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THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE PAGES: MEET THE HEART OF OUR LIBRARY

Behind every great Library is a dedicated team making it all possible.

They're also among the most trusted professionals— nearly 9 in 10 parents trust librarians and the guidance they provide. Across the country, librarians answer an incredible 6.6 million questions each week— if everyone asking a question formed a line it would stretch from Miami to Juneau!

But the numbers only tell part of the story. Every question answered is a moment of connection— helping someone find essential resources, navigate the latest technology, discover something new, and shaping the engaging programs we all enjoy. None of this would be possible without the knowledgeable, passionate staff who connect people with resources, ideas, and opportunities every day.

Library staff are at the heart of our community. In this and future issues, we're proud to introduce you to some of the wonderful individuals who make our Library such a welcoming and vibrant place. Be sure to say hello next time you visit!



Charlie
Circulation Staff

How long have you worked at the Library?

26 years

What is your favorite book/current read?

1929 (a new history of the Depression)

If you could meet one author (living or dead), who would it be and why?

Johnnie Johnson
(the leading British ace of WWII)



Tony
Head of Bibliographic Services
(not a public area)

How long have you worked at the Library?

3 years

What are 3 adjectives to describe the Library?

Comfortable, Historic, Resourceful

What is something people should know about the Library?

You can 3D print things! I had three life-size golden skulls made for me. They're great gifts for your weird friends.



Kathleen
Information Services Librarian (Reading Room)

How long have you worked at the Library?

3.5 years

What do you love most about the Library?

I love almost everything about working in the Library, but helping readers find new books is my favorite. If you are looking for something new to read or want to talk about books, come see me at the reference desk!

What is something people should know about the Library?

Many people aren't aware how much content there is on Hoopla, Libby, and Kanopy. They offer not just audiobooks and e-books but also magazines, music, movies, and other types of videos.



Brittany (Ms. B)
Head of Children's Services

How long have you worked at the Library?

15 years

What is your favorite book/current read?

The Giver (Lowry, favorite) & The Road to Tender Hearts (Hartnett, current)

What are 3 adjectives to describe the Library?

Welcoming, Fun, Inspiring

Check in our next edition for more staff profiles!

CHECK OUT SUMMER FUN: THE LIBRARY OF THINGS

Summer is here— time to get outside and make the most of it! As you plan your warm-weather adventures, don't forget to add the Library to your list of go-to resources. With the Library of Things in both the Adult and Children's areas, you can borrow everything you need for summer fun— all with your library card. Here are a few:



Lawn games are perfect for outdoor parties with family and friends. Here you can rent out the Backyard Bocce Set, the Horseshoes Set, or the Kubb Lawn Game. While you're at it, crank up some tunes using the Portable Bluetooth Speaker— or better yet, get everyone involved in the musical fun with the Karaoke Machine. There's still tons of fun for the kiddos from the Kids Library of Things, such as the Stomp Rocket, Egg & Spoon Race, and Mini Golf Set.

If getting out and exploring is more up your alley, try out the Trekking Poles, Binoculars Kit, Magnifier (perfect for getting up close and personal with bugs!), or Bike Locks. Of course, it wouldn't be summer without a visit to the beach, so come by the Library to pick up the Beach Tent, Sport-Brella Umbrella Canopy (with UVA/UVB protection), or the Metal Detector because you never know what treasures you may find in the sand!

The Winchester Public Library website features a complete list of all items. Everything may be reserved at the Circulation Desks two weeks at a time with the option to renew twice.

DISCOVER OUR CHINESE LANGUAGE COLLECTION



"Come visit our growing collection - you will find us in the Reference Room!"

Tucked into a quiet corner of the Reference Room, our Chinese Language Collection offers a welcoming space to explore books and resources in Chinese— thoughtfully curated to serve our community.

Launched just last year, it has grown from a small fiction selection to include a diverse range of nonfiction, biographies, and materials celebrating Chinese culture and heritage.

In March, we hosted a Chinese-language program, "How to Plan a Trip Based on Your Time and Budget," led by local travel expert Jim Sun, offering practical tips on planning, budgeting, and choosing destinations.

We invite you to explore the collection— whether you're looking for a great read, cultural connection, or in-language resources.

MEET ME AT THE LIBRARY: COMMUNITY DAY

On Saturday, March 14th, over 330 families, friends, and neighbors gathered at the Library for a lively and welcoming Community Day celebration! From crafts and fun games to raffles and snacks, there was something for everyone to enjoy.



Huge thanks to all for creating such a lively and memorable morning— we couldn't have done it without you!

SET SAIL THIS SUMMER WITH OUR NEWEST MUSEUM PASS TO BATTLESHIP COVE!

Preserving historic naval ships while honoring U.S. veterans through immersive, hands-on experiences, visitors can explore iconic vessels like the USS Massachusetts (BB-59), tour a real submarine, and discover exhibits on aircraft and maritime history.

Perfect for families, history buffs, and curious explorers. Visit the Library to check out our full roster of free or discounted museum passes and start your voyage!

<https://www.winpublib.org/museumpasses/>

JOIN US AS A FRIEND OF THE LIBRARY

We can't do it without you— and together, we make so much possible. Your support plays a vital role in bringing enriching programs and enhanced services to our community— things the Town budget can't provide. 100% of your donation goes directly back into the Library to support these programs, helping it remain a vibrant, welcoming space and a thriving community resource for all.

With the help of generous supporters like you, the Friends fund a variety of wonderful programs, including these this summer:

- **Free Children's Programs** from unforgettable summer reading kickoffs like the Foam Party on the Lawn to lively performances by Matt Heaton and his band The Outside Toys
- **Free Teen Programs** including favorites like Retro Game Night and Board Game Afternoon
- **Free Adult Programs** such as Watercolor Mountain Painting with Pop Up Art School
- **Free Author Lectures and Performances** are offered year-round, including the upcoming Celebrating America's 250th: "Boston, 1776" with J.D. Dickey.
- **Free or discounted Museum Passes & Outdoor Adventures** enjoy year-round access to over 15 destinations, including science, art, wildlife, and nature experiences for all ages

Library Offerings by the numbers

(July 1, 2025- Feb. 28, 2026)

4,198 kids attended
317 Children's programs

791 teens attended
95 Teen programs

1,249 adults attended
162 Adult programs

984 museum passes
were enjoyed

The top 3 passes were
the Museum of Fine Arts,
Museum of Science, and
New England Aquarium.

Every program, every event, every opportunity to connect— it all starts with you.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us in the past.

If you haven't yet, we invite you to join us this year and make a difference in your community.

Get ready for summer— exciting Library events are just around the corner!

Explore all of what's coming up: <https://www.winpublib.org/events/>

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Their generosity directly supports the inspirational programs, vital resources, and engaging experiences that enrich our Library community every day. We are proud to partner with organizations that share our dedication to learning, connection, and community. Thank you for always helping our Library thrive!



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Our Mission

The mission of the Friends of the Winchester Public Library is to enhance and support our community's Library by raising funds and advocating for programs and services not funded by the Town.

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