

**Keep the Bancroft Memorial Library strong!
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- ☐ I will donate raffle items.
- ☐ I am interested in volunteering at a Friends' fundraising event.
- ☐ I want to be emailed information about library events.
- ☐ I want to sign up for the library's Wowbrary emails.

Levels of Giving:

- ☐ Individual \$10.00 / Year
- ☐ Family \$15.00 / Year
- ☐ Senior Citizen/Student \$5.00 / Year
- ☐ Patron \$25.00 / Year
- ☐ Sponsor \$50.00 / Year
- ☐ Employer Matched Gift \$_____ / Year
- ☐ One Time Gift \$_____ / Year

To donate using *PayPal* go to www.hopedale-ma.gov, click "Library," and then "Friends of the Hopedale Library."

We would love your event suggestions!

Please make your check payable to Friends of the Hopedale Library. Our mailing address is *Friends of the Hopedale Library, Bancroft Memorial Library, 50 Hopedale St., Hopedale, MA 01747*.

What is the Friends of the Hopedale Library?

The Friends of the Hopedale Library, founded in 1983, is a volunteer, non-profit organization of town residents. 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.

How can you help?

- Make a monetary donation through PayPal or by check.
- Shop at our *Ongoing Book Sale* downstairs in the library.
- Donate gently used adult books five years old or newer. Children's books in good condition of any age are accepted. Look for announcements of our donation days on Facebook and at the library.
- Help sort donated books.
- Donate a gift basket or gift certificate for our raffles.
- Sponsor one of our museum passes.
- Spread the news of library events.
- Attend our Executive Board meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm during the school year. New members are always welcome!

Mark your calendar for our 2023 events!

Wednesday, May 17th - 6:30 pm – *King Philip's Indian War*, presented by Michael Tougias

Saturday, June 10th - 10 am to 4 pm – *Hopedale Fairy Walk* - Look for our fairy house!

Saturday, June 24th - 10 am to 2 pm – *Pop-Up Book Sale and Raffle Baskets*

Wednesday, September 27th - 6:30 pm – *Farm Girl on the Front Lines: Deborah Sampson's Secret*

Wednesday, October 18th - 6:30 pm – *Witchy Wednesday with Leslie Cape of Flying Witch Farm*

Saturday, November 18th - 7 pm – *Wine Tasting at Hopedale Country Club*

Saturday, December 2nd - 2 pm – *Holiday Harmony Quartet*

Big Happenings at the Bancroft Memorial Library!

The Annual Celebrate Literacy Award from the Massachusetts Reading Association has been awarded to our library director, Tricia Perry! Congratulations!

1000 Books Before Kindergarten launched in January and has more than 60 children enrolled to date! Twenty children have already read more than 100+ books, with 4 children well on their way to 400! This program is a collaborative effort with support from Middlesex Savings Bank, United Way of Tri-County, Bright Beginnings Preschool, and The Milford Family & Community Network (MFCN).

Community use of the library is increasing! 22,205 items were circulated in FY22, a 42% increase. Library patrons have 24/7 access to electronic content including newspapers, Consumer Reports, World Book Online, and Kanopy (movies & shows). Libby/Overdrive usage increased 16% from 2020, with 6,201 checkouts! In FY22 the Bancroft Memorial Library had 2759 unique borrowers and 8731 visits. The library had 9,677 interlibrary loans from Jan 2021 – Feb 2023, drawing on our strong CWMARS network.

The Friends of the Hopedale Library continues to support library programming! Thanks to the generosity of our members and donors, in 2022, the Friends of the Hopedale Library purchased \$2674 in museum passes, and provided \$3648 for children's programs, including summer reading, and \$2020 for adult events. These expenses are not covered by the municipal library budget.

Online Pass Reservation Program

Blackstone Valley Libraries, including Hopedale, Northbridge, and Uxbridge, participate in an online reservation program for museum passes. This program offers free or reduced admission to museums and places of interest. Passes can be reserved up to 30 days in advance. Passes owned by libraries other than Hopedale must be picked up and returned, if necessary, to the owning library. Reserve your passes online, at the Circulation Desk, or call the library at **508-634-2209**. The passes below are available for pickup at the Bancroft Memorial Library:

Capron Park Zoo, Attleboro (sponsored by Dewey Pest & Wildlife)
Providence Children's Museum, Providence (sponsored by Hopedale Technologies)
Ecotarium, Worcester*
Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston*
Massachusetts State Parks Parking Pass (Hopedale residents only)*
Museum of Science, Boston**

New England Aquarium, Boston**
New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill, West Boylston*
Old Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge*
USS Constitution Museum, Boston*
Worcester Art Museum, Worcester*
*Provided by Friends of the Hopedale Library
** Provided by The Hopedale Foundation (pass limited to Hopedale residents)



Summer reading is coming! This year's theme is "Find Your Voice" and will include stories, crafts, special programs, prize baskets, and summer fun! Programs will be inside and outside (weather permitting). Registration begins on June 20th, and programs will run from June 28th through August 12th. Highlights include a teen Open Game Play Event hosted by ONE UP Games, a theatre camp, Historic Hopedale Scavenger Hunt with Dan Malloy, Otha Day Drumming, and Lindsey and Her Puppet Pals.

"Find Your Voice" statewide Summer Reading Program is sponsored by the Bancroft Memorial Library and the Friends of the Hopedale Library, the Hopedale Cultural Council, the Massachusetts Library System, the Boston Bruins, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Stay connected and be in the know!

Are you on **Facebook**? So are we! Please "like" *Friends of the Hopedale Library*. While online, don't forget to "like" the *Bancroft Memorial Library* too!



Receive email alerts of the newest books, movies, and music at the Bancroft Memorial Library! Sign up for **Wowbrary** at www.wowbrary.org for weekly emails.