

## LIBRARY OF THINGS

The Library of Things is a collection of tools, consumer electronics, games, and crafting equipment that you can check out with your library card. The purpose of these non-traditional items is twofold: our patrons can borrow an item they may want to use once or twice, but don't need to own thereby reducing waste and it can help people try out a tool before buying it.

The collection contains items that can be brought home for three weeks at a time and includes, among other tools, mobile hotspots, light therapy lamps, film/slide scanner & converters, a cassette to digital converter, thermal cameras, and a moisture meter. The Children's Room has recently launched its own collection that includes technology, games, instruments, and sensory toys. A list of all items can be found on the library website at [winpublib.org/hometech](http://winpublib.org/hometech) where you can also reserve items that are currently checked out.



*New additions to the Library of Things (binoculars, photo printer, recording/streaming microphone, and a Cricut Maker 3—the Cricut will be for in library use only)*

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## PRINT MANAGEMENT AND RESERVATION SYSTEM COMES INTO THE 21ST CENTURY



*This image shows the options for patrons which include scan to print, fax, USB, smart phone, email, audio and text translation.*

Stop searching the couch pillows or under the car seat for loose change before heading to the library to print or scan something. Thanks to a generous donation from the estate of Sally Kidd in conjunction with the Friends, the Winchester Public Library upgraded their print/copy/scan station as well as the computer reservation software. The new system will allow patrons to print from public computers or mobile devices for the same small fee. Now, with this upgrade, the fee can be charged to your credit card or if you prefer, cash.

Users can also scan and copy documents and photos in both black and white or color via a terminal with 25 language options. There are several accessibility features available including a magnifier and a screen narrator. Patrons will be able to translate scans to one of 100 supported languages, edit documents and enhance images, and have them saved in over a dozen formats. There are multiple options for saving your materials, including saving to a portable USB drive, sending to an email address, a Google Drive, Dropbox, or printed. If you wish to print or fax your materials there is a charge of \$.15 per page for print and \$1.00 per page for fax (up to 20 pages).

Does your work in the Library include using a computer? Those who want to work on a library computer can log into the new computer reservation system. This allows patrons to have a computer session and request time extensions. This new system will allow staff to be better able to collect usage statistics that will help the library to plan for the future of public computer usage.

Let us know what you think about the new systems the next time you are in!

# 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

Programs are in person and require registration unless otherwise noted.



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 6:30 PM

### ***Mosaic Rocks***

Make a beautiful mosaic rock to brighten your yard or garden this summer.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 6:30 PM

### ***Ice Cream 101***

Join us for a demonstration on how to make homemade ice cream.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 7:00 PM, VIRTUAL

### ***LGBTQ+ Panel with Emery Lee, Timothy Janovsky, Katee Robert, and Olivia Waite***

Join us for a conversation with authors Emery Lee, Timothy Janovsky, Katee Robert, and Olivia Waite as they talk about their books, writing process, and how they connect with the LGBTQ+ community with their words and stories.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 7:00 PM, VIRTUAL

### ***Local Author Panel: The Impact of Local Authors Writing for the LGBTQ+ Community***

Join us for a conversation with Bren Bataclan, Anna Burke, Federico Erebia, Jane C. Esther, and Sarah Jean Horwitz as they discuss their books, their writing, and the impact they have on readers of all ages.



JULY 11, 6:30 PM

### ***Feasting from the New England Seaside***

Chef Liz Barbour will share her tips about buying, storing, and preparing seafood at home and demonstrate two recipes you and your family will love.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 6:00 PM

### ***Henna Alchemy***

Learn to make your own henna paste to use at home and have artist Mandy Roberge create a henna design on your hand.



THURSDAY, JULY 21, 6:30 PM

### ***How to Self-Publish***

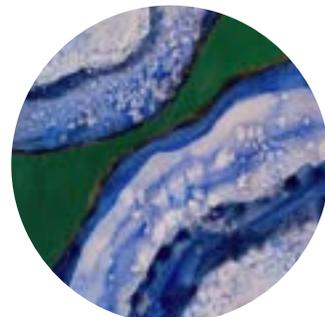
Local author Lauren Hatasy will discuss how to self-publish a book and take audience questions.



MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 6:00 PM

### ***Agate Painting***

Join a certified art teacher to create a beautiful watercolor painting of an agate slice.



## TEEN PROGRAMS

Programs are in person and require registration unless otherwise noted.



THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 4:00 PM,  
SMALL MEETING ROOM

### **Rainbow Heart Garlands**

Kick off Pride Month with us and make a paper rainbow heart garland and enjoy some snacks.

THURSDAY, JUNE 9, JULY 14, AND AUGUST 25,  
4:00 PM, STORYTIME ROOM

### **Throwback Thursday: Teen Storytime**

Ready to relive your younger years? Enjoy some picture books, snacks, and an easy craft and it will be just like you're a kid again.

MONDAY, JUNE 13, 7:00 PM,  
LARGE MEETING ROOM

### **Board Game Night**

We'll provide the games, you just show up and play. Board game newbies welcome!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22 AND AUGUST 22, 4:00 PM,  
STORYTIME ROOM

### **Open Art**

We'll provide a pile of supplies and you can make whatever your imagination moves you to create.



MONDAY, JULY 18, 7:00 PM,  
LARGE MEETING ROOM

### **Nintendo Switch Game and Hang**

We've got the Mario Party games covered, just bring yourself and get your game on. Video game newbies welcome!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20 AND AUGUST 17, 6:30  
PM, LARGE MEETING ROOM

### **Page to Screen YA Book Club**

Is the book really better than the movie? We'll find out in our new book and movie club.

MONDAY, JULY 25, 7:00 PM,  
LARGE MEETING ROOM

### **Firefly Jar DIY**

Make a light-up faux terrarium that looks like shimmering forests full of fireflies.



TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 7:00 PM,  
LARGE MEETING ROOM

### **Book Hedgehog DIY**

Make a book hedgehog with some easy paper folding.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 11:00 AM,  
LIBRARY LAWN

### **Teen Tie-Dye**

We'll have a variety of shirts and tote bags for you to use in creating your own masterpiece.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2:00 PM,  
LARGE MEETING ROOM

### **Dungeons & Dragons Adventure**

Our Game Master will provide a basic overview of the game and pre-made characters. No previous D&D experience necessary.

Comments from our previous class attendants:

*You guys are seriously the best!*

I took your class via Zoom last spring and I can't say enough what a wonderful thing it was for me! I started a new hobby thanks to you and it made such a difference in my life—so thank you so much!

Once again, thank you for a terrific program.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Programs are in person and require registration unless otherwise noted.



**SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 10:30 AM, LIBRARY LAWN**  
***Family Movement and Meditation***

Kids ages 7+ join us for a unique program to learn gentle yet dynamic flowing movements that strengthen the body.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 4:00 PM, LIBRARY LAWN**  
***Matt Heaton and The Outside Toys***

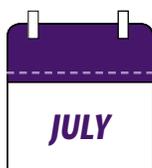
Kids ages 6 and under can rock along with Matt Heaton and his band, The Outside Toys.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 23 3:00 PM, LIBRARY LAWN**  
***Legopalooza!***

Kids ages 4–12 are welcome to stop by our outdoor builder stations for free play with LEGOs. Drop in.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 28 5:00 PM, STORYTIME ROOM**  
***PJ Storytime***

Evening storytime for kids of all ages. PJs and stuffies are optional but encouraged. Drop in.



**SATURDAY, JULY 9, 11:00 AM, LIBRARY LAWN**  
***Plant a Pizza Garden***

Come listen to a reading of *Pete's a Pizza* and then plant herbs and vegetables so you can make your own pizza! For ages 5+ with a grown-up.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 13 3:00 PM, LIBRARY LAWN**  
***Camp Games***

Come dressed to run around (and maybe get messy!). For ages 7+.

**TUESDAY, JULY 19, 3:00 PM, STORYTIME ROOM**  
***Craftspace***

Kids ages 4+ join us for an artsy afternoon! We'll supply the materials, you supply the creativity! Drop in.

**SATURDAY, JULY 23, 10:30 AM, LIBRARY LAWN**  
***Preschool STEAM***

Preschoolers can try hands-on activities that will spark an early interest in STEAM topics. For ages 3–5.



**MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 3:00 PM, LIBRARY LAWN**  
***Capture the Flag***

Sign up as a group or alone and join a team when you arrive (we may have to combine groups to make two big teams). Come dressed to run around (and maybe get messy!). For ages 7+.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 3:00 PM,**  
**LIBRARY LAWN**

***Friendship Bracelets***

Learn a few techniques for making friendship bracelets. For ages 9+.

***Curious Creatures***

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 4:00 PM,**  
**LIBRARY LAWN**

Kids ages 5+ join us outside on the library lawn and visit with some Curious Creatures!

**MONDAY, AUGUST 15 3:00 PM,**  
**STORYTIME ROOM**

***Minecraft Building!***

Love Minecraft? Join us to build a dwelling (house, castle, etc.) out of sugar cubes and icing. For ages 7+.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 11:00 AM, LIBRARY LAWN**

***Rockabye Beats***

Kids of all ages join us on the library lawn to rock out with the Rockabye Beats Band to celebrate the end of Summer Reading!

# COVID LOOKBACK—HOW YOUR DONATIONS MADE A DIFFERENCE

WINCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Ann Wirtanen, *Director*

Your support of the Friends during the pandemic contributed to Winchester being one of only five libraries that offered appointments to use the library in-person while supporting surrounding communities that remained closed to in-person usage.

As we entered the pandemic, the Friends provided Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the library staff, purchased bags to support contactless pickup and provided funding for specific museum passes that had an outdoor component. Activity bags for both Teens and Adults were funded and soared in popularity so much so that in September 2020 through June 2021 we doubled the activity bags from 30 (during June–August 2020) to 60 per week!

Your generous donations funded the technology needs of the library when the need to pivot from in-person to virtual and hybrid programs became apparent. This included tripods, camera and tablet mounts, ring lights, microphones, green screens and an OWL. The OWL is used during hybrid programs to allow virtual attendees to see and hear not only the presenter but those who may be in attendance and speaking. We continue to support Adult and Children Library of Things as it continues to expand.

Future donations will fund improvements in technology. We hope to fund improvements to the Audio-Visual tech in the large meeting room. This will improve the experience for all those attending programs in-person and virtually. We will also look to provide funding for additional programs for adults and teens. These are only a glimpse into the funding possibilities for 2022.

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. You make a difference, individually and collectively! The updated Children's room is inspired and engaging, in a way we could never have anticipated. The new print management system is already making a difference, and the Library of Things continues to provide benefits both inside and outside of the library. Please help make our 2022 goals and send a donation in today! While it has been quite a ride since March 13, 2020, we have accomplished more than we could have anticipated and that is all thanks to you and your generous donations to the Friends.

—Kathy Ho

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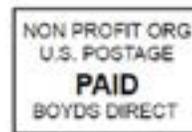
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#### **LIBRARY HOURS**

As of January, 2022, the Library is open for our regular hours: Monday through Thursday from 9:30 am to 9:00 pm, Friday and Saturday from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm, and Sundays from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Please check the Library website for updated information regarding masking protocol.

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The Library also has items that are reserved for use in the library for three hours at a time. Along with devices like Chromebooks, charging cables, and wireless mice, patrons can also borrow noise canceling headphones, an Apple USB SuperDrive, or a multi-media card reader. Items are listed online at [winpublib.org/librarytech](http://winpublib.org/librarytech) and can be borrowed from the Reference Desk.

**LOOK  
INSIDE!**

## TEEN READERS' CORNER by Isabelle Kamikawa

### **Teens Take Advantage of Library Tech**

For busy students, the printer and copy machine in the library are integral resources for getting that essay in on time, or being the backup when technology troubles arise at home. While many think libraries are only filled with physical books to borrow, in reality the resources available to teenagers are much more than that. Many teens argue that the reason they do not read as much as they did when they were a child is because they do not have the time. With a Winchester Public Library card, one can have access to downloading 10 digital or audio books per month. Using "Overdrive" on the computer, or "Libby" on mobile devices, students can have access to all the free content they want. Partaking in immersion reading, listening to the audio book while you read, can give you an even richer experience while reading, letting you understand the information on the page easier. Audio books also allow reading to be more inclusive for students who are not able to, or find it difficult to read physical books. To access audio books to borrow, teens can go to the website "Hoopla" and enter the information on your library card. Digital books allow reading to occur anytime and anywhere. This service is crucial for the times when the library does not have the physical copy of the book you need, but you need the book as soon as possible. Whether it is wanting the next book in a series or doing a school project last minute, eBooks make reading more accessible when it is not convenient to go to the library. These websites and more information can be found at [www.winpublib.org](http://www.winpublib.org). Teen reading lists are also available on the website that will cure the dreaded reading slumps everyone can fall into.