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SENSE AND SENSIBILITY: THE LIBRARY'S TECHNOLOGY OFFERINGS



To help make sense of today's technology the Library offers numerous resources to explore options and find answers. You can borrow the latest devices, attend seminars on social media, get one-on-one help about everything from mobile phones to e-book readers, and access a myriad of databases and library services online. Here are some of the available resources.

Internet and Software Access:

Last year over 20,000 patrons utilized the Reference Room's 14 Windows computers, which provide access not only to the internet, but also Microsoft office programs. For just browsing, ten Chromebooks (four in the Children's Library) are available to borrow for 3-hour loan periods. And free wireless internet access is available for use with personal devices. If you need a visibility boost there are two "Maggie" electronic magnifiers and a Topaz digital magnifier available. Other available technology includes wireless printing, a digital scanner (no charge), faxing services, a microtext viewer/printer, and mobile device chargers.

For those looking to cut the cord, the Library lends two Roku 3 streaming devices for up to one week of home use. You can also borrow a hotspot device for home internet access.

To help with library services, there are self-checkout stations both at the main circulation desk (where you can also pay fines) and in the Children's Library. Also available throughout the Library are catalog search stations.

Technology Education:

For anyone confused by specific devices or internet/media usage the Library offers both individual help and group sessions. Make an appointment at the reference desk or drop-in during Tech Tuesday each week from 7-8 PM.

And check out the Technology Series classes offered all year; past subjects have included Twitter, digital music, specialized health apps, Bluetooth-enabled devices, and the current class on *Using Google's Services through Gmail*. Technology classes are also taught at the Jenks Center (see their newsletter.)

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THE CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT STAYS ON THE RUN

Per the *Boston Globe*, our Library is one of the busiest in the Commonwealth; its circulation per capita rate of 26.2 is among the highest 15 towns. And with their service on the front line, the 24 staffers in the Circulation Department are proud of the *Patron Comes First* approach reflected in that success.

Circulation is more than handling physical assets—although that is ample with 480,000 items checked in/out last year, including 58,000 incoming- and 48,000 outgoing- reserved items from the 43 libraries in the Minuteman Library Network. And their work is not just at computer terminals; given the need to handle and shelve books, there is a reason that a job requirement is the ability to lift 50 pounds. But with the Library welcoming 260,000 visitors and 1,269 new card-holders last year, the service aspect is equally important. The Department serves as the Library's front line both in

welcoming patrons and newcomers and dealing with their questions and complaints.

To keep up, new technology and policies are continuously reviewed and adopted. Last year, the Library simplified its loan rules and fines to apply equally to all media. The self-checkout terminals in the Lobby were upgraded to allow fine payments with a credit card. Just new is the Minuteman Library Network app which acts as a digital library card. It can manage your account much as with a PC or Mac, including searching for materials, reserving and renewing items, getting museum passes. Also new are cables to connect our "play-away books" to car plug-ins.

Next time you visit the Library, take a moment to chat with the people you find behind the desk or in the stacks to find out what's new. And remember, "if you can't find it, just ask."

CHILDREN'S SERVICES, SPRING 2017: SOMETHING IS DIFFERENT!

Many exciting, visible, and significant changes in the Children's Library are happening as we have replaced many tables, installed and made available new technologies, and created two new programs for children. Our new tables are versatile enough to create spaces for two up to eight, making it easier for both privacy and large group work. We now have Chromebooks available to checkout for children over eight

and under twelve. We also have our catalog available on iPads at three locations.

Two new programs began in February: *Itsy Bitsy Readers* for children not yet walking and *Book Buddies* for second and third graders. Contact us at winchild@minlib.net or call us at (781) 721-7171 ext. 322 if you would like to know more about either program and to check space availability.



Our new larger tables encourage group work in a comfortable setting.

Summer 2017 Children's Events

JUNE

27 **The Magic of David Hall**
Tuesday, 3:30 pm

JULY

8 **Music with Ed Morgan**
Saturday, 10:30 am

11 **Drawing with Eric Fulford**
Tuesday, 3:30 pm

27 **Sciencetellers**
Thursday, 3:30 pm

AUGUST

2 **Magic with Debbie O'Carroll**
Wednesday, 3:30 pm

5 **Music with Ed Morgan**
Saturday, 10:30am

8 **Mystic Drumz**
Tuesday, 3:30 pm

17 **Two Dragons Path Kung Fu**
*registration required
Thursday, 3:30 pm

For details and more programs,
visit our website: winpublib.org

Children's Summer Reading

Reading as few as 4 books over the summer can help counter setbacks in language and reading skills, better known as the "summer slide".



Participating in our summer reading program is as easy as B-I-N-G-O. Just pick up a BINGO sheet in the Children's Room during the summer and get ready to dive into a few great books. Kids who join can play our weekly game and are eligible for fun prizes!



Celebrating 25 Years of R.O.A.R.!

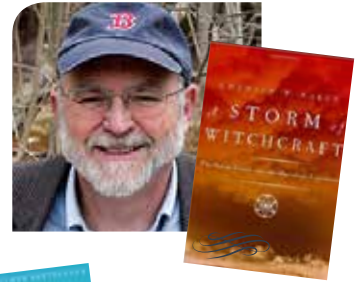
The Rush Out and Read (R.O.A.R.) program, funded by the Winchester Co-operative Bank, brings teen volunteers around Winchester to read to groups of children and their adults.

This year marks its 25th anniversary and in celebration we're hiding "silver" tickets in books throughout the Children's Room all summer long. If you find a ticket, you can redeem it for a prize!

FRIENDS OF THE WINCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY UPCOMING PROGRAMS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2017

8th annual collaborative program with the Winchester Historical Society, "A Storm of Witchcraft: The Salem Trials and the American Experience" by Emerson (Tad) Baker, Ph.D. historical archeologist and professor. 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: JAN. 4)

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. Whether downsizing to a smaller home, or decluttering and organizing to make your current home more appealing, Helen will offer tips to help you live a simpler, easier life. There will be ample time for a question and answer session.



All programs are free and open to the public.

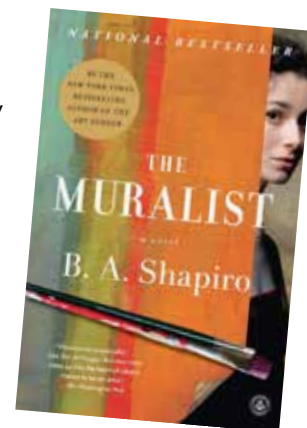


WINCHESTER READS

The Winchester Reads selection for 2017 is *The Muralist* by B. A. Shapiro. The novel follows an American painter working for the Works Progress Administration (WPA) who vanishes in New York City in 1940 while trying to help her Jewish family, living in German-occupied France, immigrate. Seventy years later, her great-niece uncovers hidden paintings that may hold answers to the questions surrounding her missing aunt.

Copies of the book are available at the Library for those interested in borrowing it. For program details and more information, including a list of all the past selections, please visit <http://www.winpublib.org/winreads> or call us at 781-721-7171 ext 318.

Winchester Reads, now in its sixteenth year, is a community-wide reading event sponsored by the John and Mary Murphy Educational Foundation and coordinated by the Winchester Public Library, the Winchester Multicultural Network, Book Ends, and many enthusiastic volunteers.





Without libraries what have we? We have no past and no future.

—Ray Bradbury

Dear Friends of the Winchester Public Library,

The great author, Ray Bradbury, spoke eloquently of the importance of libraries for preserving our past and realizing our future. Now, in the present, it is up to us to support this vital resource, particularly the many programs and services funded by the Friends of the Winchester Public Library.

The Winchester Public Library offers free access to books, music, Blu-ray and DVDs, lectures, children’s programs, book groups, community meeting spaces, and much more. It is a vibrant and busy community resource. The Library has kept pace with technological changes by providing internet/ computer access and by making available other electronic resources, including digital downloads of books and music.

Each year the Friends of the Winchester Library asks your financial assistance for programs and services that are outside the Library’s budget. We are grateful to all who have so generously contributed to our Annual Appeal in the past. Thanks to your donations, the Library continues to provide an abundance of quality programs and services, including the following:

- Free passes to 14 museums, including the New England Aquarium, the Museum of Fine Arts, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, and the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum (currently celebrating the centennial of President Kennedy’s birth);
- All children’s programs, including puppet shows, magic shows, and storytelling;
- Summer reading programs for children and teens;
- Free lectures, including “Brilliant Beacons, A History of the American Lighthouse,” “The Ghost Army of World War II,” and a 5-lecture genealogy series;
- *Speaking Volumes*, the Library newsletter that is mailed town-wide;
- The Express Books program that makes best-sellers rapidly available;
- New book drops in the parking lot for convenient drop-off; and
- Free access to ancestry.com and Heritage Quest online.

Thank you again for your generosity and support. We ask that you consider giving this year. If you have not visited recently, please visit the Library and rediscover the many reasons to support your Library.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Joy and Margaret Pulsifer,
Co-Presidents

April 2017



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Please remember to check if your company will match your donation.



The Library’s new drop off boxes, made possible by a Friends’ donation, make it easy to return books either on foot or directly from your car.

NEW LANDSCAPING FRESHENS UP THE LIBRARY GROUNDS

Twenty years have passed since the Library building and grounds were renovated. While most of the plantings have thrived and continue to provide seasonal color, new issues have arisen. In 2015, Julie Khuen, a local landscape designer who did the original master landscape plan, provided a three-year phased landscaping plan to freshen up the grounds, and we've made significant progress.

In 2015 "volunteer" junipers, invasive grasses, large weedy shrubs, sumac, ivy, and bittersweet were removed. Trees were pruned and excess mulch was removed. The Reading Circle on the Mystic Valley Parkway side of the building was pruned of excess growth and the inkberry hedge removed to improve visibility. In 2016 the retaining wall preventing erosion of mulch was lengthened, preventing the mulch from extending onto the sidewalk. After overgrowth and invasive plants were removed, many new plantings were added, although the hostas, lily-of-the-valley, rhododendrons, and hydrangeas you love have remained.

This summer the book drop island (with new book drops funded by the Friends and the Library's Endowment Fund) will be completed and work behind the children's room

will take place. All this work was made possible through the generous bequest of Marilyn Goldthwait, a 25-year employee of the Library who passed away in 2012.



With its new renovation, the Library grounds will continue to be a refreshing part of Winchester's downtown landscape.



Top far left: Young patrons enjoy reading to Pearl, a Certified Reading Partner.

Top Left: The self-checkout terminal now allows patrons to pay fines with their credit card.

Bottom far left: To maintain historical integrity, workers rebuilding the library chimney numbered each brick to ensure it was returned to its former location.



Bottom left: Jeanne Joy, Barbara Yuan, Ingrid Geis, and Ann Wirtanen celebrate the Friends' newly purchased display table honoring Barbara Yuan's years of service as Assistant Director.

JFK LIBRARY ADDED TO EXTENSIVE LIBRARY PASS PROGRAM

In honor of John F. Kennedy's 100th birthday, the Library has added the JFK Presidential Library and Museum to its Library pass program, making a total of 21 sites for which library patrons can receive discounted passes. This program, funded by the Friends of the Library, the En Ka Society, and the Winchester Rotary Club, has become increasingly popular; during 2016 our passes were reserved 3744 times. While the top five destinations were the Museum of Science (505 uses), Museum of Fine Arts (480), New England Aquarium (472), Zoo New England (452), and the Children's Museum (405), there are numerous other venues to explore. Intriguing places include the Peabody Essex Museum, DeCordova Museum, Harvard Museums of Art and Natural History, and Boston by Foot.

The program is easy to use: Reserve a pass at <http://www.winpublib.org/museum-passes> or the reference desk, specifying the number needed (most passes admit 2 persons and for the more popular venues we have two passes.) Then pick up the pass at the reference desk. Most passes are disposable, though a few must be returned the next day. Also, passes are limited to two per week and can only be reserved by those who live or work in Winchester. Happy explorations!



With the addition of the JFK Presidential Library and Museum, our pass program now offers 21 venues.

WINCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

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SUMMER READING FOR TEENS... AND FOR ADULTS

Our 2017 Teen Summer Reading Program is a great way to win prizes and explore ways to make a difference in your community. The theme this year is "Build a Better World." Students in grades 6-12 are invited to sign up starting on June 27 at www.winpublib.org/teensread. Read at least two books and complete one fun online challenge to receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win great prizes.

And all adults are invited to join our summer reading program, which begins on June 27. To participate, stop by the Library and fill out a raffle entry form for a chance at one of our instant prizes and to be entered into the Grand Prize raffle. The Grand Prize winner receives an annual membership for two to a choice of the Institute of Contemporary Art, the Museum of Fine Arts, or the Museum of Science.

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Online Library Services:

Through our website, as well as the new MLN App, the Library offers numerous resources, utilized more than 57,000 times in 2016.

Available services include:

- access to almost 100 databases (among the most popular are Freegal Streaming Music, Ancestry, and historical issues of the *Boston Globe* and *Winchester Star*);
- a digital media catalog including e-books, audiobooks, and movies;
- account management tasks including placing holds, reserving museum passes, renewing checked out items, paying fines, getting a library card; and
- access to personal account information, including the status of items on reserve or borrowed.

For more information, questions, or sympathy feel free to talk to the people at the reference desk or our technology guru, Ran Cronin, acronin@minilib.net (781-721-7171 x331).

IN BRIEF. . .



The new Friends' book bags are now available for sale at the reception desk for \$20.



We'd like to extend a fond farewell and heartfelt thank you to Nuala Dacey, who retired after 28 years in our Tech Services Department.



If you just can't wait to read the latest hot book, check out one of the Friends' Express books from the collection of recent bestsellers that we lend, without any queue, for one week.



If you are a fan of the Winchester Public Library, and want to contribute your time and intellect to a worthwhile community effort, please consider joining the Board of the Friends of the Winchester Library. For more information, email Kathy Ho at Kathyho715@gmail.com. And thanks!

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LIBRARY HOURS

Monday – Thursday: 9:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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