

MCL Notes

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Directors Note

Another summer begins at your libraries with a plethora of programming and new resources to borrow! As you peruse the newsletter you'll notice that our Annual Summer Reading Program continues for all ages with prizes supported by many community organizations.

We will also be installing a pollinator garden with the NH Audubon Society this summer! Work to prep the area on the south side of the Main building will start the week of May 27th. A launch party to share the area with the community is being planned for the end of June and we hope to see you there!

We hope to have you visit the library buildings this summer, especially the Carpenter Memorial Building which was built 110 years ago!

Hoping for a beautiful summer for all of us!

Denise van Zanten
Library Director

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THE CITY OF MANCHESTER PRESENTS

The Downtown Summer Series

Movie Nights



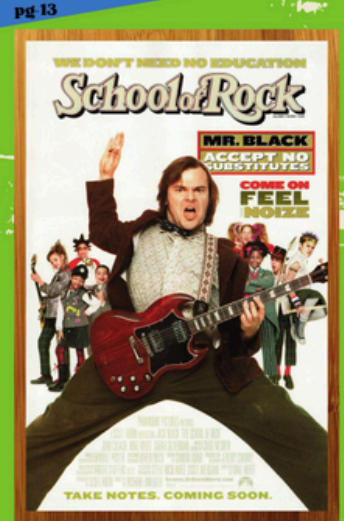
Shrek
Wednesday, June 26



Honey, I shrunk the Kids
Wednesday, July 17



Monsters, Inc.
Wednesday, July 31



School of Rock
Wednesday, August 14

JUNE - AUGUST

VETERANS PARK, 723 ELM ST, MANCHESTER, NH

Movies begin at dusk - bring your lawn chairs and blankets
concessions are available for purchase
rain dates to be determined

Brought to you by The Manchester City Library, Manchester Public Television, Parks and Recreation, Economic Development & Mayor's Office

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New Fiction

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:

Albert, Susan Wittig – **Forget Me Never**

Olivia Andrews is locally famous for her blog and podcast, which is dedicated to telling the stories of victims of crime. Now she has a stunning story to tell about a decades-old murder mystery involving a prominent citizen of Pecan Springs. But she is killed by a hit-and-run driver while she is out jogging early one morning. Was it an accident – or something else? Her sister wants to know. The latest installment in the China Bayles series, due out June 4.

Berry, Steve – **Red Star Falling**

Searching for the legendary library of Ivan the Terrible, rare manuscripts that contain the key to ending the looming threat orbiting 200 miles above the earth, Luke Daniels must find them before others, both inside and outside of Russia, unleash the destructive potential of the Red Star program. Due out June 11.

Chevalier, Tracy – **The Glassmaker**

From the height of Renaissance-era Italy to the present day, we follow Orsola Rosso and her family of glassblowers as they live through creative triumph and heartbreaking loss, and how through every era, the Rosso women ensure their work, and their bonds, endure. Due out June 18.

Jackson, Lisa – **Our Little Secret**

When Brooke Harmon breaks off her brief affair with Gideon Ross, he threatens he'll never let her go. After a year goes by, she wants to believe it's all behind her, but the fear hasn't disappeared...and she's right to be worried, because Gideon is a man who keeps his word. Due out June 25.

Zahn, Timothy – **The Icarus Changeling**

An agent for the ultra-secret Icarus Group, Gregory Roarke, tasked with locating a teleportation portal on the backwater colony of Alaiin, finds this seemingly simple assignment leading to a race against an alien enemy and a string of murders linked to a dangerous changeling boy. Due out July 2.

Giffin, Emily – **The Summer Pact**

Lainey, Tyson, Summer and Hannah became inseparable during college. At graduation, they made a pact, promising to always be there for each other in times of need. Ten years later, Hannah, when one the happiest moments of her life is suddenly turned upside down, calls on her closet friends and, together, they embark on a shared journey of self-discovery, forgiveness, and acceptance. Due out July 9.

Harkness, Deborah – **The Black Bird Oracle**

When the Congregation demands she and Matthew test the magic of their seven-year-old twins, Oxford scholar and witch Diana Bishop, forging a different path, confronts her family's dark past and reckons with her desire for even greater power – if she can let go of her fear of wielding it. Due out July 16.

Lapena, Shari – **What Have You Done?**

When the body of Diana Brewer is discovered in a hayfield by a local farmer, sleepy little Fairfield, Vermont, a town of friendly, familiar faces, becomes a town of suspects and a place of fear and paranoia where everyone wants answers. Due out July 30.

Bowen, Rhys – **The Rose Arbor**

Set in London during 1968, we follow Liz Houghton, a newspaper reporter, as she looks into the disappearance of a young girl. Working with her friend, and police officer, Marisa, they follow the case to the small village of Tydeham and uncover a string of events that will change the course of Liz's life forever. Due out August 6.

Rollins, James – **Arkangel**

The execution of a Vatican archivist within the shadow of the Kremlin exposes a conspiracy going back three centuries – to the bloody era of the Russian Tsars. Facing enemies on all sides, it will be up to Commander Gray Pierce and Sigma Force to unravel a mystery going back millennia – and uncover the truth about a lost civilization and an arcane treasure that could save the planet...or destroy it. Due out August 6.

Weis, Margaret – **Dragons of Eternity**

When Destina Rosethorn and her companions were transported to a time 300 years before their birth – to the days of the Third Dragon War – the last thing they wanted to do was upset history. But upon returning to the near-past from which they departed, they discover a world completely altered. Now it is up to them to make one last desperate attempt to restore Time's river to its proper channel. Because if they can't, the altered past will sweep over the present until no trace of their old world remains. Due out August 6.

Strout, Elizabeth – **Tell Me Everything**

We return to the town of Crosby, Maine, and the beloved cast of characters – Lucy Barton, Olive Kitteridge, Bob Burgess, and more – as they deal with a shocking crime in their midst, fall in love and yet choose to be apart, and grapple with the question, as Lucy puts it, "What does anyone's life mean?" Due out August 13.

Library Challenges!

MCL Seed Library

Available March – August 2024
Main Library, 2nd Floor



Manchester Seed Library is back for its 2nd year! Interested in starting a garden? What about trying out a new type of produce? Whether you are a beginner or experienced gardener, the 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.

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!



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Registration for Summer Reading is open! Families can sign up for either the Kids, Teen or Adult Adventure Begins at Your Library reading programs. Here is the link to sign up- <https://manchesternh.readsquared.com>.

ADVENTURE — BEGINS AT — YOUR LIBRARY™



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

For the fourth 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 17 to August 10. 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 or at the West Branch! Keep track of your reading using the paper log sheets included in your welcome packet. Visit the Information Desk at either branch 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.
- Participants are eligible to win one raffle prize each year, so purchase your tickets carefully!
- Raffle tickets will be drawn at 8:30 am 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.
- Preview the prizes [here!](#)

SRP Mission

This year's theme is Adventure Begins at Your Library. The Manchester City Library wants you to take part in a mission. Did you go on a fantastic vacation or have a fun adventure? We would love for you to share your adventure with us and you can win points towards a prize! Look for the instructions and worksheet in your summer reading program packet, or download the worksheet from ReadSquared. Be part of our library display! We will display your submission sheets on our travel map. While you're here, check out fellow patron adventure submissions, and check out a travel guide for your next adventure. The program runs from June 17 – August 10 and submissions will be on display during the month of July.

Eat Around the World

SRP Mission

Go on a culinary adventure around the world with the Manchester City Library! From June 17 through August 10, broaden your cooking skills and earn points toward the Adult Summer Reading Program by cooking cuisine from around the world. Learn something new by making a dish from each of the following regions: Africa, Asia, Europe, South and Central America, Middle East, and North America. Sign up for the SRP and complete mission activities to earn points. All are welcome to participate! Those not signed up for the SRP can request an activity sheet at the Information Desk!



Modern Wonders

SRP Mission

There are seven modern wonders of the world. Do you know where they are? Enter the name of the country for each of the seven modern wonders. Test your knowledge from June 17-August 10, and earn points toward the Summer Reading Program to exchange for raffle tickets! Those not signed up for the SRP can request an activity sheet at the Information Desk!



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YOUR LIBRARY™



West Library Adult DIY

Stop by the Information Desk on the Main Floor at the West Library 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.

Art Gallery Vase

June 11, 2024

Create your own decorative bud vase worthy of an art gallery. Now that summer is here, you can put a couple flower stems into your own creation. Use it for a beautiful center piece for summer picnics or to brighten up your desk or any space. Use the included supplies to create your own vase. Kits will include most of the material needed, including a small glass vase, spray paint, sandpaper, a self-adhesive foam sheet, and sheet of shape suggestions for your work of art.

These kits are for adults only and are available while supplies last. For more information, call Amy H at 603-624-6560 x 7691 or email ahanmer@manchesternh.gov.

Main 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.

DIY Bookmarks

June 11, 2024

For the month of June, we present to you a variety of beautiful bookmarks for you to assemble and decorate using several different crafting techniques. These kits are intended for adults and will contain a variety craft supplies for you to create many different types of bookmarks. Use the art supplies we provide or use your own that you might have at home. These kits will be available on Tuesday, June 11th, in the Library Rotunda while supplies last.

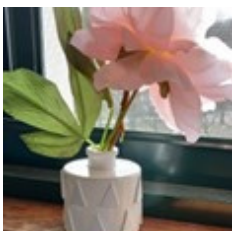
For more information, please contact Yvonne at yloomis@manchesternh.gov or call the Information Desk at 603-624-6550 ext. 7620.

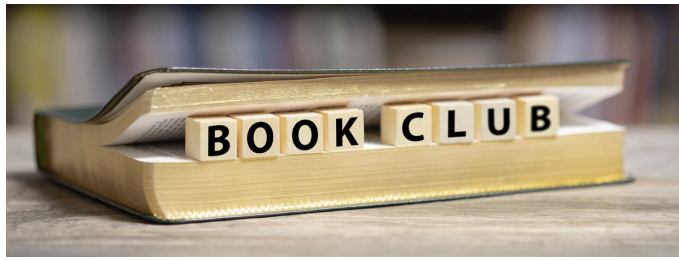
Embroidered Vintage Baseball Caps

August 13, 2024

Keep it wild! Late summer and early fall are traditional times when families take vacations and road trips to enjoy the great outdoors before the winds of winter arrive. What a better way to get ready for your outing than with this fun handmade embroidered baseball cap! This is a very easy embroidery project for beginners. It's also a perfect summer project to take with you on the go. These kits come with everything you will need to embroider one beautiful baseball cap. These kits are for adults, as they kits contain pins. They will be available while supplies last.

For more information about this fun little craft please contact Yvonne at 603-624-6550 ext. 7620 or e-mail yloomis@manchesternh.gov.





Wednesday Evening Book Club

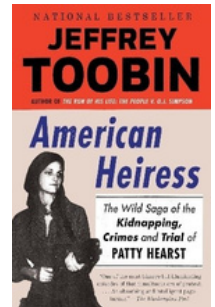
Do you like talking about books as much you enjoy reading them? Consider joining our monthly book club! We meet in the Winchell Room on the second Wednesday of the month, September through June, and you can attend either in person or via Zoom. Selections include fiction, nonfiction and biographies, both recent and classic.

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

Wednesday, June 12, 2024 6:30-7:30

American Heiress: The Wild Saga of the Kidnapping, Crimes and Trial of Patty Hearst, by Jeffrey Toobin.

An account of the sensational 1974 kidnapping and trial of Patty Hearst describes the efforts of her family to secure her release, Hearst's baffling participation in a bank robbery and the psychological insights that prompted modern understandings about Stockholm Syndrome.



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

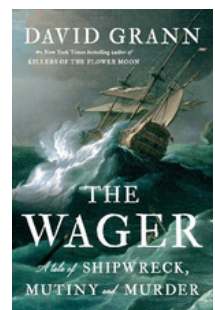
Brown Bag Book Club

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 25, 2023 12:15-1:30PM

The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder, by David Grann.

In the late 1700's a group of shipwrecked British sailors returned to England with tales of heroism and survival. A month later another group of men from the same ship returned claiming the first group were murderous mutineers.



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

Adult Programs

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.

Writers Group | [Sign Up Here!](#)

Wednesdays in the Hunt Room at 6:30 PM

June 26 | July 24 | August 21

Join the Manchester City Library on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm for our new writer's 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, aged teen and up. Please sign up to participate.

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

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

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

June 10 & 17 | July 1 & 15 | August 12 & 19

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

The US, Iran, and the Middle East in 2024 | [Sign Up Here!](#)

Tuesday, June 18th at 6pm

In the Library Auditorium and on Zoom!

This library talk, presented by Brandon Gauthier, will examine the history of US-Iranian relations since the 1950s, highlighting historical sources of tensions, as well as the effects of the Israeli-Hamas conflict on the Middle East in the present. This presentation will be followed by a Q&A session.

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

Dungeons & Dragons Game | [Sign Up Here!](#)

Saturday, June 29, 2024 at 10:30 AM

In-Person in the Winchell Room

The Manchester City Library is hosting a Dungeons and Dragons game for adults aged 18+. This game will be a dungeon crawl using 5th edition rules and requires teamwork and creative solutions! Signup is required and space is limited!

For questions, call Caleb Moshier at 603-624-6550 x7620 or email cmoshier@manchesternh.gov.

Adult Programs

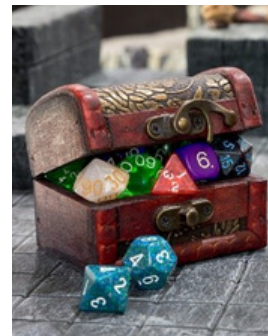
Painting Miniatures – More Basics | [Sign Up Here!](#)

Saturday, July 6, 2024 at 11:00 AM

In-Person in the Winchell Room

For Adults and Teens (grade 6 and up). Learn some basic miniature painting skills. Miniatures, paints and brushes will be provided. Paint your tabletop miniature and take it home with you, or get your own unpainted miniature for Dungeons and Dragons just for stopping by and saying hello! Free miniatures will be a mix of inexpensive miniatures from Wizkids, Reaper Miniatures and various tabletop board games. All roughly in 28 MM scale for D&D and other tabletop games.

For Questions, call 603-624-6550 x7620 or email Caleb Moshier at cmosher@manchesternh.gov.



Defining America: Illustrators and the Saturday Evening Post | [Sign Up Here!](#)

Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 7:00 PM

VIRTUAL, Via Zoom

Presented by Jane Oneail. The iconic Saturday Evening Post magazine reached millions of homes each week, featuring illustrated covers that spoke to the experiences of the modern American nuclear family. Explore the styles and themes of beloved illustrators including Norman Rockwell, N.C. Wyeth and John Philip Falter. Image: Norman Rockwell, Rosie the Riveter, 1943. Crystal Bridges Museum.

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



Black History Tour with the Manchester Historic Association | [Sign Up Here!](#)

Friday, July 26, 2024 at 10am

Meet in the Library Rotunda

Join local historian Stan Garrity for a walking tour of Manchester's Black History! Learn about the woman who turned her house into a stop on the Underground Railroad, the first Black woman to graduate from Manchester High School, and much more!

The walk will begin in the Main Library's rotunda and will follow Stan's guided tour before returning to Library. Make sure to wear comfortable shoes, apply sun screen, and drink plenty of water!

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



Adult Programs

Eating Local with NH Food Alliance | [**Sign Up Here!**](#)

Wednesday, July 31, 2024 at 6:30 PM

In the Library Auditorium

Do you want to eat more New Hampshire grown, raised, fished, and produced foods, but are not sure where to start? Join the NH Food Alliance and agriculture producers and advocates from the Hillsborough County area to learn about the local food near you, how eating locally stimulates our state's economy, and contributes to building climate resiliency and social equity in our communities. The presentation will be led by Colleen Stewart, the Communications Coordinator for the New Hampshire Food Alliance. For questions, call Tess Kimsey at 603-624-6550 x7620 or email tkimsey@manchesternh.gov.



Downeast Connections: Artists Inspired by Maine | [**Sign Up Here!**](#)

Thursday, August 1, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Via Zoom

Presented by Jane Oneail. Maine's remote, rocky shoreline has been a beacon to American artists for generations. This program will survey the work of some of the most celebrated artists inspired by the state's distinct landscape and way of life. The program features work by artists including Winslow Homer, Andrew Wyeth, and Ashley Bryan. Image: Frank Weston Benson, *Calm Morning*, 1904, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.



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

Summer Concert: Alex Minasian Jazz Trio | [**Sign Up Here!**](#)

Thursday, August 15, 2024 at 6:30 PM

In the Library Auditorium

The Alex Minasian Jazz Trio comes to the Manchester Library for an evening of jazz. Their musical selections will honor the legends of jazz music, including Charlie Parker and Thelonious Monk, as well as music from the Great American Songbook. Pianist, Alex Minasian has performed in most of the country's most famous jazz rooms. He was the last pianist for legendary vocalists Little Jimmy Scott, and Mark Murphy. To learn more about Alex Minasian check out his website.



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

TEEN PROGRAMS

TEEN THURSDAYS

3:00—4:30 PM

Weekly on Thursdays (no meeting 7/4/24)

Main Library, Winchell Room

Each Thursday we will have a different teen craft or activity. We will also have the Switch for anyone who wants to play video games after completing the activity, and snacks will be provided. Registration in advance is appreciated to help us plan. Please see the [upcoming events calendar](#) for more information. This program is for teens in grades 6-12.

6/20/24: Tie Dye Workshop

6/27/24: Rubber Duckeration

7/11/24: Mosaic Tiles

7/18/24: Galaxy Slime and Galaxy Jars

7/25/24: Book Nooks: DIY Miniature Fantasy World

8/1/24: Zombie Dolls and Frankentoy

8/8/24: DIY Buttons, Magnets, and more!

ESCAPE ROOM

9:30 AM or 11:00 AM

Weekly on Mondays

Main Library, Winchell Room

Different genre each week. Registration is required. Please see the upcoming events calendar for more information and weekly themes.

This program is for grades 3—12.

TEEN MOVIE AND PIZZA NIGHT

5:30—7:45 PM

Wednesday 6/26 & 8/7

Main Library, Auditorium

Join us for a movie and pizza in the auditorium, where we'll watch a teen movie on the big screen. Movie selection to be determined. Registration in advance is appreciated to help us plan. This program is for teens in grades 6-12.

TEEN ANIME AND PIZZA NIGHT

5:30—7:45 PM

Wednesday 7/17

Main Library, Auditorium

Come for anime and pizza in the auditorium, where we'll watch a few episodes of anime on the big screen. Those who attend will vote on which shows we watch. Registration in advance is appreciated to help us plan. This program is for teens in grades 6-12.

TEEN SUMMER READING

ADVENTURE BEGINS AT YOUR LIBRARY

Participate in the 2024 Teen Summer Reading Challenge, June 17th—August 10th with READSquared!

Track your reading and attend teen programs to earn points and win pins and other prizes. Register online with [ReadSquared](#) 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/>

FAMILY FARE
LIBRARY LAWN
(IN EVENT OF RAIN LIBRARY AUDITORIUM)

THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2024 – 6PM – MUSICIAN STEVE BLUNT

“RAMBLE ON, SING A SONG!” (Some songs for the CSLP summer reading theme, “Adventure Begins at the Library.”)



THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2023 – 6 PM – LINDSAY & HER

PUPPET PALS

Lindsay Aucella's comedic animation and timing, high energy, and uncanny knack for silly voices electrifies young crowds (and mastery of gentle crowd control will bring them back!) She believes the visual and interactive nature of puppetry can access the imaginations of even the youngest children. Through thoughtful storytelling she hopes to inspire creative play and pro social behavior. She also believes the experience of shared joy and laughter can strengthen a community!



THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2024 – 6PM – MAGICIAN BJ HICKMAN

His interest in magic began as a child growing up in Manchester, New Hampshire, “My dad taught me a magic trick with a piece of string and I was hooked,” recalls Hickman.

While still a child, Hickman joined The International Brotherhood of Magicians (I.B.M.) and went on to become an “Order of Merlin-Shield” member, Territorial Representative, every office in the New Hampshire chapter. Internationally, he became I.B.M.’s advertising Manager for the organization’s trade publication, The Linking Ring Magazine, and www.Magician.org.

BJ Hickman has been reviewed as “a master of the double-take and one who connects with wonderful audience rapport.” He is credited with being “the magician who keeps getting invited back.” His comedy, audience participation one man magic show is suitable for audiences of all ages. People enjoy his dazzling deception, mind reading miracles, silly surprises, and sleight of hand.



THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2024 – 6PM – WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS

A Global Tour Encounter – This live-animal presentation includes an amazing selection of their highest-end Ambassador animals.



We are excited to announce that the Manchester City Library will be a site for one of Manchester's Pocket Pollinator gardens. With funds secured through the NH Conservation and Heritage License Plates (the moose), NH Audubon will be creating a Pocket Pollinator garden on the Amherst St. entrance of the Manchester City Library. Volunteers will help with tasks such as: removing pre-existing ground cover, amending soil (spreading compost), installing native plants, and mulching. The end result will be a colorful foundation garden filled with plants that provide sustenance to our native bees & butterflies. For more information about this project please [click here](#).



Manchester City Library presents our "Adventures Begin at Your Library" summer library program. We will be exploring different genres such as history/time travel, adventure/spy, and fantasy just to name a few. Activities will include weekly Escape Rooms, Movie Afternoons, Little Explorers, Elementary Experiments, Tabletop Capers, Adventure Camp, Lego Quest, Family & Baby Storytimes, a weekly scavenger hunts and mystery special guests. All programs are free of charge.

The 2024 kids 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 8-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 pins, 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 paper log, program calendar with READsquared app instructions and a special craft. For more information, please call 624-6550 ext. 7628.



Children's Summer Programs

Youth Summer Crafts

During the Adventure Begins at Your Library Summer reading program, we will have weekly take and make craft kits behind the children's reference desk. 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. We have a limited number of craft kits each week. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.

Adventure Begins at Your Library Kickoff

Monday, June 17, 2024 12:30-3:00

Winchell Room/Side Lawn

We are kicking off Summer with a fun program for all ages. At 12:30 pm, we are welcoming a special guest who loves coming to the library. Millie the Comfort Pony will be here for a meet and greet for all ages. Be sure to bring your camera. There will be other fun indoor/outside activities and crafts. It is a perfect time to sign up for our Adventure Begins at Your Library Reading programs and to check out all the great programs that will be happening over the summer.

Escape Rooms

Mondays, June 17 & June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, and August 5th

2 Sessions - 9:30-10:30; 11:00-Noon, Winchell room

We challenge anyone going into grades 3-12 to use their genre-savvy knowledge and skills to escape a different situation each week. We will have two sessions, one at 9:30am and one at 11:00am, with two teams of up to seven people each. Check online or call for the theme. Registration is required-and be sure to register each player individually! For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.

Movie Afternoon

Mondays, June 17 & June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, and August 5th

3:00 pm, Auditorium

Children and their families are welcome to see an all-ages movie on the library's large auditorium screen! Movies will be G or PG and will follow the Summer Reading theme of the week. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.

Storytime at the Mall

Tuesday Mornings, June 18, July 9 and August 13

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 with children ages 1-6 years old 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.

Children's Summer Programs

Little Explorers

Tuesday Mornings, June 25, July 18 and August 1

10:00 am, Winchell Room/Outside

Each Tuesday join Ms. Karyn for a different fun activity or party. During Little Explorers, we will be listening to fun stories, making cute crafts, or going on a hunts for our favorite creatures. These programs are for ages 1-5 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 25: Beach Party

July 2: We're Going on a Bear Hunt

July 16: Bubble Party

July 23: Dino Hunt

July 30: Off to the Zoo!

August 6: Messy Art – Chalk the Walk

Beach Party!

Tuesday, June 25, 2024

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

We are Going on a Bear Hunt!

Tuesday, July 2, 2024

10:00 am Winchell Room/Lawn

On Tuesday, July 2, 2024, we are going an adventure to meet some bears. There will be stories about some of our bear friends; Mother Bruce, Corduroy, Winnie-the-Pooh and many more. There will be fun games and a cute craft to take home. 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

Bubble Party!

Tuesday, July 16, 2024

10:00 am Winchell Room/Lawn

It is bubble time! On Tuesday, July 16, 2024, we will be having a Bubble Party on the side lawn. We will have tubs of bubble solution with lots of wands for you to try out. You will be able to make your own bubble wand from pipe cleaners. There will also be a 'bubble painting' station for you to create your own bubble painting to take home. 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.

Children's Summer Programs

Dinosaur Hunt!

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

10:00 am Winchell Room/Lawn

Join us as we go on a hunt for dinosaurs on the library lawn on Tuesday, July 23, 2024 beginning at 10:00 am. We will gather in the Winchell Room to listen to dinosaur stories and make a dinosaur craft. Afterwards, we will head outside with our magnifying glasses to look for dinosaurs and their bones. Come dress for outside activities. This program is for children 1 to 5 years old. Registration is required. For more information, please call 624-6550 ext. 7628.

Let's visit the Zoo!

Tuesday, July 30, 2024

10:00 am Winchell Room/Lawn

We are going on an adventure to the zoo on Tuesday, July 30 beginning at 10:00 am! We will meet a variety of zoo animals as we listened to fun stories. There will be cute craft for to make and take home and other fun indoor and outdoor activities for everyone to enjoy. This program is for children 1 to 5 years old. Registration is required. For more information, please call 624-6550 ext. 7628.

Messy Art – Chalk the Walk

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

10:00 am, Winchell Room/South Lawn & Sidewalk

For our last Little Explorers of the summer, it is time to get messy and creative. On Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at 10:00 am, kids age 1-5 years old will be using jumbo sidewalk chalk to create one-of-a-kind masterpieces on our sidewalks. There will be indoor activities as well. Come dress to be messy. Registration is recommended to make sure we have enough supplies for everyone. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.

Mystery Afternoons

Tuesdays, June 18, July 2, July 16, July 30

3:00 pm, Winchell Room, Auditorium, and/or Side Lawn

Every other week on Tuesdays afternoons from 3:00-4:00 we will have a special guest come to library with a different adventure for you to enjoy. There will be different animals for you to meet. Take time travel trip back to the past. You may even get to meet someone from our community. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628. A schedule of when each program will be occurring is below:

June 18: Manchester Millyard

July 2: Morphs Milestones – Reptile Program

July 16: Manchester Millyard

July 30: Captain Underpants Party

Children's Summer Programs

Manchester Millyard Adventure Trunks

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

3:00 pm, Auditorium

Families are invited to go on an adventure to the past with Ms. Kristy from the Manchester Millyard Museum. Each visit, we will be heading into the past, visiting places, meeting interesting people, creatures and animal with their Adventure Trunks. All ages are welcome. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628

Morphs Milestones

Tuesday, July 2, 2024

3:00 pm, Auditorium

Families are invited to learn about the reptiles that have been rescued and rehabilitated by Morphs & Milestones. You will learn about their environments where they live; what they eat and other fun and interesting facts. There will be hands on opportunities as well. For more information, please call 624-6550 ext. 7628.

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Captain Underpants Party

Tuesday, July 30, 2024

3:00 pm, Winchell Room/Lawn

Someone has stolen the solar system! George and Harold need your help to find it. But first you will need a new name, test your throwing skills, make a cape then find your super powers before you can begin the search. There will be snacks and refreshments. Children in grades preschool to Grade 6 are invited. Registration is required. For more information, please call 624-6550 ext. 7628.

Elementary Experiments

Tuesday Afternoons, June 25, July 9 & 23, August 6

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). Because we are in Summer Reading time, our experiments are following the Adventure themes. Remember to register so we can make sure we have enough supplies.

If you cannot come in person, pick up a craft kit (while supplies last) and check out the video on our Facebook and YouTube pages to follow along!

For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.

Children's Summer Programs

Tabletop Capers

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

10:00-11:30 am, Winchell Room

Drop in and explore different types board game adventure stories at your library! Choose from a variety of Genres—Space, Fantasy, Mystery, more— and learn the rules while you play together. Suggested for anyone going into grades 2-6. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.

Adventure Camp

Wednesdays, June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and August 7th

3:00-4:00 pm, Winchell room

Have you ever thought about what you would do if you ended up in your favorite book? Adventure Camp takes the Summer Reading adventure category of the week and teaches tips and tricks you could use to thrive in that genre of story! Anyone grades 1-6 are invited register for this fun program. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.

Summer Storytimes

Beginning the week of June 17th, 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.

Lego Quest

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

3:00-4:30 pm Winchell Room

Love Legos? Drop in from 3:00pm-4:00pm each week and accept the quest to build something for our display case! Theme suggestion weekly, families welcome! This program is for ages 3-12 years old.



The 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 8 until August 9. There will be storytimes with special guests, a craft/STEM project to make and of course a free book for the kids to take home. At the Elmwood Gardens and Kelley Falls, we will have bi-lingual storytimes for all ages. Keep an eye on our Facebook and blog for special pop-up stops on Tuesdays and Fridays throughout the city. 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 8, 15, 22 & 29; August 5	Livingston Park/Playground Area	10:30-11:30 am
Wednesdays, July 10, 17, 24, 31, August 6	City Hall	10:30-11:30 am
Thursdays, July 11, 25, August 8	Elmwood Gardens	1:00-2:00 pm
Thursdays, July 18, August 1	Kelley Falls	1:00-2:00 pm





Main Library Hours

Monday: 9 am - 5pm

Tuesday: 9 am - 8pm

Wednesday: 9 am - 8 pm

Thursday: 9 am - 8 pm

Friday: 9 am - 5 pm

Saturday: 9 am - 2 pm

Sunday: Closed

West Branch Library hours

Monday: 1 pm - 5 pm

Tuesday: 1 pm - 5 pm

Wednesday: 1 pm - 5 pm

Thursday: 1 pm - 5 pm

Friday: 1 pm - 5 pm

Saturday - Closed

Sunday - Closed



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Library Closings:

Wednesday, June 19th in observance of Juneteenth

Thursday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day

Wednesday August 28th for Staff Development Day

Saturday, August 31st & Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day