

Speaking Volumes

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

My most important message is that the Library is functioning and welcoming. As this newsletter details, we are offering numerous programs and ways to use the Library, including not only many online special events, but also opportunities to visit us in person.

Here are some highlights of our current operations (as of mid-August). Curbside pick-up has proven to be so popular it will continue until life returns to normal. Today we have 1,500 items waiting to be picked up. We began curbside pick-up in May and once delivery between libraries resumed in July we were in full swing.

On August 17 we began allowing computer users and browsers back into the building in limited numbers. It's easy to schedule an appointment—go to winpublib.org and follow the link on the homepage. With so many students working online we understand the need for quiet study space. This fall we plan on offering Study Room Passes where you can work uninterrupted for hours.

While the building was closed our staff was busy sanitizing the building and working out procedures so that visitors and staff are kept safe. Our building is routinely sanitized, and a professional cleaning company is supplemented by the work of our dedicated custodians.



Above: Director Ann Wirtanen helps load the pickup cart for contactless delivery.

Below: Using contactless delivery is simple once you've scheduled a pickup.



We continue to ask that everyone wear a facial covering and keep their social distance. We want everyone to be safe and feel secure during your visit.

Finally, please accept our gratitude for your patience. We are all eager to return to business as usual. If I can address any of your concerns do not hesitate to contact me, either through email or ringing the bell at our back door.

Ann Wirtanen
Director

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"A library in the middle of a community is a cross between an emergency exit, a life-raft and a festival. They are cathedrals of the mind; hospitals of the soul; theme parks of the imagination. On a cold rainy island, they are the only sheltered public spaces where you are not a consumer, but a citizen instead."

— Caitlin Moran

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY: FALL 2020 PROGRAMS

Programs are on Zoom unless another platform is mentioned.

November and December programs will be listed on our website and on *Library Lines*.

For Kids & Parents

EVERY MONDAY AT 9:00 AM, SEPTEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER

Activity Kits. Each kit contains instructions and supplies to complete the craft. Grab a new kit each week at the back door for your child. Kits are limited; available on a first-come, first-served basis.

EVERY MONDAY AT 3:00 PM, SEPTEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER

On Instagram Live. Videos available on our Facebook and YouTube sites. **Craft With Us!** We'll be demonstrating the craft in each week's Activity Kit so you can follow along.

EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 11:00 AM, SEPTEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER

Check calendar for Zoom link. **Itsy Bitsy Readers.**

Parents and caregivers of infants are invited to join us for virtual songs, rhymes, fingerplays, and stories perfectly geared toward our littlest readers and their grown-ups.

EVERY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER

Virtual Storytime. Pre-recorded storytimes for preschoolers are added to Facebook and YouTube every week.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 10:00 AM

With **Rockabye Beats** kids age 6 and under are invited to join us virtually to rock the ABCs and 123s! We'll have Spanish and English songs, instrument show and tell, and more.

For Teens

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 7:00 PM

Marvel Trivia. Test your knowledge of the Marvel Cinematic Universe in our virtual trivia night event. Compete against your friends to prove who's the biggest Marvel fan of them all. Registration required.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 7:00 PM

Teens Writing Workshop—Poetry. Join us for this virtual poetry writing workshop and get some new inspiration for your poetry. Registration required.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 7:00 PM

Teen Cooking—Will it Waffle? We'll demonstrate how to create two recipes from the cookbook, *Will it Waffle*, by Daniel Shumski: Green Chili Waffled Quesadillas and Smorefulles (waffled s'mores). You can request the cookbook ahead of time. Registration required.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 21, AND 28, 7:00 PM

Teens: Playing with Sketches, Session 1. In this series of virtual programs we'll be using the book, *Playing with Sketches*, by Whitney Sherman (eBook always available via Hoopla) to kickstart your creativity. Registration required.

For Adults

Learn Something New Series

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 6:30 PM

Needle Felting 101. Learn the basics of needle felting in this one-hour workshop. All supplies will be available for pick up ahead of time. Registration required.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9 AND TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 6:30 PM

3-D Painting 101 (a 2-part program). Create a 3D design on a wooden frame with clay and paint it. All supplies will be available for pick up ahead of time. Registration required.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 6:00 PM

Was Great Grandma a Suffragist? Genealogist Lori Lyn Price explores the multi-faceted suffrage movement from the 1830s to 1920. Tips for researching suffragist ancestors will be provided. Registration required.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 6:30 PM

Pop-UP Cards 101. Learn how to make two types of pop-up greeting cards just in time for the holidays. All supplies will be available for pick up ahead of time. Registration required.

EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 11:00 AM, SEPTEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER

Technology Instruction Series. Have questions about your smartphone or tablet? Need to see some friendly faces and chat about how to use technology to connect with your loved ones while staying home? Drop in!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 11:00 AM

Microsoft Word Basics. Participants in this class, for beginners, will learn how to space lines, use italics, and insert images. Registration required.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 11:00 AM

Microsoft Excel Basics. Participants in this class, for beginners, will learn how to navigate cells, use functions like SUM, and organize a small budget. Registration required.

OCTOBER 5, NOVEMBER 2, DECEMBER 7 AT 7:00 PM

Cookbook Club

SEPTEMBER 24, OCTOBER 22, NOVEMBER 26 AT 7:30 PM

Hot Reads Book Group

OCTOBER 5, NOVEMBER 2, DECEMBER 7 AT 10:00 AM

In Transition Conversation Series

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY: DAILY ACTIVITIES

WINCHESTER PUBLIC
LIBRARY

Ann Wirtanen, *Director*

Contactless Pickup & Home Delivery

You can now request library materials for contactless pickup. This includes select museum passes for attractions that have reopened.

Once you have received an email notification that your items are ready for pickup, just schedule a time at winpublib.org/contactless/ or call us at 781-721-7171 x 5. Library staff will be wearing masks when they prepare your bags as well as when they place it outside for you to pick up. The personal protective equipment and bags have been generously supplied by the Friends of the Winchester Public Library. For complete instructions, check out our YouTube video on the process at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VE6ngstYYeg>.

If coming to the Library poses a risk to you, consider home delivery. Just give us a call and we can make arrangements to have books delivered to your door.

Visiting Inside the Library

Please note the information given below is valid as of late summer— we'll be expanding services per state and local guidelines so check our website or give us a call to make sure you have the latest information.

The Library is now open to the public by appointment only. One-hour appointments can be scheduled for both desktop and Chromebook use. Visitors may also use their appointment time to print, copy, scan, or fax materials or browse newspapers.

Appointments will be available at 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM, and 2:00 PM, Monday through Thursday. You can book your appointment online at winpublib.org/ appointment or by calling us at 781-721-2121 ext. 320.

You will be able to:

- Use a reserved computer
- Take Chromebooks to the 3rd floor during your appointment
- Use equipment to copy, scan, fax, or print
- Ask librarians for help looking up titles

Currently, you will not be able to:

- Attend programs
- Use meeting rooms
- Use study rooms
- Use the local history collection
- Use the Children's Room

You will be required to:

- Wear a mask properly at all times
- Remain at least 6 feet away from others
- Abide by any staff instructions regarding safety
- Leave the building at the appointed time
- Spend a prolonged period of time in the Library



Since we couldn't have our annual volunteer appreciation day, we wanted to give a shout-out to all the volunteers who provide invaluable help to us here at the Library. And we wanted to especially acknowledge Elvira Del Greco who is stepping down after giving us 30 years of much-appreciated help.

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Reading Recommendations

Are you wondering what to read (or listen to, or watch) next? Let us help!

Answer a few questions about your reading tastes—what you like, what you don't like, what you're looking for—and a WPL librarian will put together a list of books we think you'll love.

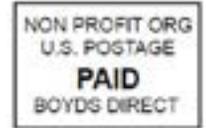
Adults and teens can request personalized suggestions at winpublib.org/recommendations/ and children (infant through middle school) can do the same at winpublib.org/kids/recommendations/.

Keep Informed

Did you know that we have a weekly e-newsletter called *Library Lines*? It's the easiest way to get news about our latest programs and services. You can subscribe online at winpublib.org/services/newsletters/.

We are also active on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube. Find us @ [winpublib](https://www.instagram.com/winpublib).

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LIBRARY HOURS

As of August, 2020, the Library building is open by appointment only, Mondays through Thursday. Contactless book pick-up is available Monday through Friday from 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM. Virtual programs are as scheduled. Please check the Library website for updated information.

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A LETTER FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Given the demands presented by Covid-19 on everybody, we've suspended our usual fund-raising appeal this year. However, many of you, recognizing that we continue to work closely with the Library to meet their funding needs, have still donated to the Friends in these last months. Thank you so much! Since April, we have provided Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the Library staff, purchased bags to support contactless pick-up, and more recently provided funding for specific museum passes. Going forward we will continue to fund Museum Passes and Activity Bags for the children's Monthly Craft Program, as well as

additional funding for Activity Bags for adult and teen programs, and additional adult programming opportunities. We will also be fulfilling technology needs to provide quality virtual programming for now and the future.

We will continue to look for creative ways to fulfill our mission—to support activities and programs of the Library. These are challenging times and, while I hesitate to ask, please consider donating to the Friends. You are an integral part of helping the Library maintain the community presence and anchor for us all!



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Thank you!