer and enjoy your library trip.

ORIGAMI PAPER CRANES



June 1 – July 31

After viewing the 1000 paper cranes display made by a local Girl Scout troop, are you interested in learning how to make one yourself? Stop by the information desk to pick up instructions and a few sheets of colorful origami paper this June - while supplies last!

ALL TOGETHER NOW PHOTO CHALLENGE!



June 16-August 12

Do you have a neighbor who has helped you? Do you know of a business owner who supports your community? Do you know of a special friend, or a group who illustrates or embodies the ideals of unity, diversity, kindness, or friendship? We want to see your photos showing these admirable folks and groups. The 'All Together Now Photo Challenge' is a program where adults and families can work together to find and upload these program-themed images. Sign up for the Adult Summer Reading Program to participate!

Adult Summer Reading Program: All Together Now!



Sign up starting June 1 to participate in the Manchester City Library's Adult Summer Reading Program!

For the third year running, the Manchester City library is pleased to offer reading incentives for all adults, ages 18+! Registration can take place any time after June 1, and the program runs from June 20 to August 12. Keep reading for more information on how to register, participate, and win prizes!

- **Registration**

Paperless: Signup, log reading and activity, and exchange points for raffle tickets online at manchesternh.readsquared.com or download the **ReadSquared** app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store.

Unplugged: Visit the Information Desk at the Library's Main Branch on Pine Street! Keep track using the paper log sheets included in your welcome packet. Visit the Information Desk to submit your activity logs and exchange points for raffle tickets.

- **Earn Points**

Keep track of the minutes you read!
You can log up to 300 minutes per day.
Complete Mission Activities for even more points!

- **Win Prizes**

Read for 1000 minutes to earn a free cone from Ben & Jerry's!
Use earned points to purchase raffle tickets for weekly prizes.
1 raffle ticket = 100 points.
You can only win one raffle prize during the Summer Reading Program, so purchase your tickets carefully!
Raffle tickets will be drawn at 8:30am on the posted date of the raffle. All tickets must be claimed by that time to qualify for entry.

21+ prizes require ID at pickup.

Raffle Prizes

Click here to check out each week's [raffle prizes!](#)



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.

GRANNY SQUARE CROCHETED CELL PHONE BAG

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

Aren't there days when you could just use a pocket or two, but your chosen outfit for the day has no pockets? What to do? Whip up one of these little crocheted cell phone bags to carry it with you.

Keep your cell phone safe and secure with this little crocheted bag. This small purse is lightweight and perfect for holding your mobile phone and a couple credit cards or other small items. For more information, please contact Yvonne Loomis at 603-624-6550 ext. 7620 or e-mail yloomis@manchesternh.gov.



YARN WALL ART

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

If you love home-made décor, this project is for you! Using the materials provided, wrap yarn around some dowels to create a unique design with interesting colors! You can hang this on a wall, decorate your book shelf, or add a pop of color to anywhere in your home. For more information, call Sue Harmon at 603-624-6550 x 7620 or email sharmon@manchesternh.gov.



BUTTON BOWLS

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Button, button, who has a button? For August, we're going to be making something different and a bit messy; button bowls. This is a very inexpensive way of creating bowls using your imagination and creativity with colorful buttons. These bowls are easy to make and would be a fun craft to make on a rainy day, or as a one-of-a-kind gift for that someone who has it all. You can make gorgeous-looking bowls of different sizes, which make great giveaway gifts. For more information please contact Yvonne L. at 603-624-6550 ext. 7619 or e-mail yloomis@manchesternh.gov.



ADULT BOOK CLUBS

THURSDAY 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 Hunt Room 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.

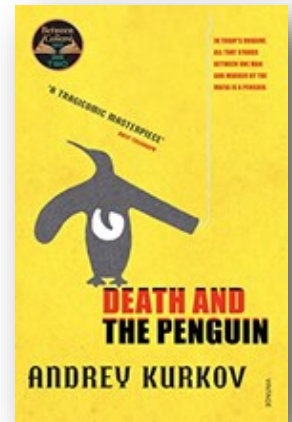
For more information, or to make a recommendation, contact Steve Viggiano at sviggiano@manchesternh.gov. Call (603) 624-6550 x 7620 to reserve a print copy of the book.

- **Thursday, June 8, 2023, 6:30-8:00 PM**

Death and the Penguin, by Andrei Kurkov.

Hired to write obituaries of Kiev VIPs to be kept on file, Ukrainian writer Viktor, who owns a penguin Misha, discovers he is writing death warrants when the VIPs die with regularity and realizes someone is writing his own obi-

The Thursday Evening Book Club will meet again in September!
Have a great summer!



BROWN BAG BOOK CLUB

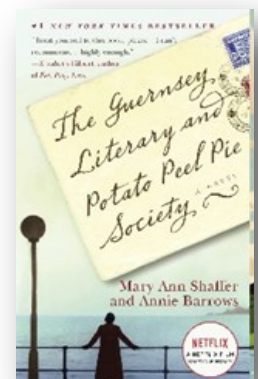
The Brown Bag Book Club meets on the last Tuesday of each month from 12:15-1:30PM in the Hunt Room. For more information, call the Information Desk at 603-624-6550 x7619.

- **Tuesday, June 27, 2023 12:15-1:30 PM**

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, by Mary Ann Shelter and Annie Barrows

The GLPPPS was born as an alibi to shield its members who were discovered breaking curfew by the Germans who occupied their island during WWII. This charming, funny, deeply human and diverse cast of characters were all literature lovers, but what else were they up to?

The Brown Bag Book Club will meet again in September!
Have a great summer!





Remembering Together | [Sign Up Here!](#)

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

June 12 | July 10 & 17 | August 14 & 21

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



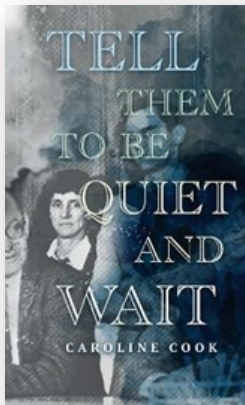
Author Talk: *Tell Them to be Quiet and Wait*, by Caroline Cook | [Sign Up Here!](#)

**Friday, June 9, 2023
At 7:00 PM on Zoom**

Tell Them to be Quiet and Wait is a fictionalized account of the life of Dr. Croasdale, the first female professor at Dartmouth College. [Caroline Cook](#) tells the parallel stories of two women, Dr. Beverly Connor in 1935 and Lena Rivera in 2015, and the challenges they face while navigating the male dominated realm of academia. It's a remarkable

story of love, friendship, rejection, and acceptance that shows how much, and how little, things have changed for women in higher education. Come listen to Cook talk about how she discovered this story, why it needed to be told, and her writing process.

For questions, call Nic at 603-624-6550 x7620 or email nyoung3@manchesternh.gov.



Putting Human Faces on the Textile Industry: The Workers of the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company | [Sign Up Here!](#)

**Wednesday, June 14 at 6:00 PM
In-Person in the Library Auditorium**

The Manchester City Library invites you to an informative presentation on the Amoskeag Mills and the people who worked in them. Daily life for the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company's textile worker was not easy. [Robert B. Perreault](#) sheds light on how people from a variety of European countries as well as from French Canada made the transition from an agrarian to an industrial society and how that change affected families, cultures, the nature of work, and relationships among workers themselves. This program is sponsored by the New Hampshire Humanities Council.

For questions, call Caitlin at 603-624-6550 x7620 or email cdionne@manchesternh.gov.



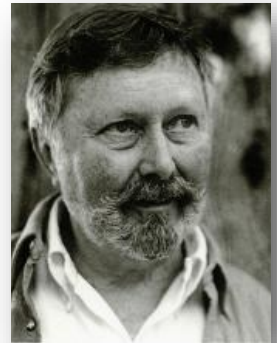
George Tooker: Modern Life & Magical Realism | [Sign Up Here!](#)

Thursday, June 29, 2023
7:00-8:00 PM on Zoom

Image: George Tooker. Window II, 1956. Private Collection.

Presented by [Jane Oneail](#). George Tooker often depicted the tensions of modern life and inhuman bureaucracies. As a gay man active in the Civil Rights movement, Tooker explored boundary-breaking subjects in his work while also conjuring powerful scenes of quiet beauty. This program provides an introduction to the artist, his life, and his remarkable body of work.

For questions, call Sue Harmon at 603-624-6550 x7620 or email sharmon@manchesternh.gov.



Norman Rockwell on Art | [Sign Up Here!](#)

Thursday, July 20, 2023
7:00-8:00 PM on Zoom

Image: Norman Rockwell. Triple Self-Portrait, 1950. Norman Rockwell Museum.

Presented by [Jane Oneail](#). "America's favorite illustrator" is best known for his relatable scenes of modern American life with subjects selected for their broad appeal: families, holiday celebrations and young love. Rockwell was also fond of making paintings about painting and the art world in general, topics one wouldn't necessarily associate with commercial art for the middle class. This program considers the various ways Rockwell explored art making and museums over the course of his career, with a healthy dose of the artist's good humor.

For questions, call Sue Harmon at 603-624-6550 x7620 or email sharmon@manchesternh.gov.



Triple Self-Portrait, 1950



Seed Saving | [Sign Up Here!](#)

Wednesday, August 9 at 5:30pm
In-Person in the Winchell Room

Learn about seed saving with UNH Extension Master Gardner Donna Lussier! During this presentation, attendees will learn why saving seeds is

important, what kinds of seeds to save and when to harvest them, the different methods for processing seeds and preparing them for storage, and several tips and tricks to ensure successful germination. For questions, call Tess at 603-624-6550 x7620 or email tkimsey@manchesternh.gov.





Seaside Escape: The Art & Architecture of the New England Coast | [Sign Up Here!](#)

Thursday, August 17, 2023

7:00-8:00 PM on Zoom

Image: Winslow Homer. West Point, Prout's Neck, 1900. Clark Art Institute.

Presented by [Jane Oneail](#). From artist colonies to robber baron "summer cottages," the New England shoreline has inspired countless creative works. This program looks at seascapes by beloved American artists including Winslow Homer and Edward Hopper as well as the over-the-top elegance of Newport, RI summer homes designed for the titans of industry in the nineteenth century. Gloucester's eccentric summer retreat Beauport is also featured.

For questions, call Sue Harmon at 603-624-6550 x7620 or email sharmon@manchesternh.gov.



Summer Teen Programs

TEEN THURSDAYS: 3-4:30 PM. 6/22-8/10

Winchell Room

Teens in grades 6-12 or ages 12 – 18

Each Thursday we will have a different teen craft or activity. We will also have the Switch set up most weeks for anyone who wants to play video games after completing the activity, and snacks will be provided.

Registration is encouraged, but not required, to make sure we have enough supplies.



- [6/22/23: DIY Jar Terrarium](#)

Learn how to make a living terrarium in a jar. All supplies will be provided.

- [6/29/23: Rock Painting and Nature Prints](#)

We will have painting supplies and dot painting tools for you to do rock painting and/or to make nature prints on canvases using natural materials.

- [7/6/23: Animal Felt Pillows or Stuffedies](#)

We'll show you how to sew your own animal pillow or stuffie. Various animal patterns and all supplies will be provided.

- [7/13/23: Mini Kawaii Piñatas](#)

We'll show you how to make your own mini piñata out of recycled food boxes! Choose from a cute burger, taco, donut, ice cream, watermelon, or candy.

- [7/20/23: Escape Room – Lost in The Woods](#)

Your camping group has become lost in the woods! You must work together to solve the clues to survive in the wild and find your way back to the visitor center.

- [7/27/23: Ocean Luminaries](#)

Create a colorful beach-themed luminary out of a mason jar. All supplies will be provided and you will leave with your own ocean luminary, ready to glow with a candle or battery light.

- [8/3/23: Upcycled T-shirt Bags](#)

Make a reusable tote-bag out of an old t-shirt, perfect for the beach! Sewing not required, though we will have a sewing machine available if you choose to sew your bag. Please bring a t-shirt you no longer wear. We will have a few old t-shirts available if you aren't able to bring one. Please let us know when you register if you will need a t-shirt.



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- 8/10/23: Tie-Dye Workshop

Tie-dye a bandana or other item at our end of summer Tie-Dye Workshop. We will have dyes and white bandannas for

you to tie-dye. You are also encouraged to bring your own t-shirt or other cloth item to dye. Prewashed white cotton fabrics work best for tie-dying.

Registration in advance is strongly encouraged to make sure we have enough supplies.



Teen Anime and Pizza Night

Wednesday 7/12/23, 5:30 – 7:40 PM

Come for anime and pizza in the auditorium, where we'll watch a few episodes of anime on the big screen. We'll also have a few Japanese snacks for you to try.

Those who attend will vote on which shows we watch from a list of options. If you have a favorite anime suggestion to add to the list,

please enter it on the registration form, or email it to Dori at mclouthservices@manchesternh.gov, and we will include it if possible.

For teens in grades 6 – 12. Registration requested by not required. If you have food allergies or restrictions, please email Dori in advance at mclouthservices@manchesternh.gov



Teen Movie and Pizza Night

Wednesday 8/9/23, 5:30 – 7:40 PM

Movie selection: Teen Choice!*

Come for a movie and pizza in the auditorium, where we'll watch a teen movie on the big screen.



***Teen Choice Movie:** Those who attend will vote on which movie we watch from a list of options. If you have a movie suggestion to add to the list, please enter it on the registration form, or email it to Dori at mclouthservices@manchesternh.gov, and we will include it if possible. Please note we can only show movies that are on our public performance license list.

For teens in grades 6 – 12. Registration requested by not required. If you have food allergies or restrictions, please email Dori in advance at mclouthservices@manchesternh.gov



Teen Summer Reading Program 2023

Participate in the 2023 Teen Summer Reading Challenge, June 16th—August 12 with READSquared!

Track your reading and attend teen programs to earn points and win prizes. Register online with [READSquared](http://manchesternh.readsquared.com/) beginning June 1st, and stop in to the library to pick up your summer reading packet. For more information go to: <http://manchesternh.readsquared.com/>





Summer Children's Programs 2023

All Together Now Summer Reading Program

Readers of all ages will explore fun and exciting events this summer as Manchester and West Manchester City Library presents "All Together Now" summer library program. We will be exploring the outdoors by exploring our parks and community. Activities will include storytimes, crafts, Project Wild Afternoons, Elementary Experiments, Board and Interactive Games, Legos, Toddler programs, scavenger hunts and special guests. All programs are free of charge.



We will be having weekly raffle drawings. Each week, we will feature several different buckets that will include tickets to family attractions. When you turn in your weekly complete reading record, you will be given a raffle ticket that you can place into bucket of your choice to win prizes.



The 2023 Summer Reading Program is open to young people, preschool through 5th grade. Families are invited to join the Read to Me portion of the program. We have set a group goal of 4,000 hours to be read during the 9-week program. Will you help us meet our goal?! Registration for "All Together Now" begins on Thursday, June 1st. We will be using an online program, READsquared to register, track your hours by entering minutes, earn badges and win prizes. You can register for an individual account or a family account at manchesternh.readsquared.com. Don't forget to pick up your summer reading bag which will include a bookmark, a passport with stickers, a paper log, program calendar with READsquared app instructions and a special craft. For more information, please call 624-6550 ext. 7628.



Summer Storytimes

Beginning the week of June 20th, our summer storytimes will begin.

Family Storytime for 2-5 years will meet Thursday mornings at 10:00 am & 11:00 am. **Baby Storytime** for 6 months to 2 years will be held on Friday mornings beginning at 10:00 am. Both storytimes will be held in the Winchell Room. Registration is not required for either session.



Storytime at the Mall

Tuesday Mornings, June 13, July 11 and August 8
11:30-12:15, Food Court Play Area

Manchester City Library Children's Room and the Mall of New Hampshire are pleased to announce Storytime at the Mall. Once a month on Tuesday Mornings at 11:30 am, families are invited to join Ms. Karyn in the play area for fun summer stories. There will be a craft afterwards for the kids to make and take home. For more information, please call 603-624-6550, ext. 7628.



Summer Reading Kick Off

Friday Afternoon, Jun 16
1:00 to 4:00 pm, Winchell Room/Lawn

Kids in grades K-12 are invited to drop by for an afternoon of lawn games and frozen treats. You can also sign up for our All Together Now Summer Reading program. Track your reading to win fun prizes throughout the summer. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.



Beach Party!

Friday morning, June 16
10:00 am Winchell Room/Lawn

We are having a Beach Party to kick off the summer! We will be heading to the beach by listening to fun stories; play beach games and make a messy art project to take home. Don't forget your sunglasses and a cool summer hat. This program is for ages 1-5 years old. Registration is recommended to make sure we have enough materials for everyone. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628



Youth Summer Crafts

Tuesday Morning, June 20, 2023 (library is closed on Monday, June 19)
Monday Mornings, June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, August 7, 2023
10:00 to 11:30 am, Winchell Room

During the *All Together Now* Summer reading program, we will be holding weekly drop in crafts session on Monday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30 am in the Winchell Room. There will be two crafts; one for the younger kids (Preschool to Grade 2) and one for the older kids (Grades 3-5). There will be a new craft each week. Remaining kits will be available at the children's reference desk for those who are unable to make that week's session. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628





Elementary Experiments

Tuesday Afternoons, June 20, July 11 & 25, August 8

(6/20 program will be in the Children's room/library lawn)3:00 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). For summer we will have an in person Elementary Experiments in the Winchell Room at the Manchester City Library every other week. The activities and craft will be themed to go along with our Summer Reading Program Badge of that week! For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.



Exploring our Waterways

Wednesday, June 21, Livingston Park 1:00-3:00 PM

Kayla Croteau, Watershed Education Specialist with NH Fish and Game will show kids how to collect water samples from their local water body to measure Dissolved oxygen, pH, Temperature, Turbidity, and Conductivity. They also collect and classify benthic macroinvertebrates. They use these chemical and biological parameters to define the water quality of their testing sites. More information will be coming to the location and time where we will be meeting. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.



Creative Days - Building Bridges

Wednesday Afternoon, June 21

1:00 to 4:00 pm, Winchell Room

Drop in from 1:00pm to 4:00pm to build a bridge with recycled materials and see how strong you can make it! Test your bridge to see if your engineering efforts can stand the test of traffic. While celebrating your success, or figuring out better ways to build, check out our other construction-themed activities! For grades 1 to 6. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.



Cooperative Gaming: Work Together to Win!

Wednesday Mornings, June 21 & 28, July 5, 12, 19 & 26, August 2 & 9

10:00-11:30 am, Winchell Room

Each week on Wednesdays Mornings 10:00-11:30 we will meet in the Winchell Room to explore a different game (board game, table top game, or even Oregon Trail game!) where players work together—or collaborate—to achieve victory! The games and program are aimed at elementary ages (grades 1-6) as there may be a combination of reading, writing, and math involved—but working together means that families and teams can help each other with the hard stuff as long as they want to play the game! For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.





Fun Family Flicks

Thursday Afternoons, June 22 & 29, July 6, 13, 20 & 27, August 3 & 10

2:30 pm, Auditorium

Families are invited to stop by to enjoy a fun family movie beginning at 2:30 pm in the library's air-condition auditorium. All ages are welcome. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628

Lego Afternoon

Fridays, June 23 & 30, July 7, 14, 21, & 28, August 4 & 11

1:00-4:00 pm Winchell Room

Join us every Friday afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00 pm in the Winchell Room for Lego Afternoon. Come meet, build and make new Lego friends using the 10,000 Lego pieces donated by Lego Systems. Your creation will be displayed in the children's room display cases. This program is for ages 3-12 years old.

Project Wild

Mondays, June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, August 7

2:30-4:00 pm, Winchell room

Welcome to Project Wild, where we will dig into and explore the different ways that animals, plants, and nature interact. Anyone grades 1-6 come to the Winchell room at 2:30 pm ready to move around as we act out situations through games and discuss our observations on how this translates to the world around us! For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.



Toddler Tuesdays

Tuesday Mornings, June 27, July 18 and August 1

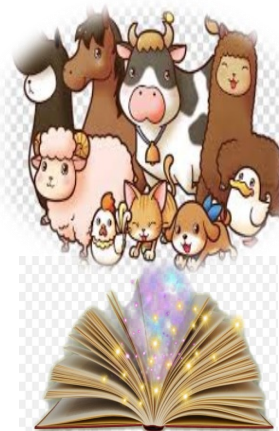
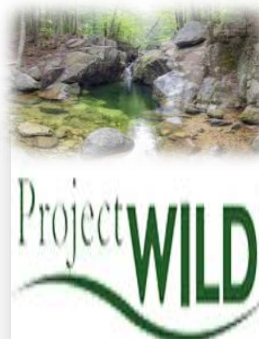
10:00 am, Winchell Room/Outside

Each Tuesday join Ms. Karyn for a different fun activity or party. During Toddler Tuesdays, we will be listening to fun animal stories, making cute crafts, playing life-sized games or going on a bug hunt. These programs are for ages 2-5 years old. Registration will be requested for these programs. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628. A schedule of when each program will be occurring is below:

June 27: Walk like the Animal

July 18: Life-size Candyland

August 1: Bug Hunt





Pollinator Party – Massabesic Audubon Center

Wednesday, June 28

3:00 pm, Auditorium

Families are invited to join Willa Coroka from Massabesic Audubon Center for a fun program that discusses the relationships between plants and their pollinator pals by introducing participants to the basics of plant anatomy and entomophilous (insect!) pollination. From beetles and ants to moths and butterflies, explore the unique and specialized insects that rely on plants for their energy needs. Discover what could happen to these insects and plants if the pollinator population continues to decline. Learn ways in which we can help these amazing creatures continue assisting their plant allies by ensuring that their pollen is transported across the garden. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.



Creative Days - Minecraft Party!

Wednesday Afternoon, July 5

1:00 to 4:00 pm, Winchell Room

Anyone grades 1-6, come celebrate the summer with a Minecraft Party! Use your creativity to survive the creepers and build a better world! Crafts will be out all afternoon and games will be called about every half hour. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628

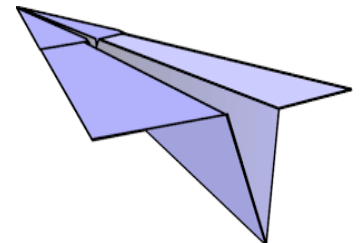
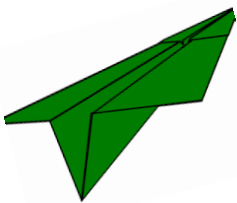


Creative Days – Paper Airplanes/Taking Flight

Wednesday Afternoon, July 5

1:00 to 4:00 pm, Winchell Room

Kids in grades 1 to 6 can drop in from 1:00pm to 4:00pm to test out different types of paper airplane, or design your own! How far can you get a plane to glide? Come for the planes, stay for the crafts! For more information, please call 603-624-6550.



Kids' Colab & Code

Tuesday mornings, July 11 & 25, August 8

10:00 am – 11:30 am Winchell Room

Kids' Colab & Code is an introduction to coding using a variety of library technologies including our Indi car, Ozobots, and Ned Robotic Arm and other fun programs. Kids grades 1-6 will meet in the Winchell Room from 10:00am-11:30am to collaborate and create code to solve problems together! For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.



New Hampshire Wildlife

Wednesday, July 12

3:00 pm, Auditorium/lawn

Join NH Fish & Game Wildlife Educator, Lindsay Webb, to learn about the history of wildlife in New Hampshire, how NH Fish & Game manages wildlife, and some ways that you can help wildlife. The hour long program will end with wildlife trivia and a chance to identify and touch wildlife pelts, scat, tracks, and skulls. Families are welcome. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.



Family Fare Events

Thursday Evenings, July 13th, July 20th, July 27th and August 3rd.

6:00 PM The Manchester City Library Lawn

Family Fare events at the library are free and family friendly.

All events start at 6 PM with the exception of Magic Fred on July 20th that starts at 6:15 PM.

Please refer to our events calendar for more information.

*Events will take place on the library lawn.

In the event of rain, program will be held in the library auditorium

- **Thursday, July 13, 2023 @6PM-Musician Steve Blunt**

“Sing a Song Together!”

Songs that celebrate diversity & build community, for the CSLP theme, “All Together Now”.

- **Thursday, July 20, 2023 @ 6:15PM-Magician Magic Fred**

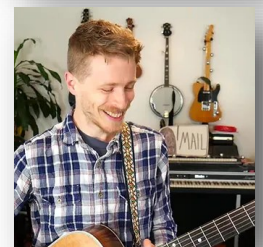
The kids love Fred’s jokes and his overall disposition and sense of humor. They will be enthralled with his magic and loved learning some of the tricks at the end of the show. Well done Fred! We can’t wait to join you for another magic show soon

- **Thursday, July 27, 2023 @6PM Mr. Aaron**

Join award winning musician *Mr. Aaron* on an interactive musical journey! We'll sing, dance, and imagine our way through fun story songs and dance jams.

- **Thursday, August 3, 2023 @6PM Wildlife Encounters**

Junior Zookeeper program. This live-animal education presentation is designed to be delivered over 45-60 minutes and generally includes a diverse selection of our Ambassador Animals.





**UNH Marine Docents – Lobsters
Wednesday Afternoon, August 9
2:00 pm, Winchell Room**

This program will answer some questions you may have such as what color is a lobster? How do lobsters smell and taste? What do they eat? As well as how do you catch a lobster. The UNH Marine Docents will explore these questions hands-on activities such as lobster measuring and banding as well as learning how a lobster trap works. This program is for grades K-3. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628

Bookmobile is back!

The Manchester City Library and the Manchester School District is pleased to announce that the **Driven to Read Bookmobile** will be on the road again this summer. It will be making stops throughout the city from July 6 until August 13. At our Thursday's stops, we will be joining the Mobile Fresh Market. Keep an eye on our Facebook and blog for special pop-up stops on Tuesdays and Fridays throughout the city. We hope to see everyone at the Bookmobile where you will be able to get a free book. For more information, please call 624-6550 ext. 7628. Remember to update your READsquared account that you attended this program to earn points towards raffle tickets and badges.

The schedule is below:

Mondays, July 10, 17, 24 & 31; August 7	Livingston Park/Playground Area	10:30-11:30 am
Wednesdays, July 5, 12, 19, 26, August 2, 9	City Hall	10:30-11:30 am
Thursdays, July 6, 20, August 3	Elmwood Gardens	1:00-2:00 pm
Wednesdays, July 12, 26, August 9	Kelley Falls	2:00-3:00 pm



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405 Pine Street
Manchester, NH 03104

Monday & Friday
9 am-5 pm

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
9am-8pm

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