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BANCROFT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY



New Museum Pass!

Thanks to the generous support of the Hopedale Cultural Council, the Library will soon be offering Museum of Fine Arts passes!

All museum passes can be reserved online under the Museum & Park Passes tab at the bottom of the Library homepage, or by calling the Library directly.

Hopedale Annual Town Reports

The Hopedale Annual Town Reports are now available online to read at ARCHIVE.ORG. Simply type in <https://archive.org/search> and enter *Hopedale Town Report* in the search bar. Print copies are also available at the Library. Special thanks to the Little Red Shop Museum, the Boston Public Library and the Commonwealth Statewide Digitization Program for collaborating on the digitization of these unique resources.

Community Conversations



Sponsored by Hopedale For Change

Community Conversations will meet this month on Wednesday, March 6 at 6:30pm. If you are interested in joining the conversation, please sign up at the Circulation Desk or online on the Library website under Calendar of Events.



Maker Mondays

Join our evening crafting workshop for adults at Bancroft Memorial Library on Monday, March 18th at 6:00pm! This month, we will be decorating special rocks for your home and garden. Registration is required and space is limited. Our final two classes for the spring are: 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 Arakelian.

New CWMARS Library Catalog

Get ready for an improved catalog experience set to arrive March 4! The updated catalog will come with a host of new features and functionality, such as virtually browsing and placing holds on titles by format and the ability to view, manage, and check out digital along with physical material right from the catalog!

Helen Symonds Book Group

Wednesday, March 6th at 1:00pm in the Library Program Room. We will discuss



Once We Were Home by Jennifer Rosner. "Based on the true stories of children stolen in the wake of World War II, the novel follows four individuals as they, 20 years after the war, find their lives interconnecting in Israel in unexpected ways and must each ask where and to whom they truly belong." - adapted from CWMARS catalog

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!

Just a reminder that this program ends on March 2....keep reading!

Rhyme Time - Ages 2-4

10am Tuesdays 3/5, 12, 19, 26

Toddler Tunes - Ages 1-3

11am Tuesdays 3/5, 12, 19, 26

Teen Advisory - Grades 6-12

5pm Wednesday 3/6

Share pizza and play video games!

Registration required

For updates throughout the month, Friend us on Facebook, join us on Instagram, 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>.

Alpha-nauts! - Ages 4-6

10am Thursdays 3/7, 14, 21, 28

Registration required

Busy Babies - Ages 0-18 months

11am Thursdays 3/7, 14, 21, 28

Book Cubs - Grades 2 & 3

4pm Wednesday 3/14

Registration required



Homeschool Programming

1pm Meetup Monday 3/4

1pm Elementary Engineers Monday 3/11

1pm Monster Squad Monday 3/18

Saturday Family Fun

11am Saturday 3/2, 16, 30



Make indirect viewers for the eclipse coming in April! Bring empty cereal boxes for the craft.

Teen Movie Night

March 20 at 6pm



Desserts and Discussions

*Presented by The Milford Family
& Community Network at the Library*

Wednesday, March 13th at 6:00pm

This is a fun night for parents/caregivers only to connect with others and share stories, challenges and triumphs. This is 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.

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE HOPEDALE LIBRARY

The Irish in America

Wednesday, March 6th at 6:30pm

Musicians Mary King, Cathy Casper-Torch, and Dan Lenair share songs, stories, and Celtic music influenced by Irish immigrants' travels through New England, the Midwest, Appalachia and the West. Immigrants' traditions were infused with new styles and instruments creating a new voice to their culture in a new country.

(cont'd) Mary King often teaches a beginning Irish jig before the start of each program. Families and all ages are welcome. To register, please sign up at the Circulation Desk, call (508) 634-2209, or register online on the Library website under Calendar of Events.

Free Seed Library

Stop by the Bancroft Memorial Library and get free seeds from our 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 Burpee & Co., Baker Seed Company, Floret Flowers, Hudson Valley Seed Company, High Mowing Organic Seeds, New England Seed, and 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% which goes right back to the Library. Shop at <http://hopedalelibrary.fpfundraising.com>.

Ongoing Book Sale

Did you know you can support the Friends of the Hopedale Library any time the Library is open by shopping at the Ongoing Book Sale? We offer a selection of adult and children's titles as well as puzzles. The sale area is outside the Program Room downstairs; all monies raised from our fundraisers go right back to the Library to pay for children and adult programs, museum passes and other expenses not covered by the Library budget. Thank you for your support!

Join the Friends!

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 meets the second Wednesday of the month, September through June at 6:30 pm. New members and ideas are always welcome!