

MAY 2024



BANCROFT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY



The Library will be closed on Saturday, May 25th and Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day

Save The Date! Garden Stepping Stones

Saturday, June 15th from 9:30am - 1:00pm



Stop by the Library with friends and family to create a personalized garden stepping stone to keep or give as a gift. All materials will be provided. Registration for time slots is encouraged. To register for this free program, please stop by the Library, call (508) 634-2209, or sign up online on the Library website under Calendar of Events.

ALL AGES are welcome!

Community Conversations

May 1st at 6:30pm



Sponsored by Hopedale For Change

Community Conversations will meet to discuss guns in our society. If you are interested in joining the conversation, please sign up at the Circulation Desk or online on the Library website under Calendar of Events.

Helen Symonds Book Group

May 1st at 1:00pm

The group will meet in the Library Program Room to discuss *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge. "Few true friends have I known and two were giraffes..." Woodrow Wilson Nickel, age 105, feels his life ebbing away. But when he learns giraffes are going extinct, he finds himself recalling the unforgettable experience he cannot take to his grave. It's 1938 and the Great Depression lingers, Hitler is threatening Europe, and world-weary Americans long for wonder. They find it in two giraffes who miraculously survive a hurricane while crossing the Atlantic. What follows is a twelve-day road trip in a custom truck to deliver Southern California's first giraffes to the San Diego Zoo. Part adventure, part historical saga, and part coming-of-age love story, *West with Giraffes* explores what it means to be changed by the grace of animals, the kindness of strangers, the passing of time, and a story told before it's too late" - adapted from CWMARS catalog

NEWS FROM THE MARJORIE HATTERSLEY CHILDREN'S ROOM

Registration is encouraged but not required for all events. Please visit our website to register online.

Rhyme Time - Ages 2 - 4 years

Tuesdays 5/7, 14, 21, 28 at 10:00am

Toddler Tunes - Ages 1 - 3

Tuesdays 5/7, 14, 21, 28 at 11:00am

Teen Advisory - Grades 6 - 12

Wednesday 5/1 at 5:00pm



Share pizza and play video games!

Registration required

Alpha-nauts! - Ages 4 - 6

Thursdays 5/2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 10:00am

Registration required

Busy Babies - Ages 0 - 18 months

Thursdays 5/2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 11:00am

Book Cubs - Grades 2 - 3

Wednesday 5/8 at 4:00pm

Registration required



Teen Book Club: Book Buffet

Grades 6-12

Monday 5/20 from 6:00-7:00pm

Enjoy some treats as we talk about our favorite books and add to your mini book library!

Desserts and Discussions

Wednesday May 22nd at 6:00pm

Presented by the Milford Family & Community Network, this fun night is a participant led discussion only for parents/caregivers to connect with others. To register, call (508) 277-4981. The Milford Family & Community Network is a Coordinated Family Community Engagement grant funded by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care and awarded to Milford Public Schools.

For updates throughout the month, Friend us on Facebook, join us on Instagram, and sign up at www.wowbrary.org to discover the Library's newest books, movies, and music. The Library webpage is <https://www.hopedale-ma.gov/bancroft-memorial-library>.

Coming Soon! Summer Reading 2024:
READ, RENEW, REPEAT

Registration for our Summer Reading Program starts June 1st and officially kicks off on Monday June 24th! Miss Laura will be visiting classrooms at the Bright Beginnings Preschool and Memorial Elementary School to share information about the Summer Reading Program. In addition to the Read and Bead program there will be fun new activities with opportunities to win weekly prizes as well as grand prizes at the end of Summer Reading!



**NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS
OF THE HOPEDALE LIBRARY**

Surviving to Thriving Workshop
with Pam Formosa

Wednesday, May 15th at 6:30pm

Are you anxious, exhausted, and overwhelmed? Frustrated and scattered? Join us as Pam Formosa of the Brain Fit Academy helps us feel better! Learn how to notice and target your stress response and take your control back. Come learn simple yet powerful brain-organizing movement-based tools that create calm, clarity, hope, and resilience. As our "Agent for Change", Pam will kick start a journey of self-discovery and self-improvement to feel better, find your purpose, and thrive. To register for this free program, please stop by the Library, call (508) 634-2209, or sign up online on the Library website under Calendar of Events.



Maker Mondays

May 20th at 6:00pm

Join our evening crafting workshop for adults at Bancroft Memorial Library! This month We will be learning about Kulina Folk Art and scrunch painting a silk scarf with Garine. No experience needed! We will discuss colors and how to blend them in a successful manner using a permanent, high chroma, highly transparent liquid fabric paint. Learn the step-by-step "tie dye style" creative process; every participant will go home with a beautiful and wearable scarf!

Book and Puzzle Collection Dates

The Friends will be accepting donations on Monday, May 6th and Monday, May 13th from 4:00pm - 7:00pm. Adult hardcover books must be published within the last 5 years and paperbacks within the past 10 years. Children's books and puzzles in good condition will also be accepted. No textbooks, cookbooks or gardening books please!

Friends of the Library Fundraiser

Stay tuned for information about an upcoming fundraiser at Christiano Pizza, located at 60 Hopedale Street.



FlowerPower.org Fundraiser - Last chance!

Please support The Friends of the Hopedale Library by shopping our FlowerPower.org fundraiser through 5/15! You can order flowers, bulbs, and other plants online and have orders shipped directly to you. The Friends of the Hopedale Library earns 50% which goes right back to the Library. Shop at <http://hopedalelibrary.fpfundraising.com>.

Ongoing Book Sale

Support the Friends of the Hopedale Library any time the Library is open by shopping the Ongoing Book Sale, located downstairs just outside of the Program Room. All monies raised pay for expenses not covered by the Library budget.

Free Seed Library



Stop by the Bancroft Memorial Library and get free seeds from our Seed Library. There is no limit! If you don't need a full packet, smaller envelopes are available. Take what you need! Special thanks to Burpee & Co., Baker Seed Company, Floret Flowers, Hudson Valley Seed Company, High Mowing Organic Seeds, and New England Seed.

Join the Friends!

The Friends of the Hopedale Library meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm, September - June. We are a volunteer, non-profit organization with a town-wide membership and a representative executive board. We work with the Library staff and Trustees to provide funds for equipment, materials, and programs not covered by the Library's regular operating budget. New members and ideas are always welcome!

APRIL SHOWERS
Bring
MAY FLOWERS