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BEHIND CLOSED DOORS: THE LIFE CYCLE OF THE LIBRARY'S COLLECTION

A library patron checking out a book or a DVD is involved only in a part of that item's life cycle, but we were curious about the other stages, managed by Winchester Library's Technical Services. This group labors behind the scenes managing all of the Library's physical collections, from choosing to buying to cataloguing to rehabbing to recycling:

Purchase Decisions

Every item brought into the library is sponsored by one of our professional librarians, each of whom has an expertise in certain subjects, e.g. health, cooking, fiction. Their purchase choices are derived from a variety of sources—titles referenced in magazines or journals, industry about-to-be-published lists, patron requests (which can also drive the decision whether to order more than one copy), book group or school choices. Space requirements must be also considered.

Ordering

Once the purchase decision is communicated to Technical Services, an order is placed, usually with one of our selected major book vendors who have contracts that provide discounts. But yes, books and other media are also ordered through Amazon and other suppliers.

On Delivery

Delivery first requires some hefty muscles just to unpack and arrange, but then each item must be catalogued. Because of our extensive multi-library borrowing arrangements it is especially important that this information be consistent across many libraries. This means the ISBN is the key number used rather than the historical Dewey decimal number system, which requires subjective judgment (is it a health book or a cookbook?). Once the number is in the centralized computer system, a multitude of other pieces of information about the subject matter, author, etc. is added, all of which makes it easy for patrons to find regardless of the search method—whether using an online catalog or browsing shelves.



The Library's Float at the En Ka Fair was a hit with everyone and perfectly illustrated the Fair's theme "A Hometown Treat."

CUTTING THE CORD

In keeping with our mission to support lifelong intellectual growth, the Winchester Public Library has three new technologies to offer our patrons. We now have six Chromebooks that can be borrowed for up to three hours by those with a library card and photo ID. Chromebooks are designed to be used while connected to the internet as documents, photos, and apps are kept in the cloud. This makes it easy for our patrons to access their Google accounts and keeps their information secure while giving users freedom to work from anywhere in the building.

We began lending two Roku 3s this summer, which can be checked out for up to seven days. A Roku is a digital media player that allows you to stream content to a TV via Ethernet cable or Wi-Fi. The Library does not pay for any subscription channels, like Netflix or Hulu, but we share our collection of digital films and TV shows on the VUDU channel, plus Roku has a number of free, ad-supported

programming on its channels, such as PBS.org. This allows the Library to offer more streaming content and gives patrons considering making a Roku purchase an opportunity to test out the device.

And our hotspot lending service is scheduled to launch in September. We will have two broadband mobile hotspots available to borrow for up to seven days. Mobile hotspots are portable devices that provide wireless internet access. Borrowers will be able to connect to the hotspots with multiple devices, accessing the internet for free with Sprint's 4G LTE network.

You can reserve a Roku 3 or mobile hotspot through our online catalog at find.minlib.net or by calling 781-721-7171 ext. 320. Chromebooks are available at the Reference Desk on a first-come, first-served basis.

Theresa Maturevich

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Rehabbing

A damaged book or audio item is not necessarily discarded; in 2015 our volunteers repaired 807 items and have already repaired 440 this year. Among common repairs are replacing cracked AV cases, cleaning discs, mending book covers, strengthening spines, and relabeling.

Out to Pasture

It's always hard to discard an item, but there is only so much space. Multiple criteria are considered when weeding materials, but MUSTIE is a simple acronym for the major factors:

- M** = Misleading (and/or factually inaccurate)
- U** = Ugly (worn and beyond mending or rebinding)
- S** = Superseded (by a truly new edition or by a much better book on the subject)
- T** = Trivial (of no discernible literary or scientific merit)
- I** = Irrelevant to the needs and interests of your community
- E** = The material may be obtained expeditiously elsewhere through interlibrary loan or reciprocal borrowing.

In addition, borrowing guidelines are also used; how often was the book checked out? But subjective criteria can trump any of these factors. For example, if a non-fiction book hadn't been checked out for three years it could be considered as a candidate for weeding, but not if it offers unique information.

Winchester Library's Technical Services may be hidden behind closed doors, and, in fact, is largely a non-technical place, but Gerry, David, Judi, Nuala, and our volunteers, Vera, Gabby, Mary, Bob, and Ellen crucially impact every milestone in our assets' lives.



An old Warner and Whitney book press, still used, has a pride of place in the technical area of the Library.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY'S PROGRAMS FOR 2016-2017

All at 7 PM unless noted; free and open to the public.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

7th annual collaborative program with the Winchester Historical Society, "Brilliant Beacons, A History of the American Lighthouse" by Eric Jay Dolin.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

"The Ghost Army of World War II" by author and filmmaker Rick Beyer. His book and documentary film detail the story of a top-secret unit that used inflatable tanks, sound effects, and illusion to deceive the Nazis.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4: (JAN. 5, SNOW DATE)

Professional organizer Anne Lucas of Ducks In A Row offers tips that help you organize your home as well as manage major life events such as moving, downsizing, and settling an estate.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15: (FEB. 16, SNOW DATE)

Ted Reinstein of Channel 5's "Chronicle" discusses his new book, "Wicked Pissed, New England's Most Famous Feuds."

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

Friends of the Middlesex Fells 4th annual program. Pete Costello, Assistant Curator of Stone Zoo, Stoneham, and volunteer hike leader explores animal and bird habitats, nests, and animal signs.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

Beth Charney of Boston By Foot narrates the slideshow "The Four Shapes of Boston: A Topographical and Architectural History."

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24 AT 10:00 AM

7th annual program with Judy Manzo of Book Ends, "Coolest Reads for Summer and Beyond." Attendees will receive Judy's highly sought-after list of recommended books for 2017.

WINCHESTER READS

This year's selection is *Rosemary: The Hidden Kennedy Daughter* by Kate Clifford Larson. Copies of the book are now available at Book Ends and the Winchester Public Library. A brief summary of associated events follows; full details are at winpublib.org/winreads.

JFK National Historic Site Tour, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29.

Tour the birthplace and childhood home of Rosemary Kennedy at the JFK National Historic Site in Brookline, and enjoy a buffet lunch. Registration is required and can be done at the Jenks Center. The cost is \$20 per person.

An Evening with Author Kate Clifford Larson, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13 AT 7:30 PM, McCall Middle School, 458 Main St., Winchester

Author and historian Kate Clifford Larson will be speaking about her book, answer questions, and sign books. Free and open to the public.

Front Wards, Back Wards Screening & Discussion with Filmmaker William Rogers, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27 AT 7:30 PM, Jenks Center, 109 Skillings Rd., Winchester

A screening of the documentary *Front Wards, Back Wards* which documents the history of the Fernald School in Waltham and its treatment of individuals with developmental disabilities.

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Cutting the Cord: Alternatives to Cable, MONDAY,
OCTOBER 24 FROM 7:00 PM–8:00 PM

Join Allison Palmgren for a discussion and demonstration of various devices (Roku, Apple TV, Chromecast, and Fire TV) and services (Netflix, Hulu, Prime Instant Video, apps, etc.) that allow users to stream television shows, movies, music, and more at a fraction of the cost of cable. For more information, contact Theresa Maturevich, tmaturevich@minlib.net.

One Winchester, Many Traditions: International Film Series

Funded by the John and Mary Murphy Foundation, One Winchester, Many Traditions is a project to welcome the town's residents from other countries and to celebrate the varied cultural heritages of all of Winchester's residents. In addition to maintaining a subscription to *World Journal*, the largest Chinese-language newspaper in the United States, we host an annual International Film Series from November through April. Check out the schedule at <http://www.winpublib.org/books-and-media/one-winchester>.

IN BRIEF. . .

We know that many of you have not found our parking lot drop-off boxes to be user friendly, so we're excited to announce that, with contributions by the Friends and other sources, we'll be replacing the current boxes with new ones.



A new book drop will make it much easier to drop off a library book without leaving your car



And that's not all of our planned improvements—other upgrades this fall include both refreshing our landscaping and refurbishing our study rooms.



We also wanted to welcome both our new Technology Librarian, Ran Cronin and our new part-time children's librarian, Denise Robinson. And many thanks to Luke Bowen, our departing Technology Librarian, with best wishes for the future.



We currently need volunteers to visit local senior centers, sharing their joy for reading with the residents through a variety of activities. For more information, contact Theresa Maturevich at tmaturevich@minlib.net

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Monday – Thursday
All other hours are the same as above.

Please note that the Library is closed on all legal holidays and on Sunday during the summer months.

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