



BANCROFT MEMORIAL LIBRARY



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Presidents' Day

The Bancroft Memorial Library will be closed on Monday, February 19 in observance of Presidents' Day.



Speed Reads

Speed Reads are now available for in-demand titles at the Bancroft Memorial Library! These books have a two week loan period and are not holdable.

Community Conversations Sponsored by Hopedale For Change

Community Conversations will meet this month on Wednesday, February 7 at 6:30pm. If you are interested in joining the conversation, please sign up at the Circulation Desk or online on our website.



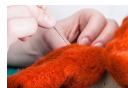
Helen Symonds Book Group

The Helen Symonds Book Group will meet Wednesday, February 7 at 1:00 pm in the Library meeting room. We will discuss Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt. "Van Pelt has written an irresistibly wonderful, warm, funny, heartbreaking novel, full of gentle people (and one octopus) bravely powering through their individual scars left by lives that have beaten them up but have not brought them down." - adapted from CWMARS catalog



Maker Mondays

Join our evening crafting workshop for adults at Bancroft Memorial Library on Monday, February 12 at 6:00pm! This month, we will be joined again by Talia Lefton. Learn how to make woodland animals out of felt! Registration is required and space is limited. Register online today!



An Evening with Romance Authors Ali Hazelwood, Nikki Payne & Denise Williams on Zoom



Authors Ali Hazelwood, Nikki Payne, and Denise Williams will discuss their latest romance novels in a panel discussion followed by an audience Q&A on Monday, February 26 at 7pm on Zoom. This program was made possible by a collaborative partnership between the Tewksbury Public Library and 50 public libraries in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Register on our website! Registrants will receive a link to access the Zoom webinar via email.

News from The Friends of the Hopedale Library

New England UFOs



The Friends of the Hopedale Library are pleased to present "New England UFOs" with writer and TV personality Ronny LeBlanc on February 28th at 6:30pm in the downstairs program room. Ronny LeBlanc, of Discovery Channel's "Expedition Bigfoot" and Travel Channel's "Paranormal Caught on Camera", will present the strange and mysterious history of UFOs in New England, including information about recent sightings. Did you know the first sighting of a UFO occurred in Massachusetts? Ronny will explore the New England unknown as he highlights excerpts from his book *Monsterland: Encounters with UFOs, Bigfoot, and Orange Orbs!* Books will be available for purchase after the presentation and Q & A. To register, please sign up at the upstairs circulation desk, call 508-634-2209, or use the online event signup on the Library website.

The Irish in America

Mary King and friends will return to the Library to present their popular "Irish in America" program on Wednesday, March 6th at 6:30 pm. Irish immigrants captured the heart of the nation with their mix of Irish jigs, ballads, folk songs, storytelling, and humor. Their music was influenced by their travels throughout New England, the Midwest, Appalachia, and the West. Celtic traditions were infused with new styles and instruments creating a new voice to their culture, along with the old. Get your green on, warm up your voice, and enjoy the warmth, spirit, and hilarity. Mary King often teaches a beginner's Irish jig before the start of the program. All ages are welcome. There is no charge to attend this program but registration is requested. To register, please sign up at the upstairs circulation desk, call 508-634-2209, or use the online event signup on the Library website.



Ongoing Book Sale

Did you know that you can support the Friends of the Hopedale Library anytime the Library is open by shopping at the Ongoing Book sale? We offer a selection of adult and children's titles, and even puzzles! You can find the sale area just outside the Program Room. All monies raised from our fundraisers go right back to the Bancroft Memorial Library to pay for children's and adult programs, museum passes and other expenses not covered by the Library budget. Thank you for your support!



Join the Friends!

We are a volunteer, non-profit organization. Our purpose is to stimulate interest in the use of the Library, focus attention on community services the Library offers, and raise funds for equipment, materials, and programs not covered by the Library's regular operating budget. We assist library staff as needed for special events. Our fundraising supports the museum pass program and children's and adult programming, including summer reading. Our next Executive Board meeting is Wednesday, February 14th at 6:30 pm. We love new members!



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

Registration is encouraged but not required for all events. Please visit our website to register online.

CHECK OUT CHALLENGE!

This year we invite all students at Memorial Elementary School to participate in a new CHECK OUT CHALLENGE. When you visit the Library and borrow an item, you will earn points for your class. The top three classrooms with the most points will receive prizes. The program runs from February 1 through March 2. If you have any questions, please contact Miss Laura at the Library.

Rhyme Time - Ages 2 - 4
Every Tues(2/6, 13, 27) 10:00am



Toddler Tunes - Ages 1 - 3
Every Tues(2/6, 13, 27) 11:00am



Teen Advisory - Gr. 6 - 12
1st Wed(2/7) 5pm
Share pizza and play video games! Registration required.



Alpha-nauts! - Ages 4 - 6
Every Thurs(2/8, 15, 29) 10am
Registration required.



Busy Babies - Ages 0 - 18 mos
Every Thurs(2/8, 15, 29) 11am



Book Cubs - Gr. 2 - 3
2nd Wed(2/14) 4pm
Registration required.



Desserts and Discussions

Wed(2/7) 6:30pm presented by The Milford Family & Community Network at the Library



Come connect with other parents to share stories, challenges and triumphs. This is a fun night for parents/caregivers only. This will be a participant led discussion so bring your questions, concerns & advice. Call 508-277-4981 to register. The Milford Family & Community Network is a Coordinated Family Community Engagement grant funded by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care and awarded to Milford Public Schools.

February Vacation Fun at the Library

Join us for fun activities throughout the week! The theme is Fairy Tales!



Tues(2/20) 11am-1pm Edible Fairy Tale Houses

Make an edible Hansel and Gretel candy house and a Three Little Pigs pretzel and mini-marshmallows house!

Wed(2/21) 1pm Movie

Today's movie is about critter detectives who solve a sweet crime involving a girl with a red hood and Granny's goodies business.

Thurs(2/22) 11am-1pm Make Fairy Wings and Wands and Swords and Shields!

Fri(2/23) 2pm Minute to Win It Games Ages 10+
Win prizes! Registration is required. Space is limited. May the odds be ever in your favor!

Sat(2/24) 11am-12pm Character Visit

Peter Pan and Tinkerbell will be flying in to say "Hi" to everyone in Hopedale today! They will tell a story and visit with everyone - you can have your picture taken with them too! Registration is required and picture order will be based on the registration list.

Display Case



Do you have a special collection that you would like to share? The Bancroft Memorial Library has a display case to showcase your collection. If interested, please email Keely at kbethel-penny@cwmars.org!

Love Letters for the Library



What do you love about YOUR library? We're collecting love letters for the Library all month long. Please join us to share all the great programs, books, and features that you love about your library. Show how much you love your library and write a sweet valentine today! Your valentine will help raise awareness about the value of libraries with local and state officials. Materials to create cards will be available upstairs and downstairs.



Maker Mondays 6-8pm

Maker Mondays for adults will continue in the spring!



March 18: Rock Painting

Decorate special rocks for your home or garden

April 22: Seedlings 101

Casual planting along with fun facts and Q&A with Suzie Canale

May 20: Kulina Folk Art

Scrunch paint a silk scarf with Garine