

# MCLR Notes

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## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Can anyone tell me where winter went? I feel like I missed a whole season, which probably isn't a bad thing but there weren't many days in front of the fireplace planning what I hope to plant in our garden (and protect from critters) this year. Just like last year we have tons of wildlife wandering in and out of the yard including the addition of a possum, a very large raccoon and an occasional visit by a bobcat!

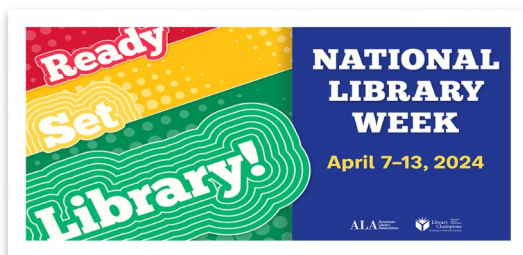
I do hope that the spring months go by a little more slowly and that we can all take the time to enjoy the sunshine and warmer days. Maybe spend an afternoon reading a book outside in one of our city parks, in your backyard or on a terrace. I would encourage that you consider borrowing one of our kits that promote the great outdoors or maybe snag a museum pass as well this spring!

As you peruse this newsletter, which seems to get longer every quarter, you'll read about all the activities planned for you and your families during your visits to the libraries during the spring months.

We look forward to having you visit us and thank you for being a part of the Manchester library community!

Warm regards,

Denise M van Zanten  
Library Director



The theme for National Library Week 2024, "Ready, Set, Library!," promotes the idea that in our always-online world, libraries give us a green light to something truly special: a place to connect with others, learn new skills, and focus on what

matters most. Take a look at the [Manchester City Library website](https://www.manchesterlibrary.org) for

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updates on our programs and services. Also you can find links to our social media [here](#), please stop by and comment on the current happenings at the library.

No matter where you find yourself on the roadmap through life's journey - preparing for a new career, launching a business, or raising a family - our library provides an inclusive and supportive community where everyone belongs.

Get ready to connect with the Manchester City Library this National Library Week. Libraries are there for you, all the way to the finish line.

National Library Week 2024 will be celebrated Sunday, April 7th through Saturday, April 13th. Days of note during that week are:

**Monday, April 8:** [Right to Read Day](#) is a National Day of Action in support of the right to read. So make sure to come to the library and check out your favorite book!

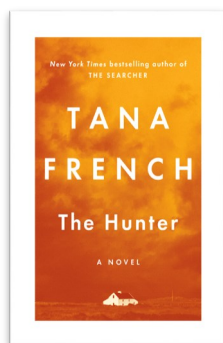
**Tuesday, April 9:** [National Library Workers Day](#), a day for everyone to recognize the valuable contributions made by library workers. Our library staff go above and beyond every day to keep your library accessible and safe for all our visitors. So please take a minute to thank them!

**Wednesday, April 10:** [National Library Outreach Day](#), a day the dedicated library professionals who are meeting their patrons where they are. Like our city's bookmobile events and all our virtual programs!

**Thursday, April 11:** [Take Action for Libraries Day](#), a day to rally advocates to urge members of Congress to protect the freedom to read. Reading equals knowledge! We have something for everyone!

## 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:**

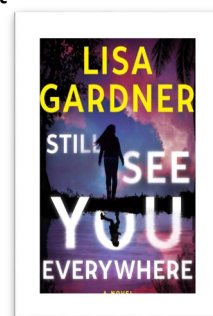


- French, Tana – [The hunter](#)  
Cal Hooper was a Chicago detective, until he moved to the West of Ireland looking for peace. He's found it, more or less, in his relationship with local woman Lena and the bond he's formed with half-wild teenager Trey. So when two men turn up with a money-making scheme to

find gold in the townland, Cal gets ready to do whatever it takes to protect Trey. Because one of the men is no stranger: he's Trey's father. But

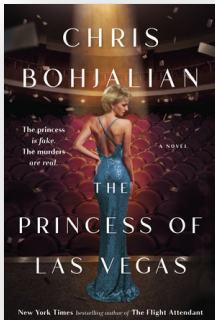
Trey doesn't want protecting. What she wants is revenge. Due out March 5.

- Gardner, Lisa – [Still see you everywhere](#)  
Missing person's specialist Frankie Elin is on an isolated island off the coast of Hawaii. Her mission: to find Lani, the missing sister of a Death Row serial killer who is awaiting execution in just three weeks' time. According to him, Lani is being held captive by her millionaire ex-boyfriend on the island. The only way to gain access is for Frankie to go undercover. But can Frankie really trust the word of a serial killer? Due out March 12.

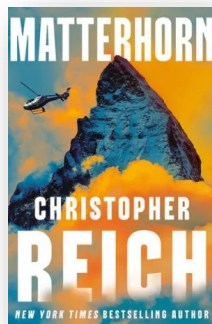


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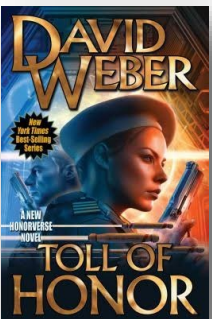
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• Bohjalian, Chris – The princess of Las Vegas  
 Crissy Dowling has created a world that suits her perfectly. She passes her days by the pool in a private cabana, she splurges on ice cream but never gains an ounce, and every evening she transforms into a Princess, performing her musical cabaret inspired by the life of the late Diana Spencer. But when her sister Betsy arrives in town, and Richie Morley, the owner of the Buckingham Palace Casino, is savagely murdered, Crissy’s carefully constructed kingdom comes crashing down all around her. Due out March 19.



• Reich, Christopher – Matterhorn  
 Robbie Steinhardt lives a peaceful life. A fixture of his small alpine village, he tends cattle, minds his own business, and doesn’t dwell on his former life and the family and lover he left behind – back when he was Mac Dekker, CIA. But when he learns his son Will died following in his footsteps, he needs answers. Wiping away the years, Mac returns to the field to find the secrets Will hid and finds himself facing the Herculean task of stopping a terrorist plot that threatens thousands. But in a field of double agents, who can he trust? Due out April 1.



• Webere, David – Toll of Honor  
 Lieutenant Brandy Bolgeo, returning home from the Battle of Hancock to heal from her wounds, is faced with the deaths of so many friends at the hands of an arrogant, aristocratic coward, while Lord Pavel Young, seeking vengeance on the people

he believes “wronged” him, threatens the Star Kingdom with his actions. This latest entry in the Honor Harrington universe is due out April 2.

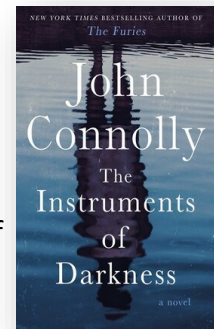
• Salvatore, R.A. – Pinquickle’s folly

The first adventure in the Buccaneers trilogy begins in the free sea outside of the control of the usurping Xoconai empire, where the dwarven powrie pirates and merchants sail. But the golden-skinned Xoconai have begun to encroach upon these waters behind the rapacious attacks of the frigate Crocodile, helmed by Captain Aketz. But when forced to submit, these sailors choose to live, free to do as they please, without some fool or another pretending to hold power over them. Due out April 16.

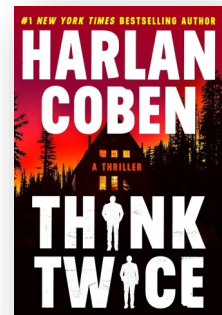


• Connolly, John – The instruments of darkness

In Maine, Colleen Clark stands accused of the worst crime a mother can commit: the abduction and possible murder of her own child. Everyone has an opinion on the case, and most believe she is guilty. But not everyone. Defending Colleen is the lawyer Moxie Castin, and working alongside him is the private investigator Charlie Parker, who senses the tale has another twist – one involving a husband too eager to accept his wife’s guilt, a group of fascists arming for war, a disgraced psychic seeking redemption, and an old, twisted house deep in the Maine woods. A house that should never have been built. Due out May 7.



• Coben, Harlan – Think twice  
 Three years ago, sports agent Myron Bolitar gave a eulogy at the funeral of his client, renowned basketball coach Greg Downing. Myron and Greg had history: initially as deeply



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personal rivals, and later as unexpected business associates. Myron made peace and moved on – until now, when two federal agents walked into his office, demanding to know where Greg Downing is. According to them, Greg is still alive – and has been placed at the scene of a double homicide, making him their main suspect. Due out May 14.

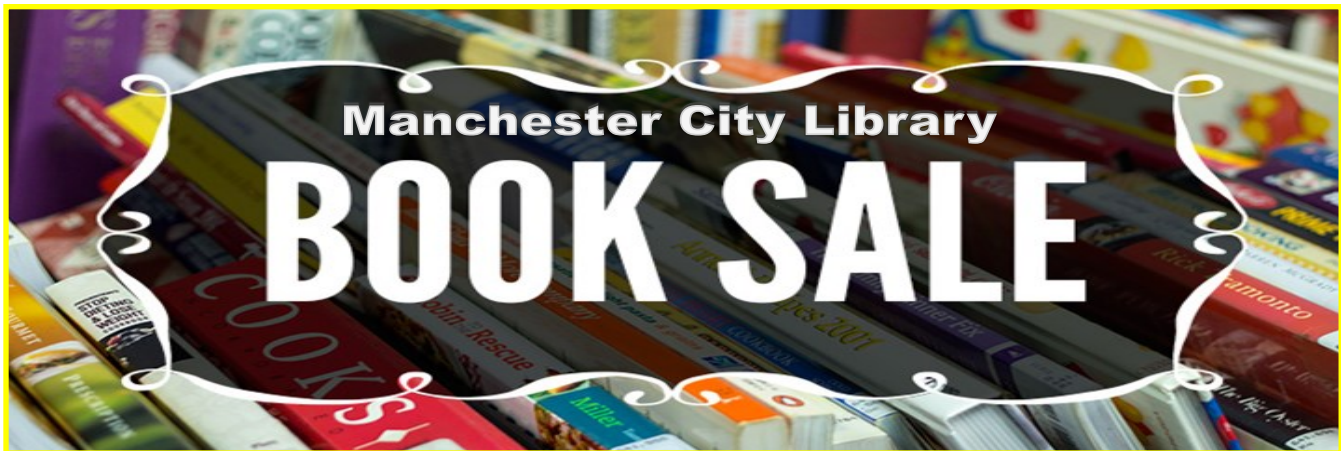
- Weir, Alison – The passionate Tudor  
Adored only child of Henry VIII and his Queen, Katherine of Aragon, Princess Mary is raised in the golden splendor of her father’s court. But

the King wants a son and heir. With her parents’ marriage, and England, in crisis, Mary’s perfect world begins to fall apart. Exiled from the court and her beloved mother, she seeks solace in her faith, praying for her father to bring her home. But when he does promise to restore her to favor, his love comes with a condition. The choice Mary faces will haunt her for years to come. Can she become the queen she was born to be? Due out May 28.



## Movie Screenings in the Manchester City Library Auditorium

- March 14<sup>th</sup> Wish rated PG Screening at Noon and 5:45 PM
- April 11<sup>th</sup> Migration rated PG Screening at Noon and 5:45 PM
  - May Movie TBA



The Spring book sale will take place on **Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 1 PM.**

The pricing will be \$10 per average sized grocery bag. Bring your own bag or we can provide one. Individual books can be purchased for \$1.50 for hardcover fiction and \$1 each for most other materials.

All proceeds from this book sale will go towards our museum pass program.

# 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.

## MCL Seed Library

Available March – August 2024

Main Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Manchester Seed Library is back for its 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!



## 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.

**Adult  
DIY**



## DIY BATH BOMBS

Take a relaxing soak with your homemade bath bombs! Use the included ingredients to customize your own bath bombs. Kits will include most of the material needed, including essential oils and skin-safe pigments (some water necessary)! Each kit makes 2 bath bombs.

### 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. 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.



## CYANOTYPE PRINTING

**Tuesday, April 9, 2024**

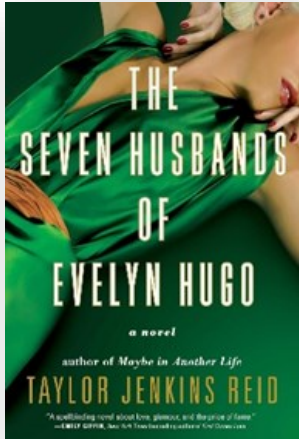
Ever wonder what it's like to make a photographic print *without* a camera? To make a handmade, colorful and vibrant print of your own? Well, look no further! This project will show you how to create a Cyanotype print, which is a blue-toned print created with the power of the sun! This technique is a beginner-friendly one and comes with an easy step by step process. Traditionally and most simply, the process is performed outside using sunlight.



## 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, March 13, 2024 6:30-7:30**  
*The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo*, by Taylor Jenkins Reid.

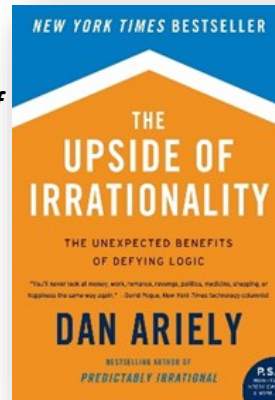
When an aging and reclusive Hollywood icon selects an unknown magazine reporter to write her life story, the baffled journalist forges deep ties with the actress during a complicated interview process that exposes their tragic common history.

Wednesday Evening

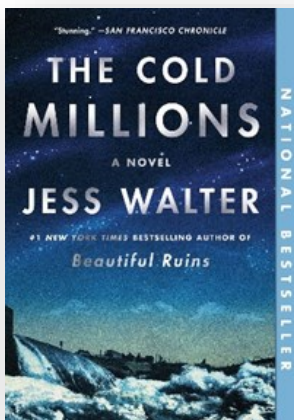


- **Wednesday, April 10, 2023, 6:30-8:00PM**  
*The Upside of Irrationality: the Unexpected Benefits of Defying Logic at Work and at Home*, by Dan Ariely.

Looks at the irrational decisions that influence people's relationships, workplace experiences, and temptation to cheat in any area of their lives and explains how to move beyond this to greater success.



Book Club

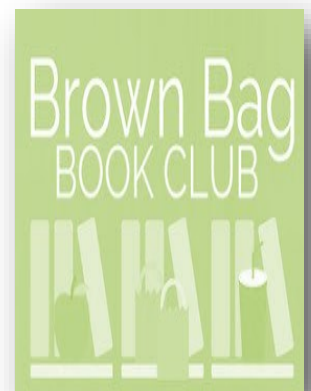


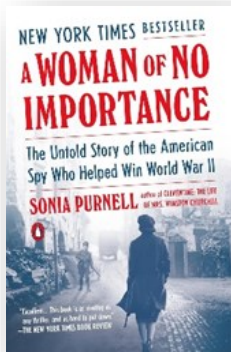
- **Wednesday, May 8, 2023, 6:30-8:00PM**  
*The Cold Millions*, by Jess Walters.
- Enduring a harsh existence as day laborers orphaned brothers Gig and Rye Dolan are drawn to a feminist activist and a vaudeville singer whose experiences reflect an unjust world on the brink of upheaval.

## 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.

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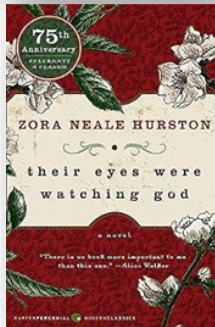


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- **Tuesday, March 26, 2023 12:15-1:30PM**

***A Woman of no Importance: the untold Story of the American Spy Who Helped Win WWII*, by Sonia Purnell.**

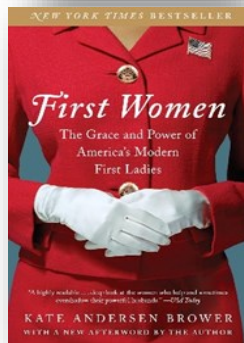
The biography of a masterful spy and reminder of what can be done with a few brave people and a little resistance.



- **Tuesday, April 20, 2023 12:15-1:30PM**

***Their Eyes Were Watching God*, by Zora Neale Hurston.**

Janie Crawford went from a vibrant but voiceless teenage girl to a woman with her finger on her own destiny.



- **Tuesday, May 28, 2023 12:15-1:30PM**

***First Women: The Grace and Power of America's Modern First Ladies*, by Kate Andersen Brower.**

The stories of ten remarkable women who have defined the role of First Lady of the United States.

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## WRITER'S GROUP | [SIGN UP HERE!](#)

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

**March 20 | April 17 | May 15**

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

Signup for this program is required, please sign up through our library calendar!



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

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

**March 4 & 18 | April 15 & 29 | May 6 & 13**

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



## SPRING CONCERT: NEW ENGLAND IRISH HARP ORCHESTRA | [SIGN UP HERE!](#)

**March 7, 2024 at 6:30  
In the Library's Auditorium**

The New England Irish Harp Orchestra (NEIHO) performs Traditional Irish dance tunes, slow airs, and songs. Members span a wide age range and come from New Hampshire and Massachusetts. The Orchestra has been performing for nineteen years throughout New England and Ireland. The Director, Regina Delaney, is a NH

State Council on the Arts artist on the Traditional Arts and Arts in Health Care Roster. NEIHO has been featured at the ICONS festival, the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library & Museum, the Balsams Wilderness luxury resort, and on New Hampshire Public Radio.

For questions, call Emily Mierswa at 603-624-6550 x7620 or [emierswa@manchesternh.gov](mailto:emierswa@manchesternh.gov).



## COMIC BOOK DAY!

**Saturday, May 4th**

The Manchester City Library is proud to announce that we are partnering with Double Midnight Comics for this year's Free Comic Book Day! Come to the main library on Saturday May, 4<sup>th</sup> to pick up free comics, make your own with templates and character prompts at our creation station, and check out our graphic novels section. It's the nerdiest day of the year so celebrate it with us! For questions, please contact Nic Young at 603-624-6550 ext. 7620 or email [nyoung3@manchesternh.gov](mailto:nyoung3@manchesternh.gov) May the Fourth be with you!





## AUTHOR TALK: JOHN DOELMAN PRESENTS *COMING HOME TO QUETICO* | [SIGN UP HERE!](#)

**Tuesday, May 28, 2024**

**At 6:30 pm in the Library Auditorium**

John Doelman, New Hampshire resident, poet, photographer, and author of *Quetico Connection*, *Finding Spirit in a Million Acres of Canadian Wilderness*, has shared his poetry with 11 acclaimed singer-songwriters from all over the USA who each created a

song for the cd. Some will be here to perform their song live and some will perform their song via video. John will share his poetry and introduce each song with its personal story.

For questions, please contact Nic Young at 603-624-6550 ext. 7620 or email [nyoung3@manchesternh.gov](mailto:nyoung3@manchesternh.gov).

## TEEN PROGRAMS March-May 2024

### TEEN THURSDAYS

**Thursdays: 3/7 – 5/30**

**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 THE WEST BRANCH

**Monthly on Tuesdays: 3/19, 4/16, 5/21**

**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 MOVIE & PIZZA NIGHTS



**Wednesdays: 3/27, 4/24, 5/22**

**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 [mclyouthservices@manchesternh.gov](mailto:mclyouthservices@manchesternh.gov).

Visit the Teen Services website at [www.teens.manchesterlibrary.org](http://www.teens.manchesterlibrary.org) for movie selection updates.



## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

### FAMILY & BABY STORYTIMES

Our spring storytimes have begun. **Family Storytime** for 2-5 years old will be held Thursday mornings. There are two sessions; 10:00 am & 11:00 am. And for our youngest patrons, 0-23 months, **Lap-sit storytime** will be on Friday mornings at 10:00 am. All sessions are in the Winchell Room and there is no registration for either storytime. This session will run until the week of May 13<sup>th</sup>.



### COZY READING CHALLENGE

This year we are warming up though reading! Sign up for the Cozy Reading Challenge (Children's is ages 5-12; Teen's is Grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) and add your reading minutes though Readsquared at [manchesternh.readsquared.com](http://manchesternh.readsquared.com). Turning in your reading minutes will help us 'warm up' the temperature on our thermometer for extra cozy reading! The Cozy Reading Challenge runs from January 3<sup>rd</sup> to March 30<sup>th</sup>, so you have plenty of time to earn prizes, coupons, and raise the temperature with our reading levels.



### 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 1-5 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.



## STORYTIME SCIENCE

**Wednesdays, March 6 & April 17 & May 8 & June 12, 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. Helene 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 Childrens. 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.

**March 6<sup>th</sup> book & activity-** *I Am Spring* by Rebecca & James McDonald- pipe cleaner flowers

**April 17<sup>th</sup> book & activity -** *Moonbear's Shadow* by Frank Asch- tracing shadow activity

**May 8<sup>th</sup> book & activity -** *Giraffes Can't Dance* by Giles Andreae & Guy Parker-Rees - TBD

**June 12<sup>th</sup> book & activity -** *I was thinking I Am Not A Fish* by Peter Raymundo- making a jellyfish

## JUNIOR AUTHOR WORKSHOP

**Wednesdays, March 6 to April 10, 2024  
3:30-4:30 pm; Children's Area**

Hey kids in grades 3-8! Do you like to make up stories? Come to one or all of these fun sessions and write, draw, share, and/or help other participants. There will be opportunities to write stories, draw comic strips, and meet other kids. The library will supply materials and ice-breakers to get things started. You can do your own thing or use any of the ideas provided. This is writing just for the fun of it!

The focus will be on stretching your imagination and providing ideas and tips on writing. Unless requested, editing will be minimal. Check out the flyer on the library Facebook page. Registration is recommended. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.



## TOY STORY PARTY

**Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 10:00 am Winchell Room**

We are going to infinity and beyond on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 10:00 am with a Toy Story Party! Come and listen to stories about Woody, Buzz and the whole gang; play

fun games, and make a cool craft to take home. Children 1-5 years are invited to come. Registration is requested to make sure that we have enough materials for everyone. For more information, please call 624-6550, ext. 7628.



## CREATIVE DAY-PEEPS DIORAMA DAY!

### Creative Day – Peeps Diorama Day!

**Monday, March 18, 2024**

**11:00 am to 2:00 pm, Winchell Room**

On your day off from school, families are invited to drop by the Winchell Room on Monday, March 18, 2024 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm for Peep Diorama Day! You will be given be 3 peeps and other materials such as construction paper, jewels, pom-poms, glitter, etc. to create a scene. If you have a shoe box or small box at home, please feel free to bring it to create your diorama. There will be a small amount of shoe boxes available for those who don't have a small box at home. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.



## LEGO AFTERNOONS

**Wednesdays, March 20<sup>th</sup> & May 15, 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



## SPRING CELEBRATION

**Saturday, March 23, 2024**

**11:00 am, Winchell Room**

Let's celebrate the arrival of Spring with a celebration on Saturday, March 23, 2024 beginning at 11:00 am in the Winchell Room. We will read spring

stories, make a simple craft and go on a small egg hunt on the library lawn.

Children ages 1-7 years old are invited to this celebration. Registration is recommended. For more information, please call at 624-6550 ext., 7628.



## STORYTIME AT THE MALL

**Tuesday, March, 26, 2024, 11:30 am, JC Penney Sitting 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, March 26, 2024 beginning at 11:30 am in front of JC Penney. We will have a 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.





## MOTHER'S DAY/FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

**Saturday, April 27, 2024**  
**10:00 am Winchell Room**

On Saturday April 27, 2024 beginning at 10:00 am in the Winchell Room, we will listen to fun stories about moms and dads to celebrate their days.

There will be several special crafts for you to make for them. Ages 1-7 years old are invited. Registration is requested so we have enough supplies for everyone. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.

## ECLIPSE AFTERNOON

**Monday, April 8, 2024**  
**2:30-4:00, Winchell Room**

New Hampshire will be experiencing a partial eclipse on Monday, April 8, 2024. Come to the library between 2:30-4:00 pm on Monday April 8, 2024 for fun eclipse activities and crafts. We will have some eclipse glasses for you to borrow to watch the eclipse. Families are invited. This is a drop-in program. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628

## STORYTIME AT THE MALL

**Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 11:30 am, Food Court 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, May 14, 2024 beginning at 11:30 am in the food court area. We will be celebrating spring with fun 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.

## MUPPET PARTY

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

It is lights, camera and action on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 10:00 am at our Muppet Party. Come and listen to stories about Kermit, Ms. Piggy and their friends. We will sing songs, play

fun games and make a cool craft to take home. Children 1-7 years are invited to come. Registration is requested to make sure that we have enough materials for everyone. For more information, please call 624-6550, ext. 7628.



## WE'RE GOING ON A BUG HUNT!

**Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 10:00 am Winchell Room**

On Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 10:00 am in the Winchell Room and on our side lawn, we will be going on a bug hunt. If you like bugs, this is your party. We will listen to bug stories, play games and make a cute bug craft to take home. Come dressed for an outside 'bug hunt' activities. Children ages 1-5 years of are invited. Registration is requested to make sure that we have enough materials for everyone. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.



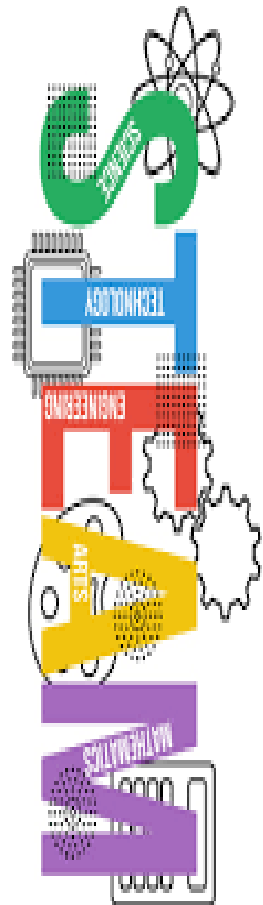
## ELEMENTARY EXPERIMENTS

- **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 make sure to have enough supplies for everyone!

- **Dates for Wednesday In-Person –** Wednesdays, March 13, April 10, and May 8, 2024
- **Dates for Tuesday In-Person –** Tuesdays, March 26, April 23, and May 28, 2024



## FAMILY GAME NIGHT

**Tuesday Nights, 5:00-7:30  
Children's Room**

Drop by the children's room on Tuesday nights for Family Game Night. We will have different board games and puzzles for families to enjoy as you browse for books. For more information, please call 624-6550 ext. 7628.





# Teddy Bear Picnic



**TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024  
NOON, LIBRARY SIDE LAWN**

Come join us for the Manchester City Library's Annual **Teddy Bear Picnic**. **Tuesday, April 23, 2024** at 11:30 am, we will gather in the Children's Room. When everyone is ready, we will parade through the library and then outside to the side lawn for a picnic. Beginning at 12:00 pm, **Musician Mr. Aaron**, will be on the south lawn for a foot stomping interactive concert. Don't forget to bring your teddy bears! Registration is not required. For more information, please call 624-6550 ext. 7628.



## CREATIVE DAYS— BUILDING BRIDGES

**Friday, April 26, 2024  
2:00 to 4:00 pm, Winchell Room**

Drop in from 2:00pm 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.



## MAY THE FORTH EVE/STAR WARS PARTY

**Friday, May 3, 2024  
1:00pm-4:00pm**

Drop in from 1pm-4pm on Friday, May 3rd to celebrate a time long ago in a galaxy far, far away! We will have Star Wars themed crafts and activities out

all afternoon for the whole family to enjoy! While you are here, be sure to try the lightsaber training, droid programming, and to test your knowledge at the Star Wars Trivia Contest. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628



# Spring Vacation Week

## We have many activities planned for you during your break from school!

- On Monday, April 22, 2024 – **Lego Day**– Drop by the Winchell Room from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm to create a Lego masterpiece for our display case. This program is for ages 3-12 years. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.
- Come join us for the Manchester City Library’s Annual **Teddy Bear Picnic**. On Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 11:30 am, we will gather in the Children’s Room. When everyone is ready, we will parade through the library and then outside to the side lawn for a picnic. Beginning at noon, Musician Mr. Aaron will be returning to the auditorium with a fun toe-tapping show. Don’t forget to bring your teddy bears! Registration is not required. For more information, please call 624-6550 ext. 7628.
- On Tuesday, April 23, 2024 – **Elementary Experiments**– Join Ms. Yvonne at 3:30 pm in the Winchell Room to check out several activities and/or crafts based on science, technology, engineering, art and math. For grades 3-6. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext.7628.
- On Wednesday, April 24, 2024- **Mystery Theme Toddler Program** at 10:00 am in the Winchell Room. Fun stories, activities and a craft based on a mystery theme. This program is for ages 1-5 years. Registration is recommended. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.
- On Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at 2:00 pm, we will be hosting a **Family Movie** in the auditorium. All ages are welcome. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628



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- On Thursday, April 25, 2024 – **Family Storytime** – Join Ms. Rose at 10:00 am and 11:00 am in the Winchell Room for stories, finger plays, and songs. For ages 2-5 years. There will be a take and make craft after the program. This is a drop in program. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.
- On Friday, April 26, 2024 – **Baby Storytime** – Join Ms. Karyn at 10:00 am for a singing, dancing and stories. There might even be bubbles! For ages, 6 to 24 months. This is a drop in program. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.
- On Friday, April 26, 2024 - Join us for a **Creative Days – Building Bridges** in the Winchell Room from 2:00 to 4:00 pm For Grades 1-6, For more information, please call 624-6550 ext. 7628

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**Monday & Friday**  
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**Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday**  
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## *-Holiday Closures-*

**Saturday, May 25, 2024 &  
Monday, May 27, 2024**  
**Memorial Day**