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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

This Fall we may begin our major construction project which is in a holding pattern as we continue to investigate some roof leaks as well as the best way to address our peeling in various places on the upper two floors of the Carpenter Building. If you walk around, you can see the paint is holding up very well in some areas but not so well in others.

When you are the steward of a historical building such as ours there are almost daily issues to address. Which door is sticking, which window screen is missing, which door handle just fell off, which light bulb just burned out are just a few of the occurrences we have fun with! That is why we are very thankful for the care the City's Facilities Division provides. Their staff provide help with not just the small stuff but also when we undertake much larger projects to improve our buildings. The Carpenter Memorial Building is a jewel here in the city and once we have a game plan with our architect, contractors, and city colleagues we will put together a schedule to work around so we can continue to provide library services safely when this next restoration project begins.

For now, we should all enjoy reading about the return of a popular digital service as well as all the programs and reading recommendations carefully put together by our staff for your personal entertainment and education in our quarterly newsletter.

Warm regards,

Denise van Zanten
Library Director



Manchester City Library

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THE TRUE COST OF DIGITAL CONTENT

As times have changed, libraries have attempted to keep up with the recently evolving publishing industry to ensure that patrons are able to access desired materials. Print books are still in high demand, but digital content



has quickly followed close behind. However, despite the growing trend towards e-content, many are not aware of the disparity in prices set for libraries by the top companies in the book industry, who stake the claim to most bestsellers. "The Big 5" (Penguin Random House, HarperCollins, Macmillan, Simon & Schuster, and

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Hachette Book Group) have changed their sales approach to libraries in recent years, dramatically impacting what we're able to offer, as digital titles are priced well above what online retailers typically charge (Haigh, 2024).

Previously, e-content was priced slightly higher than print books, and libraries could own the license to a digital offering. But now, the model has been altered to where libraries are required to *lease* licenses for 24 months, paying a significantly higher amount for e-books & e-audio, sometimes up to 7x that of the print version (Publisher Price Watch, 2024). There are also occasions when we pay for *each checkout* of a digital title within a set time frame.

The prices for each of these titles can vary by publisher, author, and format (Storbeck, 2024). This means we pay steeper prices for digital formats. Furthermore, the Manchester City Library doesn't get to keep digital copies unless we purchase extremely high-priced perpetual licenses that are not always offered in all formats by the publishers.



Once a license expires, we no longer have access to the title, and are faced with the difficult decision to spend more than our budget allows, or cut back on our digital content.

We unfortunately had to choose the latter last year when we discontinued one of our most popular services. However, due to a generous donation from one of our patrons, we're happy to announce that we will be bringing back Hoopla in the coming months with a slightly modified option for borrowing.

Hoopla is known and loved for its "instant borrow" feature, which means no waiting period for you, the patron. The collection will include Audiobooks, Comics, E-Books, Movies, Music, and television shows as before. But they have recently introduced another option alongside Instant Borrows that will give us greater access to highly sought-after bestsellers: Flex Borrows.

This new feature offers a limited number of checkouts on titles until their acquisitioned licenses expire. The caveat, however, is that Flex Borrows follows the "one copy/one user" model, similar to what Libby and cloudLibrary employ. Much like a

physical book, only one user can use a copy at a time, and there will be a holds queue on popular titles. But we're adding this option to bring you the bestsellers you want, in the formats you prefer, while continuing to keep a close eye on borrowing trends.

Our re-launch of Hoopla will include Instant Borrows as before, as well as an initial smaller e-book/e-audio offering for Flex Borrows. The latter will gradually grow larger each month as we carefully curate our collection, offering you a greater variety of current and recent bestsellers. Hoopla



checkouts will be limited to 3 Instant Borrows and 2 Flex Borrows per patron, in order to keep both patron needs and budget constraints in mind (checkout limits will reset on the first of each month, be based on availability, and may be subject to change). However, you will still have access to hundreds of additional titles through our other existing digital platforms, such as Libby and cloudLibrary, with no new changes.

We hope you're as excited as we are to bring back this popular service. We'll continue to do our best to bring you, the public, a variety of materials that you love, while also monitoring current policies and practices of the publishing industry. Please continue to show your support by making informed, careful decisions when checking out digital content. Together, we will continue to responsibly curate a collection of accessible materials that everyone can enjoy.

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MANCHESTER CITY LIBRARY 3RD ANNUAL STAFF ART SHOW

Visit the library this summer to check out the beautiful art made by our talented staff! Art will be on display throughout the library from August through the end of September to coincide with the [Manchester Citywide Art Festival](#). From watercolors to embroidery, cross stitch to colored pencils, we have a range of styles and mediums to peruse. Read more about the individual pieces on display at the library on the library's blog: <https://manchesterlibrary.org/>



See if you can find them all using our Art Show Bingo Card: <https://bingobaker.com#66b1351d8aeb6978>

Stop by the Information Desk to pick up a unique bookmark featuring our staff artists!



THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

The New Hampshire Philharmonic Orchestra is thrilled to announce the launch of its 2024-2025 season, marking a century since the premiere of George Gershwin's iconic "Rhapsody in Blue." This milestone season will feature a special premier performance of "Rhapsody in Red, White, and Blue," an homage composed by Grammy-nominated composer Peter Boyer, in collaboration with acclaimed Steinway artist Jeffrey Biegel.

As part of the celebrations, the NH Philharmonic Orchestra has the honor of presenting the state's premiere performance of "Rhapsody in Red, White, and Blue," a vibrant new work that captures the spirit of Gershwin's original masterpiece while infusing it with contemporary flair. The concert is set for *October 26th and 27th* at Seifert Performing Arts Center in Salem and promises to be a highlight of the season, celebrating American music and innovation. The NH Philharmonic

Orchestra is proud to be chosen to perform the premiere performance of this amazing piece, showcasing local talent and the enduring legacy of Gershwin's work.



The 2024-2025 season will also feature a variety of performances, educational outreach programs, and community

events designed to engage audiences of all ages. Tickets for the season opener and additional performances will be available starting in August. Visit the NH Philharmonic Orchestra's website at www.nhphil.org for tickets.

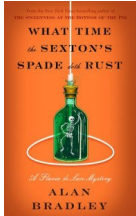
Use code **Manchester** at checkout to receive a 20% discount (Main Library Patrons)

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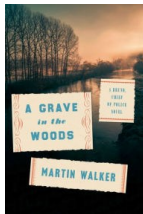
NEW FICTION COMING SOON!

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:

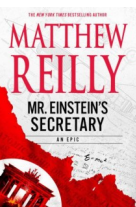


- Bradley, Alan – What time the Sexton's spade doth rust
Amateur sleuth Flavia de Luce, along with her younger cousin, investigates the murder of a former public hangman and uncovers a secret that brings the greatest shock of her life. Due out September 3.

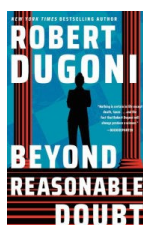
- Moriarty, Liane – Here one moment
An ordinary flight becomes extraordinary when passengers learn of their predicted deaths from a mysterious woman known as "The Death Lady," leading to a race against time for some and a chance to redefine their time left for others. Due out September 10.



- Walker, Martin – A grave in the woods
The long arm of history reaches into the present in Bruno's latest case when three sets of bones are discovered, buried deep in the woods outside the Dordogne town of St. Denis. It appears that the remains have lain there since World War II. Bruno must investigate who the bones belong to and whether their burial amounts to a war crime. Due out September 24.



- Reilly, Matthew – Mr. Einstein's secretary
All Hannah Fischer ever wanted to do was study physics under the great Albert Einstein. But when, as a teenager in 1919, her life is suddenly turned upside-down, she is catapulted into a new and extraordinary life – as a secretary, a scientist, and a spy. Due out October 1.



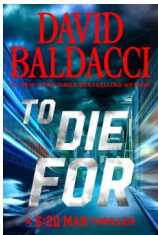
- Dugoni, Robert – Beyond reasonable doubt
When Jenna Bernstein, disgraced wunderkind CEO of a controversial biotech company, is accused of murdering her former partner and lover, she turns to Seattle attorney Keera Duggan to defend her. Due out October 22.



- Penny, Louise – The grey wolf
A missing coat, an intruder alarm, a note for Gamache reading "this might interest you," a puzzling scrap of paper with a mysterious list – and then a murder. All propel Chief Inspector Gamache and his team toward a terrible realization: something much more sinister than any one murder or any one case is fast approaching. Due out October 29.



- Malliet, G.M. – Death and the old master
When renowned art expert Sir Flyte Rascallian is found murdered in the Master's Lodge at Hardwick College, Detective Chief Inspector Arthur St. Just must unravel his unusual actions to solve the death of the old master. But as St. Just investigates, he quickly becomes entangled in a web of deception following the trail of priceless artwork people would kill to possess. Due out November 5.



- Baldacci, David – To die for
Travis Devine has become a pro at accomplishing any mission he's given. But this time it's not his skills that send him to Seattle to aid the FBI in escorting orphaned, twelve-year-old Betsy Odom to a meeting with her uncle, who's under federal investigation. But as Devine gets to know Betsy, questions begin to arise around the death of her parents. As he digs for answers, what Devine finds points to a conspiracy bigger than he could've ever imagined. Due out November 12.



- Gaynor, Hazel – Christmas with the Queen
December 1952. While the young Queen Elizabeth II finds her feet as the new monarch, she must also find the right words to continue the tradition of her late father's Christmas Day radio broadcast. But even traditions must evolve with the times, and the queen faces a postwar Britain hunger for change. Due out November 19.



The Fall book sale will take place on October 19th 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. 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 museum pass program.

Want to donate materials for the next book sale? We accept books, DVDs, video games and board games in good condition.

Please read the donation policy on our website. All donations must be dropped off inside the library at the children's desk during library hours. Please do not put donations in the book return.

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 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!

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.

KINDNESS ROCKS



September 10, 2024

Fall is here. It's the perfect season for hikes, nature walks, getting together with friends, and enjoying all of the natural beauty that Southern New Hampshire has to offer. It's also the

season of Positive Attitude Month (October) and World Kindness Day (November 13th). Celebrate the season and spread some joy with the Kindness Rocks DIY Kit.

Each kit comes with 2 rocks, 6 different colored acrylic paints, 1 black paint pen, and 2 brushes so that you can decorate your own rocks with a positive message. Whether you choose to keep one of the rocks as a personal uplifting reminder, give them to friends, or leave them in public parks for others to find is up to you! The important part is to have fun and remember to spread kindness however you can!

For more information, call Nic at 603-624-6560 x 7691 or email nyoung3@manchesternh.gov.

Main Library Adult DIY

These craft kits are for adults only and are available for pickup at the Information Desk in the Rotunda at the Main Library 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.

Gratitude Jars

October 8, 2024

Kind notes, jar of smiles, they come with many names but share the same sentiments. Join Yvonne in October in creating beautiful, embellished gratitude jars. Create your own special place in which to keep your precious secrets, quotes, memories, sayings, notes and thoughts of gratitude tucked safely away in a lovely personalized and decorated jar. Another nifty idea would be for you to start collecting them on Thanksgiving, which would be a lovely family friendly holiday activity, and then share them at Christmas or New Year's holidays. The contents will be a pleasant reminder of treasured personal and family memories when you revisit them later. Let your own creativity and serendipity be your guide for this craft project.



For more information, please contact Yvonne at 603-624-6550 ext. 7620 or email her at yloomis@manchesternh.gov.

DROP-IN CRAFT HELP

Thursday, October 24, 2024

Need extra help or inspiration with this month's craft? Consider coming to our special craft coaching event on Thursday, October 24th from 6-7 PM in the Hunt Room. This program is for folks who have already picked up their craft kit earlier and need some extra encouragement and help.

Happy crafting!

ADULT BOOK CLUBS

Wednesday Evening



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

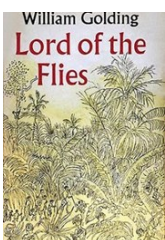
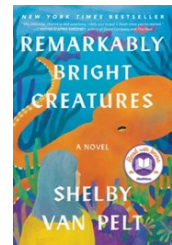
For more information, or to make a recommendation, contact Steve Viggiano at sviggiano@manchesternh.gov. Call (603) 624-6550 x7620 to reserve a print copy of the book.

Book Club

- **Wednesday, September 11, 2024 6:30-7:30**

Remarkably Bright Creatures, by Shelby Van Pelt.

A luminous debut novel about a widow's unlikely friendship with a giant Pacific octopus reluctantly residing at the local aquarium—and the truths she finally uncovers about her son's disappearance 30 years ago.



- **Wednesday, October 9, 2024 6:30-7:30**

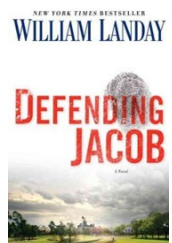
Lord of the Flies, by William Golding.

The classic study of human nature which depicts the degeneration of a group of schoolboys marooned on a desert island.

- **Wednesday, November 13, 2024 6:30-7:30**

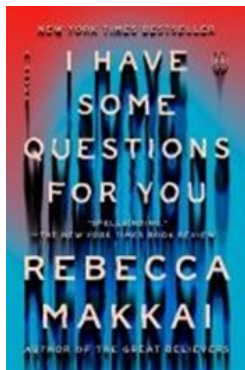
Defending Jacob, by William Landay.

Andy Barber is respected in his community, tenacious in the courtroom, and happy at home with his wife, Laurie, and son, Jacob. But a shocking crime shatters their New England town, and Andy is blindsided when his fourteen-year-old son is charged with the murder of a fellow student.



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 on how to participate, call David Basora
at 603-624-6550 x7643.



- **Tuesday, September 22, 2024 12:15-1:30PM**

I Have Some Questions for You, by Rebecca Makkai.

When film professor Bodie Kane is asked to teach at her old NH boarding school, she can't help but return to the place of her roommate's tragic murder. A man was convicted, but Bodie finds herself wondering if she knew more about the case than she thought. Could a killer still be on the loose?

- **Tuesday, October 29, 2024 12:15-1:30PM**

Malice Aforethought: A True Story of the Shocking Double Crime that Horrified Nineteenth-Century New England, by Avree Kelly Clark.

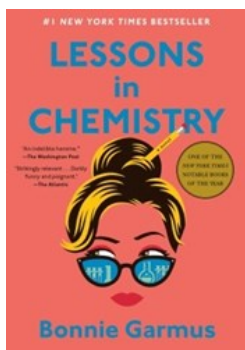
In 1874, a schoolteacher is discovered mutilated in the woods in the village of St. Albans, Vermont. A year later, news arrives of a similar crime committed in peaceful Pembroke, New Hampshire. Author Avree Kelly Clark will attend to discuss her theory of the events that occurred, with the group.



- **Tuesday, November 26, 2024 12:15-1:30PM**

Lessons in Chemistry, by Bonnie Garmus.

Elizabeth Zott is a gifted research chemist, absurdly self-assured and immune to social convention in 1960s California where women aren't taken seriously in science. Elizabeth's career takes a detour when she becomes the unlikely star of a TV cooking show. Cooking is chemistry after all!



WRITERS GROUP | [SIGN UP HERE!](#)

Wednesdays in the Hunt Room at 6:30 PM

September 20 | October 18 | November 20

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 and ages. Virtual attendance now available on Zoom!

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



REMEMBERING TOGETHER | [SIGN UP HERE!](#)**Mondays at the Senior Center or on Zoom, 10:30 AM****September 9 & 16 | October 7 & 21 | November 4 & 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 Tess at 603-624-6550 x7620 or email tkimsey@manchesternh.gov.

**BODY POSITIVITY IN ROMANCE BOOKS: AUTHOR PANEL | [SIGN UP HERE!](#)****Saturday, September 14, 2024 at 10:00 AM****VIRTUAL, Via Zoom**

The Manchester City Library in partnership with the Ashland Public Library, are hosting a conversation on body positivity in romance books with authors Olivia Dade, Julie Murphy, Sierra Simone, and Denise Williams. We hope you can join us for an engaging conversation with amazing authors who advocate for body positivity in romance novels!

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

INTRODUCTION TO GOOGLE DOCS | [SIGN UP HERE!](#)**Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 2:30 PM****In the Winchell Room**

This easy, relaxed class will be 1 hour. Familiarity with Microsoft Word or other word processing program is helpful but not necessary. Some skills participants will learn are: Basic text formatting such as bold, italic, font size, font color. You will also learn editing features such as cut, copy, paste, and spell check. We will create a document and share it.

Signup for this program is required. Please bring a laptop if you have one. You may also use one of the library's laptops during the class. For questions, call Amy H. at 603-624-6550 x7620 or email ahanmer@manchesternh.gov.



TOUR OF THE VALLEY ST. CEMETERY WITH STAN GARRITY | [SIGN UP HERE!](#)



**Friday, October 25, 2024
2-4 PM**

**Meet in the Library
Rotunda**

Manchester City Library is proud to once again be partnering with local historian Stan Garrity for another walk-through

Manchester's forgotten history. This time we will be taking a tour of the famous Valley St. Cemetery and hear the fascinating stories that Stan has uncovered of the cemetery's more obscure residents. It's the perfect way to get into the Halloween spirit, appreciate the beautiful fall foliage, and learn something new! So come with us for a walk on the eerie side.

For more information, call Nic Y. at 603-624-6550 or email nyoung3@manchesternh.gov.

IRISH CASTLES AT THE TIME OF THE TUDORS | [SIGN UP HERE!](#)

Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at 6:00 PM

In the Library Auditorium

How many of us are fascinated by the Tudor Dynasty, from the saga of Henry VIII's six wives to the renaissance of the Elizabethan Era? A lesser-known story is how the Tudors colonized Ireland during their time on the throne, attempting to take control of land that had been in the hands of the Irish kings and people for centuries. Join Debra LeClair for a tour of that land through its castles and sacred spaces while learning about the conflicts that transpired between the English crown and the Celtic clans. Copies of Debra's book, *The Common Hours*, will be available to purchase at the event.



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

TEEN PROGRAMS



TEEN THURSDAYS

• **Thursdays: 9/12 – 12/19 (no meeting 10/31 and 11/28) 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. For teens in grades 6 - 12.



TEEN MOVIE & PIZZA NIGHTS

Wednesdays: 9/18, 10/16, 11/20, and 12/18
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. 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. Please feel free to also email with movie suggestions you would like to watch!

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



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

FALL STORYTIMES

Beginning the week of September 16th, our fall storytimes will begin. This session will run until the week of November 18th. **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 so everyone can attend this very popular program. All sessions are held in the Winchell Room. And for our youngest patrons, **6-23 months, Lap-sit storytime will be on Friday mornings at 10:00 am** in the Winchell Room. This is also a drop in. For more information, please call 624-6550 ext. 7628.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Tuesday Nights, 4:00-7:30

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.

MEET AND GREET WITH MILLY, THE COMFORT PONY

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

10:00 am Winchell Room



Looking for a fun thing to do on your day off from school? Come to the library to meet Milly, Manchester's Comfort Pony! Milly loves coming to the library to meet our families and to take pictures with the kids. She will be here from 10:00 to 11:00 in the Winchell Room. Don't forget to bring your camera! This program is for all ages. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.

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LEGO AFTERNOONS

Fridays, September 27 & October 25, 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.

UNH STEM-MOBILE VISIT

Tuesday, September 10, 2024
3:30-5:00 pm, Library Parking Lot

Did you know that Manchester has a STEM-MoBILE that families can explore and try lots of cool hands-on activities? We are excited to have them stopping by on Tuesday, September, 10, 2024 from 3:30-5:00 pm in our parking lot. Families are invited to explore the lab equipment onboard. Try hands on activities and experiments. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.



ELEMENTARY EXPERIMENTS – SUN POWER

Wednesday, September 11, 2024
3:30-4:30 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). This Fall we're having two Elementary Experiments, one on the second Wednesday and one on the fourth Tuesday, but we are going to do the same activities both times. 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!

In September we are looking at Sun Power to look at how we can both block and use the sun to bring out hidden colors! Remember to register so we can make sure we have enough supplies.

A BLUEY PARTY

Tuesday, September 17, 2024
10:00 am Winchell Room

Let's go on a road trip to the land Down Under. On Tuesday, September 17, 2024 beginning at 10:00 am in

the Winchell Room we will be having a Bluey Party. We will travel to Australia with Bluey and her family listening to stories, play fun games and make a simple craft. This program is for children 1 to 5 years old. Registration is recommended to make we have enough material for everyone. For more information, please call 624-6550 ext. 7628.



STORYTIME SCIENCE

Wednesday, September 18, 2024
10:00 am Winchell Room

Storytime Science with the SEE Science is back! Once a month, kids ages 2-6 years old are invited to join Ms. Yvonne 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 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

JUNIOR AUTHOR WORKSHOP

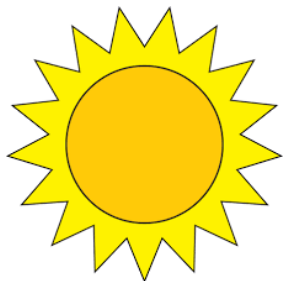
Wednesdays, September 18, October 16, November 20, December 18, 2024

3:30-4:30 pm; Winchell Room



Hey kids in grades 3-8! Do you like to make up stories? Come once a month to 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 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.



ELEMENTARY EXPERIMENTS – SUN POWER

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

3:30-4:30 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). This Fall we're having two Elementary Experiments, one on the second Wednesday and one on the fourth Tuesday, but we are going to do the same activities both times. 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!

In September we are looking at Sun Power to look at how we can both block and use the sun to bring out hidden colors! Remember to register so we can make sure we have enough supplies.

ELEMENTARY EXPERIMENTS – HALLOWEEN SCIENCE

Wednesday, October 9, 2024 & Tuesday, October 22, 2024

3:30-4:30 pm, Winchell Room

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In October we are exploring Halloween Science and how we can use color changing reactions to make awesome decorations! Remember to register so we can make sure we have enough supplies.

CREATIVE DAY/ZOMBIE GAMES

Friday, October 11, 2024

1:00-4:00 pm, Winchell Room



Anyone grades 1-6, who wants to celebrate the spooky season at the beginning of October as well as the end can drop in at the Manchester City Library's Winchell Room any time between 1:00-4:00 pm. We will be playing different zombie themed games though the afternoon. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.

MALL STORYTIME

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

11:30-12:30, Mall 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, October 15, 2024 beginning at 11:30 am in their food court play area. Ms. Karyn will read fun Halloween 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.





MORPHS & MILESTONES

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

4:00 pm, Auditorium/Winchell

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



Tuesday, October 29, 2024

10:00 – 11:00 am Winchell Room

We are having a Halloween Party for ages 1-5 years old in our Winchell Room. We will listen to fun stories, play games such as “Pin the Boo on the Ghost” and go on a pumpkin hunt. We will make a cute craft to take home. Come dressed in your costume! For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.



SLIME-OF-THE-MONTH CLUB PRE-VIEW: HALLOWEEN SLIME!

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

3:30-4:30 pm, Winchell Room

Welcome to a sneak preview of a monthly program starting in the new year! Anyone in grades 1-6 will be able to sign up to make that month’s slime recipe at the library. For this special Halloween pre-view, we will be making Pumpkin Guts Slime! Come ready to get messy! Registration is requested to make sure that we have enough supplies prepared for all. For more information, please call 603-624-6550 ext. 7628.

ELEMENTARY EXPERIMENTS – BUBBLE BONANZA

Wednesday, November 13 & Tuesday November 26

3:30-4:30 pm, Winchell Room

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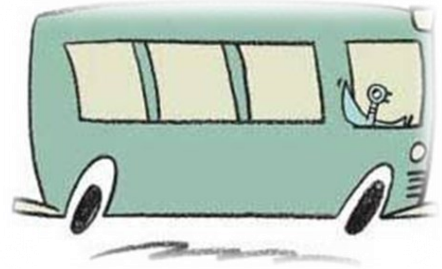
In November we are having a Bubble Bonanza by making big bubbles, colored bubbles, and maybe even glowing bubbles! Remember to register so we can make sure we have enough supplies.

PIGEON PARTY!

Tuesday, November 19, 2024
10:00-11:00 Winchell Room

We are taking a trip with Pigeon driving the bus! Join us on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 10:00 am in the Winchell Room as we celebrate Pigeon and Duckling with stories, games and a fun make and take craft.

This program is for children 1 to 5 years old. Registration is requested to make sure that we have enough supplies prepared for all. For more information, please call 624-6550 ext. 7628.

**LEGO AFTERNOON**

Friday, November 29, 2024
1:00-4:00 pm, Winchell Room

On Friday, November 24th, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, you can drop by the Winchell Room and build a Lego creation with our 10,000 pieces of Legos. All creations will be on display in the children's room for everyone to enjoy. This program is for ages 3-12 years old. For more information, please call 624-6550 ext. 7628.

Summer Wrap Up



"Adventure Begins @ Your Library" summer reading program was a huge success. There were 258 children & teens who signed up for the program and read over 2,200 hours. The theme for 2025 is "Color Your World @ Your Library."

We would like to thank the following for helping make our summer reading program "Adventure Begins @ Your Library" a huge success.

- Altitude Trampoline Park – Merrimack
- Arby's
- Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream
- Butterfly Place
- Captain's Cove Adventure Golf
- CJ's/T-Bones/Cactus Jack's
- Children's Museum of NH

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- Chuck E Cheese
- Chunky’s Cinema
- Clark’s Bears
- Cremeland
- Currier Art Museum
- Fun Spot
- Granite State Credit Union
- Granite State Escape Room
- JayGee’s Ice Cream & Fun Center
- Manchester Library Trustees
- Manchester Millyard Museum
- Manchester School District – Bookmobile
- McDonalds
- Mel’s Funway Park
- Morphs & Millstones
- Nadeau’s Subs
- NH Audubon Center - Massabesic
- New Hampshire Fisher Cats
- Pirate’s Cove Adventure Golf
- Puritan Ice Cream
- Red Robin
- Remix Skate & Event Center
- Seacoast Science Center
- SEE Science Center
- Strawberry Banke



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

76 North Main Street
Manchester, NH 03102

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
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-Holiday Closures-

- Monday, Oct. 14th in observance of Columbus Day
- Tuesday, Nov. 5th in observance of Election Day
- Monday, Nov. 11th in observance of Veterans Day
- Wednesday, Nov. 27th the library will close at 12:00 PM
- Wednesday, Nov. 27th West Branch Library Closed
- Thursday, Nov. 28th in observance of Thanksgiving