

# Hobbs Library Newsletter

## *What's happening this month*

- Aug 1 (Tues): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Aug 2 (Wed): 9-10:30am Tech Help
- Aug 2 (Wed): 1-3pm Martha's Knitting Group
- Aug 3 (Thurs): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Aug 3 (Thurs): 7pm Speaker Series: Randall Bennett
- Aug 3 (Thurs): 3-5pm Mahjong
- Aug 4 (Fri): 1pm GLLT Dino-to-Bird
- Aug 5 (Sat): 8:30am Yoga Flow (\$5-\$25 suggested)
- Aug 5 (Sat): 4pm All Booked Up (hybrid)
- Aug 7 (Mon): 10am Storytime
- Aug 7-11 (Mon-Fri): 9am-1pm Garden Camp
- Aug 8 (Tues): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Aug 9 (Wed): 9-10:30am Tech Help
- Aug 9 (Wed): 1-3pm Martha's Knitting Group
- Aug 10 (Thurs): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Aug 10 (Thurs): 1pm Writing Group
- Aug 10 (Thurs): 3pm Mad Science
- Aug 10 (Thurs): 3-5pm Mahjong
- Aug 11 (Fri): 1pm GLLT Belted Kingfisher
- Aug 12 (Sat): 8:30am Yoga Flow (\$5-\$25 suggested)
- Aug 14 (Mon): 10am Storytime
- Aug 14 (Mon): 1pm Page Turners (hybrid)
- Aug 15 (Tues): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Aug 15-18 (Tues-Fri) 9am-11am Charlotte's Web Read-Aloud
- Aug 16 (Wed): 9-10:30 Tech Help
- Aug 16 (Wed): 1-3pm Martha's Knitting Group
- Aug 16 (Wed): 3pm Ice Cream Social
- Aug 16 (Wed): 6:30pm CHML Board Meeting
- Aug 17 (Thurs): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Aug 17 (Thurs): 3pm Mahjong
- Aug 17 (Thurs): 7pm Speaker Series: Ben Eklof
- Aug 18 (Fri): 1pm Movie: Little Women
- Aug 19 (Sat): 8:30am Yoga Flow (\$5-\$25 suggested)
- Aug 19 (Sat): 9am-3pm Arts & Artisans Fair (New Suncook School)
- Aug 21 (Mon): 10am Storytime
- Aug 21 (Mon): 4pm Book & Movie: Clifford
- Aug 22 (Tues): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Aug 23 (Wed): 9-10:30 Tech Help
- Aug 23 (Wed): 1-3pm Martha's Knitting Group
- Aug 23 (Wed): 7pm GLLT The Story of Lovell's Insects
- Aug 24 (Thurs): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Aug 24 (Thurs): 1pm Writing Group
- Aug 24 (Thurs): 3-5pm Mahjong
- Aug 25 (Fri): 7pm Jen Atkinson Presents: Immigration Law
- Aug 26 (Sat): 8:30am Yoga Flow (\$5-\$25 suggested)
- Aug 28 (Mon): 10am Storytime
- Aug 28 (Mon): 4-6pm Family Game Night
- Aug 29 (Tues): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Aug 30 (Wed): 9-10:30 Tech Help
- Aug 30 (Wed): 1-3pm Martha's Knitting Group
- Aug 30 (Wed): 7pm Poetry Reading with Judy Rowe Michaels
- Aug 31 (Thurs): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Aug 31 (Thurs): 3pm Mahjong
- Aug 31 (Thurs): 6pm Open Mic Night

Hello Everyone –

We have had a lot of fun this summer & fingers crossed we will continue to have warm, sunny weather in August as we have so much more planned! We welcomed Rose Marasco, a renowned Portland photographer, to speak at our Annual Meeting and nationally prestigious author Joe Hill worked his magic in front of over 100 patrons on a beautiful July evening! We also had a glorious night for our Volunteer BBQ as we thanked everyone for their commitment and service to CHML August will showcase our annual Arts & Artisans Fair fundraiser at New Suncook School on Saturday, August 19th. We need volunteers to assist during the day and hope you will also bring family and friends to have fun, buy amazing artisan products, eat, and listen to music. I would like to thank our outgoing Board members for all they have done for the library. Alice Carberry, Tim Cyr, David Frum, Elizabeth Eames, Sue Gregson, and Andrea Macht have been so supportive and will continue to assist us with various committees and fundraising events. Please also welcome our new Board members as they start their service. Amanda Albert, Mary Atkinson, Nell Wing, and Cynthia Smith are looking forward to working with our CHML community.

There is always something happening at the library for kids, teens, and adults – visit our calendar online and check out what's going on!

All the best,  
Christine Rothman  
Board President

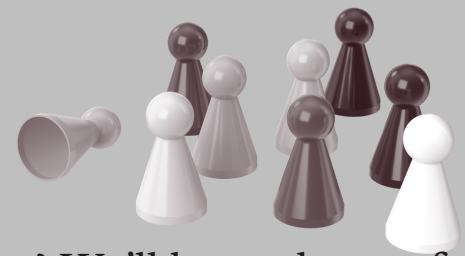
### Library Hours

- Mon: 9-6
- Tues: CLOSED
- Wed: 9-6
- Thurs: 9-7
- Fri: 9-4
- Sat: 9-1
- Sun: CLOSED

Closed: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Indigenous Peoples' Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day



**Family Game Night:**  
**Monday, August 28th**  
 from 4-6pm



Love to play board games? Want to meet other families? We'll have plenty of games to choose from—try something new or play an old favorite with new people! Optional: Bring a game to swap or share with another family.

**Open Mic Night:**  
**Thursday, August 31 @ 6pm**

Perform or just come to listen!

Read a poem or story of your own or recite one you love, sing a song, tell a joke, a story, an anecdote. The floor is yours!



**Randall Bennett:**  
**The Hastings Homestead Museum:**  
**Five Generations in the Making**  
**Thursday, August 3rd @ 7pm**

The Homestead, in Bethel's "Broad Street Historic District" has been continuously occupied since 1819 by five generations of the same family. A classic example of the "big house, little house, back house, barn" configuration, the Homestead was the birthplace of -- among others -- David Robinson Hastings, who founded the Hastings Law Office in Lovell in 1847.

This program will be in-person at the library.



**All Booked Up: Short Story Club**  
**Saturday, August 5th @ 4pm**

Want to be part of a book club but don't have time to read a book? This group is for you! Each month, we'll read a short story or essay and then come together via zoom to discuss it. Everyone is welcome! This meeting of "All Booked Up" will be hybrid-- join us via zoom or in-person @ the library!

For August, we'll read "Foster" by Bryan Washington

The Hobbs Story Swap is taking its summer break and will reconvene in September. If enough storytellers are willing, fall meetings will be held in person in the library. Please contact Jo Radner (jradner@american.edu) to let her know whether you will be able to join the in-person gatherings.





## Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, August 16th @ 3pm

Eat some ice cream, meet friends old & new, do some watercolor squirt-gun painting, or just stop by!

This event is **FREE** and open to the public.

If you can, please bring a non-perishable item for the Lovell Food Pantry.

See the Food Pantry Wish List on our website!



## Book & Movie Event:

Monday, August 21st @ 4pm

Listen to our Children's Librarian read "Clifford the Big Red Dog" and then stay for the movie. The movie is rated PG and the running time is 97 minutes.

## Ben Eklof: Joined at the Hip? Russia and Ukraine at War

Thursday, August 17th @ 7pm

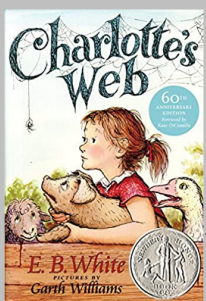
Using personal experience and anecdotal observation, a clip from a film with Zelensky as the lead actor, and reference to the most recent scholarship Professor Eklof will show how the two societies are closely linked but at the same time profoundly different in their interpretations of their past as well as the present. Ben Eklof, emeritus professor of history at Indiana University, has spent eight years living in Russia and the Soviet Union, including Tatarstan. Eklof is a native- born New Englander, and has owned a house in Stow for 40 years. This program will be in-person at the library.



## Friday Movie: Little Women

Friday, August 18th @ 1pm

Four sisters learn about love, life, and loss as they grow through their young womanhood against the backdrop of post-Civil War America. At the heart of the family is the headstrong Jo who aspires, above all else, to forge her own path. Based on the novel by Louisa May Alcott. Production year: 2019 Rated: PG Runtime: 135 minutes



## Read Aloud Week:

Tuesday, August 15th-Friday, August 18th

9am-11am

Charlotte's Web will be read aloud to the group. Snacks, crafts, and activities will be interspersed. On Friday, the movie will be shown. \*Registration is required for this event. \*\*Please sign up ONLY if you can attend all four days.



# Page Turners

Monday, August 14th @ 1pm

In August, we'll meet in person and on zoom; all interested readers are welcome to join us in

either mode. We will turn to the "autofiction" of the 2022 Nobel laureate, Annie Ernaux, considered France's greatest living writer. Our focal text will be Ernaux's acclaimed memoir *The Years* (Les Années, 2008), which recounts the author's life from childhood through mature age while also tracing the collective life of France from the traumas of the Second World War to the tumultuous and transformative sixties through the political ferments of the new century. We'll also read a very short and moving text in the form of a letter from Ernaux to the sister who died before she was born. *The Years* is available through Minerva as well as in paperback, Kindle, audio.



## Poetry Reading with Judy Rowe Michaels:

Wednesday, August 30th @ 7pm

Dr. Judy Rowe Michaels is the author of five books of poetry, most recently "This Morning the Mountain." A seven-time cancer patient, Michaels participates in Survivors Teaching Students, a program currently in over seventy medical schools around the country. She has been awarded three poetry fellowships from the New Jersey State Arts Council and nominated for two Pushcart Prizes. She is a member of the nine-women performance and critique group, Cool Women.

Judy will be selling and signing copies of her book to benefit the library.

**FREE CONCERT  
@ the Brick Church  
for Performing Arts!**



**World-Renowned Classical Guitarist  
ALEX ROCHE**

Friday, August 11th at 7pm

Alex will be playing selections from the classical Spanish repertoire, folk song arrangements, and original compositions. He has performed solo recitals at prestigious venues such as St. Martins in the fields, St. James's Piccadilly, Hellys international guitar festival, Arts Himmelblau (Taipei), Blackheath Halls, Southwark Cathedral and many more.

Refreshments will be served and the venue is air-conditioned.

FMI: please contact Stan at 925-1500

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### Evening with Maine Authors

Cocktail Hour, Dinner & Readings from *Breaking Bread* by authors Debra Spark, Ron Currie, Jr. & Kathy Gunst



Friday, August 11 @ 5:00 p.m.

Stone Mountain Arts Center

Brownfield, Maine

to benefit Camp Susan Curtis



For tickets:

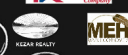
[maineauthors2023.eventbrite.com](https://maineauthors2023.eventbrite.com)

or at Charlotte Hobbs Library in Lovell and Bridgton Books

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Stop in and pick up some tickets today!

Raffle items are viewable at the library and on our website at <https://www.hobbslibrary.org/arts-artisans-1>

Book of 6 tickets for \$5.00 or single ticket for \$1.00

You also have the option to download the raffle list and mail in your selections along with a check.

Share this information with friends and family to help support our library!

## Mad Science Presents: Fire & Ice

Thursday, August 10th @ 3pm



This spectacular show thrills audiences with impressive science experiments. The event includes foggy dry ice storms and safe and fun fire demonstrations. Kids and parents alike are amazed by sizzling science, combustion and bubbly showers!

## What's New?

New adult books coming soon!



Don't forget to turn in your Summer Reading Bingo sheets by August 19th!

New Kid's & Teen books coming soon!





## Storytime

Mondays, August 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th @ 10am  
(check our website or Facebook page for cancellations).

Featuring stories, songs, fingerplays, rhymes and crafts or other extension activities. Recommended for kids 5 and under and their adults.

## Group Personal Training Sessions

Tues & Thurs, Aug. 1st, 3rd, 8th, 10th, 15th, 17th, 22nd, 24th, 29th, & 31st  
from 10-11am

Learn how to exercise properly for weight loss, muscle toning, increased energy and stamina. 1:1 private training can be expensive, while large classes can be difficult for people to learn. Small group personal training is the best of both worlds, as its less expensive than 1:1 training, while still maintaining the feeling of personal training sessions. Come ready to exercise!

Sign up with Dan: 781-258-4647 or [craftedfitnessandart@gmail.com](mailto:craftedfitnessandart@gmail.com)



## Tech Help

Wednesdays, August 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, & 30th  
from 9-10:30 or by appointment

Every Wednesday morning, library volunteers can help with your basic questions: "How do I use Zoom?" or "How do I log on to my library account on the library website?" or "How do I forward photos from my phone?" To schedule an appointment: 207-925-3177



## Yoga Flow

Saturdays, August 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th from 8:30-9:30am

This alignment-based practice uses conscious breath to link the poses together in order to create a complete practice. This flow will move at a comfortable pace and modifications will be offered. Build strength, flexibility and balance. Suggested Donation \$5-\$25

FMI: 207-925-3177 or [TheDesk@HobbsLibrary.org](mailto:TheDesk@HobbsLibrary.org)



## Writing Group

Thursdays, August 10th & 24th from 1-2:30pm

Welcome to the fall writing group at the library! We invite you to join us. This group offers a safe and inclusive space where all styles and types of writing are welcome. Our fall focus will be on free-writing. Members may also choose to pursue their own work-in-progress. We will continue to encourage voluntary sharing. Our ground rules stress respect, communication, and creativity. Joining us by zoom is available on request.



## Mahjong

Thursdays, August 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, & 31st from 3-5pm

Join us for a multi-generational group of mahjong players! Players are using the original version of the game and, if there are enough players, a group will split off to play American League Mahjong. Onlookers and beginners welcome! Bring a friend!

FMI: Steve and Jodi Smith: 207-925-1287

