

Hobbs Library Newsletter

What's happening this month

- Dec 1 (Fri): 5pm Tree Lighting
- Dec 2 (Sat): 8:30am Yoga Flow (\$5-\$25 suggested)
- Dec 4 (Mon): 10am Storytime
- Dec 5 (Tues): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Dec 5 (Tues): 4:30pm Yin Yoga (\$5-\$25 suggested)
- Dec 6 (Wed): 9-10:30am Tech Help
- Dec 6 (Wed): 1-3pm Martha's Knitting Group
- Dec 6 (Wed): 3:30 pm Read to Ophelia (by appointment)
- Dec 6 (Weds): 7pm All Booked Up (zoom)
- Dec 7 (Thurs): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Dec 7 (Thurs): 3-5pm Mahjong
- Dec 9 (Sat): 8:00am Yoga Flow (\$5-\$25 suggested)
- Dec 11 (Mon): 10am Storytime
- Dec 11 (Mon): 1pm Page Turners (zoom)
- Dec 12 (Tues): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Dec 12 (Tues): 4:30pm Yin Yoga (\$5-\$25 suggested)
- Dec 13 (Wed): 9-10:30 Tech Help
- Dec 13 (Wed): 1-3pm Martha's Knitting Group
- Dec 14 (Thurs): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Dec 14 (Thurs) 1-2:30pm Writing group
- Dec 14 (Thurs): 3pm Mahjong
- Dec 14 (Thurs): 6pm Reindeer Games
- Dec 15 (Fri): 10-11:30am GLLT: Project Feeder Watch
- Dec 16 (Sat): 8:00am Yoga Flow (\$5-\$25 suggested)
- Dec 16 (Sat): 10-11:30am GLLT: Project Feeder Watch
- Dec 18 (Mon): 10am Storytime
- Dec 19 (Tues): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Dec 19 (Tues): 4:30pm Yin Yoga (\$5-\$25 suggested)
- Dec 20 (Wed): 9-10:30 Tech Help
- Dec 20 (Wed): 1-3pm Martha's Knitting Group
- Dec 20 (Wed): 3:30pm Read to Ophelia (by appointment)
- Dec 20 (Wed): 7pm Board meeting (zoom)
- Dec 21 (Thurs): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Dec 21 (Thurs): 3pm Mahjong
- Dec 21 (Thurs): 6pm Book & Movie: The Polar Express
- Dec 23 (Sat): 8:00am Yoga Flow (\$5-\$25 suggested)
- Dec 26 (Tues): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Dec 26 (Tues): 4:30pm Yin Yoga (\$5-\$25 suggested)
- Dec 27 (Weds): 9-10:30am Tech Help
- Dec 27 (Weds): 1-3pm Martha's Knitting Group
- Dec 28 (Thurs): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Dec 28 (Thurs): 1-2:30pm Writing Group
- Dec 28 (Thurs): 3pm Mahjong
- Dec 30 (Sat): 8:00am Yoga Flow (\$5-\$25 suggested)

Dear Library Community,

What I'm most excited about this month is that our front walkway has been fixed! Since I started (two years ago!), I noticed that, in the winter, we get a little skating rink out there. It seems like it was getting worse and I am not the most fleet of foot and so, our intrepid handyman, Dan Roy once again donated his time and talent and built a frame, poured concrete, and re-sloped the walkway. No more skating for these librarians! (at least not while at work)

I'm also pleased to report that our annual appeal has raised almost \$14,000 to date. Every donation helps us reach our goal and stay financially solvent and so every donation--big or small--is greatly appreciated. There's still time to donate ('tis the season for giving!). Mail us a check, head over to our website (www.hobbslibrary.org), or scan the QR code below. Thank you for giving!

Jenn, Deanna, Marie, and I wish you all a happy, healthy season of joy!

Sincerely,
Jen



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

The Library will be
CLOSED
 on Dec. 25th
 in observance of Christmas

President's Message



The holiday season has begun, and I am making my list for end-of-year tasks. One of those tasks includes a donation to the CHML Annual Appeal. I hope you will consider a donation as well. We rely on our library community to support our dedicated staff and to maintain and expand all our wonderful library programs, collections, and other activities. We appreciate your tax-deductible donation of any amount that will allow us to serve you, our patrons, for many years to come. Happy holidays to you and your loved ones!

-Chris Rothman

Writing Group

Thursdays, December 14th & 28th from 1-2:30pm



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 by zoom is available on request.

Read the Book & Watch the Movie: The Polar Express

Thursday, December 21st @ 6:00pm

Join us for a reading of the classic tale, followed by a viewing of the movie. Wear your pajamas, deck your hot chocolate with goodies from the hot chocolate bar, and snack on some popcorn while we get cozy and comfortable and in the holiday spirit.

Kids of all ages welcome!



Page Turners:

Monday, December 11th @ 1pm (zoom)



The December Page Turners will focus on the life and work of Phillis Wheatley Peters, the first African woman and first enslaved person to publish a volume of poetry in English.

Wheatley was captured and transported to Boston at age 7, renamed for the slave ship on which she was forcibly confined, and was still enslaved when her poems went to press. One of the great geniuses of her day, Wheatley Peters holds an important place among New Englanders who shaped the Age of Revolution. Those interested in receiving the packet of readings for this session or, FMI about Page Turners, should contact Sue Lanser: (lanser@brandeis.edu).

What's New?

New adult books coming soon!



New Kid's & Teen books coming soon!



Tree Lighting:

Friday, December 1st @ 5pm

Join us for the community tree lighting with caroling, cocoa, cookies, and multi-tradition activities in the queue for Santa. All welcome!



Take a Scarf, Leave a Donation

These beautiful scarves have been made and donated by Rosie White.



If you see one you like, take it and make a donation to the library.

Read to Ophelia

Wednesdays, December 6 & 20th
from 3:30-4pm



We have a Library reading dog! Sign up for a 15-minute slot to read to Ophelia, a sweet and patient Corgi. Reading to a dog can help kids build confidence.

Sign up by calling 207-925-3177 or email thedesk@hobbslibrary.org. Please already have your book selection ready, or come a few minutes early and we can help with choosing.

Reindeer Games

Thursday, December 14th @ 6pm

Join us for a family-friendly competition that will fuel both your holiday spirit and your desire to win! Build the longest gumdrop bridge, be the fastest cookie-froster, and more! Not even Rudolph will be left out of these reindeer games!



Favorite Books of 2023

It's that time of year again! What did you read and love in 2023? Send me your favorite books (print or audio) of 2023. These are books you read in 2023, not necessarily books published in the past year. It could just be one book, or it could be as many as ten if ten books delighted you! Send along your list by the first week of January and I might make a FaceBook/Instagram video of your picks!

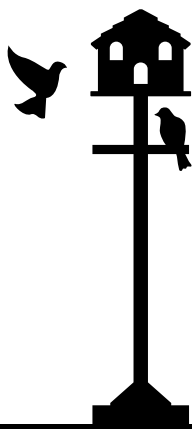
Email your lists to:
JDupree@HobbsLibrary.org



Project Feeder Watch:

Friday, December 15th & Saturday, December 16th 10-11:30am

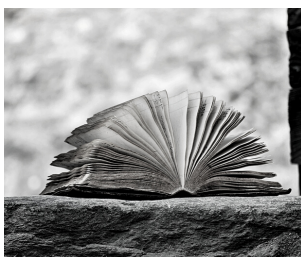
Join GLLT at the Library to participate in Project FeederWatch! This winter citizen science program allows people of all ages to observe and learn about their backyard birds. In the comfort of the library, participants can use binoculars and field guides to identify and record the birds that visit the feeders. No registration required. This will be a drop in program. No prior bird watching experience necessary.



All Booked Up: Short Story Club

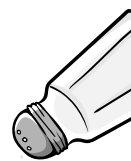
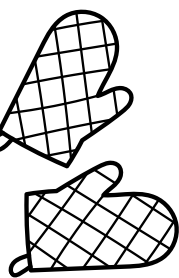
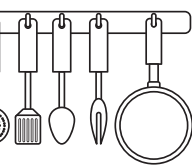
Wednesday, December 6th @ 7pm

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! The December selection will be "The Mine" by Nathan Harris which can be found in the Best American Short Stories 2023, [online at Electric Literature](#), or printed out at the library.



We're Putting Together a Cookbook!

In celebration of the NEW stove in the community room kitchen, we're putting together a community cookbook! We know there are some great cooks in our community, and we want to gather both your recipes and the memories behind them. Savory, sweet, family favorites, passed down for generations, tweaked here and there--we want to know it all! Please send recipes and the story behind the recipes as a word document to jdupree@hobbslibrary.org. You may also send pictures as a .jpg or .png file. We may not use all pictures or all recipes (depending on room!), but we'll do our best to have representation of the community. Recipe-gathering will stop when we have enough. The cookbook will be sold as a fundraiser for the library at some point in 2024. We can't wait to read your recipes!





Storytime

Mondays, December 4th, 11th, 18th @ 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

Tuesdays & Thursdays, Dec. 5th, 7th, 12th, 14th, 19th, 21st, 26th, 28th
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



Tech Help

Wednesdays, December 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
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, December 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th from 8:00-9:30am

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



Yin Yoga

Tuesdays, December 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th @ 4:30pm

Yin Yoga with Barefoot Nichole is an all levels, very accessible practice. Yin yoga moves beyond the muscles to target fascia and connective tissue, where we tend to hold resistance and rigidity. Yin is a passive and meditative practice focusing on relaxation through the use of props for support. Poses are held for 3-5 minutes to encourage more flexibility and mobility in your body. Great for beginners as well as advanced students.

Suggested donation is \$5-\$25.



Mahjong

Thursdays, December 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th 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

