



# DECEMBER 2019

**BANCROFT MEMORIAL LIBRARY & HOPEDALE, MA**  
**508-634-2209      HOPEDALELIBRARY@CWMARS.ORG**

## Holiday Hours

Tuesday, December 24 <sup>th</sup>	10am - 1:30pm
Wednesday, December 25 <sup>th</sup>	Closed
Tuesday, December 31 <sup>st</sup>	10am – 5pm
Wednesday, January 1 <sup>st</sup>	Closed

## 9th Annual Hopedale Downtown Winter Stroll

Stop by the library on Saturday, December 7th from 10:00 to 6:00 pm to warm up with hot cider and cookies. We are also a stop on the Cocoa Crawl – be sure to taste our version and vote! There will be a make-and-take holiday craft in the Children's Room and the library is pleased to host seven local authors. They will be selling and signing books in the upstairs reading room from 12-3 pm. The authors and their genres are listed below:

Cheryl Melody Baskin - inspirational

Susan K. Hamilton - fiction

Glenn Ickler - mystery

Marie LeClaire - fiction

Karen Lock Kolp - parenting

Marcia Matthews - fiction

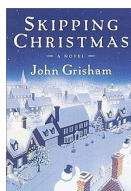
Ann Cronin Romano - children's

## ***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. Please call the library at (508)634-2209 to request a copy of the discussion book.

This month, the group will discuss *Skipping Christmas* by John Grisham on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. "Luther and Nora Krank decide to avoid the chaos and frenzy of Christmas by taking a Caribbean cruise during the holidays, but their plans have unexpected consequences."-- adapted from C/W MARS catalog



January's book will be *The Huntress* by Kate Quinn. "Stranded behind enemy lines, brave bomber pilot Nina Markova becomes the prey of a lethal Nazi murderess known as the Huntress and joins forces with a Nazi hunter and British war correspondent to find her before she finds them." --adapted from C/W MARS catalog



### CookBook Club

It's the holiday season! Holiday entertaining can be stressful, but it doesn't need to be. Please join us on Monday, Dec.16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm when the Cookbook Club will be hosting a cooking demonstration and discussion by **Liz Barbour's Creative Feast**. Chef Liz Barbour will be offering catering secrets that will create a party menu that is simple and stress free. Liz's discussion will be followed by a cooking demonstration and a tasting of two of her favorite hors d' oeuvre recipes. Space is limited. Please call the library at 508-634-2209 by Thursday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> to reserve a seat.



### Wednesday Knitting & Crocheting Group

Have you been knitting for a while but want to spend time with other crafters? Do you have a project that has been waiting for you to "get around to it?" Join the Knovel Knitters in the Reference Room for an evening of knitting & crocheting every Wednesday night from 6:00 pm until 7:45 pm.

### Display Case

Bancroft Memorial Library is celebrating the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the building's dedication with a display of historical photos and artifacts. Dedicated on December 14, 1899, BML was a gift from Joseph Bancroft and the family to honor matriarch Sylvia Thwing Bancroft, who died in 1898. According to the couple's daughter Lilla, Sylvia was a devoted reader. "It was her joy in books that after her death suggested the idea to Father of a Memorial Library," Lilla wrote. The display will run from Dec. 2nd to Jan. 6th. We would like to thank Linda Hixon for her time and research in arranging this display.



Please see reverse side for additional program news.



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## Friends of the Hopedale Library

### **Holiday Harmony Concert and Afternoon Tea**

Please join us on **Sunday, December 8th from 2-3 pm** for an afternoon tea and holiday concert with the local a cappella quartet, Holiday Harmony. This special event will take place in the upstairs Reading Room. Refreshments will be served and the program will last approximately an hour. Cookies, tea and hot chocolate will be provided. To reserve your seat, please call the library at 508-634-2209 or stop by the upstairs registration desk. Seats are limited!



*More information about the Friends can be found at:*

<http://www.hopedale-ma.gov/bancroft-memorial-library/pages/friends-library>

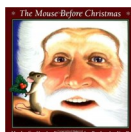
### ***News from the Marjorie Hattersley Children's Room***

#### **Lunch with Santa**

Our pre-school patrons are invited to join the library staff for a luncheon on Thursday, December 12 at 11:45am. We'll enjoy bag lunches (provided by staff), music, a story, and a visit from a very special Christmas guest (He's taking a break from toy making to visit with us!). Parents are asked to bring a small, wrapped and marked gift for our guest to give their child. The gift can be brought on Monday or Tuesday.

#### **A Mouse Before Christmas**

Cherie and Dave will be here on Saturday, Dec. 14 with their presentation of Michael Garland's "A Mouse Before Christmas." It's the night before Christmas, and who is up and stirring? One busy little mouse, hoping for a glimpse of jolly old Saint Nick, leaves a yummy treat, then hides and waits. But when Santa tumbles down the chimney, how can Mouse be content with just a peek? This event, open to children 3 years and older, will begin at 12:30 and end at 1:20pm.



#### **Annual Cookie Decorating**

Our annual cookie decorating fun will take place on Wednesday, December 18 from 6:15 to 7:15pm, for children in Kindergarten through grade 3. All materials are provided.

## **Storyhours**

Storyhours will continue during the weeks of December 2, 9, 16.

**Book Fun, for children in grades K-1**, will be held on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:15 pm. The program will include stories, puppets, crafts, and flannel board stories.

**Toddler Lapsit**, for age 18 months+, will be held on Thursdays at 10:30 am.

**Tell me a Story, for preschoolers aged 3-5**, will be held on Thursday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:15 pm. The program will include stories, puppets, crafts, and flannel board stories.

**Registration is required for all programs.** Please contact Mrs. Kraimer at (508)634-2209 for more information.

## **Good Neighbor Mitten Tree**

Beginning immediately after Thanksgiving, our Good Neighbor Mitten Tree will be up in the Children's Room. We invite our generous patrons to donate handmade or newly purchased hats, scarves, mittens and gloves to be given to the Milford Food pantry. Please add your name to one of the holiday angels decorating our tree, along with your gift. You can make this winter a bit warmer for someone! Please contact Mrs. Kraimer (508-634-2209) with any questions.



## **Robotics Club**

Attention students in grades 4-6 interested in robotics and programming! There is still room to join us for Robotics Club. Learn how to design and program applications that drive a robot through an obstacle course and compete to win prizes. There will be new challenges for experienced members and instruction for new ones. Registration is required. Please call the library at (508)634-2209 to sign up. Robotics Club will meet from 3:15 – 4:30 pm most Fridays before Christmas: Dec.6, Dec.13, and Dec.20.

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