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THE WPL TRIVIA CHALLENGE

How many of these questions about the Winchester Public Library can you answer?



- Q.** You need to buy a new washing machine and want to check the *Consumer Reports* ratings. What do you need for computer access to *Consumer Reports* at home?
A. Your Library card.
- Q.** The Winchester Public Library has discount admission passes to 21 area museums and attractions—which was the most popular last year: (a) Children’s Museum, (b) Museum of Fine Arts, (c) Museum of Science, or (d) New England Aquarium?
A. (c) Museum of Science.
- Q.** You can borrow a Chromebook to use anywhere in the Library for three hours at a time. How many Chromebooks does the Library have?
A. 12.
- Q.** You need to locate information about an old friend from Winchester; which resource does the Library have to help you: (a) newspapers including the *Winchester Star* from 1881, (b) yearbooks, (c) obituaries, or (d) all the above?
A. (d) all the above.
- Q.** The Library doesn’t save a record of what you have borrowed, but you can opt-in to save your reading history by logging in to your online account. True or False?
A. True.
- Q.** In round numbers, how many items were checked out of the Library last year: (a) 60,000, (b) 140,000, (c) 340,000, or (d) 480,000?
A. (d) 480,000
- Q.** The Friends of the Library and the Endowment Fund funded two new outdoor book drops last year. How many books can fit into each one?
A. 540

Director Ann Wirtanen celebrates the 25th year of ROAR in the En Ka Parade.

CHECK OUT THE LATEST BEST SELLERS—THE FRIENDS' EXPRESS PROGRAM

Are you excited about reading that latest best-selling novel? You check the library catalog and see there are 100 holds ahead of you—don't be discouraged. The Friends of the Library Express Program purchases additional copies of popular books giving you rapid access to the current novels everyone is reading.

Friends' Express Books:

- Consist of new, high demand books
- Are found in the New Book Section of the Library, conveniently interfiled with new fiction and non-fiction books
- Show in the catalog as "EXPRESS"
- Can be checked out for three weeks, but not renewed (in response to feedback, the loan period was recently extended from one week to three weeks)

- Cannot be reserved or requested online; however, if you find a Friends' Express Book available in the catalog, you can call the library and ask the reference desk to hold the book for you for same day pick up.

Come to the Library and take advantage of this great program. While browsing the New Books Section, you never know what reading treasure you'll find! And, as always, don't hesitate to ask Library staff to help you find a good book.



When you're browsing the New Book Section, look for the tag on a book's spine denoting a Friends' Express Book.

FOOLPROOF HOMEWORK HELP

Are websites the best source for homework help? Not really. Websites can: 1) be written by anyone, regardless of expertise; 2) contain unchecked facts; 3) be poorly organized; 4) have out-of-date information or incomplete data; or 5) lack citations. For more reliable sources, we suggest you look at library databases which correct for these issues, are free, and can be accessed from the Library or from home with a Winchester Library card.

First, go to winpublib.org and select Online Resources at the top of the page. You'll find over 85 databases sorted by 15 subjects. Here are some that students have found to be most useful, but this list barely scratches the surface:

Credo Reference provides access to hundreds of reference books covering a broad range of subjects. *World Book* and *Encyclopaedia Britannica* are available as are *Infrotrac Student Edition* and *JSTOR*. Represented newspapers include the *Boston Globe*, *NY Times*, and the *Winchester Star*. For history students, *American History* and *Ancient & Medieval History* are online, as well as *Biography in Context*. For literary scholars, *Bloom's Literary Reference* examines the lives and works of great writers throughout history. There's *Science Online*, which offers a comprehensive, authoritative overview of the sciences. And for anyone struggling with a foreign language, *Mango Languages* can help.

If these aren't sufficient, you can reach out to the Boston Public Library—just use the link in the left-hand column on the same page to get a BPL e-card.

And, for additional homework help, don't overlook the Library as a peaceful place to concentrate. Study carrels scattered around the building are first-come, first-served; study rooms are also available for small groups—just ask the reference librarian for advice on availability. Of course, the reference librarians can be a resource for any variety of questions—always feel free to ask.

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- Q.** The Rush Out and Read (R.O.A.R.) program has been sending volunteers into the community to read to children and seniors for how many years?
- A.** 25
- Q.** You can get the latest Library news by subscribing to our e-newsletter or following us on: (a) Facebook, (b) Instagram, (c) Twitter, or (d) all the above?
- A.** (d) all the above
- Q.** You're looking to cut the cord; which technology can you borrow from the Library to try out?
- A.** You can borrow a Roku 3 streaming device for up to one week of home use.
- Q.** If a book is damaged, it is automatically discarded. True or False?
- A.** False. 874 books were repaired and returned to the shelves in 2016

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All programs at 7 PM, except where noted. All are free and open to the public.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2017

Our 8th annual collaborative program with the Winchester Historical Society presents *A Storm of Witchcraft: The Salem Trials and the American Experience* by Emerson (Tad) Baker, Ph.D. Dr. Baker portrays the events of the Salem witch trials as a turning point in American history, impacting and shaping our present-day world.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2017

"Disrupted: My Misadventure in the Start-Up Bubble" by author, journalist, and screenwriter Dan Lyons. In this book, Mr. Lyons considers his experience transitioning, at the age of 52, from a career in journalism to a job in the quirky culture of a Boston technology start up.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2018 (SNOW DATE JANUARY 4TH)

Are you considering downsizing? Would you like to live in more organized, less cluttered surroundings? Professional organizer Helene Vecchione of "More Than a Move" will share her expertise. There will be ample time for Q&A.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2018 (SNOW DATE FEBRUARY 8TH)

"New England's General Stores: Exploring An American Classic" by Ted Reinstein and Anne-Marie Dorning. Join WCVB-TV reporter Ted Reinstein as he explores why the fabled general store became such a unique and iconic fixture in New England, how it has survived, and why it still matters.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018 (SNOW DATE MARCH 15TH)

"Tales From the Home of the World's Worst Weather: Mt. Washington"
Discover how Mt. Washington's weather works and what it can tell us about New England's weather patterns. With stunning photography and video footage from the summit, Will Broussard, Education Coordinator of the Mt. Washington Observatory, will discuss the unique life and work of weather observers stationed at the observatory year-round.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2018

Spend a thought-provoking evening with American historian Jack Beatty, writer, senior editor of *The Atlantic*, and news analyst for WBUR's *On Point*. Mr. Beatty's books include *Age of Betrayal: The Triumph of Money in America 1865-1900*; *Colossus: How the Corporation Changed America*; *The Rascal King: The Life and Times of James Michael Curley*; and *Thomas Menino: Mayor For a New America*.

WEDNESDAY, 10:00 AM, MAY 23, 2018

Judy Manzo of Book Ends presents her 8th annual program: *What's New for Spring and Summer Reading?* Fiction, non-fiction, hardcovers, paperbacks, literature and beach reads—Judy's suggested book list will cover them all.

WINCHESTER READS

This year's selection is *The Muralist* by B.A. Shapiro. Copies of the book are available at Book Ends and the Library. A brief summary of associated events follows; a description of the book, full details, and a list of discussion groups are available at winpublib.org/winreads.

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Historical Complexities of the Mid-20th Century,

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11 AT 7:30 PM. JENKS CENTER,
CUMMINGS ROOM, 109 SKILLINGS RD.

Educator Lorin Maloney will discuss the historical aspects of B. A. Shapiro's *The Muralist* focusing on the anti-Semitism in Europe and the United States from 1870–1930 as well as the special relationship of Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt to the struggle against Nazi anti-Semitism.

An Evening with Barbara Shapiro, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26 AT 7:30 PM, McCALL MIDDLE SCHOOL, 458 MAIN ST.

Author Barbara Shapiro will be speaking about the research she conducted into the 1930s and 1940s as well as her writing process for *The Muralist*. Following the presentation, Ms. Shapiro will answer questions and sign books.

The Muralist: Through the Expression of Music,

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27 AT 7:30 PM, WINCHESTER COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL, NICHOLAS PERFORMANCE HALL, 407 HIGHLAND AVE.

Faculty from the Winchester Community Music School will perform a concert inspired by the novel, *The Muralist*. A pre-concert reception will begin at 7 PM.

All programs are free and open to the public.

IN BRIEF. . .

Just in time for the holidays, the new Friends' book bags are available for sale at the reception desk for \$20.



Judy Manzo's list of recommended reading and gift suggestions, presented at the Friends' May program, is now available at <http://www.winpublib.org/documents/manzo2017.pdf>. Some great gift ideas here!



Brittany DeLorme (Children's Library), and Kathy DiGennaro Ho (Friends), met the public at the Winchester Farmers Market.

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Sunday: 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m

Children's Room closes at 8:00 p.m.

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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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