



DECEMBER 2021



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Library Director

The Bancroft Memorial Library Trustees are pleased to welcome Tricia Perry as the new director of the Library. Tricia is an experienced library director, having served in this position at both the Westwood Public Library and the Millis Public Library. Tricia holds a master's degree in Library and Information Science from Simmons College and a bachelor's in Economics and Government from Smith College. Library Trustees invite residents to stop by the Library to meet Tricia and catch up with other library staff members.



Holiday Hours

Friday, December 24 th	Closed
Saturday, December 25 th	Closed
Friday, December 31 st	10am – 2pm
Saturday, January 1 st	Closed



Hopedale Downtown Winter Stroll

Stop by the Library on Saturday, December 4th as part of the Hopedale Downtown Winter Stroll! We will be open from 10am to 3pm. All visitors to the Library on the day of the Holiday Stroll will receive a free raffle ticket and a chance to win a special prize basket donated by the Library Trustees. The winner of the basket will be contacted by a member of the Library staff on Monday, December 6th. There will be a make-or-take holiday craft suitable for all ages in the Children's Room. *The Friends of the Hopedale Library* will also be presenting a holiday concert with the local acapella group, *Holiday Harmony Quartet* at 2pm. Please call the Library at (508)634-2209 to reserve your seat for the concert!



December StoryWalk®

The Bancroft Memorial Library is pleased to present a StoryWalk® featuring The Mitten by Jan Brett for the month of December! The StoryWalk® begins near the Statue of Hope. Follow along and read the charming story of a lost mitten and the animals who find it. When you are finished, visit the Bancroft Memorial Library's Little Free Library out front and take a card to redeem in the Children's Room for a fun activity to complete at home.



Thank you to the Norfolk Public Library for letting us borrow this wonderful story!

Bancroft Memorial Library's Little Free Library

The Bancroft Memorial Library's Little Free Library is here! Thank you to Monica Phillips and Historic Hopedale Girl Scouts Troop #71010 for gifting the Library to us and to John and Consuelo Staheli for building this beautiful library. Stop by to visit!



A Little Free Library is a free book-sharing box where anyone may take a book or share a book. You do not need to share a book in order to take one. If you take a book or two from a little library, try to bring one to share to that same library, or another in your area, when you can.

Anthropomorphic Creamers Collection

Our display case this month features a wonderful collection of anthropomorphic creamers. These creamers are over 100 years old! Some of these pieces are by the manufacturer Schaefer & Vater. Come on down to the Library to view the collection and learn more! We would like to thank Bobbie Elfland for sharing such a fun collection.



Wowbrary

Wowbrary.org is another way to learn about the newest titles added to your library's collections. To sign up for this free service delivered to your email inbox every week, just go to wowbrary.org. Enter your zip code, select Bancroft Memorial and add your email information!



Bancroft Memorial Library's YouTube Page

Have you checked out our YouTube page? We have tutorials on the CW MARS catalog, Libby, and more! Check us out and subscribe today!



Coming Soon—New Items to Borrow!

Jigsaw puzzles and Mobile Hotspots are coming soon to the Bancroft Memorial Library. Be sure to check our Facebook page and website for more information.



For updates throughout the month, Friend us on Facebook, sign up at <https://www.hopedale-ma.gov/subscribe> to receive library news via email, add the Mobile App to your phone, and sign up at www.wowbrary.org to discover our newest books, movies & music. Our webpage is <https://www.hopedale-ma.gov/bancroft-memorial-library>.



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Ongoing Monthly Library Events

Helen Symonds Book Group

The Hopedale Book Discussion Group meets monthly on the first Wednesday of the month at 1:00pm in the Bancroft Memorial Library meeting room. New members are always welcome. If interested in joining the group, please leave your contact information at the Circulation Desk.

The group will meet on Wednesday, December 1st at 1pm to discuss Midnight Library by Matt Haig. "Between life and death there is a library, and within that library, the shelves go on forever. Every book provides a chance to try another life you could have lived, to see how things would be if you had made other choices. Would you have done anything differently, if you had the chance to undo your regrets? Up until now Nora Seed's life has been full of misery. When she finds herself in the Midnight Library, she can now undo every decision she regrets. But things aren't always what she imagined they'd be..." -- adapted from book jacket CWMARS catalog



The book to be discussed in January will be Anxious People by Fredrik Backman. "Taken hostage by an unsuccessful bank robber while attending an open house, eight anxiety-prone strangers—including a redemption-seeking bank director, two couples who would fix their marriages, and a plucky octogenarian--discover their unexpected common traits." – CWMARS catalog



Wednesday Knitting & Crocheting Group

Join the Knovel Knitters for an evening of knitting and crocheting every Wednesday night from 6:00pm until 7:45pm.



Friends of the Hopedale Library



Holiday Harmony Quartet

Saturday, December 4, 2021, 2 pm (snow date 12/11)

Please join us on Saturday, December 4th from 2-3pm for a holiday concert with the local acapella group *Holiday Harmony Quartet*. This special event will take place in the upstairs Reading Room. The program will last approximately an hour. To reserve your seat please contact library staff at 508-634-2209 or stop by the upstairs circulation desk. Seats are limited!

Friends Ongoing Book Sale



The Ongoing Book Sale has been restocked by the *Friends of the Hopedale Library*. There are holiday books, children's picture books, and selections for readers of all ages. Check us out for the booklovers on your list!

Are you interested in joining *The Friends of the Hopedale Library*? *The Friends* meet the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm. We always welcome new members! Please call or stop by the upstairs circulation desk to join.

The Friends of the Hopedale Library support the Library by providing funds for equipment, materials and programs to supplement the regular operating budget. Events for adults are offered from September- June and the Friends also fund children's summer reading and other programs. More information can be found at <https://www.hopedale-ma.gov/bancroft-memorial-library/pages/friends-library>.

For updates throughout the month, Friend us on Facebook, sign up at <https://www.hopedale-ma.gov/subscribe> to receive library news via email, add the Mobile App to your phone, and sign up at www.wowbrary.org to discover our newest books, movies & music. Our webpage is <https://www.hopedale-ma.gov/bancroft-memorial-library>.



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News from the Marjorie Hattersley Children's Room

Good Neighbor Mitten Tree



Beginning November 26, 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.

This is Hanukkah!



Join Mrs. Kraimer for some special Hanukkah fun on December 1 at 6:15pm. Listen to some Hanukkah stories and music. Then make a craft! This program is for ages 6 and up. Space is limited so call Mrs. Kraimer today at (508)634-2209 to register.

Let It Snow!



Oh the weather outside is frightful, but the Bancroft Memorial Library is so delightful with a special snowman-themed storytime with Mrs. Kraimer on Monday, December 6 at 6pm. Listen to snowman stories and paint a wooden snowman for your holiday table! This program is for ages 5 and up. Please call Mrs. Kraimer at (508)634-2209 to register.

December Story Hours



Story Hours are starting up in December on Tuesdays at 3:15pm (Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28) for ages 3 and up. Listen to stories, sing songs, and make a craft. Call Mrs. Kraimer to register today at (508)634-2209!

Salt Dough Ornaments



Decorate an ornament for your tree on Wednesday, December 15 at 3:30pm for ages 3 and up. Mrs. Kraimer has baked salt dough ornaments. All they need is some paint! Come join in on the fun. Space is limited so call Mrs. Kraimer (508)634-2209 to register.

Game Day



Looking for something to do over vacation? Come to the Library from 2-4pm on Wednesday, December 29 to play some games! Tables will be set up for board games, Legos, and Pokemon. This activity is open to ages 5 and up. Please call Mrs. Kraimer to register at (508)634-2209.

YA Book Corner Review by Anna Martin



The book My So-Called Bollywood Life by Nisha Sharma follows the character, Winnie Mehta, through her senior year of high school. After she got home from her summer film camp at NYU, Winnie discovered that her boyfriend of three years, Raj had cheated on her with another girl from school. The issue was that Raj was supposed to be her soulmate. The family Pundit predicted that Winnie would meet her soulmate before she was eighteen, his name would start with an R, and he would give her a silver bracelet. Winnie felt a lot of pressure from her family to try and make the relationship work but she isn't sure that Raj is actually her soulmate. Meanwhile, Raj gets the title of chair of the film festival which Winnie was counting on to strengthen her NYU application. As Winnie starts to get closer to fellow film buff and classmate Dev, she has to choose between her very real feelings for him and her so-called soulmate Raj. I first picked up this book because I love film and I felt like I could learn more while reading this book. I am not very well versed in Bollywood movies, but this book taught me new things and inspired me to do more research on my own. My So-Called Bollywood Life covered family pressures, breakups, academic competition, and the college application process. I would recommend this book to anyone, it was light-hearted and entertaining.

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