

# Speaking Volumes

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## TRIVIA CHALLENGE—TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF LIBRARY FACTS AND FIGURES

### HOW MANY OF THESE QUESTIONS CAN YOU ANSWER?

- Q.** Membership in the Minuteman Library Network (MLN) offers Library patrons a variety of valuable resources, including the MLN App. Which of the following can you use the MLN App for: (a) search and browse the collection, (b) use your digital library card at the circulation desk, (c) manage your account, including place, cancel, and freeze and unfreeze holds; check out digital items; renew items; and view and pay fines, (d) browse and search our calendar of events, or (e) all the above?
- A.** (e) all the above. The MLN App is an easy to use tool for interactions with the Library. If you haven't used it—try it out.
- Q.** What is the fastest growing category of circulating items?
- A.** Equipment. See the article titled *Refresher on Available Tech Resources* in this issue for a summary of equipment available to borrow, including in-library use of computers and phone chargers.
- Q.** You can have some fun and learn how to speak Pirate using resources available at the Library. True or False?
- A.** Aye—True. Your Library card provides you online access to Mango Languages, a database that covers 71 languages, including Pirate—"Brush me barnacles (Shiver me timbers)!"
- Q.** In round numbers, the Library welcomed how many visitors in 2017: (a) 80,000, (b) 140,000, (c) 210,000, or (d) 250,000?
- A.** 250,000
- Q.** Support from The Friends of the Library helps to fund museum, park, zoo, and other passes. New museum passes added in 2017 included which of the following: a) JFK Library, (b) Zoo New England, (c) New England Aquarium, or (d) all the above?
- A.** (a) JFK Library (the others were available before 2017).
- Q.** Using technology to develop and enhance learning and creativity is second nature to our children. Playaway Launchpads, durable, fun devices preloaded with ad-free learning apps for children ages 3 to 10, are available for both in-library use and home checkout. True or False?
- A.** True, for more information see the article *Tech Just for Kids* in this issue.
- Q.** The ROAR program (Rush Out and Read) enables volunteers to read aloud to (a) children, (b) adults, or (c) both.
- A.** Both. Teen volunteers spent 784 hours reading to over 4,000 children this summer, and adult R.O.A.R. volunteers donated 262 hours reading to residents of the Gables and Winchester Nursing Center.

# TECHNOLOGY JUST FOR THE KIDS



Have you noticed that there are now a lot of children checking out technology for use in the Children's Room? Using technology to develop and enhance learning and creativity is second nature to our children.

Two popular devices that are now available are Chromebooks and the LaunchPads. Chromebooks are tablets that use cloud-based applications and data. The Children's Library Chromebooks are:

- Especially popular for homework and research projects;
- Reserved for children 8 and older to check out for in-library use, although younger children can use them if an adult is present.

Less well-known are Playaway Launchpads, which are available for both in-library use and home checkout. Preloaded with ad-free, thematically designed learning apps, these are durable, fun devices with content appropriate for three age groups: 3 to 5, 6 to 7, and 8 to 10. Examples include:

- An engineering-themed Launchpad for the younger set with apps such as Cars in Sandbox, Mechanimals, Puzzingo Train, and a Dinosaur Jigsaw Puzzle;
- A nature-themed version for preschoolers could include "1, 2, Trees!"
- Apps such as "Claws, Paws, and Leggy Things" for a second grader to learn about animals; or
- "Number Cruncher" for a fourth grader to work on math skills.

The Launchpads, and indeed all technology at the Children's Library, are often updated, so be sure to drop in regularly to see what's available. There is a special bulletin board with cards representing technical devices available for checkout; just take a card to the desk to request one.

# THE LIBRARY IS MY CANDY STORE

Last year, volunteers contributed over 2,800 hours to keep the Library working seamlessly—not only are these helpers valued, but they can provide unique perspectives. We sat down to talk with two 10-plus-year volunteers, Mary Farrell and Martha Lewis. Both strongly encourage people to take full advantage of the library, inviting you to:

## Come Visit the Library

- Wander the stacks (they're all open),
- Explore the nooks and crannies of the reference department, or
- Talk to the librarians about what's new.

As Maya Angelou wrote, "The best candy shop a child can be left alone in, is the library"—that sentiment may apply even more to adults.

## Ask the Reference Department about Anything in the World

The librarians in the reference department can do far more than just find books. Among other offerings, they:

- Teach technology usage,
- Provide research direction,
- Discuss places to visit in Boston, and
- Find answers to numerous questions.

And compared to the internet, the answers will often be more accurate and pertinent.

When we asked Mary and Martha what they think people should know about our Library, three key themes emerged:

## Huge Diversity in Offerings

Many people may not appreciate the huge diversity in offerings the Library offers—far more than just books. Even frequent library visitors may not realize they can, for example:

- Use or borrow technology devices such as Roku, Chromebooks, wattage meters;
- Explore sections offering graphic novels for both adults and young adults;
- Check out DVDs and audio books in numerous foreign languages (40 in Chinese alone);
- Take home a DVD-themed binge box; or
- Borrow back copies of over 100 magazines, journals, and newspapers.

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# FRIENDS OF THE WINCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY'S UPCOMING PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9 (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 (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 (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.



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

**The Last Warlord, with author Brian Glyn Williams.** In *The Last Warlord*, Middle East expert Brian Glyn Williams (University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth) tells the story of the Afghan warlord Abdul Rashid Dostum, who guided U.S. Special Forces to victory over the Taliban after 9/11, leading his nomadic people into battle in the same way his ancestors did—on horseback. Mr. Williams will also discuss his experience as an advisor on the film *12 Strong*, which was based on his book.



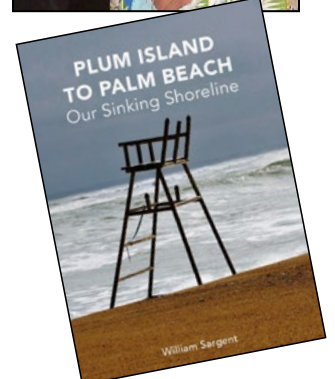
WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 10:00 AM

**Great Reads for Spring and Summer, with Judy Manzo.** Join us for this annual favorite! Once again, we welcome Judy Manzo, of Book Ends, who will share her suggestions for the season's best reading. Attendees will receive Judy's list of recommended books for 2019.



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12:

**Plum Island to Palm Beach: Our Shrinking Shoreline, with author Bill Sargent.** The seas along the East Coast are rising, jeopardizing coastal cities, beaches, and wetlands. How do environmental policies and homeowners' rights adapt in this new era of rising sea levels and more frequent, powerful storms? Mr. Sargent, a consultant for the Nova science series on PBS and author of 20 books about science and the environment, will discuss the effects of rising sea levels in places like New Orleans, Florida, Plum Island, and Cape Cod.



All programs at 7:00 PM unless otherwise noted.  
Programs are free and open to the public.

# ADDITIONAL UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2:00–4:00 PM (SNOW DATE JANUARY 19)**

**Harry Potter Trivia.** Wands out—it's Harry Potter trivia time! We know there are plenty of Potterheads out there, so come test your knowledge and see if you can pass your O.W.L.s and N.E.W.T.s! Come with a team of up to four, or come as an individual and join with others at the event. Trivia will be based on the books, not the movies. All ages welcome—even those not quite old enough to attend Hogwarts (and those too old!). Robes, hats, and House scarves or sweaters encouraged. Harry Potter-themed snacks will be served, and there will be raffle prizes as well as prizes for the winning team.

**2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH: JANUARY 14, FEBRUARY 11, MARCH 11, APRIL 8, MAY 13, 7:00 PM**

**Cookbook Club.** Each month we prepare dishes from a featured cookbook to share with the group as we discuss the book and its recipes. Register online to select a recipe to make and be prepared to tell us how you made it, what you thought about the recipe, and if you would do anything differently.

**1ST MONDAY OF THE MONTH: JANUARY 7, FEBRUARY 4, MARCH 4, APRIL 1, MAY 6, 10:00 AM.**

**In Transition Conversation Series.** Countless life events—like job loss, divorce, retirement, career change, or an empty nest—can leave us at the doorstep of transition. Join us for an informal conversation, networking, and skill development tailored to support anyone interested in successfully navigating transition. Facilitated by Harvard MBA and author of *Women & Transition*, Linda Rossetti.

**2ND SATURDAYS OF THE MONTH: FEBRUARY 9, MARCH 9, APRIL 13, MAY 11, 2:00–4:00 PM**

**Game On: Chess, Mahjong, & More.** Drop in for a friendly game of Mahjong, chess, checkers, and other games depending upon participant's interest.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 6:30 PM**

**Film Screening: Tanna.** "Set on a remote Pacific island, this heartfelt story, enacted by the Yakel tribe, tells of a sister's loyalty, a forbidden love affair and the pact between the old ways and the new."  
Not Rated; 104 minutes; Adventure/Drama/Romance; Country: Australia, Vanuatu; Language: Nauvhal

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 10:00 AM**

**Jewelry Workshop.** Create your own unique item using colorful beads! Artist Mandy Roberge will be on hand to guide you as you use your imagination to create a one-of-a-kind keychain, bracelet, or pair of earrings. This event is for teens and adults only. Registration is required.

**MONDAY, MARCH 4, 6:30 PM**

**Film Screening: Blindsight.** "Six blind Tibetan teenagers climb the Lhakpa-Ri peak of Mount Everest, led by seven-summit blind mountain climber Erik Weihenmayer."  
PG; 104 minutes; Documentary; Country: United Kingdom; Language: English, Tibetan, German

**SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 10:00 AM**

**Ukulele 101.** In this workshop for teens and adults, you'll learn how to tune, strum, and read chords. After a short lesson, you'll be able to play some fun and easy songs. No experience necessary—you can bring your own ukulele or borrow one.

**MONDAY, APRIL 1, 6:30 PM**

**Film Screening: The Tall Blond Man with One Black Shoe.** "A hapless orchestra player becomes an unwitting pawn of rival factions within the French secret service after he is chosen as a decoy by being identified as a super secret agent."  
PG; 90 min; Comedy/Mystery; Country: France' Language: French

**MONDAY, APRIL 8–FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 10:00–11:00 AM**

**National Library Week.** Join us for light morning refreshments as we express our gratitude to the Winchester community.

**All programs are free and open to the public.**



# HAPPENINGS AT THE LIBRARY



Join us in our new cookbook club as each month we prepare dishes from a featured cookbook to share with the group and discuss the book and its recipes.

**Recent ads and coupons from the local newspapers**

**PLEASE HELP YOURSELF**

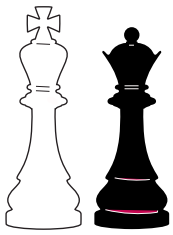


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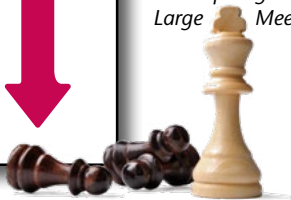


Miss cutting out some coupons? The Library keeps a handy basket available in the Reference Room with recent coupons.

**Sign up to connect with chess players here!**



For anyone interested in finding fellow chess fans, the Library offers both a sign-up sheet to find partners and two convenient chess tables in the reference room to play your match. Starting in February, you can also drop in on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 2:00-4:00 PM for drop-in games in the Large Meeting Room.



Tinkergarten provides play-based outdoor learning experiences for families with young children. Tinkergarten classes promote creativity, problem-solving, communication, and many other core life skills, all while playing outdoors. Tinkergarten classes are suited for mixed-age groups from 18 months to 8 years old, plus their caregivers.



We had over 300 kids turn out for our Libraries Rock Summer Reading Program this year. Everyone had a great time tracking their reading with our BINGO cards, and celebrated accomplishing their reading goals at our final party. Thank you to everyone who participated this Summer!

# A REFRESHER ON AVAILABLE TECH RESOURCES AT THE LIBRARY

## Tech Help

Do you want your technology to work better? Are you looking for the easiest/best way to download an eBook or stream music or videos? The Library's Reference Librarians can help. Here are some ways you can access this help:

- Tech Drop-in Help Sessions
  - o Every Tuesday from 7– 8 pm, for quick answers/help. Bring your Kindle, Nook, iPad, laptop, smartphone, or other device to the Reference Desk and they'll try to answer your questions. If you have in-depth needs, please Book a Librarian.
- Book A Librarian—Schedule an appointment for more in-depth help
  - o Book a 30-minute appointment with a Reference Librarian
  - o Call 781-721-7171 x320 or Email winill@minlib.net

## Library of Things

The technology assets available at the Library allow you to stay connected, as well as learn and be entertained...take advantage of these community resources!

### • Print, Copy, Fax, or Scan

- o Printer
- o Copier
- o Fax

Sometimes you just need a paper copy or the security of sending a fax. There is a cost to using these services.

- o Scanner

Scanned copies can be sent to your email address in PDF, JPEG, or TIFF formats and/or can be converted to a Microsoft Word document. Scanning is FREE.

### • Borrow a Computer—either Desktop or Mobile

- o Multiple Windows Desktops
- o Multiple Chromebooks
- o Two MacBook Airs

The mobile equipment is available for a 3-hour, in-library loan.

### • Other

- o Roku—Turn your TV into a SMART TV and stream entertainment.
- o Hotspots—Access the internet for free. Perfect to use while you are away on vacation. Borrow one of the Library's hotspots and you'll be all set!
- o "Maggie" Magnifiers—See more clearly using one of these large-screen, ultra-light weight, portable electronic magnifiers.
- o Phillips Picopix Projector—Display content you want to share. This small projector can be easily connected to a Notebook, Netbook or Laptop via USB.

The Roku, Hotspots, Magnifiers, and Projector are available for one-week loans.

For more information, see the Library of Things on the Library website at [www.winpublib.org/books-and-media/thingslib](http://www.winpublib.org/books-and-media/thingslib) or ask a Reference Librarian.



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## ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

The Library strives to provide the highest level of service to our community and in keeping with that, we offer a number of assistive technology tools and services.

Hearing assistance devices are available upon request for programs held in the Large Meeting Room and most of the DVD collection has closed-captioning options. Much of our print collection is accessible in alternate formats, such as large print, eBook, and several types of audiobooks. For those who use OverDrive to select audiobooks and eBooks, there are settings to view the website in high-contrast or a dyslexia-friendly font. In addition, Reference staff can work with you to adjust your eBook reader settings to increase font size or contrast.

The Library provides access to a full-color Topaz digital video magnifier in the Reference Room. A gift of Winchester Rotary, the Topaz is an easy-to-use, true-color magnifier that can greatly enlarge print or photographs. The Topaz offers 30 high-contrast color modes for those with macular degeneration or other vision impairments.

Our public desktop computers all allow the user to magnify text on the computer screen. Two 27-inch monitors are available in the Reference Room for those who need a screen to accommodate greater screen magnification and we will be adding large-print keyboards and screen magnification software to those work stations in the coming months.

We also have two "Maggie" portable electronic magnifiers for anyone who wishes to see something more clearly. Maggies have 5-inch high-contrast LCD screens with true color. For those with macular degeneration, the Maggie mode button provides white text on a black background for reduced glare. Patrons can borrow a magnifier at the Circulation desk to try out the product.

We look forward to working with you to make your visit welcoming and comfortable.



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## THE LIBRARY IS MY CANDY STORE

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### The Biggest Change Has Been in Technology

The Library's technology offerings are substantial and ever-growing—not just what you can use or borrow in the Library, but in the ways you can access library resources. Other articles in this issue describe this in more detail; it's important to remember the Library offers not only these resources, but instruction in how to access them.

### Quality Levels Have Remained High

Despite budgetary constraints and other restrictions, community support, the skill and dedication of the Library employees, and Library patrons' enthusiasm have enabled the Library to maintain an enviable level of quality. Indeed, our Library always seems to be at the forefront of what's happening.

Without our volunteers and community support, the Library would be a lesser place—many thanks to all who support the library!



## IN BRIEF ITEMS

### Winchester Reads Returns in 2019

After allowing time for a re-organization of the committee, Winchester Reads returns in 2019. The book choice will be announced in June allowing everyone the summer months to enjoy the book. The series of events will take place in October and early November 2019.

### Winchester High School Yearbooks Digitized!

The Library has recently digitized Winchester High School yearbooks from 1929–2017. You can enjoy a blast from the past by visiting [winpublib.org/yearbooks](http://winpublib.org/yearbooks) and revisiting your high school days. The 1933 and 1965 issues are missing so if you have a copy that you'd be willing to loan the Library for scanning purposes, please contact Ran Cronin at [rcronin@minlib.net](mailto:rcronin@minlib.net).

### Consider Joining the Friends of the Winchester Library

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](mailto: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 as well as on Sundays from May 7 through October 6.*

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