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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

As the Carpenter Memorial Library Building celebrates its 110th birthday this November we'll be doing some repair work on our historic building. When I wrote my last article for you in the Fall I had no idea that our major restoration project would be pushed back due to a flood over our rear stack area.

A burst pipe in a second floor staff restroom over the Labor Day weekend led to a rainforest scenario in the stacks which holds our government documents and most of our non-fiction books. This nice seeping rain missed all of our books as the buildings stack area has a cap so the water ran off and just pooled on our marble flooring. As I write this article the repair work has started. Here is the list of what this project entails:

End panels and the caps that protected our books need to be removed so we can access all of the ceiling on the mezzanine level.

Electrical lines to the area had to be disconnected and will need upgrading since some of it is original to the building's construction.

Lead paint abatement work needs to be done on the ceiling.

Ceiling needs to be re-plastered and repaired as we had to put some holes in it to help dry out the cavity above it.

Ceiling then needs to be repainted. Everything in the area which includes two levels of shelving and library materials will be cleaned and tested before we can reopen it for use again.

So, I ask that you please continue to excuse our appearance as part of the library collection has been shrink wrapped since early September and will continue to be so until sometime in early 2025. While we don't currently anticipate any impact on library hours that may change as the project progresses and at some point we will need to block elevator access to the first floor as the only way to reach the ceiling in that area is to put in scaffolding and seal the area.

Other than that, things are well at the library and the staff continues to have great programs and new materials for you!

Happy Holidays!
Warm regards,

Denise van Zanten
Library Director



Manchester City Library

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MCL LIBRARY DEPUTY DIRECTOR TO RETIRE

The Library Staff and our Trustees wish to thank our Deputy Director, Dee Santoso, for over 40 years of service to the Manchester Library Community.

Dee started at our branch library building when it first opened and since then has learned and filled in for every position in our organization.

She is a committed team member and has mentored many employees over her tenure. She will be missed as we wish her well on her next adventure!

2024 RECIPIENT OF THE ANN GEISEL AWARD OF MERIT

Manchester City Library Director, Denise van Zanten, was named as the 2024 recipient of the *Ann Geisel Award of Merit* from the NH Library Association (NHLA) during their annual Fall Business Meeting & Conference on Wednesday, 11/6/24 in Plymouth, NH.

The award is named in memory of Ann Geisel (1947-1999), who provided distinguished service to local, regional, and national library communities. Recipients are individuals, groups or organizations that have made similar significant contributions to the NH library community, or to NHLA.

Here are several of the accolades that were bestowed upon her while being recognized at the conference:

Gives of herself and her time without reservation

Has served in numerous roles within NHLA, including but not limited to President (2022), Legislative Liaison, and more recently NHLA VP/ President-Elect (again!)

Has acted in a multitude of capacities within GMILCS, providing leadership to the largest public library consortium in the state [President (2013 – 2016); Vice-President (2010 – 2013); Past

President (2017 – present); Treasurer (2002 – 2009, and 2017 – present)]

Did all of this while “helming the ship” of the largest public library in New Hampshire through a period of extreme challenges – financial crises, a pandemic, etc.

Has been a mentor to many new library directors throughout the state over the last twenty plus years, never seeking accolades, but quietly connecting with them

Presided over an unprecedented term of bills with skill and grace as the NHLA Legislative Liaison, many of which were seemingly hostile to libraries and intellectual freedom

In addition to her many accomplishments shared with NHLA members, we would particularly like to recognize Denise for her steadfast and competent leadership, care, and overall management of the Manchester City Library, while simultaneously providing diligent oversight of countless building repairs and renovation projects over the years. Her talents extend far beyond the boundaries of librarianship, and we are extremely grateful to have her as our director.

Congratulations, Denise!

MANCHESTER CITY LIBRARY ELIMINATING FINES FOR OVERDUE ITEMS



Starting December 1st, 2024 the Manchester City Library will no longer charge overdue fines on all items in our collection. The library joins a growing movement among public libraries nationwide seeking to remove barriers to increase access.

Research has shown that overdue fines can serve to prevent lower income members of the community and children from accessing library materials and services, and have been largely ineffective in their stated goal of discouraging tardy returns of library materials. Removing fines will allow the library to better serve patrons and meet its mission of “striving to provide services and materials to meet the needs of our diverse and changing community”.

While overdue fines will be eliminated, patrons are still responsible to return items by their due date. If an overdue item is not returned within a 40-day window, patrons will still be charged a replacement cost for the item.

If you have any questions regarding your account or any fines, please contact our circulation desk.

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:

Adler-Olsen, Jussi – Locked in



The Department Q series comes to a thrilling conclusion when the team must turn inward to solve the cold case that has put their leader, Detective Carl Morck, behind bars, a place where enemies are plentiful, and time is running out. Due out December 3.

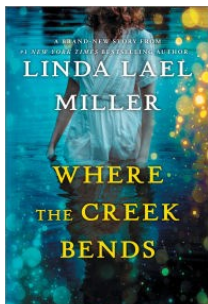
matchbook message. To move forward, Madison must uncover Bliss’s fate. She finds an unexpected ally in Liam McKettrick, a widowed dad mending his bond with his children. Together, they navigate the mysteries of Bettencourt Hall, where past and present blur. Due out December 31.

Davis, Fiona – The stolen queen



In 1978, as a valuable Egyptian artifact disappears during the Met Gala, Met curator Charlotte Cross and young assistant Annie Jenkins embark on a high-stakes search that leads them to Egypt, where Charlotte must confront an ancient curse and the haunting tragedy of her past. Due

Miller, Linda Lael – Where the creek bends



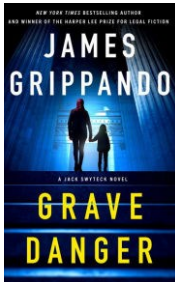
Madison Bettencourt returns to Montana to care for her ailing grandmother and grapples with calling off her wedding. Childhood memories resurface, especially of Bliss Morgan, who mysteriously vanished, leaving only a friendship bracelet and a

out January 7.

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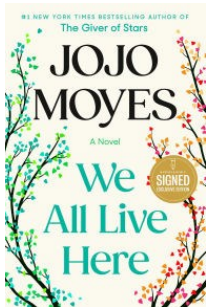
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Grippando, James – Grave danger



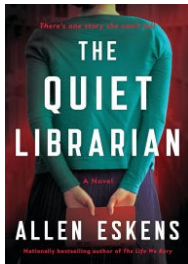
Jack Swyteck's new client fled Iran to Miami with her daughter and has been accused of kidnapping by her husband. To stop the father from taking the girl back to Tehran, Jack must build a case under international law and prove that returning the child would put her at risk. But everything in this case isn't what it seems, and Jack quickly learns that his client is really the child's aunt and that the biological mother may have been killed by Iran's morality police. But what role did the father play in his wife's death, and why is Jack's wife, FBI Agent Andie Henning, being pressured by her bosses to persuade Jack to drop the case? Due out January 14.

Moyes, Jojo – We all live here



Lila Kennedy has a lot on her plate. A broken marriage, two wayward daughters, a house that is falling apart, and an elderly stepfather who seems to have quietly moved in. Her career is in freefall and her love life is ... complicated. So when her real dad – a man she has barely seen since he ran off to Hollywood thirty-five years ago – suddenly appears on her doorstep, it feels like the final straw. But it turns out even the family you thought you could never forgive might have something to teach about love, and what it actually means to be family. Due out February 11.

Eskens, Allen – The quiet librarian



Hana Babic is a quiet, middle-aged librarian in Minnesota who wants nothing more than to be left alone. But when a detective arrives with the news that her best friend has been murdered, Hana knows that something evil has come for her, a dark remnant of the past she and her friend had shared. Due out February 18.

Adult Programs

ADULT TAKE & MAKE KITS DECEMBER 2024 - WINE GLASS CHARMS



Party season is upon us! Let's celebrate by creating your own festive wine glass charms. These glass charms are small, delightful and practical accessories that add a touch of whimsy and individuality to any gathering. These 'charming' adornments not only serve as decorative elements but also help folks identify their own glasses, preventing mix-ups and unnecessary waste. Kits will be available on Tuesday, December 10th for pickup in the library rotunda and available while supplies last. Take a kit home and have some holiday party fun!

JANUARY 2025

WEST BRANCH ADULT TAKE & MAKE CRAFTS - CONSTELLATION LUMINARIES

January's long winter nights are the perfect time to bundle up and go outside for some stargazing. The air is cold and crisp making the stars hang strong and bright above us. Join us as we create fabulous constellation

luminaries. They make adorable night-lights and are great for taking outside to do some star gazing. As a bonus, by making this craft we will be learning about five main constellations that folks should know and be able to identify in the sky. These kits will be available on Tuesday, January 14th at the Manchester West Branch Library while supplies last. Kits will come with the materials needed to make two lovely night-sky luminaries.



FEBRUARY 2025

ADULT TAKE & MAKE CRAFT- PINECONE BIRDFEEDER

Did you know that February is National Bird Feeding Month? It is also Audubon's annual wild bird backyard winter survey. The bird survey brings out the competitive spirit in my family. Each household tries to log in the most visiting birds. I keep telling them that squirrels do not count!

February is the perfect opportunity for bird feeding, bird watching, and for anyone who is feeling in the feathery spirit to extend a helping hand (or wing) to our flying friends. So spread your wings this February! You can take part in National Bird Feeding Month with us because this month we're making pinecone birdfeeders for our feathered friends.

These adult take & make craft kits come with what you will need to make cute hanging birdfeeder treats for them. These birdseed ornaments are very easy to make and they look gorgeous on the trees outside! These kits will be available on Tuesday, February 11th in the Library Rotunda.

For more information about these crafts please contact Yvonne Loomis at (603) 624-6550 ext. 7620 or e-mail yloomis@manchesternh.gov.



REMEMBERING TOGETHER

**Mondays at the Senior Center or on Zoom, 10:30 AM
December 9 & 16 | January 13 & 27 | February 10 & 24**



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!



WRITERS GROUP

Wednesdays Dec. 18, Jan 15, and Feb. 19 6:30-7:30pm

Join the Manchester City Library on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm either in person or virtually via Zoom for our writers group! Meet with other writers, 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

Signup for this program is required, please sign up through our library calendar! Visit www.manchesterlibrary.org and click on "Upcoming Events" to view the library calendar. Click [here](#) to be taken directly to the event, or copy and paste the link below into your browser.



"WHAT IS BIGFOOT"

Saturday Dec 7th starting at 12:30 PM

This is a free event in the Manchester City Library Auditorium

Did you know that there are sightings in the Bay State? You might walk away with more questions than answers.



Join Monsterland author and Leominster, MA native Ronny LeBlanc from Discovery Channel's Expedition Bigfoot and Travel Channel's Paranormal Caught on Camera as he dives into the strange side of Sasquatch. Is there a UFO connection?

Come listen to the Bigfoot presentation and ask your own questions about the Sasquatch and the Paranormal.



Snowy Scapes & Celebrations: The Artist's Holiday



Image: Grandma Moses. Christmas, 1958. Smithsonian Institute.



December 12, 2024
7-8 pm

Presented by Jane Oneail



Snowy Scapes & Celebrations: The Artist's Holiday

December 12, 2024, 7:00-8:00 PM via Zoom

Come to the Manchester City Library on December 12, 2024, from 7-8 pm via Zoom for the 2024 return of our Culturally Curious Art Series!

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This wildly popular art series, presented by Jane Oneail, is back for the third year with interesting surveys of three different artistic themes. Bring on the holiday season with this presentation of artful cheer!

Through the years, artists have created works both grand and intimate, religious and secular in response to the "most wonderful time of the year." Enjoy this special overview of the variety of ways artists have captured the magic of the season. This program includes works by Grandma Moses, Salvador Dali, and Andy Warhol.

Jane Oneail curates and delivers art appreciation programs to audiences throughout New England and beyond. Jane holds a master's in Art History from Boston University and a master's in Education from Harvard University. A New Hampshire native, she has worked at some of the state's most esteemed cultural institutions, including the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen, where she served as Executive Director, and the Currier Museum of Art, where she held the role of Senior Educator. Jane has also taught at the college level for more than a decade, most recently at Southern New Hampshire University. For more information, visit iamculturallycurious.com.

[Register Here](#)

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT DEMONSTRATION AND RAFFLE WITH CHALIFOUR'S FLOWERS

Thursday, January 9th, 2025 at 2pm

The Manchester City Library is pleased to host a flower arrangement demonstration from Chalifour's Flowers on January 9th, 2025 at 2pm in the Winchell Room. Warm up to winter by coming in to watch an expert from Manchester's local beloved florist create a flower arrangement.

Come watch a demonstration on how to make a vase arrangement of cut flowers. **Judy Faucher, Manager of Chalifour's, will be explaining the techniques, some tricks of the trade,** flower care, and flower handling. At the end of the demonstration, the finished product will be raffled off to one lucky attendee!



The presenter will most likely be Judy Faucher, Manager at Chalifour's Flowers

For questions, call Amy Hanmer at 603-624-6550 x7620 or email ahanmer@manchesternh.gov

BOOK SALE



The Manchester City Library Winter Book Sale will take place on January 25th from 10 AM to 1 PM at the main library branch at 405 Pine Street. The pricing will be \$10 per average sized grocery bag filled with books. Bring your own bag or we can provide one. Individual items can also be purchased for \$2 each for hardcover books and \$1 each for most other materials. All proceeds from this book sale will go towards the library's museum pass program. This special service for library cardholders provides discounted and free passes to many region museums.



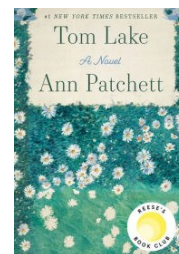
ADULT BOOK CLUBS



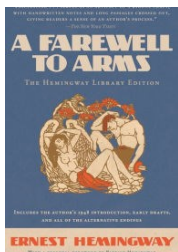
The Brown Bag Book Club meets on the last Tuesday of each month from 12:15 - 1:30PM in the Hunt Room. For more information, contact David at 603-624-6550 x7643.

- **Monday, December 30, 2024 12:15 – 1:30 pm**

Tom Lake, by Ann Patchett



This is a novel about love, family, and growing up. It explores what it means to be happy even when the world is falling apart.



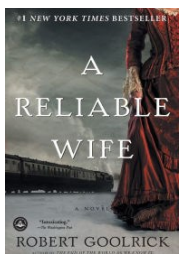
- **Tuesday, January 28, 2025 12:15-1:30 pm**

A Farewell to Arms, by Ernest Hemingway

The story of an American ambulance driver on the Italian front and his passion for a beautiful English nurse. Set against the looming horrors of the battlefield, this gripping, semi-autobiographical work captures the harsh realities of war and the pain of lovers caught in its inexorable sweep.

- **Tuesday, February 25, 2025 12:15-1:30 pm**

A Reliable Wife, by Robert Goolrick



Ralph Truitt, a wealthy businessman with a troubled past who lives in a remote nineteenth-century Wisconsin town, has advertised for a reliable wife. His ad is answered by Catherine Land, a woman who makes every effort to hide her own dark secrets.

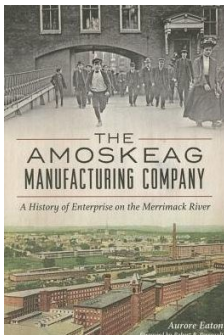
THE WEDNESDAY EVENING BOOK CLUB

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 contact Steve Viggiano at sviggiano@manchesternh.gov. Call (603) 624-6550 x7620 to reserve a print copy of the book.

• December 11, 2024, 6:30-7:30 pm



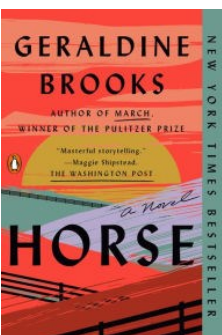
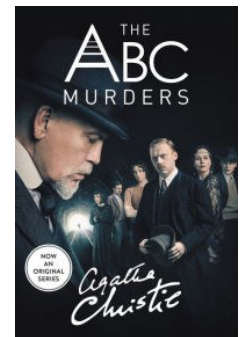
The Amoskeag Manufacturing Company: A History of Enterprise on the Merrimack River, by Aurora Eaton

Amoskeag Manufacturing Company's history is one of engineering genius and invention, enlightened city planning and visionary leadership. It is also the story of the workers, including thousands of eager immigrants who came to Manchester seeking economic opportunity and personal freedom. Discussion will be led by the author, who will join us via Zoom!

• January 8, 2025, 6:30-7:30 pm

The A.B.C. Murders, by Agatha Christie

A is for Ascher, cudged in Andover. B is for Barnard, strangled in Bexhill. C is for Clarke, struck down in Churston. Beside each body is an A.B.C. Railway guide; before each murder Hercule Poirot is notified. In one of Christie's most twisted tales, the meticulous Belgian sleuth must navigate the eerie maze of a serial killer's mind.



• February 12, 2025, 6:30-7:30 pm

Horse, by Geraldine Brooks

A scientist from Australia and a Nigerian-American art historian become connected by their shared interest in a 19th century race horse, one studying its remains, the other uncovering the history of the Black horsemen who were critical to its success.

TEEN PROGRAMS

TEEN THURSDAYS

Thursdays: 12/5– 2/27 (no meeting 12/26 and 2/27)

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.



Special craft project December 12th: DIY Winter-Themed Resin Ornaments or Pendants

Check the teen website for further details at www.manchesterlibrary.org/teens. For teens in grades 6 - 12.

TEEN MOVIE & PIZZA NIGHTS

Wednesdays: 12/18, 01/15, and 2/26

5:30 pm – 7:45 pm (approximate end time)

Main Library, Auditorium

Come for a movie and pizza in the auditorium, where we'll watch a teen movie on the big screen. For teens in grades 6 – 12. Movies may be rated PG-13 or PG.



Registration in advance is requested to help us plan. If you have food allergies or restrictions, let us know when you register or email Dori ahead of time at mclouthservices@manchesternh.gov. Please feel free to also email with movie suggestions you would like to watch!



Visit the Teen Services website at www.manchesterlibrary.org/teens for movie updates.

TAKE HOME CRAFT KITS

A new take-and-make craft just for teens available each month while supplies last.

Ask for your kit at the Information Desk, Children's Reference Desk, or West Branch Reference Desk.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

WINTER/SPRING STORYTIMES

Beginning the week of January 6, 2025, our storytimes will begin. This session will run until May 16, 2025. **Family Storytimes** for 2-5 years old will meet Thursday mornings at 10:00 & 11:00 am. These are drop in sessions. Please attend only one session each week which so everyone can attend this very popular program. All sessions are held in the Winchell Room. And for our youngest patrons, 6-23 months, **Baby Storytime** will be on Friday mornings at 10:00 am in the Winchell Room This is also a drop in program. For more information, please call 624-6550 ext. 7628.

LET'S CELEBRATE NEW YEAR'S EVE!



Ms. Karyn has put together New Year's Party kits for you to have your own celebration at home. Each kit is in a brown paper bag that has a noise marker, a party hat, bubble wrap and a bag of confetti inside. They will be available for pick up beginning on Monday, December 16th. There is a limited supply; be sure to grab your kit as soon as they are available. Happy New Year!

STORYTIME SCIENCE

Wednesdays, December 11, 2024 & January 15, 2025 & February 12, 2025
10:00 am, Winchell Room

The Children's Room staff are excited to announce our Storytime program with SEE Science Center. Once a month, kids ages 2-6 years old are invited to join Ms. Yvonne and Ms. Becky from the SEE Science Center for Storytime Science. This storytime is based on a Stem/Steam theme with hands-on activities afterwards. Registration will be required to make sure that we have enough materials for everyone. Storytime Science is a program of the SEE Science Center's First Steps in Science Initiative presented by Dartmouth Health Children. 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



STORYTIME AT THE MALL

Tuesday, December 10, 2024, 11:30 am, Front of JC Penney's

Manchester City Library Children's Room and the Mall of New Hampshire have teamed up for Storytime at the Mall. Our next Mall Storytime will be on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 beginning at 11:30 am in front of JC Penney. We will have holiday stories and have a special guest. Afterwards, there is a cute craft to make and take home. Recommended for all ages. Registration is not required. For more information, call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628



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CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Thursday, December 5, 2024

10:00-11:30 am. Winchell room



Children ages 1-5 are invited on Thursday, December 5, 2024 for a fun holiday program in the Winchell Room. They will experience the excitement of the holiday with crafts, games and activities just for them! We will be making Santa hats, decorating trees, playing games such as pin the heart on the Grinch, jingle bell toss and a few others. These and more await you in the Children's area and Winchell Room of the library. This is a drop-in program. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.

POLAR EXPRESS PARTY

Saturday December 14, 2024

10:00-11:00 Winchell Room/Auditorium

All aboard for a magical trip to the North Pole for those who truly believe. We'll be taking off and you're not going to want to miss this one! Experience the magic of the season with the story, crafts and snacking fun. Babies to Grade 5 are invited. Registration is required. For more information, please call 603-624-6560.



ELEMENTARY EXPERIMENTS



2nd Wednesdays – 3:30 pm Winchell Room

4th 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 2nd Wednesday and 4th 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, December 11, 2024, January 8, 2025 & February 12, 2025

Dates for Tuesday In-Person – Tuesdays, December 17, 2024; January 21, 2025; February 25, 2025

HIBERNATION STORYTIME



Wednesday, December 18, 2024

10:00 am, Winchell Room

Join Ms. Karyn along with Ms. Heather from Amoskeag Health at 10:00 am in the Winchell Room. We will listen to fun stories about animals that hibernate during the winter. Afterwards, there will be a cute craft to make and take home. This storytime is for ages 1-5 years old. We will see you at 10:00 am. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.

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WINTER BREAK LEGO AFTERNOON

Friday, December 27, 2024

1:00 – 3:00 pm, Winchell Room

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

WINTER READING PROGRAM

Readers of all ages will explore fun and exciting events this winter as Manchester City Library presents winter reading program for ages 5-18 years. It will begin from Thursday January 3, 2025 to Saturday, March 29, 2025. We will be using an online program, READsquared to register, track your reading by entering minutes, earn badges and win prizes. You can register for an individual account or a family account at manchesternh.readsquared.com. Once you are registered, stop at the Reference Desk to pick up your Winter Reading packet. In the packet, you will find a reading game board, reading logs, program list and a list of winter challenges.



DANIEL TIGER PARTY

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

10:00 am, Winchell Room

We are taking a trip to the Neighborhood of Make-Believe. Along the way, we will meet Daniel Tiger and his pals O the Owl, Katerina Kitty Cat, Prince Wednesday and Miss Elaina. Come listen to your favorite Daniel's Tiger stories, play fun games and make a cute craft. This program is for children from 1 to 5 years old. Registration is recommended to make sure we have enough material for everyone. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.

SLIME-OF-THE-MONTH CLUB

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

3:30-4:30 pm Winchell Room

New year, new club! Do you like making slime or have always wanted to try it? Anyone in grades 1-6, sign up to make this month's slime recipe at the library. This January we will be making a festive **Water Bead Slime** to celebrate the new year! Register to reserve your bowl at the table by calling 603-624-6550 ext. 7628



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LEGO AFTERNOON



Friday, January 24, 2025

3:00-4:30 pm, Winchell Room

Once a month, come build with the 10,000 Lego pieces that have been donated by the 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 603-624-6550 ext. 7628

WINTER FUN STORYTIME



Wednesday, February 19, 2025

10:00 am, Winchell Room

Join Ms. Karyn along with Ms. Heather from Amoskeag Health at 10:00 am in the Winchell Room. We will listen to fun winter stories and make a cute snow craft to take home. This storytime is for ages 1-5 years old. We will see you at 10:00 am. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.

PETE THE CAT PARTY



Tuesday, February 25, 2025

10:00 am Winchell Room

We will be rocking in our school shoes for this fun program. Come listen to your favorite Pete the Cat stories. Pin the shoe on Pete and go on a scavenger hunt to find Pete's missing green button. There will be a cute craft to take home. This program is for children from 1 to 7 years old. Registration is recommended to make sure we have enough material for everyone. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.

SLIME-OF-THE-MONTH CLUB



Wednesday, February 26, 2025

3:30-4:30 pm Winchell Room

Do you like making slime or have always wanted to try it? Anyone in grades 1-6, sign up to make this month's slime recipe at the library. This February we will be making **Faux Snow Slime** that will stretch instead of melt! Register to reserve your bowl at the table!

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN



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

Celebrate Winter Break at the Library!

-Winterfest-

- Monday, February 24, 2025 is **Movie Afternoon** beginning at 1:30 pm in the auditorium. Come and watch a favorite winter classic movie. Families are welcome. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.



- Tuesday, February 25, 2025, come to our **Pete the Cat Party** in the Winchell room from 10:00-11:00 am. We will have fun while creating something messy. For ages 1-7 years. Registration is required. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.



- Tuesday, February 25, 2025, come and learn about animals when **Wildlife Encounters** comes to Manchester City Library in our auditorium at 1:30 pm. We are traveling the world with Wildlife Encounters. We will learn about how animals adapt to the faraway places as well as those that are close to home. Families are welcome but space is limited. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.

- Tuesday, February 25, 2025, we will have our Tuesday session of **Elementary Experiments** from 3:30-4:30 pm at the Manchester City Library Winchell Room. Grades 1-6 are welcome. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.

- Wednesday, February 26, 2025 we will be having a **Cozy Board Games Morning** from 10:00-11:00 am in the Winchell Room. Come try a new family fun board game from our collection. Families are invited. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.



- Wednesday, February 26, 2025, Grades 6-12 are invited to our next **Movie/Pizza night** from 5:30-7:45 pm at the Manchester City Library, Auditorium. Registration is requested so we know how much pizza to order. For more information, please call 603- 624-6550 ext. 7628.

- Thursday, February 27, 2025, families with children ages 2-5 years are invited to join Ms. Rose at **Family Storytime** either at 10:00 am or 11:00 am in the Manchester City Library Winchell Room. Space is limited. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.

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- **Thursday, February 27, 2025**, kids ages 2-7 years old are invited to join Ms. Karyn for a **Messy Art Afternoon** from 2:00-4:00 pm in the Winchell Room for a fun and messy art project. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext.7628.



- **Friday, February 28, 2025**, families with children ages 6 months to 2 years are invited to join Ms. Karyn at **Baby Storytime** at 10:00 am in the Manchester City Library Winchell Room.



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



- **Friday, February, 28, 2025**, kids ages 3-12 years old can drop by from 1:00-4:00 pm in the Winchell Room for a **Lego Afternoon**.

Make a Lego creation from our 10,000 pieces for our display cases. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.



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9am-8pm

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- Wed., Jan. 1st, 2025 New Year's Day-Main Library & West Branch
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