



# SEPTEMBER 2022



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## Labor Day

The Bancroft Memorial Library will be closed on Saturday, September 3 and Monday, September 5 in observance of Labor Day.



## Friday Hours

Friday hours will return to 1-5pm beginning on September 9.



## Library Card Sign-Up Month

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month! Any resident of Massachusetts is eligible for a library card free of charge. All you need is a picture I.D. and proof of a Massachusetts address. To learn more about the library's resources and programs, please visit our website: <https://www.hopedale-ma.gov/bancroft-memorial-library/bancroft-memorial-library>.



## BML Celebrates Banned Books Week

The Bancroft Memorial Library will be celebrating Banned Books Week, September 18-24. Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read. It spotlights current and historical attempts to censor books in libraries and schools. This year's theme is "Books Unite Us. Censorship Divides Us."



## Intellectual Freedom: Fighting the Good Fight with Martin Garnar, PhD - Save the Date!

On Wednesday, October 19 at 7pm, the Hopedale Unitarian Parish and The Friends of the Hopedale Library invite you to join in a community conversation led by Martin Garnar, Director of the Amherst College Library, Chair of the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, and Editor of the 10th edition of the Intellectual Freedom Manual. Across the country there has been an overwhelming increase in the number of materials challenged in school districts and public libraries. Join us as we



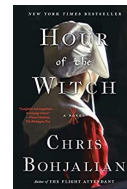
explore the themes of freedom of expression, the intersection of intellectual freedom and social justice, and the rights of readers. To sign up, please call the Library at (508)634-2209.

## *Ongoing Monthly Library Events*

### 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.

The group returns on Wednesday, September 7 at 1pm to discuss Hour of the Witch by Chris Bohjalian. "A resourceful Puritan woman in 1662 Boston plots to escape a violent marriage only to find herself targeted by her disapproving and superstitious neighbors for failing to save a child's life." – CW MARS Catalog



The group will meet in October to discuss 11/22/63 by Stephen King. "Receiving a horrific essay from a GED student with a traumatic past, high-school English teacher Jake Epping is enlisted by a friend to travel back in time to prevent the assassination of John F. Kennedy, a mission for which he must befriend troubled loner Lee Harvey Oswald." –CW MARS 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](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>.



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

The Friends of the Hopedale Library are pleased to host local historian Linda Hixon as she presents **Hopedale's Hidden History: Who is Miss Margie**, Wednesday, September 21st at 6:30 pm. This program is free to the public and will be held in the downstairs program room. To sign up, please stop by the upstairs registration desk or call the Library at 508-634-2209.



The Humphrey family was very important in the Hopedale Community. In his *History of Milford*, Adin Ballou called Almira and William “among our most exemplary people,” and he praised their daughter Lizzie, calling her “our excellent artistic designer” and noted her “sterling moral character.” Lizzie became a successful artist, and a search for her in newspaper archives shows acclaim for her illustrations.

But the Humphrey family had a secret. Around 1860, just before Lizzie’s 20<sup>th</sup> birthday, a child was born. Margie, born when Almira was 51, was listed as Almira’s and William’s daughter in the 1865 Mass state census. But Ballou, the town’s minister, never mentioned Margie in his 1882 book and he called Lizzie Humphrey the couple’s “only surviving daughter.” Margie was still living with the family in the 1880 federal census and was very much alive in 1886. Which begs the question: who was Margie Humphrey?

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.

### ***News from the Marjorie Hattersley Children’s Room***

#### **September StoryWalk®**

Get ready for school with our September StoryWalk®! Follow the story, **Pete the Cat: Rocking in My School Shoes** by Eric Litwin, on the Library’s lawn. Then come in and take a picture with Pete in the Children’s Room!



### **Homeschool Hangout!**

Join homeschool families from around Hopedale to learn, engage, and socialize. Hangout on Tuesdays begins September 13 from 11am-12pm. All ages invited!



#### **Story Hour with Mrs. Kraimer**

Story Hour will begin again on Tuesdays (Sep 13-Oct 11) at 3:30pm! Join Mrs. Kraimer for stories, flannel boards, music, and crafts! Call Mrs. Kraimer to register at (508)634-2209. Ages 3-6



#### **Mother Goose**

It’s Mother Goose time! Enjoy stories, puppets, music, and rhymes on Thursday mornings at 10:30am (Sep 15-Oct 13). Please call Mrs. Kraimer to register at (508)634-2209. Ages 2+



#### **“Kids Plus One” Book Club**

Join our newest book club for kids in grades 3 and 4 on Monday evenings (biweekly on Sep 19, Oct 3, Oct 17) from 6-7pm! Bring an adult of your choice and discuss books! Books will be provided. Please call Mrs. Kraimer to register at (508)634-2209.



#### **“Check It Out” – Coming in October!**

The library’s annual “Check It Out” contest for grades K-3 at Memorial Elementary School is coming in October! During this four-week contest, children are encouraged to visit the Library to check out a book and earn points for their class. The winning class will win a pizza dinner and special evening event chosen just for them at the Library. Be on the lookout for a visit from Mrs. Kraimer this month to explain more!

