



JANUARY 2023



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January Holidays

Monday, Jan 2 CLOSED – New Year's Day (observed)

Monday, Jan 16 CLOSED – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

FREE 50+ JOB SEEKERS NETWORKING GROUP

Beginning in January, Hopedale residents fifty years and older looking for a new job, a new career direction, or a Second Act career can take advantage of free, bi-weekly skill building and networking meetings. A new topic will be covered each week. Attendance at each session is not necessary—but highly recommended! Job seekers can join at any time.



Morning option: 1st and 3rd Wed. 9:30am –11:30am
Evening option: 2nd and 4th Wed. 6-8pm

All meetings are on Zoom. Please call the Library for more information.

Take and Make Kits

Stop by on January 3 and pick up Take and Make Kits for all ages. There are Hygge Gnome Kits for teens and adults and Snowman Craft Kits for ages 3 and up, while supplies last!



MA Center for the Book 2023 Reading Challenge

Sign up at massbooks.org/readingchallenge. Choose a book that fits the monthly challenge. Read the book and complete a short online form. That's it! If you read at least one book, you will be invited to a year-end celebration hosted by Mass Center for the Book. If you read a book in each of the 12 months, you will be entered in a drawing to win 1 or 2 totes filled with books and Massachusetts goodies! This month's challenge is to read a book less than 100 pages in length!



January Display Case

Come in from the cold and check out our display case this month: homemade cribbage boards created by Gary Graveson.

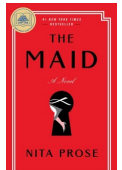


Do you have a special collection to share? If so, please call the Library at 508-634-2209. We are always looking for new displays.

Helen Symonds Book Group

The Helen Symonds Book Group meets in the Library Program Room at 1:00 pm on the first Wednesday of every month. Everyone is welcome to join the group. If interested, please call the Library at (508)634-2209 to request a copy of the discussion book.

Join the Helen Symonds Book Discussion Group to discuss The Maid by Nita Prose on January 4, 2022 at 1:00 pm. "A charmingly eccentric hotel maid discovers a guest murdered in his bed, turning her once orderly world upside down--and inspiring a motley crew of unexpected allies to band together to solve the mystery--in this utterly original debut. A "Clue-like", locked-room mystery and a heartwarming journey of the spirit, The Maid explores what it means to be the same as everyone else and yet entirely different--and reveals that all mysteries can be solved through connection to the human heart" —adapted from the CWMARS catalog.



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—come when you can!



For updates throughout the month, Friend us on Facebook and sign up at 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 Marjorie Hattersley Children's Room

Registration is encouraged for all events. Please call Mrs. Kraimer at (508)634-2209 to register!

1000 Books Before Kindergarten



In partnership with the 1000 Books Foundation, the Bancroft Memorial Library, Bright Beginnings Center, Friends of the Hopedale Library, and the Middlesex Savings Bank, we are pleased to introduce the “1000 Books Before Kindergarten” literacy initiative for children ages Birth – 5 years.

The goal of the program is to encourage parents and caregivers to read 1000 books with their child before he or she starts Kindergarten. The program will kick-off in January at the beginning of the New Year. *The 1000 Books Before Kindergarten* program is available to all families with children between the ages of birth and five years. Registration is open and the program is free to all. For more information, call the Library at 508-634-2209 or visit our website: <https://www.hopedale-ma.gov/bancroft-memorial-library>.

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!



Hygge Thursdays

Enjoy the warmth of the Library and the company of your friends on Thursdays at 3pm this month! Create Lego masterpieces on January 5 and 19. Bring a friend and challenge them to one of our board games on January 12 and 26! Ages 5+



Winter Gingerbread Houses

Create gingerbread houses using milk cartons, graham crackers, frosting, and more on Friday, January 13 at 1:30pm! Space is limited so register today! Ages 10+



Pre-Teen Advisory Board

Calling all upper elementary and middle school students! We need your suggestions for programming you'd be interested in seeing at the Library and any other suggestions you have for the upper elementary/young adult collection. Our first meeting will be on Monday, January 30 at 5pm. Open to anyone in grades 5-8 and/or ages 10-14. No registration required. We will have pizza!



Chinese New Year!

Celebrate Chinese New Year with stories and crafts on Saturday, January 28 at 11:30am. Ages 7+



Good Neighbor Mitten Tree

Thank you to our wonderful patrons for their contributions to the Good Neighbor Mitten Tree! We received over 250 donations, including scarves, hats, mittens & gloves, socks, sweaters, and slipper socks!

