



# 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.*

- March 1 (Weds) 9-10:30am Tech Help
- March 1 (Weds) 1pm: Martha's Knitting Group
- March 1 (Weds): 7pm Short Story Group (zoom)
- March 2 (Thurs): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- March 2 (Thurs) 3-5pm Mahjong
- March 4 (Sat): 8:30am Yoga Flow (\$10-\$25 suggested)
- March 4 (Sat): Town Meeting (Lovell Town Hall)
- March 6 (Mon): 10am Storytime
- March 6 (Mon): 5pm Yin Yoga (\$5-\$25 suggested)
- March 7 (Tues): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- March 8 (Wed) 9-10:30am Tech Help
- March 8 (Wed): 1-3pm Martha's Knitting Group
- March 9 (Thurs): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- March 9 (Thurs): 1pm Writing Group
- March 9 (Thurs): 3-5pm Mahjong
- March 11 (Sat): 8:30am Yoga Flow (\$10-\$25 suggested)
- March 13 (Mon): 10am Storytime
- March 13 (Mon): 1pm Page Turners (zoom)
- March 13 (Mon): 5pm Yin Yoga (\$5-\$25 suggested)
- March 14 (Tues): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- March 15 (Wed): 9-10:30am Tech Help
- March 15 (Wed): 1-3pm Martha's Knitting Group
- March 15 (Wed): 6:30pm CHML Board Meeting (zoom)
- March 16 (Thurs): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- March 16 (Thurs): 3-5pm Mahjong
- March 16 (Thurs): 7pm Thomas Urquhart (zoom)
- March 17 (Fri): 1:00pm Friday Afternoon Classics
- March 18 (Sat): 8:30am Yoga Flow (\$10-\$25 suggested)
- March 20 (Mon): 10am Storytime
- March 20 (Mon): 1pm Story Swap (zoom)
- March 20 (Mon): 5pm Yin Yoga (\$5-\$25 suggested)
- March 21 (Tues): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- March 22 (Wed): 9-10:30am Tech Help
- March 22 (Wed): 1-3pm Martha's Knitting Group
- March 23 (Thurs): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- March 23 (Thurs): 1pm Writing Group
- March 23 (Thurs): 3-5pm Mahjong
- March 25 (Sat): 8:30am Yoga Flow (\$10-\$25 suggested)
- March 27 (Mon): 10am Storytime
- March 27 (Mon): Yin Yoga (\$5-\$25 suggested)
- March 28 (Tues): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- March 29 (Weds): 9-10:30 Tech Help
- March 29 (Weds) : 1-3pm Martha's Knitting Group
- March 30 (Thurs): 10-11am group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- March 30 (Thurs): 6pm Open Mic Night

Dear Library Community,

I'm happy to report that spring is on its way and we have a lot to look forward to here at the library!

We have hired Jenn Mead as our new Children's Librarian. Some of you may know Jenn because she's been volunteering at Storytime pretty regularly. We're excited to see what new ideas and energy Jenn will bring to the children and teen areas of the library!

We've also recently hired Dan Roy as a part-time maintenance person. Dan will help out with the (seemingly) unending challenges of keeping a building in good shape--from changing lightbulbs to being the point-person for more major HVAC repairs. We're so glad to have Dan on board!

Thanks to a grant we received, we're getting some new shelving which will help us spread out our existing collection as well as expand it in certain areas. Brent Legere has finished making some of it and it should be in place by early March.

And finally, The taste of Lovell Calendar helped raise nearly \$600 for the library. Thanks to all who bought raffle tickets, everyone who baked, and most especially Sue Gregson who organized the whole event It was, as ever, a delicious month!

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, March 20th @ 1pm

Come and tell about your "You'll never believe this!" moments -- or come just to listen. Any brief (5 minute) story is welcome -- memory, folktale, legend -- and we will feel free to twist the theme in any way we please. Mine your memories for those unforgettable times of amazement, those unplanned, uncontrollable, unpredictable, astonishing moments. And come and share them!

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or for the zoom link:  
jradner@american.edu

## Open Mic Night: Thursday, March 30th @ 6pm

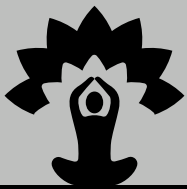
Perform or just come to listen!  
Read a poem or story of your own or recite one you love,  
sing a song, tell a joke, a story, an anecdote.  
The floor is yours!

## Yoga Flow: Saturdays 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.

## Yin Yoga: Mondays from 5-6:30pm

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.



Suggested Donation \$5-\$25

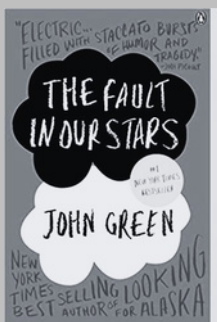
FMI: 207-925-3177 or [TheDesk@HobbsLibrary.org](mailto:TheDesk@HobbsLibrary.org)

## Teen Book Group

Wednesday, March 22nd @ 4:30pm

Join us for a fun, no-pressure discussion of "The Fault in Our Stars"  
by John Green

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).



## Speaker Series: Thomas Urquhart (Zoom)

Thursday, March 16th @ 7pm

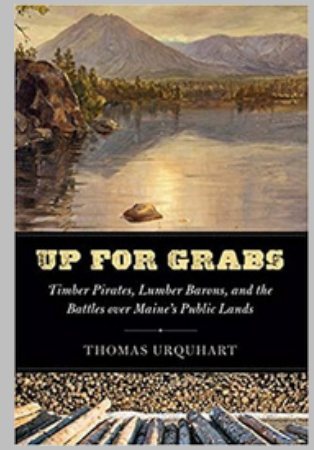
This is the story of how over half a million acres of Maine's most beautiful and revered land came to belong to everyone.

Former Maine Audubon director Thomas Urquhart is the author of *For the Beauty of the Earth*. He has written extensively on Maine's natural resources for such publications as *Down East Magazine*, *Audubon*, *Habitat*, and *Port City Life*.

He lives in Portland, ME

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

Zoom link: [www.HobbsLibrary.org](http://www.HobbsLibrary.org)



This event is sponsored in part by Norway Savings Bank and co-sponsored by the Greater Lovell Land Trust

## Friday Classics: 9 to 5

Join us for a FREE showing of this classic movie!

March is Women's History Month, and there are lots of great movies about women out there, but 9 to 5 is one of the greatest!

Starring Jane Fonda, Lily Tomlin, Dolly Parton, Dabney Coleman, Sterling Hayden. Three female office workers become friends and get revenge against their boss, a sexist egotistical lying hypocritical bigot, and in so doing create a more efficient and pleasant work environment.

Rated PG. Run Time: 110 minutes.



## Page Turners

Monday, March 13th @ 1pm

Our March selection is Nella Larsen's novel *Quicksand* (1928), which traces its biracial heroine Helga Crane's search for identity and place. We will be reading Charles Dickens' *David Copperfield* (1849-50) in April followed by Barbara Kingsolver's newest work, *Demon Copperhead* (2022), in May.

Page Turners maintains a discussion list for our members, at which you can receive advance background information and preparatory discussion questions. FMI: Sue Lanser (925-6244 or [lanser@brandeis.edu](mailto:lanser@brandeis.edu)).



# Volunteer Spotlight: Courtney Chapman

Courtney shelves books at the library and recently joined the readers at story time. She's part of the teen book club and enjoys going to open mic night at the library.

When not at the library, Courtney works at Reny's in Bridgton. In her free time, she enjoys taking walks, reading books, spending time with her dog Bella (who comes with Courtney to the library to "assist"), coloring in adult coloring books, and talking on the phone with her twin sister in Texas.

## A Thank You & A Call for Volunteers



A huge thank you goes to all the Taste of Lovell bakers who contributed goodies to the calendar raffle!

As we continue to organize more events, we invite you to become a volunteer. Most jobs require about 2 hours of fun and you get to meet fabulous other helpers too. Volunteering allows the library to offer many community services. Come join the team!

Contact Barbara (cllns@aol.com) if you are available for the following dates:

- Storytime Monday mornings
- Plant, Bake, Book sale May 27
- Golf Tournament June 4
- Arts and Artisans Fair August 19
- Fryeburg Fair display October 1-9
- Tree Lighting December 1

## Storytime Volunteers Needed

Storytime occurs weekly on Mondays from 10-11 am. Volunteers can select which days they would like to help in advance. Volunteering can consist of creating the entire program for the day (e.g. selecting and reading stories, choosing and implementing a craft, leading other games or activities, etc.). Volunteers are also welcome to help with a portion of the program (e.g. set up, read a story, clean up, etc.). Kids are very welcome to join parents who are volunteering.

Older youth or young adult volunteers are also welcome!

Typically, storytime consists of the following (totaling 1 hr):

- \* Welcome & free play (puzzles, animals, legos, coloring, etc.)
- \* Stories & songs
- \* Craft

However, there's lots of flexibility to try new ideas as well!



## Storytime

Mondays, March 6th, 13th, 20th, 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, March 2nd, 7th, 9th, 14th, 16th, 21st, 23rd, 28th, 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 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, March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th  
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, March 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 March, we'll read Alice McDermott's "Post"



## Writing Group

Thursdays, March 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, March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th 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!



Don't forget!

Lovell Town Meeting  
Saturday, March 4th  
at 9am  
at the Lovell Town Hall

Please attend and  
support the library!

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, breakfast cereals, juice

Items may be dropped off at the library