

January 2024

# Hobbs Library Newsletter

## *What's happening this month*

- Jan 2 (Tues): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Jan 2 (Tues): 4:30pm Yin Yoga (\$5-\$25 suggested)
- Jan 3 (Wed): 9-10:30am Tech Help
- Jan 3 (Wed): 1-3pm Martha's Knitting Group
- Jan 3 (Wed): 7pm All Booked Up (zoom)
- Jan 4 (Thurs): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Jan 4 (Thurs): 3-5pm Mahjong
- Jan 5 (Fri): 1-3pm GLLT: Winter Tracking 101
- Jan 6 (Sat): 8:00am Yoga Flow (\$5-\$25 suggested)
- Jan 8 (Mon): 10am Storytime
- Jan 8 (Mon) 1pm Page Turners (zoom)
- Jan 8 (Mon): 6pm Death Cafe
- Jan 9 (Tues): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Jan 9 (Tues): 4:30pm Yin Yoga (\$5-\$25 suggested)
- Jan 10 (Wed): 9-10:30 Tech Help
- Jan 10 (Wed): 1-3pm Martha's Knitting Group
- Jan 11 (Thurs): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Jan 11 (Thurs) 1-2:30pm Writing group
- Jan 11 (Thurs): 3pm Mahjong
- Jan 13 (Sat): 8:00am Yoga Flow (\$5-\$25 suggested)
- Jan 16 (Tues): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Jan 16 (Tues): 4:30pm Yin Yoga (\$5-\$25 suggested)
- Jan 17 (Wed): 9-10:30 Tech Help
- Jan 17 (Wed): 1-3pm Martha's Knitting Group
- Jan 17 (Wed): 1pm Story Swap (zoom)
- Jan 17 (Wed): 7pm Board meeting (zoom)
- Jan 18 (Thurs): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Jan 18 (Thurs): 3pm Mahjong
- Jan 18 (Thurs): 7pm Speaker Series: Gillian Barnes (Zoom)
- Jan 19 (Fri): 10-11:30am GLLT: Project Feeder Watch
- Jan 20 (Sat): 8:00am Yoga Flow (\$5-\$25 suggested)
- Jan 20 (Sat): GLLT: 10-11:30am Project Feeder Watch
- Jan 20 (Sat): GLLT: 6-7:30pm Backyard Astronomy
- Jan 22 (Mon): 10am Storytime
- Jan 23 (Tues): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Jan 23 (Tues): 4:30pm Yin Yoga (\$5-\$25 suggested)
- Jan 24 (Wed): 9-10:30am Tech Help
- Jan 24 (Wed): 1-3pm Martha's Knitting Group
- Jan 25 (Thurs): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Jan 25 (Thurs): 1-2:30pm Writing Group
- Jan 25 (Thurs): 3pm Mahjong
- Jan 26 (Fri): 6:30pm Barbie Movie Watch Party
- Jan 27 (Sat): 8:00am Yoga Flow (\$5-\$25 suggested)
- Jan 29 (Mon): 10am Storytime
- Jan 30 (Tues): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Jan 30 (Tues): 4:30pm Yin Yoga (\$5-\$25 suggested)
- Jan 31 (Wed): 9-10:30am Tech Help
- Jan 31 (Wed): 1-3pm Martha's Knitting Group

The Library will be CLOSED on January 1st for New Year's Day and January 15th for Martin Luther King Day

Dear Library Community,

December is always simultaneously busy and quiet here. The Tree Lighting is historically one of our biggest draws, and this year was no different! About 150 people came by to sing songs, celebrate the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus, light the tree, and have some cookies and cocoa. This year, we shepherded people through the library for interactive displays of Christmas, Kwanza, Diwali, the winter solstice, and Hanukkah. There's no way any of this could have happened with tons of volunteers, including people who baked cookies, handed out cookies, made hot chocolate, gave out glow necklaces, led the singing, directed traffic, taught kids how to play dreidel, and organized Santa time. We are especially grateful for our community partners: GLLT, Lovell Rec, LUCC, and the Masons--not to mention the fire department who make sure Santa and the Mrs. get here! And very special thanks to Sandy and Jeff Stowell for taking on the most important role!

After the tree lighting (and with the exception of when everyone has a power or internet outage except the library), we get pretty quiet around here. People are busy with family celebrations and shopping and travel and we understand. We miss you, but the downtime gives us a chance to look ahead and begin to plan for the coming year.

I'm always open to hearing your ideas for books and programming. Or whatever else is on your mind. Stop by anytime!

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

*Happy New Year!*

*The CHML Board wishes you all a happy and healthy new year. As we begin 2024, I am thankful for our generous supporters, loyal staff, and hardworking Board. We are blessed with an abundance of wonderful patrons and love our CHML community.*

*At this time, we like to consider what worked well during the past year that you would like to see continue as well as welcome your thoughts and ideas for our new year. Additionally, we are always looking for interested individuals to join our Board and committees, or volunteer for events. Let us know, we would love to have you on our team!*

*Our Annual Appeal is still going strong and will continue throughout the month of January. If you have any issues making a donation online or through the mail just give us call at the library.*

*Thanks for all donations!*

*Happy, healthy 2024.*

*Christine Rothman*

*President, Board of Trustees*

## **GLLT & Tin Mountain Present:**

### **Backyard Astronomy for the Winter & Throughout the Year**

**Saturday, January 20th from 6-7:30pm**

**Inclement Weather Date: January 27th**



This program will give pointers on how to find celestial objects that can be seen with the naked eye in the winter nighttime sky. From the planets to galaxies, nebulas, star clusters and more there is a lot to be seen with just the eyes. We'll give participants info on how to locate and observe some fascinating celestial objects for the upcoming month and beyond. Registration required:

<https://www.gllt.org/calendar-events/2024/1/20-1>

## **GLLT Presents: Winter Tracking 101**

**Friday, January 5th @ 1pm**

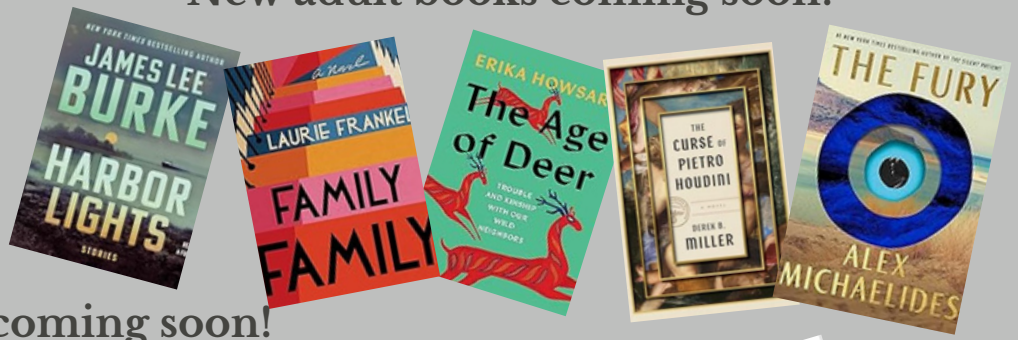
Join GLLT staff and docents at the library for a training on winter tracking. This interactive overview will cover the ID of tracks and signs of mammals.

Register Here: <https://form.jotform.com/232955560309056>



# What's New?

New adult books coming soon!



New Kid's & Teen books coming soon!



## Barbie Movie Watch Party: Friday, January 26th @ 6:30pm

Join us for a Barbie extravaganza. Think pink: snacks, drinks (boozy for those 21+), and plenty of decorations!

Rated: PG-13

Running time: 116 minutes



Looking for a place to hold your child's birthday party?

How about the library?

Parties with up to 50 kids can be held in our community room!



Here's some of what we can offer:

- Donation-based payments
- Lego parties
- Craft parties
- Movie parties
- Cookie-making parties ..and more!

FMI: [thedesk@HobbsLibrary.org](mailto:thedesk@HobbsLibrary.org) or 207925-3177

## Taste of Lovell Calendar

Don't miss your chance to win a yummy treat--baked by a local baker--EVERY day in February. And this year is a leap year which means you get 29 chances!

\$5/1 ticket or \$10/ 3 tickets



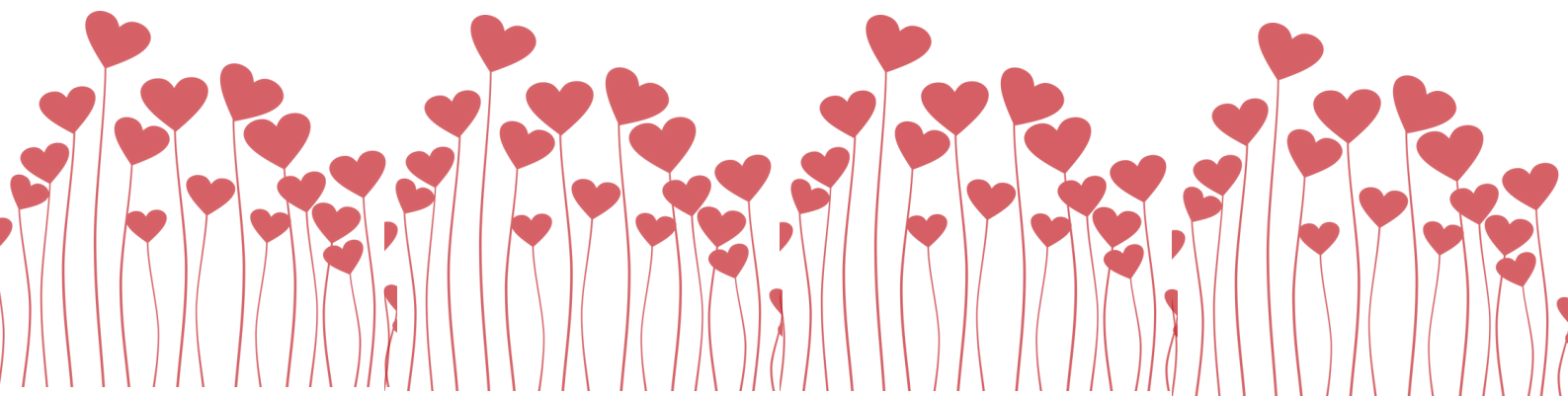


# TASTE OF LOVELL FEBRUARY 2024



Raffle tickets \$5 each or 3 for \$10. One draw per day.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 Cake for 12 by Sue Hamlin	5 Beth's Cafe Gift Certificate by Ann Diskin	6 Baked Goods by Paula Hughes	7 Pumpkin Cake by Gilda Madeiros	1 GF Quiche by Andrea Macht	2 Blueberry Cake by Laurel Cole	3 2 Loaves of Bread by Elsa Newhouse
11 Mexican Chocolate Cake by Barbara Collins	12 Blueberry Cake by Laurel Cole	13 Sweet Bread by Savannah Sessions	14 Peanut Butter Balls by Sue Gregson	8 Cake or Pie by Lela Smith	9 Savory Dish by Lynn Hurd	10 Baked Goods by Joyce Furtado
18 Peanut Butter Balls by Cindy Fox	19 Peanut Butter Sin Bars by Rondi Stearns	20 Bundt Cake by Nancy Gunning	21 2 Quick Breads by Sue Coombs	15 Mini Cheesecakes by Sue Dewire	16 Chocolate Chip Cookies by Jacky Stearns	17 Apple Pie by Ann Williams
25 Almond Thumbprints by Nancy Paquette	26 Baked Goodies by Craft on Main	27 TBD by Alice Carberry	28 Quick Bread by Linda Matte	22 Coffee Cake by Clare Gardner	23 Quick Bread by Cynthia Smith	24 Brownies by Tamsen Drew
				29 TBD by Mary Buzzard		



## Writing Group

Thursdays, January 11th & 25th 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.



## Death Cafe:

Monday, January 8th @ 6pm

Join us for light refreshments and an informal group discussion about death. Bring your thoughts, questions, stories, and concerns. We'll talk, learn things, and meet new people in a comfortable, casual setting. \*Please note, this is not a grief or support group.



## All Booked Up: Short Story Club

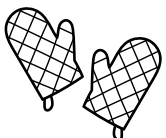
Wednesday, January 3rd @ 7pm

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 January selection will be "The Muddle" by Sana Krasikov which can be found in the Best American Short Stories 2023, online at The New Yorker, or printed out at the library.

## We're Putting Together a Cookbook!

Have you submitted a recipe for our community cookbook yet? Please send recipes and the story behind the recipes as a word document to [jdupree@hobbslibraryorg](mailto:jdupree@hobbslibraryorg). 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!



## Speaker Series: Gillian Burnes

Thursday, January 18th @ 7pm (zoom)



Join us for a zoom conversation with Gillian Burnes, author of “Soft Features,” a finalist for the 2023 Maine Literary Award for fiction. The novel, set in a fictional Maine town in 1994, tells the story of an overly empathetic national public radio journalist whose attempts to find cheerful stories, or soft features, take her on a series of misadventures.



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

### Page Turners:

Monday, January 8th @ 1pm (zoom)

Our January discussion will focus on Maryse Condé’s award-winning novel *I Tituba, Black Witch of Salem* (1986), based on the true story of an enslaved woman who was the first to be accused of witchcraft in Salem, Massachusetts, in 1692. The book is available on Minerva as well as in paperback and electronic forms.

### Story Swap:

Wednesday, January 17th @ 1pm (zoom)

For our story theme this month, let’s look at some of the elements in our lives (or in traditional stories) that come again – not necessarily at the New Year – at any period. What does it mean to us when the expected happens (or does not happen)? Are some deviations from the norm welcome, and others unwelcome? I invite stories about our expectations, our patterns. See what pops up!

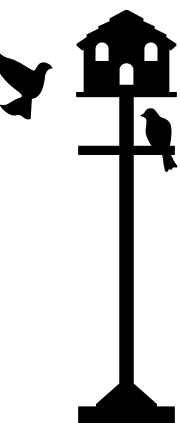


FMI: Jo Radner  
(jradner@american.edu)

### Project Feeder Watch:

Friday, January 19th & Saturday, January 20th from 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.





## Storytime

Mondays, January 8th, 22nd, & 29th @ 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, Jan. 2nd, 4th, 9th, 11th, 16th, 18th, 23rd, 25th, & 30th 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, January 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, & 31st 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, January 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th 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, January 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, & 30th @ 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, January 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th 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

