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Patriots' Day

The Bancroft Memorial Library will be closed on Monday, April 19 in observance of Patriots' Day.

April Zoom Programming

Happy Spring! Please Zoom with us on Thursday, April 15 at 6:30pm when the Grounded Goodwife will present **Quack or Fact**. "The history of medicine is filled with stories of strange tonics, outlandish remedies, and curious "cures." Toads, snails, mashed potatoes, mandrake, and bear grease were commonly prescribed. While some of these ingredients sound crazy, there's logic behind many of them!" Join Ehris and Velya for a funny and factual exploration of colonial "quackery."



On Monday, April 26 at 6:30pm the Grounded Goodwife will present **What Should I Grow In My Medicinal Herb Garden?** "Starting an herb garden isn't as overwhelming as you may think – and spending time in a medicinal herb garden is healing by its very existence."

Please call the Library at (508)634-2209 or email us at hopedalelibrary@cwmars.org to register for the programs. On the day of the program, you will be emailed a Zoom link. Thank you to the Friends of the Hopedale Library for sponsoring these wonderful programs!

Ongoing Monthly Library Events

Hopedale Zoom Book Group

The Bancroft Memorial Library Book Discussion Group meets monthly on the first Wednesday of the month. We are currently holding the book discussions on Zoom. Everyone is welcome to join the Zoom book discussion by computer, ipad, cell phone or landline. Just leave your email contact information at the Circulation Desk and we will add your name to our Zoom invitation list. You will receive a Zoom invitation on the day before the meeting.

Our book discussion on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 1:00 pm will be American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins. "In a book both timely and prodigiously readable, Cummins offers an unrelenting and terrifyingly you-are-there account of a



Mexican mother and son fleeing to America after cartel violence takes their entire family." -- Library Journal review

Since this also National Poetry Month, you are invited to bring a favorite poem to share.

The book to be discussed in May will be The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes. The novel, set in Depression-era America, is a breathtaking story of five extraordinary women and their remarkable journey through the mountains of Kentucky. They will become known as the Horseback Librarians of Kentucky. What happens to them - and to the men they love - becomes a classic drama of loyalty, justice, humanity and passion.



Friends of the Hopedale Library



The Friends of the Hopedale Library's Ongoing Book Sale is open! If you prefer curbside service, you may also request a bag of books by genre for \$5. Choose from large print, mysteries, nonfiction, trades, YA, juniors, chapter books, first readers, picture books, or a mix! Just email the *Friends* at friendsofthehopedalelibrary@gmail.com with your request. Orders will be ready once a week for pickup in the Library vestibule. You will be contacted when your bag is ready. All donated books have been quarantined before being put on display.

News from the Marjorie Hattersley Children's Room

Fairy Tale Storytime and Craft

Once upon a time, Mrs. Kraimer read a few of her favorite fairy tale stories! The storytime will be available on YouTube on Friday, April 16. The craft will be also be available for pickup at the Library on Friday.



Storytime on the Lawn



Join Mrs. Kraimer for a special Storytime on the Lawn to celebrate Earth Day on Thursday, April 22 at 11:00am. Listen to stories and plant a sunflower to take home! Participants are required to wear masks and hand sanitizer will be available. Social distancing protocols will be followed. Registration is required. Please call Mrs. Kraimer at (508)634-2209 to register.

For updates throughout the month, Friend us on Facebook, sign up at <https://www.hopedale-ma.gov/subscribe> to receive library news via email, and be sure to add the Mobile App to your phone for up-to-date reminders. The library webpage is - <https://www.hopedale-ma.gov/bancroft-memorial-library> .