

March 2024

# Hobbs Library Newsletter

## *What's happening this month*

- Mar 2 (Sat): 8:00am Yoga Flow (\$5-\$25 suggested)
- Mar 2 (Sat): 9:00am Lovell Annual Meeting (Town Hall)
- Mar 4 (Mon): 10am Storytime
- Mar 4 (Mon): 6pm Death Cafe
- Mar 5 (Tues): 9 and 10am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Mar 5 (Tues): 4:30pm Yin Yoga (\$5-\$25 suggested)
- Mar 6 (Wed): 9-10:30 Tech Help
- Mar 6 (Wed): 1-3pm Martha's Knitting Group
- Mar 6 (Wed): 7pm All Booked Up (zoom)
- Mar 7 (Thurs): 9 and 10am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Mar 7 (Thurs): 12pm Book Chat
- Mar 7 (Thurs): 3pm Mahjong
- Mar 9 (Sat): 8:00am Yoga Flow (\$5-\$25 suggested)
- Mar 9 (Sat): 6:00pm Talent Show
- Mar 11 (Mon): 10am Storytime
- Mar 11 (Mon): 1pm Page Turners (zoom)
- Mar 12 (Tues): 9 and 10am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Mar 12 (Tues): 4:30pm Yin Yoga (\$5-\$25 suggested)
- Mar 13 (Wed): 9-10:30 Tech Help
- Mar 13 (Wed): 1-3pm Martha's Knitting Group
- Mar 14 (Thurs): 9 and 10am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Mar 14 (Thurs): 1-2:30pm Writing Group
- Mar 14 (Thurs): 3pm Mahjong
- Mar 15 (Fri): 10-11am GLLT: Project Feeder Watch
- Mar 15 (Fri): 10:30am Lego Homeschoolers
- Mar 16 (Sat): 8:00am Yoga Flow (\$5-\$25 suggested)
- Mar 16 (Sat): 10-11am GLLT: Project Feeder Watch
- Mar 16 (Sat): 4pm Wonka Watch Party
- Mar 18 (Mon): 10am Storytime
- Mar 19 (Tues): 9 and 10am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Mar 19 (Tues): 4:30pm Yin Yoga (\$5-\$25 suggested)
- Mar 20 (Wed): 9-10:30am Tech Help
- Mar 20 (Wed): 1pm Story Swap (zoom)
- Mar 20 (Wed): 1-3pm Martha's Knitting Group
- Mar 20 (Wed): 7pm Board Meeting (zoom)
- Mar 21 (Thurs): 9 and 10am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Mar 21 (Thurs): 3pm Holi storytime, snack, and craft
- Mar 21 (Thurs): 7pm Speaker Series: Becky Buyer (hybrid)
- Mar 21 (Thurs): 3pm Mahjong
- Mar 23 (Sat): 8:00am Yoga Flow (\$5-\$25 suggested)
- Mar 25 (Mon): 10am Storytime
- Mar 26 (Tues): 9 and 10am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Mar 26 (Tues): 4:30pm Yin Yoga (\$5-\$25 suggested)
- Mar 27 (Wed): 9-10:30 Tech Help
- Mar 27 (Wed): 1-3pm Martha's Knitting Group
- Mar 28 (Thurs): 9 and 10am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Mar 28 (Thurs): 1-2:30pm Writing Group
- Mar 28 (Thurs): 3pm Mahjong
- Mar 30 (Sat): 8:00am Yoga Flow (\$5-\$25 suggested)

Dear Library Community,

Every year, the library has to file an annual report with the Maine State Library. It's long and involved and largely tedious, but in the gathering of statistical information, I sometimes come across gems. Like this: In 2023, the library hosted 500 programs and 3000 people attended those programs. That's an incredible amount for a library this size with this size staff. And, yes, the staff works hard, but we couldn't put on that many programs without all the volunteers that make it happen. Mah Jong, Writing Group, Tech Help, Knitting, Page Turners, the Speaker Series, the newly revived Book Chat, and Story Swap all happen without staff involvement (other than a poster, social media poster, and newsletter blurb). Yoga, Group Training, and Tai Chi also run independent of staff, although the folks running those programs charge for them--but they still count! And that's not even mentioning the fantastic programs put on by GLLT here. We are rich in talent and dedication!

Everything that happens here happens because you all want to be involved. From those of you who see a need for a program and decide to get one going to those who attend, we wouldn't have such brag-able statistics if you all didn't come out to support what we do.

Thank you to those of you who host our programs and thank you to those of you who show up for them.

And to those of you who suggest programs, keep it coming!

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

*Congratulations to all the Taste of Lowell winners and Thank You to everyone who baked and everyone who bought tickets*



It's true that most of the money we raised went missing, but that doesn't change how much we love this fundraiser and appreciate all of you. We'll have to change some of our procedures, and that's always hard and a little sad, but we'll be better in the long run.

### Writing Group

Thursdays, March 14th and 28th 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. We will continue to encourage voluntary sharing. Our ground rules stress respect, communication, and creativity.

### Story Swap: Lifesaving

Wednesday, March 20th @ 1pm



FMI: Jo Radner  
jradner@american.edu.

A wide set of opportunities, from the literal (a summer job at a pool or beach?) to the metaphorical! Think of those times when something happened – or when a friend, or even a stranger, stepped in – to save a desperate situation. What happened? What did that sudden moment of relief feel like? This theme can fit personal and family stories, historical events, folktales. Come to share a story and/or to listen – all are welcome

### Death Cafe:

Wednesday, March 6th @ 7pm

We'll have light refreshments and an informal group discussion about death. Bring your thoughts, questions, stories, and concerns.

For this month, Rep Vicki Doudera will join us vis zoom to discuss LD536, a bill that supports human composting in Maine.

\*Please note, this is not a grief or support group



# What's New?

New adult books coming soon!



New Kid's & Teen books coming soon!



## Book Chat

Thursday, March 7th @ 12pm

Book Chat is back!



Like to chat about books? Want to learn about favorites?  
Want to share your love of reading  
with others who love books?

Bring your lunch and join Rosie and Jen for a book chat!



**Lóvell's Annual Town Meeting**  
**Saturday, March 2nd**  
**9am at Town Hall**



## Talent Night

Starring Ms. Heidi

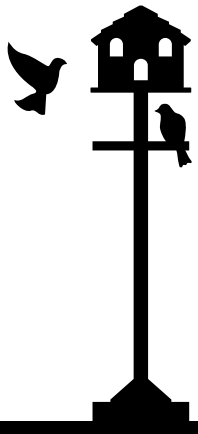
Saturday, March 9th @ 6pm

Lip sync (like Ms. Heidi), sing, dance, play the ukulele, juggle, read a poem, tell a story--what's your talent? Show us! (or just come and cheer the performers on!) All talent show presentations must be appropriate for PG-13 audiences.

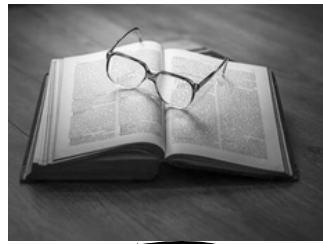


# Project Feeder Watch:

Friday & Saturday March 15th & 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.



## Page Turners

Monday, March 11th @ 1pm

We'll have a multimedia set of texts for our meeting on March 11th: a deep look at William Hogarth's 1743 series of paintings, & "Marriage à la Mode"; an introduction to London's Foundling Hospital and its role in creating a culture of public philanthropy, and the first volume of Laurence Sterne's witty and out-of-the-box novel *The Life and Opinions of Tristram Shandy, Gentleman* (1759).

FMI

and for the zoom link:

Sue Lanser at

925-6244 or

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

## All Booked Up: Short Story Club

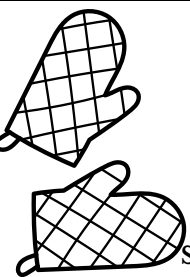
Wednesday, March 6th @ 7pm

Want to be part of a book club but don't have time to read a book? This group is for you! In March, we'll read "The Fourth State of Matter" by Jo Ann Beard which can be found printed out at the library or online at *The New Yorker*.



## 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!





Come  
prepared to  
get messy!

## Holi Storytime, Snack, & Celebration

Thursday, March 21st @ 3pm

In Indian culture, Holi marks the beginning of spring after a long winter, symbolic of the triumph of good over evil. On the day of Holi, entire streets and towns turn red, green and yellow as people throw colored powder into the air and splash them on others. Each color carries a meaning. Red, for example, symbolizes love and fertility while green stands for new beginnings. Join us as we celebrate with a story, color powders, and some traditional snacks.

## Wonka Movie Watch Party:

Saturday, March 16th @ 4pm

Based on the extraordinary character at the center of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Roald Dahl's most iconic children's book, 2023's "Wonka" tells the wondrous story of how the world's greatest inventor, magician and chocolate-maker became the beloved Willy Wonka we know today.

Rated: PG

Running Time: 1 hr 56 minutes

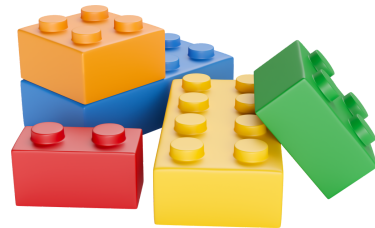


Join us for Wonka-level decorations, popcorn, and a chocolate fountain

## Lego Building Challenges for Homeschoolers:

Friday, March 15th 10:30am-12pm

Calling all homeschool families! Join the Chickadee Learning Co-op for a fun LEGO-filled morning. Homeschoolers of all ages are invited to let their imagination and creativity run wild as they tackle various LEGO building challenges!



## Speaker Series: Becky Buyers

Thursday, March 21st @ 7pm

Photojournalist Rebecca Buyers joins the Charlotte Hobbs Library Speaker Series in person and on Zoom, to share her experiences in the creation of The Great Cranberry Island Portrait Project, a work published in 2023 that combines Buyers' photos and oral histories of Great Cranberry Islanders with the art of printmaker Janet Best Badger. Created when the duo were artists in residence at the Heiker-LaHotan Foundation, Buyers will read some of the "word portraits" she created after interviewing residents of Great Cranberry Island and will discuss the value of capturing living history in small communities, the joys of collaboration, and the distinction between reporting and oral history, the latter allowing subjects to tell their stories in their own words.





## Storytime

Mondays, March 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th @ 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, March 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](mailto:craftedfitnessandart@gmail.com)



## Tech Help

Wednesdays, March 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, March 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](mailto:TheDesk@HobbsLibrary.org)



## Yin Yoga

Tuesdays, March 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, March 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th 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

