

# Hobbs Library Newsletter

## *What's happening this month*

*Unless noted as being on Zoom or Hybrid  
(Both Zoom and at the library),  
all groups meet in person at the Library.*

Feb 1 (Weds) 9-10:30am Tech Help  
 Feb 1 (Weds) 1pm: Martha's Knitting Group  
 Feb 1 (Weds): 7pm All Booked Up Short Story Group (zoom)  
 Feb 2 (Thurs): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)  
 Feb 2 (Thurs): 10-11:30am Readers' Theatre  
 Feb 2 (Thurs): 1pm Digital Literacy Workshop  
 Feb 2 (Thurs) 3-5pm Mahjong  
 Feb 4 (Sat): 8:30am Yoga Flow (\$10-\$25 suggested)  
 Feb 6 (Mon): 10am Storytime  
 Feb 7 (Tues): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)  
 Feb 8 (Wed) 9-10:30am Tech Help  
 Feb 8 (Wed): 1-3pm Martha's Knitting Group  
 Feb 9 (Thurs): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)  
 Feb 9 (Thurs): 1pm Writing Group  
 Feb 9 (Thurs): 3-5pm Mahjong  
 Feb 9 (Thurs): 7pm Speaker Series: Sarah Perry (zoom)  
 Feb 11 (Sat): 8:30am Yoga Flow (\$10-\$25 suggested)  
 Feb 13 (Mon): 10am Storytime  
 Feb 13 (Mon): 1pm Page Turners  
 Feb 14 (Tues): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)  
 Feb 15 (Wed): 9-10:30am Tech Help  
 Feb 15 (Wed): 1-3pm Martha's Knitting Group  
 Feb 15 (Wed): 6:30pm CHML Board Meeting (zoom)  
 Feb 16 (Thurs): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)  
 Feb 16 (Thurs): 1pm: Digital Literacy Workshop  
 Feb 16 (Thurs): 3-5pm Mahjong  
 Feb 17 (Fri): 1:00pm Friday Afternoon Classics  
 Feb 18 (Sat): 8:30am Yoga Flow (\$10-\$25 suggested)  
 Feb 20 (Mon): 1-2:30pm Story Swap (zoom)  
 Feb 21 (Tues): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)  
 Feb 22 (Wed): 9-10:30am Tech Help  
 Feb 22 (Wed): 1-3pm Martha's Knitting Group  
 Feb 22 (Weds): 4:30pm Teen Book Club  
 Feb 22 (Weds) 6pm: Open Mic Night  
 Feb 23 (Thurs): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)  
 Feb 23 (Thurs): 1pm Writing Group  
 Feb 23 (Thurs): 3-5pm Mahjong  
 Feb 25 (Sat): 8:30am Yoga Flow (\$10-\$25 suggested)  
 Feb 27 (Mon): 10am Storytime  
 Feb 28 (Tues): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)

**The Library will be closed on  
February 20th for Presidents' Day**

Dear Library Community,

As most of you know by now, we made a mistake in filing our budget request to the town of Lovell--we were 5 days late with it and so had to have registered Lovell voters sign a petition to get our request back on the docket. That sounds like it would be a slog, but it has turned out to be a lovely and heart-warming experience. Almost everyone who came into the library to sign in support of us said wonderful things about how much the library means to them. And, as you'll see in our note from Chris Rothman, we have reached our goal! Thank you to all who signed the petition and to everyone who couldn't (because you're away or because you don't live in Lovell). It means a lot to all of us to know you want us here!

Our sad news this month is that our beloved Children's Librarian, Kathy Bain, has resigned her position here. She will be terribly missed! In her time here, Kathy has revived storytime, started a Readers' Theatre, and worked to bring our collection up-to-date by replacing worn copies of classics and adding new and noteworthy titles and subjects. She has also made many connections in the community and with us, her fellow librarians. Stop by before February 3rd to wish her a fond farewell.

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

## Story Swap

Monday, February 20th 1-2:30 (zoom)

Our theme this month – to be taken liberally, as usual – is “GAMES WE PLAY.” Perhaps you have a memory of an actual game or sport you played; or perhaps you can take the theme as a metaphor for a family ritual or an ingenious social strategy. Jo will bring a few improv story games, too, so that all can play. Tellers may bring stories up to 5 minutes long; listeners are also always welcome.

FMI

or for the zoom link:  
jradner@american.edu

## Page Turners

Monday, February 13th @ 1:00pm

Our February selection is Jean Toomer's *Cane* (1923), a modernist classic that blends narrative, drama and poetry into a short and powerful immersion in African-American cultures in the early twentieth century. *Cane* is available free online at Project Gutenberg.

In March we take of Nella Larsen's novel *Quicksand* (1928), which traces its biracial and binational heroine Helga Crane's search for identity and place. And for those who want to plan ahead, we will be reading Charles Dickens' *David Copperfield* (1849-50) during April and May, followed by Barbara Kingsolver's newest work, *Demon Copperhead* (2022).

FMI: Please contact Sue Lanser (925-6244 or lanser@brandeis.edu)

## Speaker Series: Sarah Perry

Thursday, February 9th @7pm

Sarah Perry is a memoirist and essayist who writes about love, trauma, gender-based violence, queerness, and the power dynamics that influence those concerns. She is the author of the memoir *After the Eclipse*, which was named a New York Times Book Review Editors' Choice, a Poets & Writers Notable Nonfiction Debut, and a Barnes and Noble Discover Great New Writers pick.



Perry's essay collection, *Sweet Nothings*, is forthcoming from Mariner/HarperCollins.





# Open Mic Night

Wednesday, February 22nd @ 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!



## Friday Classics: Rebecca

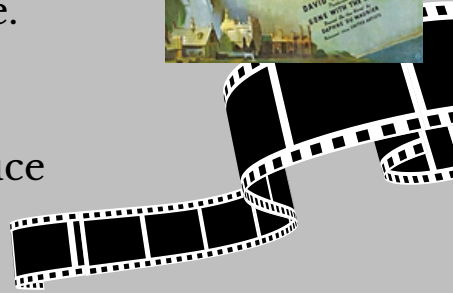
Friday, February 17th @ 1pm

Join us for a **FREE** showing of this classic movie!

Alfred Hitchcock directed this Oscar-winning Daphne du Maurier story of a marriage haunted by the aura of the husband's dead first wife.

Starring: Laurence Olivier, Joan Fontaine, Judith Anderson, George Sanders, Nigel Bruce

Run time: 130 minutes



## Digital Literacy Workshops

Thursdays February 2nd & 16th at 1pm

In these workshops we'll cover:

- \*How can I set up an email account?
- \*How do I avoid internet scams?
- \*How do I set up a zoom account?
- \*What does the library offer for technology?
- \*Bring your questions-- these workshops are for you!

Light refreshments served!  
  
Enter to win a \$25 Hannaford Gift Card!



## Teen Book Group

Wednesday, February 22nd @ 4:30pm

Join us for discussion of "American Royals" by Katherine McGee

This group will meet in-person at the library as well as via zoom.  
For the link, visit [www.HobbsLibrary.org](http://www.HobbsLibrary.org).



*The Taste of  
Lovell Calendar  
is now available!*

*Buy a chance to win a treat!*

*Tickets are \$10 each.*



Congratulations  
to 9-year-old  
Abby Shedd for being  
the Oxford County  
winner of  
The Telling Room's  
short story contest!

With the award of a  
\$15,000 grant from  
The Association for  
Small & Rural  
Libraries (ARSL),  
(plus some other funding),  
we're adding a stove in  
the community room!

### A message from our Board President:

To our Library Community:

Thanks for your support with our petition for town funding. We got the required number of signatures despite all the snowstorms and will be on the town warrant for funding. Now we need your help with the next step which is that you attend the town meeting on Saturday, March 4th and vote YES for our funding. We are asking for the same amount we received last year, no increase. We are blessed with a wonderfully supportive community and appreciate your help so that we can keep serving the needs and desires of all of you!

### Lovell Food Pantry Needs:

Canned lentils, cream, corn, apple, grape or berry jelly, relish, miracle whip or mayonnaise, vegetable or beef broth, paper towels, toilet paper, vegetable oil, goldfish, crackers, or any cracker, sliced bread

Items may be dropped  
off at the library

### Volunteer Spotlight: Jodi Smith

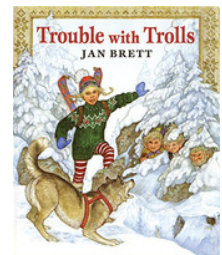


Jodi is a retired chemical engineer who has been volunteering at Hobbs library for about 12 years now. Currently she is in charge of keeping the public computers up to date. She is also the main "tech helper" for patrons with questions about their portable electronics.

In the past, she has been an unpacker of Interlibrary Loan books, and part of the coaching team for Lego Robotics/Technology Club.

Outside the library, Jodi enjoys hiking and gardening, tai chi and mah johng.

### New Book at Storybook Trail!



The Greater Lovell land Trust has installed "The Trouble with Trolls" on the Storybook Trail. Find it along the left-hand loop of the Kezar River Reserve located on Route 5 across from the Wicked Good Store.





## Storytime

Mondays, February 6th, 13th, 27th from 10-11am  
(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, February 7th, 9th, 14th, 16th, 21st, 23rd, 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 it's 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, February 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd  
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



## All Booked Up: Short Story Club

Wednesday, February 1st @ 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.

For February, we'll be reading Gish Jen's "Dinosaur Detective."



## Writing Group

Thursdays, February 9th & 23rd 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, February 2nd, 9th, 16th, & 23rd from 3-5pm

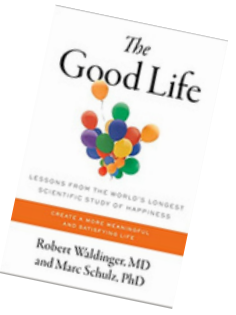
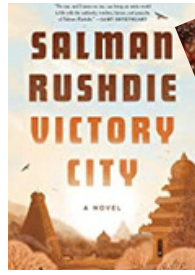
Join us for a multi-generational group of mahjong players! Players are using the original version of the game and, if there are enough players, a group will split off to play American League Mahjong. Onlookers and beginners welcome! Bring a friend!

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

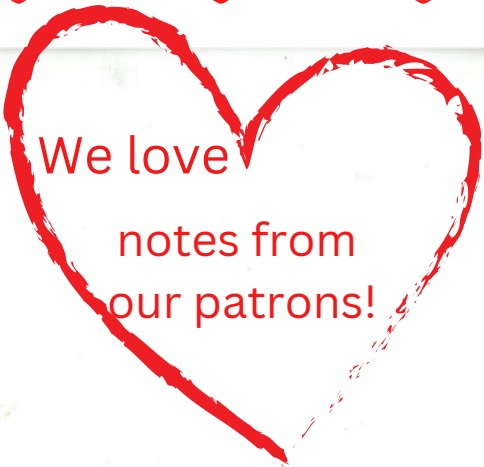
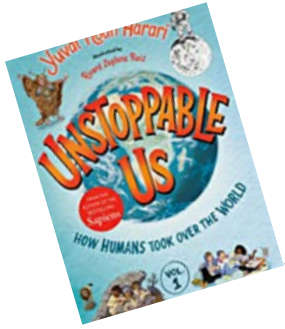


# What's New?

New adult books coming soon!



New Kid's & Teen books coming soon!



We love notes from our patrons!

*The weather outside may be frightful but the Library is so delightful.*

*Thank you for being here!*

*Thank you for all of your great work and contributions to our community.*

## Musical Notes

Dear CHHL,

11/28/2022

Thank you so much for all your efforts to keep Charlotte Hobbs moving forward and relevant in a time when libraries and bookstores are closing.

We love the friendliness of your library and how welcome we feel there during every visit.

Thank you for your special programs and for reaching out to surrounding towns.

Sincerely,

Jan & Sten Tubbs

To Jennifer Dupree & the Board,  
I served on the Board for 2 1/2 years, and I know how much work it takes to run an efficient library, to earn enough money to offer many programs, and to work with the public with a smile each day. You are doing a fabulous job! Thank you for serving Lovell with an inviting place to meet and learn!  
Nancy Wilson