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COMMUNITY INTERACTION: A STRONG BOND BETWEEN THE TOWN AND THE LIBRARY



Winchester Public Library Director Ann Wirtanen and her staff welcome new ways to broaden the Library's interaction with the community.

Functioning within a vibrant, active, curious community, the Winchester Public Library needs to interact with the Town in an ever increasingly diverse and broad fashion. A recent discussion with Library Director Ann Wirtanen focused on the three ways the Library interacts with the Winchester community: in-house, at large, and in collaboration with other Winchester organizations.

Broadening In-house Programming:

Apart from its classic mandate of providing a variety of materials for education, information, and enjoyment, the Library has long provided enrichment activities to all generations, whether it be Pattycake Place for toddlers or the Friends' Lecture Series for adults. And, for children, the Library has long offered additional creative events—with an emphasis on fun. Recently, however, the Library has expanded similar offerings targeted to adults and multi-generations, including hands-on arts projects making silk scarves, fused glass pendants, and henna ink designs. And all hands, young and old, recently helped build the Hogwarts Lego Castle, part of a Harry Potter-themed program series.

Taking the Library for a Walk:

Many out-of-the-building Library programs are well-established and continue to grow. These include:

- Adult volunteers who read to senior citizens at the Gables and the nursing homes in town;
- A home delivery program currently serving 20 residents;
- ROAR—a 26-year-old summer program where teenagers read to youngsters at 13 different sites, which has earned national notice; and
- Book club and tech programs at the Jenks Center.

The Library is also emphasizing school liaison efforts. While the Library has always communicated with the local schools to make certain that resources are available for reading lists and projects, the librarians are broadening their outreach efforts, including:

- Visiting the fifth graders to help them transition from the children's to the adult section of the Library;
- Attending and suggesting resources for the Reading Rocks program, as well as science fairs and multicultural events;
- Providing a special program for new teachers to introduce them to the Library's resources; and
- Building two new study rooms to help with the schools' emphasis on collaborative learning groups (currently under construction).

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FUN AND CONNECTIONS FOR OUR YOUNGEST PATRONS

Can you guess the most attended programs offered by the Library? Would it surprise you that the answer is programs that are offered to the Library's youngest patrons and their caregivers?

On a blustery Thursday this fall, the room is packed with more than 20 toddlers and their caregivers, and the energy is palpable. Ms. B holds the attention of the room with songs, fingerplays, and stories. The enjoyment is evident on the faces and by the actions of the attendees, both children and adults. This is **Pattycake Place** for toddlers ages 2 and under. The program, held weekly, is focused on developing early literacy skills and providing caregivers and toddlers an opportunity to socialize, and includes a storytime for the first 15 minutes with free play for the last 30 minutes.

And on a recent Wednesday morning, the room is full of babies who can't yet confidently walk, nestled in caregiver laps. This second in-demand program is **Itsy Bitsy Readers**, storytime for babies not yet walking. This program has proven so popular that the Library recently added another session, for a total of three on Wednesdays at 10, 11, or 12:00 every week. Through participation in Itsy Bitsy Readers, caregivers learn ways to develop their child's early literacy skills, and babies and caregivers can socialize and play. Remarkably, there is more attentiveness than you might expect from this age group as Denise guides the room



Our younger patrons enjoy the comradery of Pattycake Place

through songs, movement, and stories focused on skills development. Denise also notes developmental tips—fun, simple ways to help your baby grow—such as:

- the power of repetition in learning, and how this can be accomplished in an enjoyable way with nursery songs and stories;
- the importance of developing the concept of object permanence (demonstrated through the song *Where is Thumbkin*);
- how movement in song, such as rocking, can help to develop balance, and
- how shaking special eggs can help your baby learn to hold things and understand cause and effect.

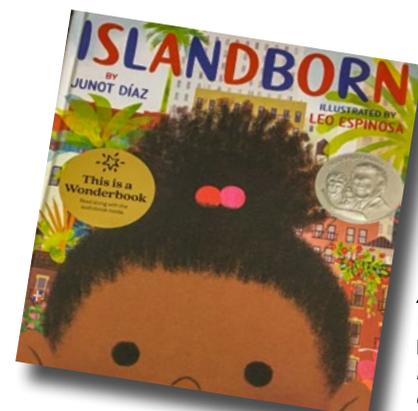
These programs reflect the Library's core mission of supporting literacy and enhancing community and connections, including providing fun activities for all to enjoy. If your family includes children in these age groups and you aren't taking advantage of these entertaining, developmental programs, you should!

Registration is not required for either of these programs.

Questions? Email winchild@minlib.net, call (781) 721-7171 x326, or visit the Children's Room for more information.

NEW WONDERBOOKS COMBINE AUDIO AND PRINT IN ONE PACKAGE

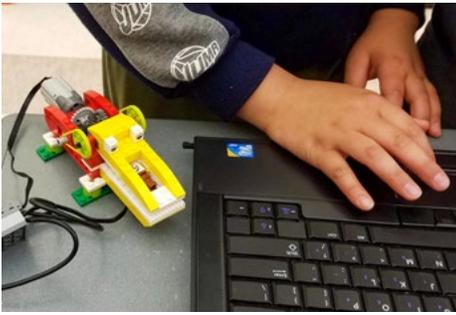
In October, the Children's Library introduced new Wonderbooks—print books with a ready-to-play audiobook inside. Kids press the play button inside the front cover to read along with a narrator. The child then has the option to switch to a learning mode, which includes a question-and-answer session to increase their comprehension. Wonderbooks are available as both chapter and picture books, in Spanish and English, and include both fiction and non-fiction selections from a variety of publishers.



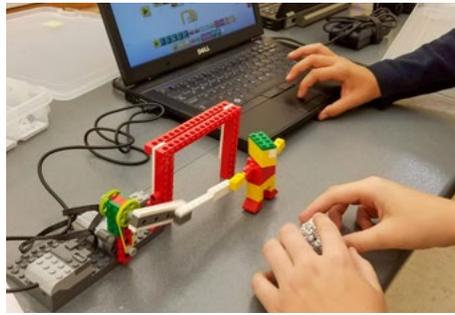
A new picture Wonderbook, Islandborn, is a celebration of imagination.

The Library has initially purchased 25 different books, all available for checkout. Drop in, check one out, and let us know how you like them!

LEGO ACTION



Lego Robotics participants design and code their special robots.



Children are free to express their creativity in Legopalooza.

Seven years ago the Library received a generous grant to invest in Lego Robotics—Legos that come with electronic elements that can be programmed. From that start, Lego-based programs, both electronic and regular, have become a favorite part of the Children’s Library repertoire:

Lego Robotics:

Lego Robotics programs are alternated throughout the school year and are offered in four-session blocks for two age groups—2nd and 3rd graders as well as 4th and 5th graders. All kids build the same project over the four-week period, usually in teams of two using a Chromebook. The sessions offer training in all the STEAM subjects (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) as well as coding. Registration is required.

For more information on any of these programs, email winchild@minlib.net, call (781) 721-7171 x326, or visit the Children’s Room

Legopalooza:

Unlike the Lego Robotics programs, there is no registration required for the Legopalooza programs, where kids ages 4–12 are welcome to drop in for free play with standard LEGOs. While suggestions may be made, e.g. “build an ideal castle,” the emphasis is on creativity and children are free to build what they’d like. These sessions are scattered throughout the year, so keep an eye on the Library’s posted calendar for sessions.

Special Events:

Legos have even attracted adults to Special Library Programs. For example, as part of the Library’s recent Harry Potter-themed activities both children and adults participated in constructing the Lego Hogwarts Castle, using a model contributed by the Friends of the Library.

PEARL LENDS A HELPING PAW TO YOUNG READERS

If you visit the Library on a Saturday you may be lucky enough to meet Pearl, the Library’s certified therapy dog who visits to help children practice the skill of reading out loud. In one of the Children’s Library’s most popular programs, Pearl listens to children in grades 1st through 5th read for 15 minutes in a relaxing, non-judgmental atmosphere.

In a private setting, with just the dog and her owner (a trained therapy partner), Pearl’s attentive presence helps beginning readers who may find reading out loud to be difficult, as well as older children who may have some difficulties reading and/or are self-conscious when reading aloud. Of course she’s also



there for others who may just enjoy some quiet time to first pet a dog and then focus on reading. The children can bring their own books, although the handler also provides a selection.

The program is held every other Saturday for an hour and a half, allowing six children to read to Pearl. To learn more about this program—which is by registration only through the Children’s Calendar or at the Children’s Library—email winchild@minlib.net, call (781) 721-7171 x326, or visit the Children’s Library.

Pearl waits patiently for her readers.

DATABASES — ONE OF THE WONDERS OF YOUR LIBRARY

Did you know that your library card provides access to over 30 databases which, among other things, can help you: make an informed purchase, trace your ancestry, learn a new language, find the phone number for a lost friend, develop an informed opinion on a current topic, or dazzle your family/friends with a new recipe? Most databases can be logged onto from the comfort of your home, via the internet and your library card number, although some are limited to in-library use and/or Winchester residents.

Many are already taking advantage of these resources, with this year's top five most used databases:

Database	Usage per Month
1. Winchester Star (1901–1972)	922 pageviews
2. Consumer Reports	703 searches
3. Hoopla	657 items borrowed
4. Heritage Quest Online	258 searches
5. Ancestry Library	217 searches

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These valuable assets are there for your use and enjoyment, so don't miss the opportunity to learn or try something new.

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JANUARY 15, 2020 (SNOW DATE JANUARY 22, 2020)

Ty Burr: Handicapping the Oscars. Meet Ty Burr, film critic and cultural columnist for the *Boston Globe*, as he breaks down the Oscars. Join us for a lively discussion and make your own predictions.

FEBRUARY 13, 2020 (SNOW DATE FEBRUARY 27, 2020)

Dan Kennedy: The Return of the Moguls: How Jeff Bezos and John Henry Are Remaking Newspapers for the Twenty-First Century. Reporter, media columnist, media analyst, and panelist on WGBH's *Beat the Press*, Dan Kennedy will share his understanding of why, and how today's new crop of media moguls might help the newspaper industry survive.

MARCH 12, 2020

Robert Azzi: Ask a Muslim Anything. Join Robert Azzi, an Arab-American and native of New Hampshire, for a conversation about his experiences as a Muslim in America. Azzi is a photojournalist, columnist, public speaker, education consultant, and world traveler who is eager to engage in conversation and reduce misunderstandings among people of different faiths.

APRIL 1, 2020

Cristin Condon: The KonMari Method. Spring cleaning season is upon us! Let Cristin Condon make your clearing and sorting chores easier. She will introduce you to the much-acclaimed KonMari Method, including a live demonstration of the method's celebrated clothes-folding technique.

MAY 6, 2020

Sam Ducharme: Thru-Hiking the Appalachian Trail. Sam Ducharme hiked the Appalachian Trail—a 2,180-mile, 14-state, backpacking trip from Springer Mountain, Georgia to Mt. Katahdin, Maine. During his six-month journey he documented the rugged beauty of the Appalachian Mountains, the wildlife, and the hardships encountered on the trail, as well as people, culture, and humanity at their finest. Come join him as he takes you through his six-month journey through the trail towns, over the mountaintops, and through the backcountry.

JUNE 2, 2020, 10:00 AM

Jenny Arch: Great Summer Reads. Looking for the perfect beach read or great book to discuss with friends? Librarian Jenny Arch will highlight some of this year's best books perfect for the dog days of summer.

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

ART IN THE LIBRARY: TAKE A LOOK AROUND

Wherever you are in the Library, it is obvious that art—whether murals, paintings, ceremonial silver, stained glass windows, paintings, or displays of art on loan—reflects the Library's original design of being both an art gallery and a library, and contributes greatly to the Library's ambience. Two brochures—*Murals, a Closer*

Look and *Art in the Library*—will help enhance your knowledge of what you're looking at; they can be picked up in the Library (ask at the Circulation or Information Services desks).

Murals, a Closer Look, describes and gives the background on two specific murals, both produced during the Great Depression. "The Beginning of Winchester" by Aiden Lassell Ripley, a romanticized scene depicting the transfer of native lands to the Colony of Massachusetts based on a 1639 deed, is positioned over the Circulation desk. The second mural, "Bible Reading in a Puritan Home" by Ettore Caser,



is installed over the fireplace in the large meeting room.

The larger brochure, *Art in the Library*, provides a comprehensive look at the entire collection, including the two murals, the Winchester bowl, two historical artifacts (the Emancipation

Proclamation and a signed

photograph of Robert E. Lee), 14 paintings, one photograph, three quilts, two sculptures, one etching, and the incomparable Tiffany windows.

All the objects described in the brochures are on permanent display. However, the display cabinets in the Lobby contain a variety of temporary art displays, including works from the schools' art programs, specialty ceramics, nature-based artifacts, and much more. Be sure to check them out when you're next in the building.

JANUARY–JUNE 2020 ADULT AND MULTI-AGE PROGRAMS

One Winchester, Many Traditions Film Screenings

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 6:30 PM

"Shoplifters." A family of small-time crooks take in a child they find outside in the cold in this Japanese drama which won the Palme d'Or at the 2018 Cannes Film Festival.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 6:30 PM

"The Rider." After suffering a near fatal head injury, a young cowboy undertakes a search for new identity and what it means to be a man in the heartland of America. The film won the Art Cinema Award at the Cannes Film Festival in 2017.

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 6:30 PM

"Capernaum." While serving a five-year sentence for a violent crime, a 12-year-old boy sues his parents for neglect in this moving Lebanese drama which won the Jury Prize at the 2018 Cannes Film Festival.

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 6:30 PM

"Dear Ex." A teenage boy and his mother are further driven apart when they find out that his father's life insurance policy is to be received by his lover. The Taiwanese film was awarded Best Leading Actress at the 2018 Golden Horse Film Festival.

Drop-In Conversation Groups and Book Discussions

Classics Book Club. Meets twice a year at 11:00 AM

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

Scoop: A Novel about Journalists by Evelyn Waugh

Coffee & Books at the Jenks Center. Meets 4th Wednesdays at 11:00 AM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22: *The Library Book by Susan Orlean*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26: *The Stowaway by Laurie Gwen Shapiro*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25: *My Beloved World by Sonia Sotomayor*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22: *The Stranger in the Woods by Michael Finkel*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27: *Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann*

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24: *My Year of Rest and Relaxation by Ottessa Moshfegh*

Cookbook Club. Meets 2nd Mondays at 7:00 PM

MONDAY, JANUARY 13: *Healthyish by Lindsay Maitland Hunt*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10: *Bottom of the Pot by Naz Deravian*

MONDAY, MARCH 9: *Dinner for Everyone by Mark Bittman*

MONDAY, APRIL 13: *5 Ingredients by Jamie Oliver*

MONDAY, MAY 11: *Once Upon a Chef by Jennifer Segal*

MONDAY, JUNE 8: *Prepare your all-time favorite dish and we'll discuss it.*

Hot Reads for Young Professionals. Meets 4th Thursdays at 7:30 PM

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23: *City of Girls by Elizabeth Gilbert*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27: *The Farm by Joanne Ramos*

THURSDAY, MARCH 26: *Turn of the Key by Ruth Ware*

THURSDAY, APRIL 23: *Last Romantics by Tara Conklin*

THURSDAY, MAY 28: *The Mars Room by Rachel Kushner*

THURSDAY, JUNE 25: *The Female Persuasion by Meg Wolitzer*



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JANUARY 6, FEBRUARY 3, MARCH 2, APRIL 6, MAY 4, JUNE 1

2nd Tuesday Women's Reading Group. 2nd Tuesdays at 7:30 PM:

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14: *Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell* by *Robert Dugoni*
Books TBD for MARCH 10, APRIL 14, MAY 12, JUNE 9

WPL Book Discussion Group. Meets 3rd Mondays at 7:00 PM

*TUESDAY, JANUARY 21: *The Library Book* by *Susan Orlean*

*TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18: *Shadow of the Wind* by *Carlos Ruiz*

MONDAY, MARCH 16: *The Other Side of the Bridge* by *Cameron White*

MONDAY, APRIL 20: *The Music Shop* by *Rachel Joyce*

MONDAY, MAY 18: *Becoming* by *Michelle Obama*

MONDAY, JUNE 15: *The Outsiders* by *S.E. Hinton*

* denotes date moved for a holiday

Learn Something New Series

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 6:00 PM

Working with Pastels. Award-winning pastelist Gregory Maichack demonstrates how to easily pastel paint a still life while applying techniques applied by masters such as van Gogh, O'Keeffe, Monet, and da Vinci. Registration required.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 7:00 PM

Community Kitchen. Calling all foodies for these hands-on cooking workshops! We'll be demonstrating how to make gnocchi and a few sauces. Participants will have a chance to practice their own pasta making skills. Registration required.

SATURDAYS 10:00–11:15 AM FROM FEBRUARY 29 THROUGH APRIL 4

Introduction to Qi Gong Meditation. Join us for this six-week workshop that will provide attendees with an introduction to Qi Gong meditation, which consists of five simple and gentle forms of exercises. Registration required.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 7:00 PM

Needle Felting 101. Learn the basics of needle felting and how to create your own beautiful landscape design. Adults only. Registration required.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 7:00 PM

Community Kitchen. Calling all foodies for these hands-on cooking workshops! We'll be demonstrating how to make impressively simple salad dressings and how to 'age' your own balsamic vinegar. Participants will have a chance to make their own dressings to take home. Registration required.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 6:30 PM

Crochet 101. Learn the basics of crochet in this two-hour workshop. All supplies will be provided. Registration required.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3 AND 10, 7:00 PM

3D Painting 101 (a 2-part program). In our first session, you will create a 3D design on a wooden frame with clay and paint a base coat. The second session will be for completing your painting. Registration required.

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All Ages Programs

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2:00–4:00 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. All ages welcome. Registration required.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2:00–4:00 PM

Open House. Join the Friends as we host our first Open House. There will be tours of the art in the building as well as our new study rooms, demos of the Library of Things equipment, a raffle, and special programs for children. Plus enjoy learning a craft, follow the scavenger hunt clues around the Library for a chance to win awesome prizes, and more. All ages welcome.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 10:00–11:30 AM

Kindness Rocks! Help us promote random acts of kindness around Winchester by participating in our Kindness Rocks event! Drop by to decorate rocks with inspirational pictures and words that you can then leave around town to brighten someone else's day. All ages welcome.

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Please note that the Library is closed on all legal holidays as well as on Sundays from May through September 29.

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Creative Collaboration with Town Organizations:

Just a quick look at the Library calendar gives an insight to the resources the Library makes available to town-wide organizations. And these resources are growing as the Library collaborates even more closely to identify future needs. Examples include:

- Working with the Winchester School of Chinese Culture to hold special events at the Library.
- Providing free use of the Library's physical resources to non-profit and community groups such as weekly meetings of multiple English Conversation groups for ESL students.

We've only touched the surface of the symbiotic relationship between the Library and the Winchester community, a relationship that continues to grow and expand.

IN BRIEF ITEMS

Hold the Date!



Want to know what's happening at the Library? The Friends of the Winchester Public Library are planning a Library open house for the Winchester community on Saturday, March 28, 2020, from 2-4:00 p.m. Plans include tours, children's activities, prizes, technology displays, and much more. So save the date and keep an eye out for further details.

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