

LIBRARY NEWS

Our Library is constantly moving forward. Right now the staff is revamping the young adult space (see Georgia Keeler's article!), upgrading their information technology and planning more for the future, and filling some important staff positions.

The first, fundamental change in the Library's information technology will be an upgrade of the wiring, getting it all to cat 5+ or cat 6 and installing new access points to ensure smooth, strong Wi-Fi throughout the building. The second phase is to change all the phones to VoIP (using the new Wi-Fi) and update the



Top: Christine Amatrudo

Center: Tony Corsentino

Left: Haley Hart

LOVE YOUR LIBRARY! COME TO THE LIBRARY'S OPEN HOUSE MARCH 25, 11AM-1PM

What better way to welcome the spring season than spending the day at the Winchester Public Library? Come join us at the Winchester Public Library Open House on Saturday, March 25, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, and discover (or rediscover) all that your local public library has to offer. The Friends of The Winchester Public Library have been planning a special day to celebrate the Library with the theme of "Love Your Library." It will be a wonderful opportunity to share the multitude of Library offerings and enjoy fun activities for all ages.

The Friends and staff of the Winchester Public Library are looking forward to showcasing the Library to the community. As you enter the Open House, you will be greeted with an array of special treats, both in the main library and the children's library. You will find:

- An information table showcasing the many services the Library provides
- A bake sale
- A scavenger hunt for kids, with prizes and goody bags
- A table with items for sale including tote bags, notecards, books about the history of Winchester, and more
- A raffle table where you'll have an opportunity to win one (or more!) of the many baskets/bags with gifts donated by local businesses and merchants
- A craft table for the kids
- Plus, so much more!

We invite you all to stop by and enjoy yourselves on March 25. We look forward to meeting you, and we're sure you'll leave loving your Library even more than you already do!

public desktop and laptop computers. Phase 3 will be upgrading and standardizing the staff hardware and software, and finally the Library hopes to install a modest server to handle in-house needs.

In the last few weeks, the Library has hired an assistant director, Christine Amatrudo, and a head of bibliographic services, Tony Corsentino; earlier in the year Haley Hart joined us as head of circulation. Christine is coming to us from the Woburn Public Library, where

she was the children's librarian, and she will be assisting Nicole in pretty much anything and everything.

Tony, a former professor of philosophy, will bring his careful perspective to cataloging, processing, and other organizational functions that allow us to find the resources we need. Haley has worked in a few different libraries previously and is passionate about making libraries a second home for all patrons. Stop Haley anytime to chat about your favorite books!

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

Registration required unless otherwise noted.

Series

FIRST MONDAYS, 10:00–11:30 AM

In Transition Conversation Series

Join us for our monthly drop-in conversations about how to successfully navigate disruptions in our lives. Research and proven techniques from the field of transition serve as our guide and inspiration! Hosted by Linda Rossetti, author and creator of the podcast “Destination Unknown.” These meetings will have a Zoom option for those who cannot attend physically.

SECOND TUESDAYS, 10:00 AM–12:00 PM

SECOND THURSDAYS, 12:00 PM–1:00 PM

Yarnies (in partnership with the Greater Boston Knitting Guild)

Do you knit or crochet? Do you want to work on a project and talk with other crafters? Then this new group is for you! Bring along your current project or join us to gather ideas from your fellow crafters! Drop in—no registration required.

Book Clubs

SECOND MONDAYS, 7:00–8:00 PM

Cookbook Club

Prepare a dish from the featured cookbook to share with the group as we discuss the book and its recipes. Select a recipe to make and be prepared to tell us how you made it, what you thought about the recipe, and if you would do anything differently. Copies of each month's featured book will be available at the Reference Desk for you to borrow.

SECOND TUESDAYS, 7:30–8:30 PM

Second Tuesday Women's Reading Group

Copies of each month's book are available one month before the meeting and are located near the Reference Desk. Group members can call the Reference Department at (781) 721-7171, x320 to reserve a

copy. Librarians will gladly assist you in locating a large print, downloadable, or audio copy.

THIRD MONDAYS, 7:00–8:00 PM

(THE APRIL MEETING WILL BE ON TUESDAY, APRIL 18, AT THE USUAL TIME)

WPL Book Group

Copies of the book are generally available one month before the meeting and are located behind the Circulation Desk. Librarians will gladly assist you in locating a large print, downloadable, or audio copy.

FOURTH THURSDAYS, 7:30–8:30 PM

Hot Reads

Calling all young professionals, recent college grads, and stay-at-home parents (just to name a few!) for a group dedicated to reading and

discussing buzz-worthy, scintillating books! Check each month's book out from the Library (book club books are on display in the Adult Reference Room) or download the ebook at digital.minlib.net.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 1:00–2:30 PM

Classics Book Club

This club meets twice a year (April and October). At this meeting we will be discussing *Excellent Women* by Barbara Pym. Copies of the book will be available at the Library at least one month before the meeting. Light refreshments will be provided.



Special Events

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 10:30–11:30 AM

Crafting 101: Felt Succulents

All are welcome. Learn some fun new crafting techniques! This month we will be crafting a felt succulent in a pot!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 6:30–8 PM

Recycled Book Wreath

Come create a stylish and easy book wreath using pages from recycled books! All materials will be provided.

SAT, APRIL 29, 10:30–11:30 AM

Crafting 101: Pebble Bird Art

All are welcome. Learn some fun new crafting techniques! This month we will be crafting a painted pebble bird on a branch.

Adult Programs Special Events *(continued)*

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 3:00–4:30 PM
Memoir and Meditation
Workshop

Do you want to write a memoir but aren't sure where to begin? Are you interested in learning how meditation can be a tool for achieving your writing goals? Join Candace Coakley and Liz Kinchen to explore the meaningful intersection between memoir and meditation in this safe, collaborative space. Come away with ideas and inspiration for how to incorporate meditation into your writing practice and make an action plan to write your memoir.

Bring a notebook and an open mind. Open to all ages.

MONDAY, MAY 8, 10:00–11:00 AM
Counting Sheep: Infant and Toddler
Sleep Seminar

Join Lynne Caldwell, pediatric nurse practitioner and certified pediatric sleep consultant, for a discussion on sleep. Along with her top sleep tips, learn exactly why good sleep is so important for your baby/child. Feel free to bring your little ones and connect with other moms/caregivers to improve your child's sleep.

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 7:00–8:30 PM
Kitchen Basics @ Wright-Locke Farm

Learn the kitchen basics (and then some) with Chef Kelcy!! This program is open to adults only. We'll be using the kitchen in the All Seasons Barn at Wright-Locke Farm, located at 82 Ridge Street in Winchester.

SAT, MAY 20, 10:30–11:30 AM
Chicken Coops for Beginners

Join Wright-Locke Farm's Lauren Winterer (and some of the farm chickens) to learn all about the basics of setting up a chicken coop in your own backyard!



SATURDAY, MAY 20, 10:30–11:30 AM
Crafting 101: Painted Reusable Gift Bags

All are welcome. Learn some fun new crafting techniques! This month we will be crafting a painted reusable gift bag!



TEEN PROGRAMS

For Grades 6–12. Registration required unless otherwise noted.

Series

FRIDAYS, 3:30–5:00 PM
Board Game Afternoons

Drop in on Friday afternoons to play board games and hang out with your friends! We'll provide a variety of games and snacks for this unstructured game time. Large Meeting Room

Special Events

THURSDAYS, MARCH 9, 16, 4–5 PM
Altered Book Art

Repurpose old books into works of art. We'll go through some examples for ideas and then get started on our own artwork. Storytime Room

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 3:30–5 PM
Learning Together: Manga
Drawing—Figures

Learn to draw manga! Together we'll follow the lessons in Creativebug's Manga Drawing: How to Draw Figures class. Small Meeting Room

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 3:30–5:00 PM
Learning Together: Manga
Drawing—Clothing

Join us as we explore how to draw manga with the lessons in Creativebug's Manga Drawing: How to Draw Clothing class. Small Meeting Room

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 3:30–5:00 PM
Learning Together: Manga
Drawing—Faces

Complete your lessons in drawing manga as we follow along with Creativebug's Manga Drawing: How to Draw Faces class. Small Meeting Room

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 4–5 PM
Candy Sushi

Learn to make a variety of sushi look-alikes using candy and other sweet treats. Large Meeting Room.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 4:00–5:00 PM
Journaling Workshop

The journal is a safe place to be yourself. Join us to learn about the many ways you can keep a journal

and how to make journaling a regular habit. We'll provide journals and a variety of other materials. Small Meeting Room

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26,
4:00–5:00 PM
Oreo Taste Test

Oreos have a wide variety of flavors—we'll try them all and vote on our favorite! Small Meeting Room

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10,
4:00–5:00 PM
Black Out Poetry

Turn pages of old books into works of literary genius with this unique form of poetry! Small Meeting Room

THURSDAY, MAY 18,
4:00–5:00 PM

Succulent Planting Party

Paint a pot and plant a succulent! We'll give care tips to set you up for success once you take your plant home. Storytime Room

TEEN READERS' CORNER



Hello!

My name is Georgia Keeler, and this year I am a junior at Winchester High School. Even before my family moved to Winchester, the library was a weekly trip (and sometimes more). Every child, young person, and adult deserves a library as creative, nurturing, and extensive as ours. From *The Magic Tree House* series and *A Series of Unfortunate Events* as a kid to *The Secret History* and *Good Omens* now, the library has always welcomed me with open arms and plenty of books. I am so excited for the chance to contribute to the Teen Readers' Corner!

Upcoming Young Adult Space

The library is a place for all, regardless of age. However, a third of library-goers—teens—only have two aisles of space in the building. Teens deserve a designated space just for them within the library. Young adults will be happy to know that a new dedicated young adult space—underwritten by the Friends of the Library—will be taking over the desk section of the fiction area of the top floor.

This YA Space is meant to be a relaxing community space focused for the youth of the Library.

The area will be just for teens—perfect for reading, finding a new series, or doing homework. Amanda, Winchester's YA librarian, will work in the YA space as a resource for teens. The YA books will be relocated to the new space, the walls will be painted to demarcate it, and it will be supplied with new, functional, comfortable furniture. Teen surveys have found that the main priorities for the physical space are large tables for collaboration, charging ports for devices, and a colorful atmosphere, and the new furniture will be all that and more. Look out in the following months for the opening of this exciting new addition to the Library—a space for young adult readers to learn, work, and read!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Registration required and one hour long unless otherwise noted.

Series

**MONDAYS AT 3:30 PM
(THROUGH MAY)**

Craft 'n' Read

Kids in grades K–3, join us for a special crafty storytime! We'll read a few stories and then learn about and try a few simple crafting techniques. No registration required.



**TUESDAYS AT 10:30 AM
(THROUGH MAY)**

Step into Storytime

Children of all ages are invited! We'll read, sing, laugh, and craft! No registration required.

WEDNESDAYS AT NOON (ALL YEAR)

Itsy Bitsy Readers

Parents and caregivers of infants, join us for songs, rhymes, fingerplays, and stories perfectly geared toward our littlest readers and their grown-ups. You'll learn ways to develop your child's early literacy skills, and we'll leave a little time at the end of each session for participants to chat with each other. No registration required.

Children's Program Series *(continued)*

**WEDNESDAYS AT 3:30 PM
(THROUGH MAY)**

Books & Building

Join us for an afternoon of stories and building. We will read a story or two and then have materials for an open-ended building challenge. For ages 3–6. No registration required.

**THURSDAYS AT 11:00 AM
(ALL YEAR)**

Pattycake Place

Join us for songs, rhymes, fingerplays, and stories geared toward little readers. We will continue to develop your child's early literacy skills, and you'll

get to meet other parents and caregivers. Storytime for the first 15 minutes, free play for the last 30 minutes. For children ages 2 and under. No registration required.

**FRIDAYS AT 10:30 AM
(THROUGH MAY)**

Shake Rattle and Read

Kids ages 2 and 3—join us for a musical storytime! We'll make music with some fun instruments and read some rockin' good books, too! No registration required.



Special Events

**SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 10:30 AM
*STEAM Club***

Don't miss STEAM Club, where kids in grades 2–5 will dive into in-depth, hands-on activities focusing on a variety of STEAM subjects!

**SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 10:30 AM
*Gardens Grow***

Come to a garden-themed storytime and then learn about herbs and vegetables so you can grow your own garden! For ages 5+ with a grown-up. If we experience inclement weather we'll be inside in the Storytime Room.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 1:30 PM

Kids Creative Drama with Little Spark Theater

Kids ages 6–8—sign up to join us for a high-energy, imaginative, zany, silly, and super fun afternoon with Little Spark Theater! This is social/emotional learning at its best! This program also has a literacy component and is aligned with state standards.



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Friday–Saturday, 9:30 am–5:30 pm
Sunday, 2:00–5:00 pm
*Children’s Room closes at 8:00 pm
Mon–Thu.

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Children’s Programs Special Events

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 10:30 AM

Preschool STEAM

STEAM’s not just for school-aged kids. Preschoolers can try hands-on activities that will spark an early interest in STEAM topics. For ages 3–5.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 11:00 AM

Music Pups

Music Pups is a playful, creative music and movement program guaranteed to spark a love and enjoyment of music in your child and you! For ages infant through 4 years.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 10:30 AM

Make a Mess Storytime

Let’s get messy at our outdoor Storytime! We’ll sing songs and read stories, then we’ll have some sensory play (like water beads) and messy art (like finger painting). Remember to dress appropriately for the weather and in clothes that can get dirty. For ages 18 months–4 years. No registration required.

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 5:00 PM

Bracelet Buddies

Join us on the third Tuesday of each month for Bracelet Buddies. Everyone ages 9+ is welcome to join, no matter if you’re a pro or a newbie! Come to make bracelets and friends!

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 10:30 AM

Chicken Coops for Beginners

Families of all ages—join Wright-Locke Farm’s Lauren Winterer (and some of the farm chickens) to learn all about the basics of setting up a chicken coop in your own backyard!

MONDAY, MAY 22, 5:30 PM

In the Kitchen for Kids @ Wright-Locke Farm

Sign up to learn how to make some tasty sweet and savory bites! This program is open to kids ages 7–11 only.



GRANTS RECEIVED

The Friends would like to acknowledge and thank the Rotary Club and the EnKa Society for their generous and continuous contributions toward purchasing museum passes for Winchester residents as part of the Library’s outreach to the Winchester community.

Additionally, the Friends recognize the John and Mary Murphy Educational Foundation for its ongoing financial support of the Library’s summer reading program for children. The program is a yearly highlight in the Library’s mission to promote lifelong reading and to encourage students to continue reading while school is not in session in order to maintain reading levels in preparation for a new school year.