



# MARCH 2023



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## 50+ Job Seekers Networking Group

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: March 1/8 Developing a Resume Pt. 1 and March 15/22 Developing a Resume Pt.2. 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.



## Capron Park Zoo Pass

The Bancroft Memorial Library has a new pass available! The Capron Park Zoo pass is sponsored by Dewey Pest and Wildlife. This pass admits 2 adults and 2 children free of charge. You must be a Hopedale resident. Capron Park requires an ID for proof of Hopedale address.



## The Irish in America

The Friends of the Hopedale Library are pleased to present "The Irish in America" on Wednesday, March 1st at 6:30 pm. Come join us as Mary King, Kathy Clasper-Torch, and Dan Lenair share an Irish immigrant's musical journey. Irish immigrants captured the heart of the nation with their mix of Irish jigs, ballads, folk songs, storytelling, and humor. Get your green on, warm up your voice and enjoy the warmth, spirit, and hilarity. Mary King often teaches a beginner's Irish gig 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 call the library at 508-634-2209 or stop by the upstairs circulation desk. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Hopedale Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.



## Clothing Drive

From March 20-31, students from Hopedale Jr. Sr. High School will be collecting new and gently used clothing for newborns to age 12 in different locations throughout Hopedale.



They are a part of Project 351, a MA service leadership organization to motivate 8th graders to help in their communities. This spring they will be working with Cradles to Crayons to battle clothing insecurity across MA and the U.S. The Bancroft Memorial Library will be a drop off location for this project. There will be a bin upstairs and downstairs.

## Helen Symonds Book Group

Join the Helen Symonds Book Group on Wednesday, March 1 at 1:00 pm, as we host local poet Lynne Viti. Lynne Viti is the author of *The Walk to Cefalù* (2022), *Dancing at Lake Montebello: Poems* (2020), *Going Too Fast* (2020), and two poetry chapbooks, *Baltimore Girls* (2017) and *The Glamorganshire Bible* (2018), as well as *Punting* (2018), *Dreaming Must Be Done in the Daytime* (2018) and *In Louisburgh, County Mayo* (2019). Copies of books will be available for purchase and book signing. Please sign up at the Library's circulation desk for this special event or call us at 508-634-2209.



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.

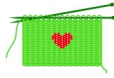


For updates throughout the month, Friend us on Facebook and sign up at [www.wowbrary.org](http://www.wowbrary.org) to discover the Library's newest books, movies and music. The library webpage is <https://www.hopedale-ma.gov/bancroft-memorial-library>.



### **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!



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

#### **FlowerPower.org Fundraiser**

Help support The Friends of the 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%. Shop at <http://hopedalelibrary.fpfundraising.com>.



#### **DQ Fundraiser**

Come support The Friends of the Hopedale Library at a special fundraiser on Thursday, March 16th at the Milford Dairy Queen at 190 West St in Milford. The Friends of the Library will receive 10% of all purchases from 5 pm to 8 pm. All monies raised support library programs, summer reading, museum passes, and expenses not covered by the library budget.



#### **Book Donation Day**

The Friends of the Hopedale Library will be collecting book donations on Saturday, March 25th from 10 am - 12 pm in the downstairs program room. Children's books in good condition of any age will be accepted. Adult books should be 5 years old or newer due to space constraints. No dusty or yellow books, please! Don't forget to shop our Ongoing Book Sale. New books are frequently added.



#### **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 the 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!

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

Enjoy books and crafts with Mrs. Kraimer all month long!



**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!



#### **Lost Mummy Escape Room**

Can you find the lost mummy and escape the tomb? Sign up with your friends or family to participate in this exciting escape room on Wednesday, March 29. There are two time slots available, 5:00 and 6:30pm. Up to 4 teams may compete during each time slot. Sign up today! Ages 10+



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

The Pre-Teen Advisory Board will meet on Monday, March 27 at 5pm. Open to ages 10-14. Free pizza!



#### **Wii Fun**

We've dusted off the Wii and it is ready for use! Stop by on March 10 and 24 from 3:00-4:30pm to play some games in the program room.

