

Speaking Volumes

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LIBRARY SERVICES UPDATE

The Library now allows visitors to enter the building to browse, check out materials including holds, and read the newspapers and magazines Monday through Thursday from 9:30 am to 9:00 pm and Friday and Saturday from 9:30 am and 5:30 pm. Sunday hours will resume in October.

Please check our website or call for the latest on our mask requirements.

Appointments are required only for those looking to schedule curbside pickup, reserve a study room, or use a desktop computer. If you prefer not to use curbside pickup, you can get your requested items from our Open Holds shelves where they are filed alphabetically by your last name. To borrow the items you can bring them to a Circulation Desk, use a self-checkout station, or use the Mobile Checkout feature on the Minuteman Library Network app on your phone.

The Children's Room is closed into the fall for renovations. In the meantime, we have moved services for youth into the Large Meeting Room. Programs will continue to be either virtual or outside until we are able to return to the Large Meeting Room in October.

CHILDREN'S ROOM RENOVATION

Thanks to generous donations given in memory of Pam Boerner by her family and friends, the Library has begun a renovation of the Storytime Room. Pam served on the Board of the Friends of the Library for many years, often working quietly behind the scenes—but her impact was undeniable. Her dedication to the Library and the Winchester community was inspirational and we hope that the Storytime Room will serve as a testament to her life and work. The completed project will include learning and sensory wall panels, a mural, and upgrades to seating for both children and adults.

Additional funding from the Friends of the Winchester Public Library, Equalization Grants, and the Endowment Fund will be used to carry the Storytime Room mural throughout the rest of the Children's Room and to refresh the shelving and furniture.



Thank you

After more than a year of ups and downs and twists and turns, we appreciate even more how much the community has supported the Library and the Friends. To all the donors who have remembered the Library with their gifts, we cannot say "thank you" often enough! And a very special note of thanks to all staff members of the Library who have worked under very difficult conditions and many constraints for so many months. We are in awe of their service and their dedication to keeping everything going. Thank you, all!

Kathy Ho,
President of the Friends



THE LIBRARY IS MY CANDY STORE

Last year, volunteers contributed over 810 hours to keep the Library working seamlessly—and in 2019, pre-pandemic, those hours were an impressive 2,800. 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, and 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—Mandarin and Cantonese—alone);
- Take home a themed binge box of DVDs; or
- Borrow back-copies of over 100 magazines, journals, and newspapers.

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 on how to access them.

Quality Levels Have Remained High

Despite restrictions of the past year, 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!



Mary Farrell, ten-plus-year volunteer in the Library and current Board member. Since 2008, Mary has been on the Board and spending two hours a week volunteering in the Library as well. She enjoys a good mystery series with an interesting lead character—think Maisie Dobbs—and often will binge-read the best ones start to finish.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Check for timely updates on our online calendar to see if the program will be in-person or online.
<https://www.winpublib.org/events/>.

Adult Programs

Learn Something New Series

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 6:30 PM

Apple Fritters 101. It's apple-picking season and one great way to enjoy them is by making your own apple fritters. Learn how easy it is to prepare warm, glazed fritters that will melt in your mouth. Registration required.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 6:30 PM

Risotto 101. Worried that risotto is too tricky to make at home? Join us for a demonstration full of tips and tricks for making great risotto every time. Registration required.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 6:30 PM

Lotus Lantern Craft. Join the Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project for a virtual step-by-step lesson on how to make a lotus flower lantern using colored paper and wire frames. Supplies will be provided. Registration required.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 6:30 PM

Dog Treats 101. Say thanks to all those pups with some homemade dog treats. We'll demonstrate several easy recipes and share samples to take home. Registration required.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 6:30 PM

Thanksgiving Wreaths. Learn to make your own Thanksgiving wreath. Supplies will be provided. Registration required.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 6:30 PM

Snowflake Luminaries. Decorate this winter with some adorable snowflake-adorned luminaries. Supplies will be provided. Registration required.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 6:30 PM

Party Platters 101. Looking for some impressive additions to your next family gathering or New Year's party? Learn some deceptively simple recipes to add to your cheese board or snack tray. Registration required.



Library Online Series

What's New at the Library

SEPTEMBER 9, 1:00 PM

Find out all about the Library's new online resources that will let you explore your creativity, learn about technology, and indulge your inner film buff.

OCTOBER 14, 1:00 PM

Organizing Photos using Adobe Bridge. Learn about Adobe Bridge, a free tool compatible with Windows 10 and Mac 10.14+ computers that will help you put order to your photo collection.

DECEMBER 9, 1:00 PM

Ancestry Library and HeritageQuest. We will go over the basics of searching for and saving information, and give tips and tricks for getting the most out of these wonderful online genealogy resources.

JANUARY 13, 1:00 PM

Windows 11. Microsoft is launching a new operating system, Windows 11, and we will look at some of its new features and navigation.

Conversation Groups & Book Groups

MEETS 3RD TUESDAYS AT 1:00 PM.

Classics Book Group

October 19. Registration required.

MEETS 3RD THURSDAYS AT 1:00 PM

Coffee & Books

September 16, October 21, November 18, December 16, January 20

MEETS 1ST MONDAYS AT 7:00 PM.

Cookbook Club

October 4, November 1, December 6, January 3
Registration required.

MEETS 2ND AND 4TH THURSDAYS, 1:00 PM.

Doodle Club for Adults

Starts September 9th. No registration required.
For Zoom link go to [online calendar](#).

MEETS 2ND AND 4TH THURSDAYS AT 2:00 PM.

Genealogy Discussion Group

Registration required.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS (CONTINUED)

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MEETS 4TH THURSDAYS AT 7:30 PM.

Hot Reads for Young Professionals

September 23, October 28, no Nov/Dec meetings,
January 27

MEETS 1ST MONDAYS AT 10:00 AM.

In Transition: A Conversation Series for Navigating Disruptions in Our Lives

September 13*, October 4, November 1,
December 6 (*DATE MOVED FOR HOLIDAY)

MEETS 1ST WEDNESDAYS AT 1:00 PM.

Movies for Older Adults

September 1, October 6, November 3,
December 1, January 5. Registration required.

MEETS 2ND TUESDAYS AT 7:30 PM.

2nd Tuesday Women's Reading Group

September 14, October 12, November 9,
December 14, January 11

MEETS EVERY TUESDAY AT 1:00 PM.

Viva Español: Grupo de Conversación

Restarts September 21
Registration required.

MEETS 3RD MONDAYS AT 7:00 PM.

WPL Book Discussion Group

September 20, October 18, November 15,
no Dec meeting, January 18*
(*DATE MOVED FOR HOLIDAY)

MEETS 4TH THURSDAYS AT 7:30 PM.

Writers' Accountability Group

Starts September 1st. No registration required.
For Zoom link go to [online calendar](#).

Friends of the Library Hosting

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 17, 7PM

Nancy Koehn. Lincoln: The Man behind the Marble with local historian and author, in collaboration with and funding from the Winchester Historical Society. Event will be held over Zoom.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 12, 7PM

Ted Reinstein. Author of Before Brooklyn: The Unsung Heroes Who Helped Break Baseball's Color Barrier.
Book discussion and signing.

Teen Programs

Recurring programs

REGISTRATION OPENS THE FIRST OF EACH MONTH

LitLoot: Surprise Bags for Teens. Looking for something new to read but not sure where to start? Register for our LitLoot Subscription Bags and we'll put together a bag with a book chosen just for you as well as a few other surprises. The book will need to be returned to the Library but the gifts are yours to keep.

FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH, 7-8 PM.

September 22, October 27, November 24, December 22

Reading Rainbows Book Group. All genders and sexualities are welcome in this safe space as we read and discuss recent queer-related YA books. Grades 6-12.

OCTOBER 18, NOVEMBER 23, DECEMBER 15, 3:30-4:30 PM

Drop-In Button Making. Use our button machine to create your own 1.25" pinback buttons to adorn your backpack or give to your friends. No registration required.

Standalone programs

SEPTEMBER 1, 7:00 PM

Teen Tiny Art Showcase. We'll provide all the supplies for you to create 3x3 inch paintings to be displayed in the Library through September. Registration required.

SEPTEMBER 20, 7:00 PM

Air Plant Holders. Wire-wrap raw stones and crystals to turn them into beautiful, natural air plant holders. Registration required.

OCTOBER 14, 7:00 PM

Neon Signs. Light up your life with these DIY neon signs! We'll use battery-powered El wire to create a piece of line art on canvas. Registration required.

OCTOBER 25, 7:00 PM

String Art Pumpkins. Try a new method of decorating your pumpkins with string art designs. Registration required.

NOVEMBER 2, 7:00 PM

Mini Cloud Lamps. Create a hanging cloud lamp using mini paper lanterns and LED lights. Registration required.

NOVEMBER 30, 7:00 PM

Melt and Pour Soap. Create a bar of custom soap with this easy melt and pour project. Registration required.

DECEMBER 2, 7:00 PM

Monochromatic Painting. Learn about the art of monochromatic painting as we paint tote bags with acrylic paint. Registration required.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS (CONTINUED)

Children's Programs



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 10:30 AM

Rockabye Beats. Join us on the Library lawn to rock the ABCs and 123s with Rockabye Beats. Kids age 6 and under. Registration required.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 5 PM

Graphic Novel Book Group. If you enjoy reading graphic novels, this is the perfect book club for you! We will meet and discuss a different graphic novel once a month. Grades 3–5. Registration required.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 3:30 PM

Craft and Dance Party. Dance your cares away at our outdoor dance party after making dance accessories like tutus and capes. Ages 3+. Registration required.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 2, 10:30 AM

STEAM Club. STEAM Club is your opportunity to try fun, hands-on science experiments! Ages 8+. Registration required.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 16, 10:30 AM

Saturday Craft Club. Join us on Saturdays for our new craft club where we'll try a new craft or art medium each session. Grown-up assistance may be required. Ages 9+. Registration required.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 19, 3:30 PM

Poké(mon) Ball. Come to our outdoor Pokémon Ball dressed as your favorite Pokémon or Trainer and enjoy Pokémon-themed crafts, games and activities! Registration required.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 23, 10:30 AM

Legopalooza. Stop by our outdoor builder stations for free play with LEGO bricks. The program will be held on the

Library lawn, weather permitting. Ages 4–12. No registration is required.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 6, 10:30 AM

In the Kitchen for Kids. Sign up to learn how to make some tasty sweet and savory bites. Recipe cards will be provided. This is a program for kids but adult participation will be necessary. Registration required.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 16, 3:30 PM

Journal Making for Kids. Learn how to make your very own journal in this librarian-led program. Ages 9+ with grown up assistance. Registration required.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 4, 10:30 AM

Preschool STEAM. Join us for a storytime where we will spark your child's interest in science, technology, engineering, art, and math with stories, songs, and hands-on activities and experiments. For families with kids ages 3–6. Registration required.



A huge thank you to the amazing folks at the Winchester Home and Garden Club for sharing a delightful fairy garden with the Library. It's been a bright spot for visitors to the Children's Room these past months and never fails to bring a smile to those who see it.

WHAT WINCHESTER WAS READING DURING LOCKDOWN

2020 saw the Library busier than ever as people turned to contactless pickup and made good use of the Overdrive network. We've rounded up the top titles checked out during the year. Take a look at the list below to see if you recognize any of these. Maybe you've already read one and participated in its popularity, or you might see something entirely unexpected and decide to check it out.

10. *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles

This novel published in 2016 revolves around Count Alexander Ilyich Rostov who is placed under house arrest in a grandiose hotel in Moscow—inspired by the author's own luxury hotel experience combined with Russia's tradition of sentencing criminals under house-arrest.

9. *Olive, Again* by Elizabeth Strout

This is the second novel in the Olive Kitteridge series set in Maine; the first installment was published over ten years earlier and awarded a Pulitzer Prize. The only series to make the list, it is told through 13 short stories in Olive's retirement years as she runs into extraordinary situations in ordinary life.

8. *The Water Dancer* by Ta-Nehisi Coates

This title was selected as the first book in Oprah Winfrey's book club revival. Set in pre-Civil War South, Hiram is born into bondage but finds a unique power through a near-fatal accident. It tackles the important topic of slavery with a fictional superpower-wielding protagonist.

7. *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes

The most recent release from the author of *Me Before You* is a historical fiction novel starring five women set in Depression-era Kentucky as they journey through the mountains participating in what was the real-life Eleanor Roosevelt's traveling library program.

6. *The Turn of the Key* by Ruth Ware

Ware spins a suspenseful fictional tale of a woman who takes a position nannying for a family in the Scottish Highlands—what she assumed was a position too good to be true ends up a nightmare. This book is written from her perspective as she stands trial for a murder of one of the children and writes to her lawyer from jail.

5. *5 Ingredients* by Jamie Oliver

The first cookbook to make the top ten here is by world-renowned chef and restaurateur Jamie Oliver and contains over 130 recipes with all using just 5 budget-friendly ingredients—as the title suggests—sure to save time and money in the kitchen.

4. *Educated* by Tara Westover

This memoir recounts Westover's struggles to receive a higher education after being raised in a Mormon family, and follows her all the way to receiving her PhD from Cambridge University.

3. *Dinner for Everyone* by Mark Bittman

The second cookbook to make this list was named one of the best cookbooks of the year. It details 100 main recipes and three ways to cook them—easy, vegan, and gourmet—for anyone to cook no matter their skill level or dietary restrictions.

2. *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens

Topping The New York Times Best Sellers two years in a row comes this novel revolving around a girl named Kya, set in two timelines in the state of North Carolina. The first part titled "The Marsh" starts in the 1950s and follows her growing up and facing prejudice for where she lives. Part two, titled "The Swamp" follows Kya as a young woman involved in a murder investigation. Be sure to pick this up before the movie comes out next summer!

1. *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett

Coming in at number one this novel tells the story of a brother and sister spanning five decades revolving around the Dutch House—a mansion located in Philadelphia that their father worked hard to acquire after the Second World War. When the siblings are kicked out of the house it sets into motion a dark course of trying to overcome what they have lost. As a finalist for the 2020 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction this is one title sure to be worth checking out.



Erin Dagenais, Community Engagement Librarian, and Brittany DeLorme, Head of Children's Services, are enjoying running the Library's table at the Winchester Farmers Market on a beautiful Saturday morning this past summer.

FRIENDS AND TRUSTEES, DO WE NEED BOTH?

The Winchester Public Library is fortunate to have two very dedicated groups of volunteers with two very different purposes.

The Friends of the Library is a group of Winchester residents who support the activities and programs of the Library by fundraising and public relations efforts. They provide funding for all of the Library's special events, including the Summer Reading Program, and together with the En Ka Society and Rotary Club of Winchester they fund discounted admission to twelve area museums and cultural institutions. They were founded in 1981 and are a 501(c)3 so donations are tax deductible. Occasionally they take on special projects, such as providing a new drive-up book drop and are currently helping with renovations in the Children's Room. Anyone can be a Friend by making a donation. Currently the Board of Directors is composed of 15 members who take an active role in Friends programming and governance.

The Board of Library Trustees consists of five members serving three-year terms, elected on a rotating basis every spring. They were established under Massachusetts General Law Ch.78, Sec 10-13, and 21. The Board exercises powers and authority and assumes the responsibility delegated to it under this statute and the Winchester Home Rule Charter Section 3-6. Basically they are responsible for the building and grounds, the budget, and all policies pertaining to the operation of the building. As an elected Board, they follow Open Meeting Law and all meetings are publicly posted and open to the public. So, do we need both? The answer is unequivocally, yes!

Ann Wirtanen, Director

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AND THE WINNER IS . . .



Gail LaRocca, spring raffle winner

The Friends of the Winchester Public Library held its first virtual raffle in March of this year, and through the generosity of local businesses and those who bought raffle tickets, we raised \$1,175. We would like to thank those businesses who donated prizes for our raffle baskets: A Tavola, Anton's Cleaners, Book & Board, Eleni's Mediterranean Grill, Lucia's Restaurant, Mitho Restaurant, The Fuller Cup, Runway Couture, Salon Estetica, and Sole Amour. In addition, we want to congratulate our raffle basket winners: Stephen Bowman, Mary Jane Brooks, Gabriele Fryklund, Gail LaRocca (pictured left), Karen & Matthew Ossen, and Susanne Schweizer. Thanks to all our contributors and those who donated for making our first virtual raffle a success!

CHILDREN'S ROOM RENOVATION

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Children's Services have been temporarily moved to the Large Meeting Room while remodeling is taking place. The work is scheduled to be completed in October and we are eagerly awaiting the reopening of the Children's Room and welcoming families back into a fresh, new space.