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# FULL OF SURPRISE AND INSPIRATION: PARENT PACKS



For those caring for children 6 and under, do any of these scenarios sound familiar? It's a holiday, a bored child is looking for something new. You're babysitting and not familiar enough with a child's interests to pick an exciting

book. You're too rushed to have time to browse through the library for books. Well, we have the solution—Parent Packs.

Parent packs are:

- Pre-packaged boxes that contain 10 surprise books and are available for three age groups: 2 and under, 3 to 4, and 5 to 6.
- There are about a dozen boxes available for each age group, all numbered to avoid repeat borrowing. The subjects are diverse, as are the authors.

These boxes have proven to be a great way to introduce a new favorite author. And, since only well-established authors are chosen, the librarians will be able to recommend more books from that author.

While the boxes are borrowed for the normal three-week period, there are a few differences in checkout procedures for Parent Packs:

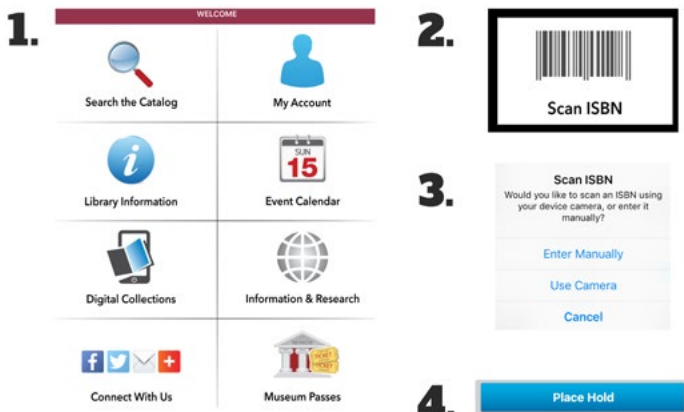
- They cannot be reserved online.
- There is a limit of one box per child at a time.
- The boxes are reserved for Winchester residents; they do not circulate through the Minuteman Library Network.
- Because the boxes are too big for the book drops, they must be directly returned to the Children's Library.

Treat these as a treasure hunt to find new books to enjoy. For holidays, trips, babysitting, or just a great way to better understand a child's interests, Parent Packs are waiting at the Children's Library for you to explore.

## TECH TIP

### Scan ISBN—A Surprising, Easy Way to Reserve a Book

Use the Minuteman Library Network (MLN) Mobile App to reserve a book you find at a bookstore or elsewhere. In the App, choose "Search the Catalog," then choose "Scan ISBN." (Your phone may ask you to allow access to the camera to "read" the ISBN code on the book). Once your phone scans the ISBN number, the App takes you to the MLN catalog listing for the book. You are given the options to "Place Hold" or "Show All Library Holdings." This trick is sure to impress your friends and family and is a fun way to reserve a book!



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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2018

**"American Treasures: The Secret Efforts to Save the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Gettysburg Address" with Stephen Puleo.**

Stephen Puleo, historian and award-winning author of such books as *Dark Tide*, *The Boston Italians*, and *A City So Grand*, will discuss his latest book, *American Treasures*, which charts the creation and journeys of three priceless American documents. Learn how the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Gettysburg Address have defined a nation, and how Americans have made decisions and taken risks to protect them and ensure their preservation.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2018

**"Coyotes in the Suburbs" with Jonathan Way.** Are you curious about our coyote population? Do you know what a coywolf is? Biologist Jon Way, founder of Eastern Coyote/Coywolf Research, is the author of *Suburban Howls*, an account of his time spent studying eastern coyotes in urbanized Massachusetts. Dr. Way will investigate eastern coyote/coywolf ecology and behavior.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019 (SNOW DATE: THURSDAY, JANUARY 10)

**Library of Things with Ran Cronin.** Ran Cronin, the Library's Head of Technology and Information Services, will explore Winchester's Library of Things in a discussion of the technology assistance the Library offers to the community. Find out about hotspots, Roku, laptops, chargers, projectors, and other devices you can borrow from the Library. Time for a question and answer session will be included in the program.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2019 (SNOW DATE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7)

**A Night with Bob Ryan.** Enjoy an evening of sports talk with Bob Ryan. Mr. Ryan has been writing for the *Boston Globe* since 1968; he is also a regular panelist on ESPN's Sunday morning roundtable, "The Sports Reporters." Chase away the winter blues as he shares sports stories of the past and present.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2019 (SNOW DATE: FRIDAY, MARCH 29)

**"The Decibel Diaries: A Journey Through Rock in 50 Concerts" with author Carter Alan.** At Nichols Hall, Winchester Community Music School, 407 Highland Avenue. In collaboration with the Winchester Community Music School, take a tour through rock and roll history with Carter Alan, longtime DJ and music director at WZLX in Boston. Join us at the Music School for a celebration of rock and roll in 50 iconic concerts.

All programs at 7:00 PM at the Library unless otherwise noted. Programs are free and open to the public. Please note that the Library offers many exciting, additional programs; check them out at <http://www.winpublib.org/news-and-events> and/or subscribe to the Library's weekly newsletter, *Library Lines*.

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# A CHAPTER IN LIBRARY HISTORY

The Library has been a vital part of the Winchester community for more than 170 years! Fascinatingly, one woman—Cora A. Quimby—was the Head Librarian for almost one-third of the Library's history; one of the longest tenures, if not the longest tenure, of any librarian in the Commonwealth. Cora was born in Winchester and graduated from Winchester High School with the class of '79—as in 1879!

- She started as Assistant Librarian in 1881, with pay of \$50 per year. At the time, the Library was located in the Brown and Stanton block over Jacob C. Stanton's grocery store and was open two days a week in the afternoon and evenings. One of her duties was to climb a chair to light the kerosene lamp at the head of the narrow stairway that led to the "library."
- Cora oversaw changes, things we take for granted, such as:

- o Creation of a new permanent home for the Library in its current location, which opened in December 1931. The Library had several homes during Cora's tenure, including space in Town Hall.
- o Increase in volumes from less than 5,000 to over 35,000. And the growth continues as the Library's current total holdings number more than 187,400.
- o Development of services including:
  - a "Children's Room" and Story Hour;
  - Inter-Library loans, a precursor to the Minuteman Library Network.

Many procedures have evolved since Cora's time. Amusingly, in her final 1939 report, Cora notes, under the

heading of "Over-due Books," "Sometimes we have to send our Superintendent, in police uniform, to call at their houses to get the books and not always successfully even then." Current scofflaws are not subject to such collection methods!

One thing that hasn't changed is the Library's commitment to be current with technology. During Cora's time the Library was technologically up-to-date; "having a typewriter when it opened and, in 1908, a telephone was installed."<sup>1</sup>

Cora retired in 1940 and died in 1941. Imagine, Cora never used a computer, the internet, or Minuteman Library App. However, her view of the Library as a treasured place, enhancing the community of Winchester, is timeless.

<sup>1</sup>Knight, Ellen. *Winchester Public Library An Illustrated History*. Winchester, MA: Winchester Public Library, 2006.

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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.

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All other hours are the same as above.

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