

# MCLR Notes

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## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

It has become an interesting time in library land. There was an attempt to defund our State Library during the House of Representatives State Budget discussions which library supporters quickly showed their concerns about. While that motion was withdrawn, we still lost the funding for our State's Art Council. Our NH Libraries work very closely with our state's other cultural institutions so we hope the Council's funding will be restored in the State budget by the time this newsletter is released.



There is also a Federal Executive Order which impacts the Institute of Museum and Library Services. You may not know that our State Library receives funds annually from IMLS to support the van service which provides statewide library loans as well as access to the Libby digital platform. The

other vital program is Talking Books, which meets the reading needs of our community members who are physically unable to see, handle or process printed material comfortably. These services are vital to not only our library but are even more important to our many smaller libraries across the state. Our thanks to the library community who reached out to our Congressional delegation and signed a statewide petition to express concern about this decision. For now, we are watching the results of court decisions.

In the Fall there will be new library legislation which will require our staff to be re-trained so we can comply with the changes and we will also do an informational campaign with our library community about the laws so we can all be on the same page going forward.

In the meantime, Summer Reading programs are set to launch and we hope you all enjoy the programs and prizes as we all read our favorite books this summer!

Warm regards,

Denise van Zanten  
Library Director



Manchester City Library

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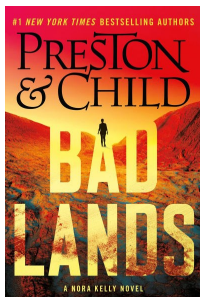
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## “WHAT TO THE SLAVE IS YOUR 4TH OF JULY”

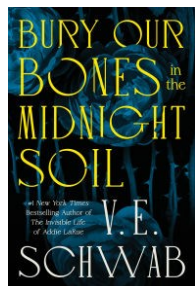
The Manchester NAACP is hosting a public reading of Frederick Douglass's "What to the Slave Is Your 4th of July" speech on June 28th as part of the NH Black Heritage Trail's annual reading event. The same event will be happening all across the state (<https://blackheritagetrailnh.org/frederick-douglass-statewide-readings/>). We invite anyone from the community to read a portion of the speech. The sign up for readers can be found here: <https://forms.gle/VUJuoyHSQsFVhLWp8>

### 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:



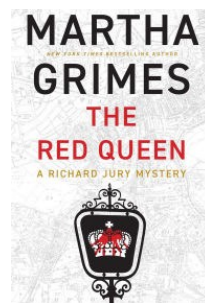
Preston, Douglas – Badlands  
In the New Mexico badlands, FBI Agent Corrie Swanson investigates the skeleton of a woman who died of heatstroke and thirst, clutching lightning stones used by the ancient Chaco people. Is it suicide or sacrifice? Swanson brings in archaeologist Nora Kelly. When a second body is found, they realize the case runs deeper. As they explore remote canyons and haunted ruins, they confront a dark power that threatens to exact an unspeakable price. Due out June 3.



Schwab, V.E. – Bury Our Bones in the Midnight Soil  
In 1521 Santo Domingo, Maria notes the arrival of a widow to her town. A decade later, after Maria marries, the same widow gives Maria the opportunity to escape the confines of her abusive marriage. In 1827 London, Charlotte meets a young widow who entices her to choose a life of freedom from expectations. In 2019 Boston, Alice meets a young woman for a passionate evening and wakes up to discover that her life has been changed irrevocably. Three young women with stories of grief and loss, of freedom and madness, of death and blood, become entwined with each other through the centuries. Due out June 10.

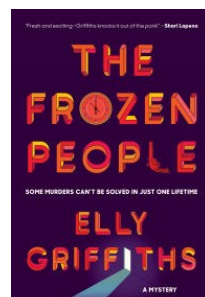


Dodd, Christina – Thus With a Kiss I Die  
Rosie Montague, a 20-year-old free spirit in Verona, happens to be the eldest daughter of the not-so-ill-fated Romeo and Juliet. Rosie finds her life upended when she's tasked by the ghost of Prince Escalus the Elder to solve his murder, all while navigating a love triangle, revolution, and a looming threat that may turn her into a tragic heroine. Due out June 24.



Grimes, Martha – The Red Queen  
One calm night in Twickenham, a businessman named Tom Treadnor is shot off his barstool at The Queen pub. Superintendent Richard Jury is called in to investigate and quickly realizes that everyone in Treadnor's life – from his widow, Alice, to the staff at his manor, to his business

partner – had differing opinions of him. And to complicate things further, Jury has just happened on a photo in a newspaper of a man in the United States who is a dead ringer for Treadnor. Due out July 1.

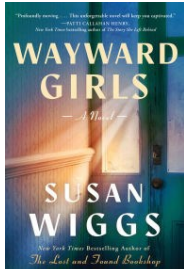


Griffiths, Elly – The Frozen People  
Thanks to a brilliant Italian scientist, Ali Dawson and her colleagues in a Cold Case squad have the ability to travel backwards in time to solve cases. For her latest assignment, Ali has been sent back to 1850 London to investigate the ancestor of a current Tory MP who was, allegedly,

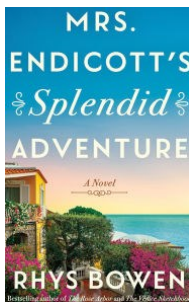
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part of a sinister group called The Collectors. Ali soon discovers that she can't make her way back to the present and fears she could be stuck forever in the Victorian era. Due out July 8.

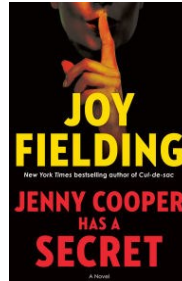


Wiggs, Susan – Wayward Girls  
Based on a true story, we follow six young women in 1960s Buffalo, New York. Sent away to a Catholic reform school and used as forced labor, the teens are all being unfairly punished. Together they will strive to survive and find justice and their own futures. Due out July 15.



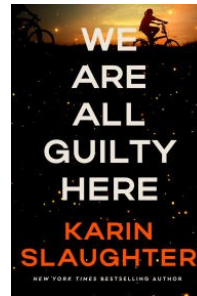
Bowen, Rhys – Mrs. Endicott's Splendid Adventure  
Surrey, England 1938. After her husband of thirty years shocks her with a divorce, Ellie Endicott takes off in his Bentley with her housekeeper, Mavis, and an elderly friend named Dora, hoping for a fresh start. They end up in a quiet fishing village in the south of France, where Ellie starts to discover herself, make new friends, and maybe even fall in love again.

Due out August 5.



Fielding, Joy – Jenny Cooper Has a Secret

Linda Davidson is visiting a friend in a memory care facility for the elderly when she meets Jenny Cooper, a ninety-two-year-old dementia patient who makes a shocking confession: she kills people. Linda dismisses the so-called secret as the confusion of an ailing mind. Then a fellow patient dies. Everyone else sees it as a natural death, but Linda can't help but wonder: is there any chance Jenny is telling the truth? Due out August 5.



Slaughter, Karin – We Are All Guilty Here

Welcome to North Falls – a small town where everyone knows everyone. Or so they think. Until the night of the fireworks, when two teenage girls vanish. For Officer Emma Clifton, it's personal. But as Emma combs through the puzzle the girls left behind, she realizes she never really knew them. Every teenage girl has secrets. But who would kill for them? And what else is the town hiding? Due out August 12.



**Our Summer Book Sale will take place on Saturday, August 23rd, from 10 AM to 1 PM in the Winchell Room.**

The pricing will be \$10 per average sized grocery bag. Bring your own bag or we can provide one. Fill it up with whatever materials can fit! 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 our very popular museum pass program. For more information, please contact Caleb Moshier at 603-624-6550 ext. 7631.

# 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](http://www.manchesterlibrary.org) and click on "Upcoming Events" to view the library calendar. You can also call us at 603-624-6550 x7620.

Signing up lets us know how many people to expect for a program, allows us to send you any handouts, follow-up emails with a program recording (if being recorded), and notify you of any unexpected changes. We'll send you reminder emails, as well as any Zoom links for the program.

## LIBRARY CHALLENGES!



**MCL Seed Library: March – August 2025**

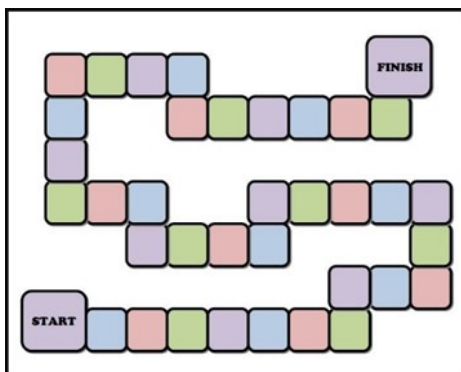
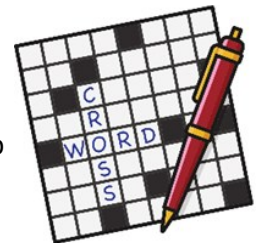
**Main Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

Manchester Seed Library is back for its 3rd 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. 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!



**2025 Library Hop: June 1 – August 31**

The Manchester City Library will participate in the 2025 Library Hop. We urge patrons to visit each participating library in the GMILCS consortium, complete a unique challenge at each library, and earn prizes along the way. Anyone can participate! Simply stop by the Information Desk at the Manchester City Library for a copy of the game board and the rules to get started. When you complete the game board, you will be entered into a grand prize drawing for a \$100 gift certificate to Bookery Manchester.

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### Adult Summer Reading Program:

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](http://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.**

#### SRP Mission - Community Art Scavenger Hunt

The theme for this year's summer reading program is Color Our World, so what a great time to explore your world and find pieces of public art! For this mission, we want you to explore the various pieces of art around our community – murals, sculptures, etc.! No museum required.

Take a picture of the artwork and submit it for 10 points each, up to 25 unique art pieces/250 points. We will compile submitted photos for a community collage!



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### SRP Mission - Read the Rainbow

Color your world by reading books with colors in the title! Check out one book for each of the six colors of the rainbow to earn points toward the SRP. Variations of colors are acceptable, ex. Orange = Tangerine.

Either upload a picture of the book or show the book to a librarian at the Information desk to receive points. Each book is worth 20 points for a total of 120 points!

### SRP Mission - Artist Identification

In this mission, it is your task to identify the artist (painter, sculptor, architect, or photographer) whose work is shown in the image. Each answer is worth 10 points for a maximum of 250 points.

### West Library Adult DIY

Stop by the Information Desk on the Main Floor at the West Manchester Branch Library and pick up a kit. Kits are released quarterly and are available while supplies last. Kits cannot be reserved and are one per person. These kits are for Adults only. View all upcoming Adult Crafts [here](#).

#### Painted Canvas Tote DIY - July 8



Heading to the beach this summer? Start your summer off right by decorating your own colorful canvas tote bag perfect for stashing those sandy flip flops. Stop by the West Manchester Branch Library for an adult DIY summer tote craft kit. Each kit will come with the tote bag, 2 stencils, sponge brushes, and a selection of paint. Just supply your own creativity and summer vibes!

These creative kits will be available at the West Manchester Branch Library Information Desk starting Tuesday, July 8th. These kits are for adults only and are available while supplies last. One kit per person. For more information, call Caitlin [at 603-624-6560 x 7691](tel:603-624-6560) or email [cdionne@manchesternh.gov](mailto:cdionne@manchesternh.gov)

### Main Library Adult DIY

Stop by the Information Desk in the Rotunda for an adult craft kit. These kits are released every other month and are available 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. View all upcoming Adult Crafts [here](#).

#### Guatemalan Worry Dolls – June 10



Join us in June as we make our own worry dolls to chase our worries and fears away! Worry Dolls are traditional little dolls originally made in the beautiful country of Guatemala. The idea is simple. If at night you find yourself worrying about things, you tell your worries to these little dolls and place them under your pillow. It is said that the person relinquishes their worries to the dolls and by the next morning, all sorrows are said to have been taken away. Traditional worry dolls are used by both children and adults alike. They are small and made from things like match sticks and scraps of fabric. Our versions will be made as folk-art peg dolls. For more information, please contact Yvonne L. at 603-624-6550 ext. 7620 or e-mail [yloomis@manchesternh.gov](mailto:yloomis@manchesternh.gov).

#### Seashell Candles – August 12

I am one of those people who loves going to the beach and collecting all kinds of seaside treasures. There are baskets full of seashells all over our house and I love crafting with them. This DIY project uses seashells and adds a little touch of paradise to your home. Whether you want to add some more nautical things to your already

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nautical house, or you want to be reminded of the beach in a small way, this DIY is perfect for you. These cute seashell candles also make great gifts! Join us in August as we embrace the height of summer by making these lovely seashell candles. For more information, please contact Yvonne L. at 603-624-6550 ext. 7620 or e-mail [yloomis@manchesternh.gov](mailto:yloomis@manchesternh.gov). Happy crafting!



## ADULT BOOK CLUBS

### Wednesday Evening Book Club

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

For more information, or to make a recommendation, contact Steve Viggiano at [sviggiano@manchesternh.gov](mailto:sviggiano@manchesternh.gov). Call (603) 624-6550 x 7620 to reserve a print copy of the book. To view all upcoming Book Club meetings, [click here](#).

#### Wednesday, June 11, 6:30-7:30 PM

**Boylan, Jennifer Finney. *She's Not There: a Life in Two Genders*.** 2013, 352 p. Biography

A memoir of a person who changed genders chronicles the life of James, a critically acclaimed novelist, who eventually became Jenny, a happy and successful English professor.

**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 12:15-1:30 PM in the Hunt Room. For more information, contact David Basora at [dbasora@manchesternh.gov](mailto:dbasora@manchesternh.gov) To view all upcoming Book Club meetings, [click here](#).

#### Tuesday, June 24, 12:15-1:30 PM

**Stewart, Amy. *Girl Waits with Gun*.** 2015, 408 p. Fiction

A fictionalization of the true story of one of America's first female deputy sheriffs, Constance Kopp.

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

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

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

**June 18 | July 16 | August 20**

Join the Manchester City Library on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm for our 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](mailto:tkimsey@manchesternh.gov).



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

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

**June 9 & 23 | July 7 & 21 | August 11 & 18**

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)

### 1-on-1 Computer Tutoring | [Sign Up Here!](#)



Signup for this program is required! Visit [www.manchesterlibrary.org](http://www.manchesterlibrary.org) and click on “Upcoming Events” to view the library calendar. You can also call 603-624-6550 to make an appointment. **Dates and times will vary. Check calendar for availability**

Beat the heat this summer at the Manchester City Library with a free, one hour tutoring session. The program runs from June 30th through July 25th. Available slots are booked on a first come, first served basis. Get technology help with tasks such as basic computer skills, sending an email, browsing the Internet, and document creation and management. Can't make the times listed in the calendar? You can request an appointment at a time convenient for you. We'll do our best to accommodate your request. Your tutor is librarian, Amy Hanmer. She has taught computer classes and tutored many patrons over her seventeen plus years at the Manchester City Library. She can be reached at 603-624-6550 x7619 or email [ahanmer@manchesternh.gov](mailto:ahanmer@manchesternh.gov)



### Queen City Improv Comedy

**Thursday, July 10 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

**Auditorium**

Join Manchester's own Queen City Improv for an improvised comedy show in the auditorium. Give your suggestions and see what happens on stage.

### West Side Walking Tour with Stan Garrity – Friday, July 25, 2025 1:30-3:30pm | [Sign Up Here!](#)

Manchester City Library is proud to be partnering with local historian Stan Garrity for another walk-through Manchester's forgotten history. This time we'll be exploring Manchester's West Side to learn about the people who called it home, the 1936 flood that destroyed the bridges connecting both sides, a zoo, and much more!

Stan is a noted local historian and Manchester native who has worked closely with the Manchester Historic Association, City Hall, and the Library to research the forgotten aspects of Manchester's history.

The event will start on the main floor of the West branch at 1:30 PM. From there, we will follow a 2-mile, planned route with plenty of stops to talk about the historical importance of each site and answer questions.

For questions, call Nic Young at 603-624-6550 x7620 or email [nyoung3@manchesternh.gov](mailto:nyoung3@manchesternh.gov)

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### Paint Night! | [Sign Up Here!](#)

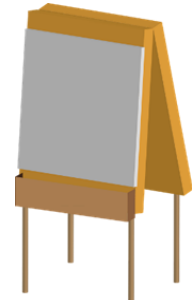
**Wednesday, August 13, 5-7pm**

As a grand finale to this year's Adult Summer Reading Program, we will be joined by Sherry Burnett of [Paint Party, NH](https://www.paintpartynh.com/) (<https://www.paintpartynh.com/>) in Salem, NH to guide us in our artsy endeavors. We will be painting 16" x 20" canvases in this guided paint night. Sherry is a fine artist and instructor with a lifelong love of art.

Due to room capacity, attendance is strictly capped at 20 people and registration is required. Please include your contact information so we can confirm your attendance before the event. Please note that this is a dry event (i.e. not a paint and sip event).

For questions, call Caitlin at 603-624-6550 x7620 or email [cdionne@manchesternh.gov](mailto:cdionne@manchesternh.gov)

**Registration for this program is required and will open on July 28!**



## Teen Programs Summer 2025



### **TEEN THURSDAYS**

**3:00—4:30 p.m.**

**Weekly on Thursdays**

**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 visit our teen website at [manchesterlibrary.org/teens](http://manchesterlibrary.org/teens) for more information and updates.

*This program is for teens in grades 6-12.*

**6/26/25: Paint Pen Mugs**

Learn how to transfer a design onto a ceramic mug and make it permanent with oil-based paint pens.

**7/03/25: Tie Dye Workshop**

Tie Dye a bandana (provided) or bring your own cotton t-shirt or other item to tie-dye.

**7/10/25: Printmaking**

Learn how to create a design on foam and transfer it to paper using relief printing.

**7/17/25: Paper Mâché Bowls**

Design and create your own bowl or other item using paper mâché.

**7/24/25: DIY Puppet Workshop**

Create your own unique puppet character. Choose from sock puppet or marionette.

**7/31/25: Alcohol Ink Tiles**

Experiment with flowing and blended designs using fast-drying alcohol inks on ceramic tiles.

**8/07/25: Fairy Houses from Clay Pots**

Make your own unique fairy house out of clay pots and a variety of materials and accessories.

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### **TEEN MOVIE AND PIZZA NIGHT**

**5:30—7:45 p.m.**

**Tuesdays: 6/24, 7/15, and 8/5**

**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. Please visit our teen website at [manchesterlibrary.org/teens](http://manchesterlibrary.org/teens) for more information and updates.

*This program is for teens in grades 6-12.*

### **BOARD GAME APPRECIATION**

**10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

**Weekly on Tuesdays: 6/24 – 8/5**

Have you ever wanted to try a new board game, but it was too expensive, or the instructions were intimidating? Drop in at our Board Game Appreciation morning to enjoy the cool artwork and clever design that goes into these games, free of charge and with guidance from staff who has played (most of) the games before! Suggested age range of ages 8 to Teen.

*This program is for grades 3—12.*



### **ESCAPE ROOM**

**10:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

**Weekly on Wednesdays: 6/25 – 8/6**

**Main Library, Winchell Room**

We challenge anyone going into grades 3-12 to use their problem-solving, teamwork, and artistic knowledge to tackle our creative-themed escape rooms. We will have one start time, 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!

*This program is for grades 3—12.*



### **TEEN SUMMER READING**

#### **Color Our World**

Participate in the 2025 Teen Summer Reading Challenge, June 23rd—August 9th with READSquared!

Track your reading and attend teen programs to earn points and win pins and other prizes. Register online with [ReadSquared](http://ReadSquared) beginning June 1st, and stop in to the library to pick up your summer reading packet.

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# Youth Services Summer 2025

## Storytime Science

**Wednesday, June 18**

**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 from the Manchester City Library and Ms. Amanda from the SEE Science Center for Storytime Science. This storytime is based on a STEM/STEAM theme with hands-on activities afterwards. Registration will be required to make sure that we have enough materials for everyone. Storytime Science is a program of the SEE Science Center's First Steps in Science Initiative presented by Dartmouth Health Children's. This program is a great way to introduce our youngest patrons to fun STEM/STEAM hands on activities. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.



## Morphs & Milestones

**Wednesday, June 18**

**2:00-4:00 pm, Auditorium**

Kids of all ages are invited to join Nate and Brenda of Morphs & Milestones to learn about snakes, turtles and other reptiles from around the world. Through hands-on opportunities, kids will learn about their environments where they live, what they eat and other fun and interesting facts. For more information, please call 624-6550 ext. 7628

## Storytime at the Mall

**Tuesday Mornings, June 10, July 8 and August 12**

**11:30-12:00, 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.



## Lego Afternoons

**Fridays June 20, July 11, & 25 August 8**

**3:00-4:30 pm, Winchell Room**

Join us every other Friday afternoon for Lego Quest. Come meet, build and make new Lego friends using the 10,000 Lego pieces donated by Lego Systems. Your creation will be displayed in the children's room display cases. This program is for ages 3-12 years old. For more information, please call 624-6550 ext. 7628.

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### **We Create Mornings**

**Mondays, June 23, & 30, July 7, 14, 21 & 28**

**10:00-11:30 am**

**Winchell Room/Side Lawn**

Every Monday morning, families of all ages, are invited to drop by the Winchell Room (or on our side lawn) for fun Community Art projects. There will be banners for families to color that we will display once finished. There will be a different small project for the kids to using a different technique; painting, stamping, etc. This is a drop-in program; no reservations required. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext 7628.



### **Little Artists Storytime**

**Thursday Mornings, June 26, July 10, July 24 and August 7**

**10:00 am, Winchell Room/Outside**

On Thursday mornings, join Ms. Karyn for a different bi-weekly art based storytime. During Little Artists, we will be listening to fun stories by some of our favorite authors and illustrators. After the stories, we will be making cute crafts by using some of their techniques such as watercolor tissue paper, chalks and paints. Come dressed to get a little messy. These programs are for ages 2-5 years old. Registration will be requested for these programs to make sure we have enough art supplies for everyone. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628. A schedule of when each program will be occurring is below.

**June 26: Eric Carle Storytime – Tissue paper/Watercolor animals**

**July 10: Shapes and Sticks Storytime – Shape Animals**

**July 24: Colors Storytime – Fork painting gardens**

**August 7: Chalk the Walk Storytime – Chalk art**



### **Lapsit Storytime**

**Fridays Mornings June 27, July 11, 18 & 25, August 1 & 8, 2025**

**10:00 am, Winchell Room**

Join Ms. Karyn for interactive stories, activities and bubbles. There is a playtime after the program. These are drop-in sessions. For 6 months to 2 years old. For more information contact Children's at 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.

### **Escape Rooms**

**Wednesdays, June 25, July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 and August 6**

**10:00- 11:00 Winchell room**

Working together as team, can you solve the clues that will your team the way of our weekly Escape Rooms? Each week the Escape Rooms will be a different genre. Registration is required as space is limited in each session. Please register for one session each week. Grades 3-12 are invited register for this fun program. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.



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### **Beach Party!**

**Thursday, July 3**

**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 sand 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.



### **Bubble Party!**

**Thursday, July 17**

**10:00 am Winchell Room/Lawn**

It is bubble time! We are having a Bubble Party on the side lawn. We will have tubs of bubble solution with lots of wands for you to try out. 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.

### **It is not a Mess; It's Art!**

**Fridays, June 27, July 18 and August 1**

**3:00-4:00 pm, Winchell Room/Side Lawn**

Calling all kids in grades 1-5! Do you want to get "messy" while you create a fun art project? This is the program for you. We will meet every other week in the Winchell Room. You will be making food art; melting crayons into colorful rocks and creating 'water art' outside. Registration is required for each program in order for us to make sure we have enough supplies for everyone. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.



**June 27: Cupcake Art**

**July 18: Crayon Rocks Art**

**August 1: Outdoor Water Art/Chalk the Walk**



### **Dinosaur Hunt!**

**Thursday, July 31, 2025**

**10:00 am, Winchell Room/Library Lawn**

Join us as we go on a hunt for dinosaurs on the library lawn. We will gather in the Winchell Room to listen to dinosaur stories. Afterwards, we will head outside with our magnifying glasses to look for dinosaurs and their bones. You will also be making a cool Dino Trax artwork to take home. Come dress for outside activities. This program is for children 1 to 5 years old. Registration is required to make sure we have enough supplies for everyone. For more information, please call 624-6550 ext. 7628.

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## Mystery Creative Afternoons

**Wednesdays Afternoons 2:30/3:00 pm, Winchell Room, Auditorium, and/or Side Lawn**

Every Wednesday Afternoons, from either 2:30-3:30 or 3:00 - 4:00, we will have a special guest, or a special party for you to enjoy. You will time travel to learn different art techniques for you to explore. We will have special parties for all ages with garden creatures and Captain Underpants. You might even get to help a cow save the world. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.

The schedule of when each program will be occurring is below:

**June 25, 3-4 pm:** Pollinator Garden Party with NH Audubon

**July 2, 3-4 pm:** Slime of the Month Club – see Yvonne’s write up

**July 9, 2:30-3:30 pm:** Manchester Millyard Museum – Textile Art/Learning how to weave

**July 16, 3-4 pm:** Captain Underpants Party

**July 23, 3-4 pm:** UNH STEMmobile – Activities and tour

**July 30, 3-4 pm:** Slime of the Month Club

**August 6, 3-4 pm:** Majestic Theater – A Cow Named Cow Musical



### Pollinator Garden Party with Massabesic Audubon

**Wednesday, June 25**

**3:00 pm, South Lawn/Winchell Room**

Families are invited to join Willa and Slater from the Massabesic Audubon on the Library’s South Lawn for a fun Pollinator Garden Party. You will learn about all the cool bugs that call our Pollinator home and the flowers that bring them our garden. You will be making fun cool garden art. All ages are welcome.

### Textile Art with Manchester Millyard Museum

**Wednesday, July 9**

**2:30 pm, Winchell Room**

Families are invited to join Ms. Kristy from the Millyard Museum to learn about the textile industry that once flourished in the Millyard. You will learn about warping a loom, take a look the different methods of weaving. You will also get a hands-on chance to try weaving on a loom. There will be other hands on activities as well. All ages are welcome. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628



### Captain Underpants Party

**Wednesday, July 16**

**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-Grade 6 are invited. Registration is required. For more information, please call 624-6550 ext. 7628.

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### UNH-Manchester STEM-mobile

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

3:00 pm, Winchell Room/Library Parking Lot



UNH-Manchester STEM-Mobile is returning this summer to the library! Have you wanted to try out a new experiment? Or look through a microscope? Families are invited to stop by to visit the STEM-Mobile. Take a short tour; try hands-on activities/experiments and interact with the lab equipment on board. For the kid's activity; we are asking that you register to make sure they have enough supplies on board. For more information, please call 624-6550 ext. 7628.

### Slime of the Month Club

Wednesday July, 30

3:00 pm, Winchell Room

We will be making **Butter Slime** with a wonderfully smooth texture! Come ready to get messy! Registration is required due to limited supplies. Spots only open for those going into grades 1-6.



### Majestic Theater – A Cow Named Cow-Musical

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

3:00 pm, Auditorium



Families of all ages are invited the teens from the Majestic Theater for this fun musical adventure. When Cow is separated from his herd, he meets both friend and foe and has to use teamwork to come up with a plan to stop a villain from taking over the world. Will Cow be able to save the world with help from family and friends? Come join the adventure and help out Cow and his friends. For more information, please call 624-6550 ext. 7628.

## -PROGRAMS FOR OLDER KIDS-

### Movie Afternoon

Mondays June 23-Aug 9, 3 pm, Auditorium

Children and their families are welcome to see an all-ages movie on the library's large auditorium screen! Movies will be rated G or PG, call for weekly titles.



### Board Game Appreciation Tuesdays

June 24-Aug 5, 10:00 am-11:30 am

Winchell Room, No Registration

Have you ever wanted to try a new board game, but it was too expensive, or the instructions were intimidating? Drop in at our Board Game Appreciation morning to enjoy the cool art work and clever design that goes into these games, free of charge and with guidance from staff who has played (most of) the games before! Suggested age range of ages 8 to teen.

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### Elementary Experiments Tuesdays, June 24—Aug 5, 3 pm-4 pm, Winchell Room, Registration Required

In Elementary Experiments anyone grades 1-6 can join us for activities and crafts with a STEAM focus (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math). This Summer we are following the Color Our World weekly themes looking at the science in the different art mediums. 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 Grades 1-6, registration required.

June 24: **Draw Together:** Come experiment with natural pigments and binders, and make an early resizing machine.

July 1: **Woven and Worn:** Come make and test a recycled drop spindle and a knitting-in-the-round loom.

July 8: **Copy and Print:** Make a personal cylinder seal and test out making old blue prints.

July 15: **The 3rd Dimension:** We will be making some mixed media and wire sculptures as well as paper flower bouquets.

July 22: **Your Story:** We will be making a marionette and trying to write with quill pens.

July 29: **Make Some Noise:** We will be testing how different materials vibrate to make noise and getting some fun instruments out of it.

Aug 5: **Design and Build:** We will be building some kid-sized cardboard domes and smaller designs with toothpicks and gumdrops.



### Escape Room Wednesdays

**June 25—Aug 6, 10 am-11 am, Winchell Room, Registration required**

We challenge anyone going into grades 3-12 to use their problem-solving, teamwork, and artistic knowledge to tackle our creative-themed escape rooms. We will have one start time, 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!



### Slime-of-the-Month Club

**July 2, 3 pm-4 pm, Winchell Room, Registration Required**

We will be making **Color Changing Slime** with thermochromic pigment! See your slime change from light to dark depending on the temperature. Come ready to get messy! Registration is required due to limited supplies. Spots only open for those going into grades 1-6.

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### The Bookmobile is back!

The Manchester City Library and the Manchester School District are 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 7 until August 8. There will be storytimes with special guests, activity/make & take craft kits, and of course a free book for the kids to take home. Keep an eye on our [Facebook page](#) 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 as follows:

#### **Mondays, July 7, 14, 21 & 28; August 4**

Livingston Park/Playground 10:30-11:30 am

#### **Wednesdays, July 9, 16, 23, 30, August 6**

City Hall 10:30-11:30 am

#### **Thursdays, July 10, 24, August 7**

Elmwood Gardens 1:00-2:00 pm

#### **Thursdays, July 17 & 31**

Kelley Falls 1:00-2:00 pm

### **Manchester City Library**

405 Pine Street  
Manchester, NH 03104

#### **Monday & Friday**

9am-5pm

#### **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday**

9am-8pm

#### **Saturday**

9am-2pm

### **West Manchester Branch Library**

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Manchester, NH 03102

#### **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday**

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#### **Independence Day weekend**

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#### **Staff Development Day**

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#### **Labor Day**