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BANCROFT MEMORIAL LIBRARY  HOPEDALE, MA

HOPEDALE BANCROFT LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who participated in Food for Fines. All of the donations have gone to the Milford Food Pantry.

Holiday Hours

- ◆ The Library will be closed Saturday December 24th through Monday December 26th.
- ◆ The Library will be closed Saturday December 31st through Monday January 2nd.

ONGOING MONTHLY LIBRARY EVENTS

Cookbook Club: Cookie Swap

In December the Cookbook Club will be celebrating the holidays by having a cookie swap. Each person will bring 4 dozen of their favorite cookies along with the recipe to share with the club. Please remember to bring a container so you can bring your cookies home. Coffee or tea will be provided just in case any sampling needs to be done! We will also be creating a handmade holiday ornament. Materials will be provided. We hope that you will join us on Monday, December 12th at 6:30 PM for this fun and tasty event. Call the Library at (508) 634-2209 if you would like to join us for the festivities!

Helen Symonds Book Group

The Helen Symonds Book Group meets in the Library Program Room at 1 PM on the first Wednesday of every month. Everyone is welcome to join the group. Please call the Library at (508) 634-2209 to request a copy of the book. This month's meeting will be Wednesday, December 7th at 1 PM. The discussion book will be The Sun Also Rises by Ernest Hemmingway. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 4th at 1 PM and we will discuss Our Souls at Night by Kent Haruf. CW/Mars Catalog Summary: "A senior-aged widow and widower forge a loving bond over shared loneliness and respective histories, provoking local gossip and the disapproval of their grown children in ways that are further complicated by an extended visit by a sad young grandchild."

Color Tuesday

Tuesday is a blue, green, orange or whatever your favorite color is day! Join us for coloring in the Reference Area of the Library from 10-11 AM on Tuesday, December 13th & Tuesday, December 27th. We will provide colored pencils & coloring sheets or you may bring your own.



Museum Pass of the Month:

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

This month's museum pass recommendation is for the book lover in all of us. Not only is the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum a fascinating place to visit, but they are now hosting an interesting temporary exhibit called "Beyond Words: Italian Renaissance Books". For more information, please visit their website at www.gardnermuseum.org. Don't forget to call the Library to reserve a pass for a discount for your visit. Are you interested in other area attractions? Please visit our website at <http://www.hopedale-ma.gov/bancroft-memorial-library/pages/museum-passes-available> for a full list of the museum passes that we have.

Knitting & Crocheting Group

Are you a knitter or crocheter who is looking for a knit night? Do you have a project that has been waiting for you to "get around to it"? Join the Knovel Knitters for an evening of knitting & crocheting every Wednesday night from 6:00 until 7:45 PM.

Please see reverse side for additional programs 

FRIENDS OF THE HOPEDALE LIBRARY

Thank You!

We would like to thank everyone who made the Fall Book, Bake and Raffle Sales such a success! The money raised goes to support the programs offered by the Library for adults and children.



Welcome the Holiday Season & join us on Saturday, December 3rd from 10 AM to 2 PM as we participate in the Town of Hopedale Holiday Stroll. The Friends of the Hopedale Library

will be serving hot spiced cider and cookies. Please see the Children's Room news for a summary of the activities that we have planned for the children. Be sure to come visit us and enjoy some refreshments.

Friends of the Hopedale Library Meeting

The Friends of the Hopedale Library meetings are held on the first Tuesday morning of each month. Their next meeting will be in the Library Reference Room on Tuesday, December 6th at 10 AM. The January meeting will be on Tuesday January 3rd. Anyone interested in helping the Library & planning our adult programming is welcome and encour-



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Holiday Tea and Entertainment

The Friends of the Hopedale Library are pleased to present a special holiday concert event on Sunday, December 11th from 2-3 PM. Join us for an afternoon tea and concert with the local acapella quartet All 4WoN. This event will take place in the upstairs Reading Room. Refreshments will be served and the program will last approximately an hour. To reserve your spot please call the Library at (508) 634-2209 or stop in at the upstairs registration desk during regular hours. There is no charge for this program. You do not need to be a Friend of the Library to attend!



The Friends of the Hopedale Library was founded in 1983. They work with the Library staff and Trustees to support the Library by providing funds for equipment, materials and programs not covered by the regular operating budget. They offer adult events September- June, pay for the children's summer reading and for other programs. New members are always welcome! More information can be found at <http://www.hopedale-ma.gov/bancroft-memorial-library/pages/friends-library>.

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NEWS FROM THE MARJORIE HATTERSLEY CHILDREN'S ROOM

Check it Out!

We had over 226 K-3 grade children visit the Library in October for Check it Out! We want to send out a big congratulations to Mrs. Walker's first grade class for being our Check it Out! winners. Mrs. Walker's class came to the Library for a special evening of pizza & fun with storyteller Cindy Marshall. Special this year: parents who attended the program were able to have dessert & coffee while the children were enjoying the event. Special thanks to Mrs. Verdolino, Mr. Miller and Mrs. Walker for joining the winning class for the evening. Thank you to all of the kids that came to the Library and participated in this fun event.

Holiday Stroll

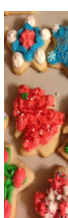
Join us on Saturday December 3rd from 10 AM to 2 PM as we participate in the Town of Hopedale Holiday Stroll. The Friends of the Hopedale Library will be serving hot cider & cookies. Children ages pre-school and older are invited to join Mrs. Kraimer in the Library Program Room at 1 PM for Holiday stories. Throughout the morning parents & children are invited to work together on a make-&-take craft.



Lunch with Santa

We're delighted to have a special guest joining us on Thursday, December 15th at 12:15 PM. Santa Claus himself will be here to visit with children ages 2 to 5 years! Join us for lunch (bag lunches will be provided), music and song -- and then meet Santa. He'd love to chat and learn what youngsters want for Christmas. Parents are welcome to take pictures of their children with Santa. Registration is required for this event. Call the Library at (508) 634-2209 to register.

Cookie Decorating



Come decorate holiday cookies & enjoy a holiday story on Saturday, December 10th at 12:30. Children age 5 & older can show their creativity by decorating sweet treats -- one to take home & one to enjoy here at the Library. Because of space limitations and the need to prepare materials, please call Mrs. Kraimer at (508) 634-2209 to register.

Holiday Crafts

On Tuesday, December 13th, there will be a Make & Take Holiday Craft Program for children in Grade K & up, beginning at 3 PM. We'll have a variety of items to decorate your home or to give as small gifts. Come join us for this fun event. Please call (508) 634-2209 to register.

Annual Mitten Tree

Help us decorate our tree with new mittens, gloves, hats & scarves. From November 28th through December 21st the Children's Room will showcase our annual donation tree for mittens & hats of all sizes. Items will be donated to the Milford Food Pantry.



Story Times

Story Times will continue through the week of December 12th. Please call Mrs. Kraimer at (508) 634-2209 for further information or to sign up.

- ◆ Tell Me a Story: for children ages 3-6 years, will be on Tuesdays at 3:15 PM. This 45 minute program will include stories, music, puppets and crafts. Registration is requested. Parents are welcome to attend.
- ◆ Tot Time: for children 18 months through 3 years, will be on Thursdays from 11 to 11:30 AM. Children will enjoy music, stories, puppets, nursery rhymes and finger plays. Registration is requested. Parents are expected to remain with their child.

For information regarding all children's programs please call Mrs. Kraimer at (508) 634-2209 or e-mail her at ekraimer@cwmmars.org. Patrons must register for programs -- snacks & craft materials need to be planned, so we need to know how many children to expect.