



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.*

- May 1 (Mon): 10am Storytime
- May 2 (Tues): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- May 3 (Wed) 9-10:30am Tech Help
- May 3 (Wed): 1-3pm Martha's Knitting Group
- May 3 (Wed): 7pm All Booked Up Short Story Group (zoom)
- May 4 (Thurs): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- May 4 (Thurs): 3-5pm Mahjong
- May 6 (Sat): 8:30am Yoga Flow (\$5-\$25 suggested)
- May 8 (Mon): 10am Storytime
- May 8 (Mon): 1:00 Story Swap (zoom)
- May 9 (Tues): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- May 10 (Wed): 9-10:30am Tech Help
- May 10 (Wed): 1-3pm Martha's Knitting Group
- May 10 (Wed): 4-6pm Book & Movie Event
- May 11 (Thurs): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- May 11 (Thurs): 1pm Writing Group
- May 11 (Thurs): 3-5pm Mahjong
- May 13 (Sat): 8:30am Yoga Flow (\$5-\$25 suggested)
- May 13 (Sat): 10am & 12pm Fix-A-Bike Workshop
- May 15 (Mon): 10am Storytime
- May 15 (Mon): 6om Working Like a Dog
- May 16 (Tues): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- May 17 (Wed): 9-10:30am Tech Help
- May 17 (Wed): 1-3pm Martha's Knitting Group
- May 17 (Wed): 7pm CHML Board Meeting (zoom)
- May 18 (Thurs): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- May 18 (Thurs): 3-5pm Mahjong
- May 18 (Thurs): 7pm Michael Cheney (hybrid)
- May 19 (Fri) 1pm Movie Classics
- May 20 (Sat): 8:30am Yoga Flow (\$5-\$25 suggested)
- May 22 (Mon): 10am Storytime
- May 23 (Tues): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- May 24 (Weds): 9-10:30 Tech Help
- May 24 (Weds) : 1-3pm Martha's Knitting Group
- May 24 (Weds): 6pm Open Mic Night
- May 25 (Thurs): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- May 25 (Thurs): 1pm Writing Group
- May 25 (Thurs): 3pm Mahjong
- May 26 (Fri): 4:30pm Teen Book Group
- May 27 (Sat): 9am-1pm Book, Bake, & Plant Sale
- May 30 (Tues) 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- May 31 (Weds): 9-10:30 Tech Help
- May 31 (Weds): 1-3pm Martha's Knitting Group

**The Library will be CLOSED
on Monday, May 29th
for Memorial Day**

Dear Library Community,

It's starting to look and feel a lot like spring around here!

As I write this, our new EV charging station is being installed. This will allow up to two electric vehicles to charge. The service will be available even when the library is closed--users will pay right at the charging station with a credit or debit card and a new overhead spotlight will help with visibility. Of course, when the library is open, we hope you'll come in for a book, quiet space, to join a program, or just to browse.

We also now have passes available to both The Children's Museum and the Maine Gem and Mineral Museum. Both passes allow for either discounted or free admission, can be reserved in advance, and may be taken out by anyone with a Hobbs library card in good standing. Please note, we are only allowed to issue one pass per museum per day, so plan well and plan ahead!

Sincerely,
Jen



A Thank-you from the board:

In honor of National Library Week and Staff Appreciation Day the Board of CHML would like to recognize our fantastic staff. Director, Jen Dupree, Marie Barker, Deanna Wilson, and Jenn Mead are so dedicated and passionate about our library and its services, always going above and beyond to assist our patrons. I hope you will join the Board in thanking them for their extraordinary work for our community!



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: Commemoration (Part 2) Monday May 8th @ 1pm

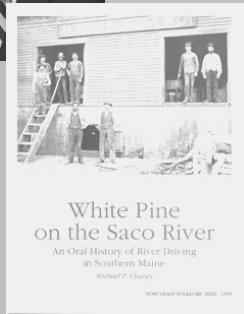
So many powerful stories and poems came forth in the "Commemoration" gathering in April, that the tellers present agreed that we need another session on this theme! We celebrated family members, friends, moments of self-realization, and even an elderly cat with the wisdom to lead a dying man across into the next world. We had poems, stories, a memoir chapter about a tourmaline miner, a fable about Eve's exile from the Garden of Eden, and a moving story-song performed in tandem with a sign language translation. A very generative topic! Bring a story, a song, a poem – or just come to listen to the extraordinary variety. By general request, this meeting will include a longer story by Jo Radner, "Eccentricity," in addition to our usual 5-minute offerings.

FMI

or for the zoom link:
jradner@american.edu

Speaker: Michael Chaney Thursday, May 18th @ 7pm

Chaney, author of "White Pine on the Saco River: An oral History of River Driving in Southern Maine," will present a hybrid event (in-person at the library or via zoom). His presentation will feature accounts by prominent Lovell families who had members participating in the lumber drives. Michael Chaney is the Executive Director of the Frances Perkins Center, based in Newcastle. Chaney, a native of Alna, holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Maine-Orono and a Master's in history from the University of Connecticut.



Yoga Flow: Saturdays from 8:30-9:30am May 6th, 13th, & 20th

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



Presentation: How Does Talking about Death Help You Live Your Best Life? Thursday, May 11th @ 6pm



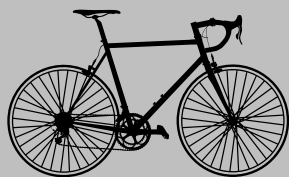
Death Doula Laura Carey will present on this thought-provoking topic. There will be time for questions and open discussion following the presentation. Rev. Carey is an interfaith minister whose primary focus is supporting clients and their families at end of life.

Teen Book Group

Thursday, May 25th @ 4:30pm

Join us for a fun & informal discussion
of "All My Rage" by Sabaa Tahir.

This group will meet in-person at the library as well as via zoom.
For the link, visit www.HobbsLibrary.org.



Fix-A-Bike Workshop

Saturday, May 13th @ 10am & 12pm



Curious about bicycle mechanics? Looking to maintain your faithful steed or conduct long overdue TLC? Perform a roadside repair and keep that bicycle mojo elevated? Yes, yes, yes!

This Fix-A-Bike Workshop will cover all the above and answer any other bicycle related questions you bring along for the ride. This is a FREE 2-hour hands-on workshop, open to teens and adults. We will cover routine maintenance, roadside repairs, and how to perform a basic tune up. Please bring your bike along! You may also bring your helmet for a fit inspection. Bring your own bicycle to learn and work on.

The BCM will provide all the tools, materials, and instruction.

Six people (or six pairs, i.e. parent/teen or couple) will be accommodated.

Registration is required. Visit our website for the registration form,
email thedesk@HobbsLibrary.org, or call us at 207-925-3177.

Page Turners

Monday, May 1st @ 1pm



On May 1st we will be discussing *David Copperfield* (1849-50), Charles Dickens's well-loved novel of a young boy's coming of age, a novel replete with such memorable characters as Mr. Micawber, Aunt Betsey Trotwood, and Uriah Heep. *David Copperfield* is widely available online at no cost (Kindle, Project Gutenberg) as well as through the Minerva library system.

On Monday, June 12, we take up Barbara Kingsolver's newest novel, *Demon Copperhead*, inspired by *David Copperfield* and set in modern-day Appalachia. Kingsolver's novel was selected by the New York Times as one of the five best novels of 2022. Both electronic and print copies are available through Minerva.

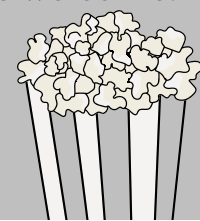
Page Turners maintains a discussion list for our members, at which you can receive advance background information and preparatory discussion questions.

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

Read the Book/Watch the Movie: Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs Wednesday, May 10th from 4-6pm

Join us for a family-friendly reading of "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" followed by a showing of the movie! Snacks provided! Everyone welcome!
Movie running time: 89 minutes Movie rating: PG

FMI: JMeat@HobbsLibrary.org or 207-925-3177



Presentation: Working Like a Dog
Monday, May 15th @ 6pm



Christy Gardner, founder and president of Mission Working Dogs, has trained service dogs and therapy dogs for more than a decade, but she wanted to grow that dream to help more Mainers in need. Mission Working Dogs was founded in July 2020 as a local non-profit to do just that. The organization serves to train service dogs and therapy dogs for the local community and provides a wide range of assistance, from individual service animals to therapy dogs, who are specifically trained to provide comfort and love in community settings such as hospitals, nursing homes and schools.

Join us as we welcome Christy, some of MWD's dogs, and their handlers to learn about the organization's history and goals and the experience of training purpose-bred dogs to aid individuals with disabilities in living a more independent life.

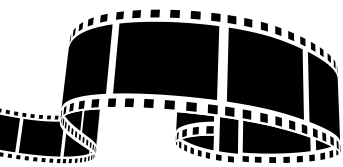
Friday Movie: A Man Called Otto

Friday, May 19th @ 1pm

Based on Fredrik Backman's "A Man called Ove," Otto is a grump who's given up on life following the loss of his wife and wants to end it all. When a young family moves in nearby, he meets his match in quick-witted Marisol, leading to a friendship that will turn his world around.

Rated: PG-13 Runtime: 126 minutes

Cast: Tom Hanks, Rachel Keller,
Manuel Garcia-Rulfo,
Kailey Hyman, Cameron Britton



What's New?

New adult books coming soon!



New Kid's & Teen books coming soon!





Storytime

Mondays, May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd 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, May 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



Tech Help

Wednesdays, April 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
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

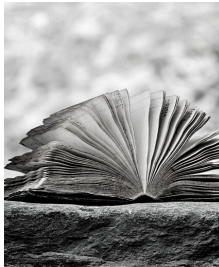


All Booked Up: Short Story Club

Wednesday, May 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.

For May, we'll read Claire Luchette's "Sugar Island."



Writing Group

Thursdays, May 11th and 25th 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 May 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



SATURDAY
05.06.23
8:30AM-12PM



Valley Pride Day

Lovell, ME

Save the date! Take a walk - Take a bag.
23rd Annual Valley Pride Day roadside litter cleanup event.
Local town contacts hosting supplies pick up:
Lovell, ME, Hobbs Library
Tom Farmington, thelonewolf57@gmail.com

Follow us on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/MWValleyPrideNH>
FMI: rmellady1@yahoo.com

6th Annual Golf Tournament

Sunday, June 4th, 2023

Cost: \$65/pp Includes lunch, 18 holes of golf, and prizes for gross and net winners, closest to the pin, and longest drive.

Sign up: At the library,
at Kezar Lake Country Club, or online
(www.HobbsLibrary.org/golf-tournament)
Sponsorship Levels: Silver (\$125), Gold (\$250),
and Platinum (\$500)

FMI: Alice or Dave Carberry at 207-697-4060 or
ackingfishercc@gmail.com

*Thanks for your support and we look forward
to seeing you on the course!*



We're starting a seed library @ the library!

What: Seeds to donate, trade, or try out!

Where: The Charlotte Hobbs Memorial Library

When: Donate anytime!

What else: Please donate seeds no older than three years. Harvested or saved seeds are fine, but please include variety and growing instructions.

FMI: 207-925-3177 or thedesk@HobbsLibrary.org

*Thank you to McSherry's Nursery
for getting us started with a very generous
donation of seeds!*

Book, Bake, & Plant Sale

Saturday, May 27th

9am-1pm

drop-off donations

Friday, May 26th

9am-4pm



48TH ANNUAL ARTS & ARTISANS FAIR

TO BENEFIT CHARLOTTE HOBBS LIBRARY



SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2023 9AM-3PM

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We are accepting applications
for our 48th Arts & Artisans Fair!

Artisans can exhibit their products in indoor or outdoor spaces. Past participants should fill out our "Accepted Artist Application" and new artisans will need to submit information to our artist jury. All information and application forms can be found on our website <https://www.hobbslibrary.org/arts-artisans-1>.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's fair--
all to benefit our library!