



# APRIL 2023



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## Patriots' Day

The Bancroft Memorial Library will be closed on Monday, April 17 in observance of Patriots' Day.

## Bancroft Memorial Library Survey: Planning for the Future 2023-2029

The Bancroft Memorial Library is beginning the process of developing a new strategic plan and welcomes input from all community members. We hope that you will help shape the future of the Library by participating in this survey. The survey will be open from April 1 through April 15, 2023. Respondents will be entered into a drawing for a gift card to a local restaurant.



Copies of the survey will be available at the Library, and will also be inserted into the April edition of the Hopedale Local Town Pages Newspaper. You may choose to use the print form, or respond to the online version by scanning the QR code on the survey form. Completed print surveys may be returned to specially marked collection box locations: Bancroft Memorial Library Circulation Desk or Book Drops, Hopedale Council on Aging, Hopedale Town Hall - Assessor's Office, and Hopedale Post Office Lobby. Your input is important, and we hope that many residents will share their feedback.

## Southwick's Zoo Passes - Register for Free Drawing April 1st - 15th

The Friends of the Hopedale Library are sponsoring a free drawing for a limited number of passes to Southwick's Zoo in April. To enter, just fill out a form at the Library between April 1-15. There is one entry per family/per address and you must be a Hopedale resident. The Friends will draw 25 names on Saturday, April 15th, and each will receive two free passes to the Zoo. If your entry is selected, you will receive a phone call from a member of the Friends. Passes will be held at the circulation desk for pick up.



## Massachusetts Library Collaborative 50+ Job Seekers Networking Group

The free, biweekly skill building and networking group meetings for people 50 years and older looking for a new job, a new career direction, or a



Second Act career continue this month on Zoom. Topics this month: April 5/12 Creating a LinkedIn Profile and April 19/26 LinkedIn - Personal Branding. Please check our website for more information. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Hopedale Library.

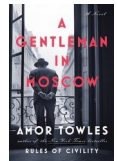
## Free Seed Library

Stop by the Bancroft Memorial Library and get free seeds from our new Seed Library. There is no limit! If you don't need a full packet, there are smaller envelopes available. Just take what you need. Special thanks to W. Atlee Burpee & Co., Fedco Seeds, Seed Savers Exchange, and a Friend of the Library.



## Helen Symonds Book Group

The Helen Symonds Book Group will meet on Wednesday, April 5 at 1:00 pm in the Bancroft Memorial Library meeting room to discuss A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles. "In 1922, Count Alexander Rostov is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by the Bolsheviks and sentenced to spend the rest of his life on house arrest. Thus, the wealthy count is forced to move from his suite at the Metropol, a grand hotel across from the Kremlin, to a servant's room in the attic. Over the ensuing decades, he witnesses Russia's tumultuous history from his window and must ponder what it means to be a man of purpose." —adapted from CWMARS catalog. Books are available at the Library. The book group is open to everyone! Please sign up at the Library circulation desk.



## Wednesday Needlework Group

Join us for an evening of needlework every Wednesday night from 6:00pm until 7:45pm. Bring your latest project. No commitment required!



## FlowerPower.org Fundraiser

Please support The Friends of the Hopedale Library by shopping our FlowerPower.org fundraiser through 5/15! You can order flowers, bulbs, and other plants online and have orders shipped directly to you. The Friends of the Hopedale Library earns 50% which goes right back to the Library. Shop at <http://hopedalelibrary.fpfundraising.com>.



**For updates throughout the month, Friend us on Facebook and sign up at [www.wowbrary.org](http://www.wowbrary.org) to discover the Library's newest books, movies and music. The library webpage is <https://www.hopedale-ma.gov/bancroft-memorial-library>.**



## ***News from The Friends of the Hopedale Library***

### **New England Nature Program: Wildlife in Your Backyard**

The Friends of the Hopedale Library are pleased to present **New England Nature Program: Wildlife in Your Backyard** on Wednesday, April 26, from 6:30-7:30 pm. Join us as Joy Marzolf talks about wildlife that visit the Greater Boston area. From dragonflies and butterflies to birds and mammals, a wide variety of animals may visit area backyards. Learn about which animals you will most likely see depending on the season. Find out more about our local wildlife, as well as occasional visitors, and what brings them to our neighborhoods. To register for this free program, please stop by the Library or call 508-634-2209. All ages are welcome.



### **Raffle Baskets**

Stop by the Library during National Library Week (April 23rd-29th) to purchase gift basket raffle tickets to support the Friends of the Hopedale Library. Tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The baskets will be available for viewing starting April 18th. All monies raised go towards library programming, including summer reading, museum passes, and adult programs.



### **About the Friends of the Library**

The Friends of the Hopedale Library, founded in 1983, is an active volunteer, non-profit organization consisting of town-wide membership and a representative executive board. We work with Library staff and the Trustees to support the Library in providing funds for equipment, materials, and programs not covered by the Library's regular operating budget. The Friends of the Library meet the second Wednesday of the month, September through June, at 6:30 pm. New members and ideas are always welcome!



## ***News from the Marjorie Hattersley Children's Room***

**Registration is encouraged but not required for all events. Please call Mrs. Kraimer at (508)634-2209 to register!**

### **April Storywalk®**

The Bancroft Memorial Library will present a Storywalk® from April 10th through April 22nd on the Hopedale Community House Lawn. It will feature Juna's Jar by Jane Park (illustrated by Felicia Hoshino).



### **Storytimes with Mrs. Kraimer**

Mrs. Kraimer's Storytimes will resume the week of April 17!

**Storytime** - Tuesdays at 10:30am (Ages 3-5)

**After School Storytime** - Wednesdays at 3:15pm (Ages 5-7)

**Mother Goose Rhyme Time** - Thursdays at 10:30am (Birth- 3 years)



### **Homeschool Hangout**

Get together with other homeschool families from the Hopedale area to learn, engage, and socialize on Tuesday mornings 11am-12pm. All ages invited!



### **Super Mario Mania!**

Drop by on Saturday, April 15 from 11am-1pm for Super Mario Mania at the Library! Make crafts, play games, and have fun! We will even have a photo booth! All ages welcome.



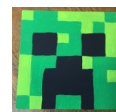
### **Circus, Science & Silliness**

Learn how science is used to perform amazing circus tricks with Cherie & Dave's fun, interactive circus style show on Wednesday, April 19 at 2pm. Space is limited. Registration is required. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Hopedale Library. Ages 5+



### **Minecraft Pixel Painting**

Paint your favorite Minecraft character on an 8x8 canvas on Wednesday, April 19 from 5-6pm or Friday, April 21 from 2-4pm. While supplies last! Ages 9+



### **Pre-Teen Advisory Board**

The Pre-Teen Advisory Board will meet on Monday, April 24 at 5pm. Open to ages 9-14. Free pizza! Can't make it but would like to share your ideas? Stop by and let us know!



### **Pre-Teen Book Club**

Enjoy reading and discussing books with friends? Join the club! Our first Pre-Teen Book Club will meet on Monday, May 1 at 5pm to discuss, The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley. Copies are available in the Children's Room. Members will choose the next book at the meeting. Ages 9+

