

February 2024

# Hobbs Library Newsletter

## What's happening this month

- Feb 1 (Thurs): 9 and 10am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Feb 1 (Thurs): 3-5pm Mahjong
- Feb 2 (Fri): 10am GLLT: Project feeder Watch
- Feb 2 (Fri): 6pm New Suncook Movie Night
- Feb 3 (Sat): 8:00am Yoga Flow (\$5-\$25 suggested)
- Feb 3 (Sat): 10am GLLT: Project Feeder Watch
- Feb 5 (Mon): 10am Storytime
- Feb 6 (Tues): 9 and 10am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Feb 6 (Tues): 1pm Story Swap (zoom)
- Feb 6 (Tues): 4:30pm Yin Yoga (\$5-\$25 suggested)
- Feb 7 (Wed): 9-10:30 Tech Help
- Feb 7 (Wed): 1-3pm Martha's Knitting Group
- Feb 7 (Wed): 7pm All Booked Up (zoom)
- Feb 8 (Thurs): 9 and 10am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Feb 8 (Thurs) 1-2:30pm Writing group
- Feb 8 (Thurs): 3pm Mahjong
- Feb 8 (Thurs): 4-5pm Make a Lovie (Registration required!)
- Feb 10 (Sat): 8:00am Yoga Flow (\$5-\$25 suggested)
- Feb 10 (Sat): 9-11am Winter Carnival (@New Suncook)
- Feb 12 (Mon): 10am Storytime
- Feb 12 (Mon): 1pm Page Turners (zoom)
- Feb 13 (Tues): 9 and 10am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Feb 13 (Tues): 4:30pm Yin Yoga (\$5-\$25 suggested)
- Feb 14 (Wed): 9-10:30 Tech Help
- Feb 14 (Wed): 1-3pm Martha's Knitting Group
- Feb 15 (Thurs): 9 and 10am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Feb 15 (Thurs): 3pm Mahjong
- Feb 15 (Thurs): 7pm Speaker Series: Elizabeth Garber (zoom)
- Feb 17 (Sat): 8:00am Yoga Flow (\$5-\$25 suggested)
- Feb 20 (Tues): 9 and 10am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Feb 20 (Tues): 4:30pm Yin Yoga (\$5-\$25 suggested)
- Feb 21 (Wed): 9-10:30am Tech Help
- Feb 21 (Wed): 1-3pm Martha's Knitting Group
- Feb 21 (Wed): 7pm Board Meeting (zoom)
- Feb 22 (Thurs): 9 and 10am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Feb 22 (Thurs): 1-2:30pm Writing Group
- Feb 22 (Thurs): 3pm Mahjong
- Feb 23 (Fri): 10am GLLT: Project Feeder Watch
- Feb 23 (Fri): 10:30-12 Lego Group
- Feb 24 (Sat): 8:00am Yoga Flow (\$5-\$25 suggested)
- Feb 24 (Sat): 10am GLLT: Project Feeder Watch
- Feb 26 (Mon): 10am Storytime
- Feb 27 (Tues): 9 and 10am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Feb 27 (Tues): 4:30pm Yin Yoga (\$5-\$25 suggested)
- Feb 28 (Wed): 9-10:30 Tech Help
- Feb 28 (Wed): 1-3pm Martha's Knitting Group
- Feb 29 (Thurs): 9 and 10am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Feb 29 (Thurs): 3pm Mahjong

The Library will be CLOSED

on February 19th in observance of Presidents' Day

Dear Library Community,

My favorite thing about February is that it's all about love. I'm not much into heart-shaped boxes of chocolate or pricey flowers (although I would turn down neither), but I am always into books. I hardly ever buy books anymore (for myself--I buy plenty for the library!), but someone gave me a gift certificate this year and so I got to go on a bit of a spree. I bought four books that aren't available through Minerva and I can't even tell you what a great pleasure it is to know they're on their way to me! Books make great gifts--there's just no two ways about it. We have a used book store here at the library and there's a lot down there that are very gently used and so perfectly fine for gifting, in my opinion. There's also the joy of gifting to yourself, on valentine's Day or any day!

February is also when we launch "Blind Date with a Book." See details below. We hope you'll take a chance on a mystery "date!"



The other thing about February is that it feels long (even though it's the shortest month). I think it's because I'm ready for spring but winter isn't planning to leave anytime soon. If you're looking for ways to make winter more fun, don't forget that we loan out snowshoes! All you need is a library card in good standing (no bills and not expired). Winter is here, we might as well make the most of it!

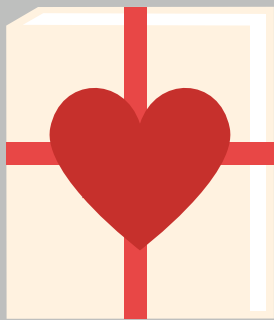
Sincerely,  
Jen

### 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

# Blind Date with a Book



Looking for love this Valentine's Day? Take a chance on a blind date...with a book! Make your pick without knowing the cover or title--leave it up to fate and your librarians! You never know when you'll meet your perfect match. For every "date" you go on, you'll be entered to win a prize.



## Writing Group

Thursdays, February 8th & 22nd from 1-2:30pm



Joining by zoom is available on request.

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.

## New Suncook Movie Night: Peanuts Movie

Friday, February 2nd @ 6pm



Everyone welcome for movie and snacks! Charlie Brown, Lucy, Linus and friends embark on an epic adventure while Snoopy tracks down the Red Baron, his nemesis.

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Runtime: 88 minutes

## Story Swap: First "Home"

Tuesday, February 6th @ 1pm (zoom)



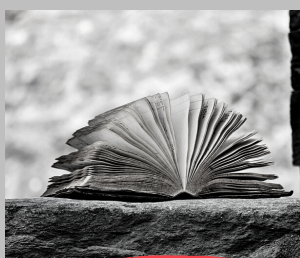
Do you remember a place, early in your life, where you felt "at home" – your actual dwelling, or maybe the home of a beloved relative or friend? Or perhaps your early "home" was not in a building at all – a special rock by a lake, a grove of trees, a cherished car?

Come to the Hobbs Swap to bring us a story of that treasured place. What was it like? What happened in it? Did you have to leave it at some point? How was it important? Come to listen and/or to share a tale. FMI: [jradner@american.edu](mailto:jradner@american.edu)

## All Booked Up: Short Story Club

Wednesday, February 7th @ 7pm

Want to be part of a book club but don't have time to read a book? This group is for you! The February selection is "Camp Emeline" by Taryn Bove which can be found in the Best American Short Stories 2023, or printed out at the library.



Bowe will join us for the discussion!

New adult books coming soon!

What's New?



New Kid's & Teen books coming soon!



### Make-A-Lovie

Thursday, February 8th 4-5pm



February is the perfect time for stuffed animals! They're warm, loveable, fuzzy, and sweet! Perfect for a cuddle! Choose between a moose or polar bear, stuff it, and take it home! There is no cost to this program.

To register: [thedesk@HobbsLibrary.org](mailto:thedesk@HobbsLibrary.org) or 207-925-3177

**\*\*\*Limit 10 kids\*\*\*    \*\*\*You must register for this event\*\*\***



### Speaker Series: Elizabeth Garber

Thursday, February 15th @ 7pm (zoom)

Elizabeth Garber, author of "Sailing at the Edge of Disaster: A Memoir of a Young Woman's Daring Year." Her memoir tells the story of how as a bookish teen she and her younger brother are sent by their dominating father to "shape up" on a sail training school ship, where they discover the rigors, joys, and triumphs of being at sea.



Find the zoom link on our website.

### Winter Carnival:

February 10th 9am-11am

Join us at the New Suncook School for some winter fun! Games, Sledding, Snow Volcanoes, Nature Activities, Hot Chocolate, Cookies, & More!



### DID YOU KNOW?

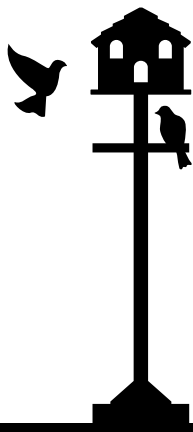
Our Maine & Mineral & Gem Museum Pass can also be used for:

\*The Portland Museum of Art\*The Maine Maritime Museum\*The Maine Historical Society\*The Remick Country Doctor Museum & Farm\*..and dozens more!

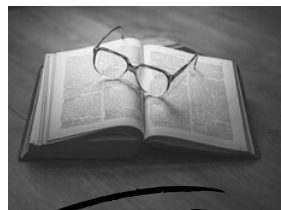
See all participating museums at [www.narmassociation.org](http://www.narmassociation.org)

## Project Feeder Watch:

Friday & Saturday February 2nd & 3rd  
and Friday & Saturday February 23rd & 24th  
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.



## Page Turners:

Monday, February 12th @ 1pm (zoom)

We will discuss Daniel Defoe's classic *Moll Flanders* (1721), widely available in print and through Project Gutenberg. A rogue figure who is born in Newgate Prison, survives by hook and crook, and ends up a rich plantation owner in Virginia, Moll is one of the most fascinating characters to emerge from the early English novel.

FMI

and for the zoom link:

Sue Lanser at

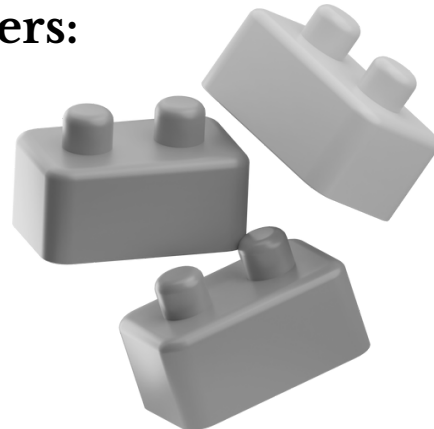
925-6244 or

[lanser@brandeis.edu](mailto:lanser@brandeis.edu)

## Lego Building Challenges for Homeschoolers:

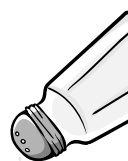
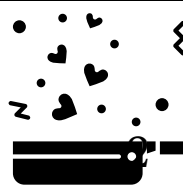
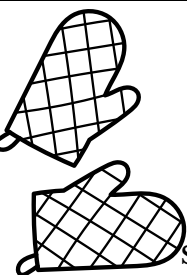
Friday, February 23rd @ 10:30am

Calling all homeschool families! Join the Chickadee Learning Co-op for a fun LEGO-filled morning, Friday, February 23rd from 10:30-12:00. Homeschoolers of all ages are invited to let their imagination and creativity run wild as they tackle various LEGO building challenges!



## 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. Please send recipes and the story behind the recipes as a word document to [jdupree@hobbslibrary.org](mailto: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, February 5th, 12th, & 26th @ 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, Feb 6th, 8th, 13th, 15th, 20th, 22nd, 27th, & 29th  
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, February 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th  
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, February 3rd, 10th, 17th, & 24th 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](mailto:TheDesk@HobbsLibrary.org)



## Yin Yoga

Tuesdays, February 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th @ 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, February 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th 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

