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YOUR LIBRARY IS YOUR OASIS – TAKE SOME TIME TO RELAX AND EXPLORE THE LIBRARY AND ITS TREASURES

We often don't take the time to look and see what is around us. The next time you visit the Library, consider taking a few moments to visit areas you may not have explored recently. Let's take a look on the Main Floor:



Book displays in the lobby

- Often organized along a theme.
- Books enjoyed by Library staff.

New Books Section

- Current fiction and non-fiction books—you never know what reading treasure you'll find!
- Includes Express Books—new, high-demand books that cannot be reserved or requested online, but need to be checked out in-person. If you time it right, you might be able to pick up that best seller that you've been dying to read without a long wait.

Music CDs

- Top 40 hits, soundtracks, and classical music.

Audiobooks

- Both fiction and non-fiction audiobooks are available in CD and Playaway formats.

Videos

- Both DVD and Blue-ray media. There is also a collection of foreign language films.
- A unique offering is Binge Packs—these are multi-pack (usually 4) DVD collections focused on a theme such as Family Movie Night, Disney Classics, Bond 007, 80's Aliens, and the like. These packs are refreshed periodically and can be the perfect solution for a vacation trip or a sleepover.

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AS MY WHIMSY TAKES ME—USING THE LIBRARY’S READER’S ADVISORY SERVICE



Does this sound familiar? You just finished a book or saw a movie that you really enjoyed and now wish to find something as satisfying. Fortunately, the Library has an established service that does just that—the Reader’s Advisory Service—a personalized, nonjudgmental, no-cost guided tour that helps you connect to that next gem.

The Reader’s Advisory Service is a simple two-step process. First, call or visit one of the reference librarians and request a meeting with an appropriate advice reader—one whose expertise matches your need—whether popular and literary fiction, fiction genres such as science or history, or any nonfiction topic. Examples of requests that have been made include:

- Getting involved in politics
- Graphic novels
- Dystopian fiction
- Easy English language titles for second language learners
- Cozy mysteries with cats
- Physics books for people inspired by TV’s *Big Bang Theory*

Once a meeting has been set up, the adviser will narrow the options by exploring questions such as what books/shows/movies you’ve enjoyed in the past, which authors you particularly like, or, for nonfiction topics, your level of knowledge in that field.

The service is available in both the children’s library as well as for adults in the reference library. And it’s not just for books—you can also request audiobooks, films, TV series, music, and more. However, if your interests are primarily fiction books, the advisor can also point you to the NoveList database to further aid your quest. Available on the Winchester Library website, this is an online resource that leads off with the question: “I’m in the mood for books that are…” and then delivers a multitude of options to explore.

Last year, over 650 advisory sessions were conducted. After all, there’s nothing to lose and the potential rewards are high.

PLAN SUMMER EXCURSIONS USING THE LIBRARY’S DISCOUNTED MUSEUM, PARK, AND ZOO PASSES

Thanks to the Friends of the Library, the En Ka Society, and the Winchester Rotary Club, the Library offers discounted passes to 21 local museums, parks, and zoos. Passes are available not only for well-known venues, including the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, the Museum of Science, the New England Aquarium, Zoo New England, the Peabody Essex Museum, and the Children’s Museum, but are also available for lesser-known treasures. Take the opportunity to explore the Boston Harbor Islands, the deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum, and the Mapparium at the Mary Baker Eddy Library, among many other sites.

Here’s what you need to know:

- Passes are available to Winchester residents only (as defined by the address on your library card which can be changed, with proof of residency, at the check-out desk). A household may reserve passes for two museums per week, defined as Monday-Sunday.
- Passes can be reserved up to a month in advance of the date you would like to visit the museum. You just need a valid library card to reserve the pass online at <http://www.winpublib.org/museum-passes>. This site has a calendar showing which dates are available for each museum. Just click on the requested museum and a dropdown list will give you all the information you need, including the number of admissions per pass, the charge, and open hours. Alternatively, you can make a reservation at the reference desk.
- Pick up the passes at the reference desk. Some passes will need to be returned; this will be noted when you pick up the pass. Returnable passes are due by 9:00 A.M. the following morning (they can be dropped off in the outdoor return boxes).

Utilizing the pass program is easy to do, especially online—in 2018, patrons reserved 3,652 passes. Take a look at the list of venues; we’re sure you’ll find any number of exciting familiar, and not-so-familiar, places to explore this summer.



LIBRARY SUMMER PROGRAMS

BEGINS JUNE 24 (OR LATER IF THE SCHOOL YEAR-END IS DELAYED)

Summer Reading! Summer Reading is for everyone! Whether you're into Elephant & Piggie, John Green, or Celeste Ng, be sure to stop by the Library this summer to register for Summer Reading and enter the drawing for raffle prizes.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 7:00 PM

Make Your Silhouette Art. Get crafty with magazines! Learn how to create several styles of silhouette art that can be used to decorate handmade cards or be framed as art. Registration is required—For children aged 8 and up, teens, and adults.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 4:00–6:00 PM

Cupcake Wars. Decorate cupcakes then vote to see who wins the Cupcake War! Registration is required—For grades 6 and up.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 3:30 PM

AbraKidabra. Magic, laughs, and surprises with Magician Mike Bent. No registration—For the whole family.

THURSDAY, JULY 11, 6:00–8:00 PM

Are You Smarter Than a Librarian? Do you think you can beat the librarians at trivia? Join us and find out! The trivia winner will receive a Book Ends gift card and the prestige of knowing they are smarter than the librarians at trivia! Registration is required—For grades 6 and up.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 6:00 PM

Make Your Marbled Silk Scarf. Learn to create your own one-of-a-kind design through a "floating ink" process that will then be transferred to an 11" x 60" silk scarf. Registration is required—\$20 per person fee—For teens and adults.

TUESDAY, JULY 16, 3:30 PM

The Art of Balloon Twisting with Ed the Wizard. Build a balloon alien and learn other secrets about twisting and building with balloons. Registration is required—For grades 1 and up.

TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2:00–3:00 PM

Silent Library Games. Join us for some minute-to-win-it game challenges in the Library, including Fruit Loop stacking and sorting Starbursts by color—all while being completely silent! Registration is required—For grades 6 and up.

TUESDAY, JULY 25, 3:30 PM

Draw a Space Cartoon with Eric Fulford. Create a cartoon alien, astronaut, or space pirate with Eric and then decide where your character's story will go.

TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2:00–3:00 PM

Harry Potter Trivia. Wands out—it's Harry Potter trivia time! 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. Registration required—All ages welcome.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2:00–3:00 PM

Journaling Workshop. The journal is a safe place to be yourself. Join us to learn about the many ways you can keep a journal and how to make journaling a regular habit. Registration is required—For grades 6 and up.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 3:30 PM

Escaping Earth with Sciencetellers. Sciencetellers use science experiments to bring a story to life, and then explain the special effects and recreate the experiments with the help of volunteers from the audience. Registration is required—For ages 6 and up.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 6:30 PM

Make Your Own Henna. Learn to make your own henna paste to use at home and have artist Mandy Roberge create a henna design on your hand. Registration is required—For ages 12+ and adults.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 3:00 PM AND 3:45 PM

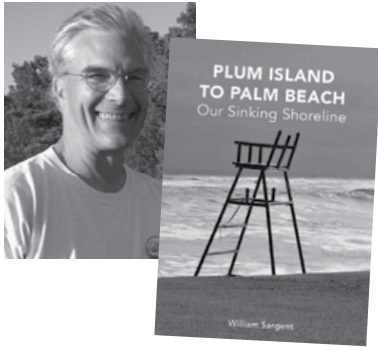
Museum of Science's Night Sky. Inside the Skylab Planetarium you will discover which stars, planets, and moons are visible in August and how you can find them from your own backyard. Registration is required—For ages 5 and up. Children under 8 must attend with a caregiver.

All programs are free and open to the public.



Borrowed more books than you anticipated? Has it started to rain and you need to keep your borrowed items dry? The Friends has supplied newly designed, recyclable bags for purchase at the reception desk to help—only \$1 each!

FRIENDS OF THE WINCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY'S UPCOMING PROGRAMS



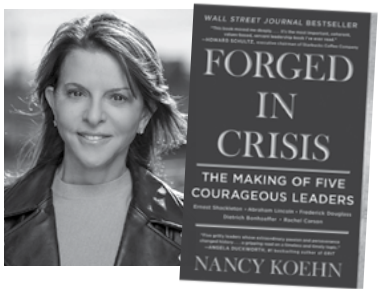
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 7:00 PM
William Sargent, *Plum Island to Palm Beach: Our Shrinking Shoreline.*

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.

OCTOBER 30, 2019, 7:00 PM

Nancy Koehn, *Forged in Crisis: The Making of Five Courageous Leaders.*
 The Friends of the Library, in partnership with the Winchester Historical Society, will host noted author, speaker, and Harvard historian Nancy Koehn. She will speak about her best-selling book, *Forged in Crisis: The Making of Five Courageous Leaders.* Ms. Koehn writes about Ernest Shackleton, Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and Rachel Carson. Using them as examples, she explores her discovery that courageous leaders are not born but made, tested in turbulent times to find their power to lead.

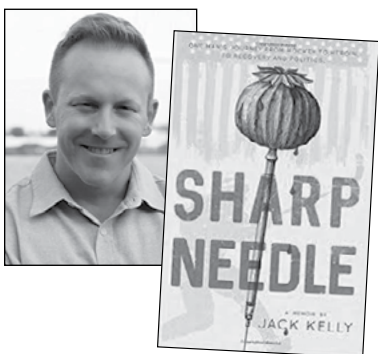


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NOVEMBER 20, 2019, 7:00 PM

Jack Kelly, *Sharp Needle: A Memoir.* Jack Kelly, author of *Sharp Needle: A Memoir*, recounts his spiral into heroin addiction, his recovery, and his 2013 Boston political campaign. In the late 1990s, after surgery for a hockey injury in high school, Jack became addicted to prescription opioids. He found recovery at age 22, battling his way back and rebuilding his shattered life. Jack has become a prominent voice in the recovery movement and in the fight against the opiate epidemic ravaging the American landscape.



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Come and enjoy his story of perseverance, transformation and hope.

WINCHESTER READS

The community read selection for 2019 is *Tomorrow Will Be Different: Love, Loss, and the Fight for Trans Equality* by Sarah McBride. The memoir chronicles the author's journey to live as an openly transgender woman and her work as a prominent transgender activist advocating inclusive legislation on state and national levels.

Sarah McBride will be speaking at the Winchester High School on Monday, September 30 at 7:00 PM. This event is free and open to the public.

Copies of the book are available at the Library for those interested in borrowing it. For program details and more information, please visit winpublib.org/winreads.



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April 2019

“Perhaps no place in any community is so totally democratic as the town library. The only entrance requirement is interest.”- Lady Bird Johnson

Dear fellow friends of the Winchester Public Library,

As First Lady of the United States, Lady Bird Johnson saw the central role that libraries play in supporting communities all over the country. Here in Winchester, we are proud of how our own Library welcomes community members of all interests—young and senior, newcomers and long-time residents, online and unplugged—with books, recordings, computers, study space, art exhibits, special events, and much more, all without charge. This year, the Winchester Library welcomed over 239,000 patrons, who not only checked out an amazing 306,945 books and 461,818 total items but also took advantage of the Library’s many special programs.

Each year the **Friends of the Winchester Public 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 to the Friends, the Library continues to provide an abundance of quality programs, lectures, and technology, including the following this past year:

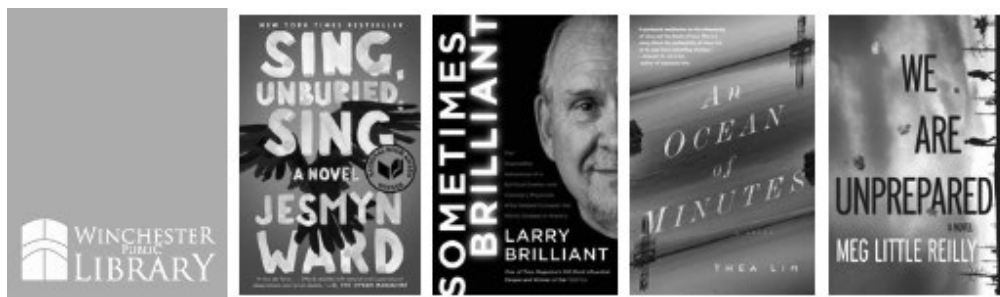
- Discounted passes to 19 museums and seasonal outdoor offerings—including Children’s Museum of Boston, Discovery Museums, Boston by Foot, and Boston Harbor Islands—which were enjoyed by over 3,321 patrons
- Free lectures, usually to capacity audiences, including “Coyotes in the Suburbs” with Dr. Jon Way, “My Life in Sports” with Bob Ryan, and “The Decibel Diaries” with Carter Alan, a joint program with the Winchester Community Music School
- Summer Reading Programs at the Library, with more than 518 children and teens participating
- *Speaking Volumes*, the Friends’ Library newsletter, sent to all Winchester residents tri-annually
- The Express Books program, which makes best-sellers rapidly available
- Free access to ancestry.com and HeritageQuest online, which was used by more than 3,900 patrons this past year

We ask that you consider giving this year and, if you have not visited recently, please stop by and rediscover the many reasons to support your Library.

Sincerely,

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BOOK GROUPS—LEARN, EXPLORE, AND CONNECT



If you're looking to join a new book group, we've got you covered. The Library hosts a wide variety of book groups open to the public. Group discussion is informal and no long-term commitment is required. Copies of the book club selections are typically available at the Reference Desk a month before each meeting.

CLASSICS BOOK CLUB—Meets in April and October. This group is volunteer-run. The leader has a background in education and imparts relevant information on the time period and author before delving into the book. Perfect for those who love to revisit the classics, but don't have time for a monthly group.

COFFEE AND BOOKS AT THE JENKS—Meets at the Jenks Center on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 11:00 am except July, August, and December. Discuss books with friends—old and new—over coffee at the Jenks. Selected books include both fiction and non-fiction titles.

COOKBOOK CLUB—Meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm except July and August. Prepare a dish from each month's chosen cookbook to share with the group and discuss the book, what you thought about the recipe, and if you would do anything differently.

HOT READS BOOK CLUB—Meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm except July and August. Perfect for young professionals who want to keep up with buzz-worthy books after work. There are also local groups that are open to the public that gather at the Library:

2ND TUESDAY WOMEN'S READING GROUP—Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm except July and August.

WPL BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP—Meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm except July, August, and December.

For up-to-date information on each club, along with their current selections and contact information, check out the Library's calendar at <http://www.winpublib.org/calendar>.

IN BRIEF ITEMS

Gorgeous new notecards are now available for purchase with two designs to choose from: our beautiful Tiffany windows and the Friends logo inspired by the Umbrella Parade sculpture on the front lawn. \$10 for a pack of 10. All proceeds support the Friends of the Library.



In a program that began last November, Winchester student art will now be on continuous display in the Children's Library, and occasionally in the main reception room. Drop by and admire the creativity and talent of Winchester's youth.

This issue's Tip

If you have a book on hold and think you'll be away when it arrives, you can log in to your account and "freeze" it. You don't need to worry about going to the back of the line, since you will also be freezing your place in the queue. Just be sure to unfreeze it when you're back in town.

TEENS, ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOME FUN, STRESS-FREE WAYS TO NURTURE YOUR CREATIVITY AND CURIOSITY?

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE YOUNG ADULT (YA) PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

If you haven't thought of the Library as a fun, stress-free space for teens to get together, you should. The Library has developed a number of unique events focused on young adults (Grades 6–12). This initiative is led by Amanda Gogel, the Library's Young Adult Librarian.

Amanda:

- Is a recent addition to Library staff, having celebrated her first year anniversary this February
- Was taught her love of books, reading, and libraries by her grandmother and mother
- Brings a unique background and perspective to her work
 - After obtaining her Master of Science in Library Science, Amanda joined the Peace Corps, volunteering in the Philippines, where she had dual responsibilities assisting with developing libraries and teaching English to educators at a Philippine College of Education.

Amanda's current focus is developing programs to engage and inform teens with entertaining activities. She was part of the creative team that developed the popular Harry Potter Trivia, Ugly Art, and Earth Day Terrariums events and has a number of exciting programs planned over the next few months, including:

May Photo Challenge—MAY 1–15

Show off your photography skills and send us your best digital photos. We'll share them on the Library's Facebook account and the photo with the most likes will win a Book Ends gift card.

Cupcake Wars—JUNE 19

Are you a fan of baking competitions? Decorate two cupcakes with the baking decorations provided. Design one of your cupcakes in the style of your favorite book. Contestants will then vote on which design wins the Cupcake War!

Are You Smarter Than a Librarian?—JULY 11

Do you think you can beat the librarians at Trivia? Join us and find out! Food and drinks will be provided. The Trivia winner will receive a Book Ends gift card and the prestige of knowing he/she is smarter than the librarians at Trivia!

Look for event notices on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or the Library Lines weekly email to sign up for these and other YA offerings.

Amanda's goal is to make sure that teens in Winchester enjoy the Library as much as she does. She plans to continue to develop the young adult media and program offerings so that the Library is seen as a community space for teens to try new things, nurture their curiosity and creativity, and have a good time with friends.

When Amanda isn't participating in a YA program, she can usually be found at the Reference Desk. Please stop by to introduce yourself, ask questions, get involved, and let Amanda know your thoughts on YA activities or other YA services you'd like to see at the Library.

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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 12 through September 29.

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Graphic Novels—A novel whose story is told using both text and comic illustrations

- Helping readers understand words through pictures; these can be a good medium for less confident, reluctant, or ESL readers.

Circulation

- Check out items, including those placed on hold through the online catalog.
- Self-checkout is also available.
- This is where you can check out Hotspots, Rokus, the Picopix Projector, Electronic-Magnifiers.



Reference

- Ask questions.
- Obtain research assistance.
- Get tech help.
- Reserve/Pick up museum passes.
- Take advantage of the Reader’s Advisory Service (see more details on this program elsewhere in this issue).
- Check out Chromebooks, Macbooks, Apple Chargers, Micro USB Chargers, Headphones, Laptop Chargers.

Lastly, consider taking a break and leafing through a magazine or newspaper. The Library carries almost 150 magazines and newspapers from *The Atlantic Monthly* to *Yankee Magazine*; other popular titles include *World Journal*, a Chinese language newspaper, *Value Line*, and *Consumer Reports*.

Take a break from your hectic schedule, come visit the library and **explore and relax**.