



May 2024

Hobbs Library Newsletter

What's happening this month

May 1 (Wed): 9-10:30 Tech Help
May 1 (Wed): 1-3pm Martha's Knitting Group
May 1 (Wed): 7pm All Booked Up (zoom)
May 2 (Thurs): 9 and 10am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
May 2 (Thurs): 12pm Book Chat
May 2 (Thurs): 3pm Mahjong
May 4 (Sat): 8:00am Yoga Flow (\$5-\$25 suggested)
May 4 (Sat): 6pm Star Wars Movie
May 6 (Mon): 10am Storytime
May 6 (Mon): 6pm Death Cafe
May 7 (Tues): 9 and 10am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
May 7 (Tues) 2-4pm Art Lessons (\$50/class)
May 8 (Wed): 9-10:30 Tech Help
May 8 (Wed): 1-3pm Martha's Knitting Group
May 9 (Thurs): 9 and 10am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
May 9 (Thurs): 1-2:30pm Writing Group
May 9 (Thurs): 3pm Mahjong
May 11 (Sat): 8:00am Yoga Flow (\$5-\$25 suggested)
May 13 (Mon): 10am Storytime
May 14 (Tues): 9 and 10am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
May 14 (Tues) 2-4pm Art Lessons (\$50/class)
May 15 (Wed): 9-10:30am Tech Help
May 15 (Wed): 1-3pm Martha's Knitting Group
May 15 (Wed): 7pm CHML Board Meeting (zoom)
May 16 (Thurs): 9 and 10am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
May 16 (Thurs): 3pm Mahjong
May 16 (Thurs): 7pm Speaker Series: Kristen Cappy
May 18 (Sat): 8:00am Yoga Flow (\$5-\$25 suggested)
May 20 (Mon): 10am Storytime
May 20 (Mon) 1pm Story Swap (zoom)
May 21 (Tues): 9 and 10am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
May 21 (Tues) 2-4pm Art Lessons (\$50/class)
May 22 (Wed): 9-10:30 Tech Help
May 22 (Wed): 1-3pm Martha's Knitting Group
May 23 (Thurs): 9 and 10am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
May 23 (Thurs): 1-2:30pm Writing Group
May 23 (Thurs): 3pm Mahjong
May 25 (Sat): 9am-12pm Plant Sale
May 28 (Tues): 9 and 10am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
May 28 (Tues) 2-4pm Art Lessons (\$50/class)
May 29 (Wed): 9-10:30 Tech Help
May 29 (Wed): 1-3pm Martha's Knitting Group
May 30 (Thurs): 9 and 10am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
May 30 (Thurs): 3pm Mahjong

Dear Library Community,

It finally feels like it might really, truly be spring. Here at the library, spring means putting away the shovels and roof rake, turning on the outside water, getting out the Adirondack chairs, and, most importantly, finalizing all of our fantastic summer programming. Read the newsletter and check out our online calendar because you will not want to miss a thing! We have hooping classes, a Community Plate dinner, a "Lovell: the Way Life Used to be" Storytelling event, Open Mic Nights with Hewnoaks, Author Events, a Cookbook Book Club, Worm Composting with GLLT, a presentation by the Southworth Planetarium, and much, much more! There is for sure something for everyone.

Also in the summer are the library's two big fundraising events. Our 7th Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Sunday, June 2nd and the Arts & Artisans Fair will be held on Saturday, August 17th. Our smaller fundraiser, the Plant sale, will be on Saturday, May 25th. Anything you can do to help make these events a success is so appreciated--donate or buy a plant, be a tournament sponsor at any level, put together a team to play, buy a ticket (or five) for the great raffle items, apply to be a vendor at A&A, or come and shop on the day of. The money we make at these fundraisers is a huge part of our operating budget, and every bit helps.

Thanks and Happy Spring!

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

**THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 27TH
IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY**

Movie: Star Wars

Saturday, May 4th @ 6pm

May the 4th be with you! Celebrate Star Wars Day at the library.
Watch the original movie, eat Star Wars snacks,
and enjoy our Jedi-level decorations!
Rated: PG Running Time: 2 hours



Book Chat

Thursday, May 2nd @ 12pm

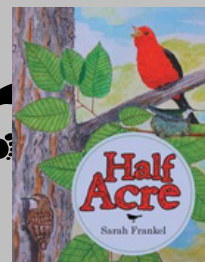
Like to chat about books? Want to learn about favorites?
Want to share your love of reading with others who love books?

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



Check out the new book at the Storybook Trail!

Located at Wilson Wing Moose Pond Bog Preserve,
Horseshoe Pond, Lovell.



Art Lessons

Tuesdays, April 30th-June 11th from 2-4pm

Are you drawn to the beauty of nature and wish you could capture it?
Taught by local artist Jessie Lozanski, come along for a 7 week series
exploring each element of composition through nature.

All mediums and experience levels are welcome!

The classes will run for 7 weeks, and you may join for any or all of them.

The cost is \$50/ per class.

FMI or to sign up: JessieLozanskiArt@gmail.com



Plant Sale

Saturday, May 25th 9am-12pm



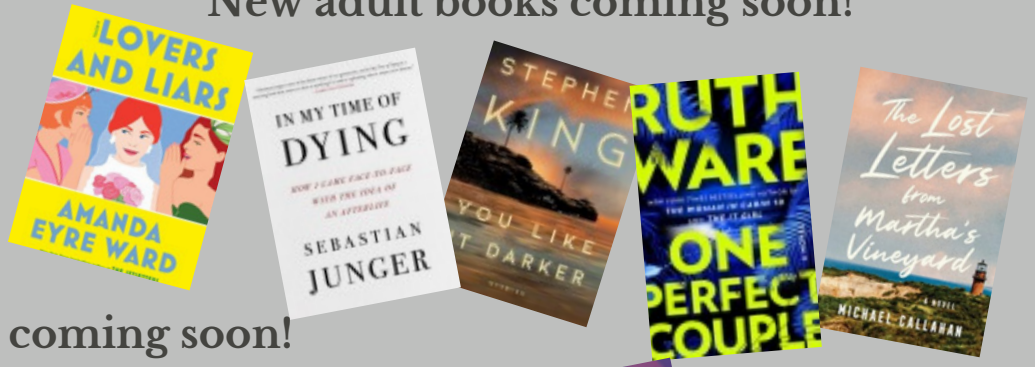
Stop by the library for annuals, perennials, herbs, veggies, houseplants, garden decor and tools from local gardeners. We'll also have our seed library available for donating or taking seeds. At 11am, Nancy Donovan, Master Gardener and contributor to the Bridgton News (Down The Garden Path), will give a talk.

All proceeds benefit the library!



What's New?

New adult books coming soon!



New Kid's & Teen books coming soon!



Want to stay more connected to the Library?



Follow us on Facebook



and Instagram!

You can also sign up to receive a weekly events email!

SATURDAY
05.04.24
8:30AM-12PM
Valley Pride Day Lovell, ME

Save the date! Take a walk - Take a bag. 24th Annual Valley Pride Day roadside litter cleanup event. Town contacts hosting supplies pick up 8:30-10:30: Hobbs Library Parking Lot thelonewolf57@gmail.com

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

7th Annual CHML Golf Tournament Sunday, June 2nd, 2024

This popular event features our attractive sponsorship signs displayed for one week in front of the library prior to the tournament and then around the Kezar Lake Country Club course during the event. Sponsorship is a great way to both support the library and to reach out to the larger community. This year, we offer multiple sponsorship packages, including Platinum, Gold, and Silver levels. Teams of four will compete in a best ball scramble beginning at 8:30 (day-of registration will begin at 7:30). There will be prizes for both gross and net scores, closest to the pin, and longest drive. \$65 per person includes breakfast items, lunch, player goodie bag and greens fees. We'll also have a silent auction and lunch will be provided at the end of the tournament.

Sign up your team at the library or at the Kezar Lake Country Club. Sponsorship packets have been mailed--if you didn't receive yours let us know.

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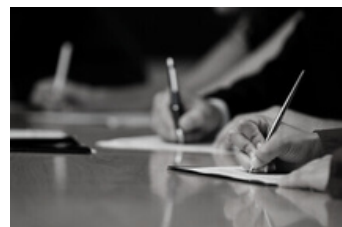
Alice or Dave Carberry at 207-697-4058 or ackingfishercc@gmail.com



All Booked Up: Short Story Club

Wednesday, May 1 @ 7pm

Want to be part of a book club but don't have time to read a book? This group is for you! In May, we'll read *Supernova* by Kosiso Ugwueze which can be found in the Best American Short Stories 2023, online at The New England Review, or printed out here at the library.



Joining by zoom is available on request.

Writing Group

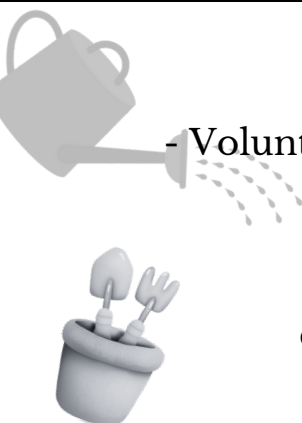
Thursday, May 9th and May 23rd
from 1-2:30pm

We invite you to join us. This group offers a safe and inclusive space where all styles and types of writing are welcome. We will continue to encourage voluntary sharing. Our ground rules stress respect, communication, and creativity.

Attention Gardeners:

The Garden Team needs your help!

- Volunteer for weekly garden care Mondays 9-11am, starting May 13
- Come with gloves, hat, trowel, and clippers to weed, clip and water our gardens
- Help at the annual plant sale (May 25): set up, label, donate plants and garden tools, advise customers, etc.
- contact Barbara at (207) 928-2028 for more info



Death Cafe:

Monday, May 6th @ 6pm

Join us for light refreshments and an informal group discussion about death. This month, Leona from Die Well Death Education will join us. Come with your thoughts, questions, stories, and concerns about death and dying.

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

We're Putting Together a Cookbook!



We know there are some great cooks in our community! Please send recipes and the story behind the recipes as a word document to jdupree@hobbslibrary.org. Or just put it in the mail to us!

To be considered for the cookbook,
all recipes must be submitted by no later than July 1, 2024.





Story Swap: Cleaning

Monday, May 20th @ 1pm (zoom)

Well, it's spring, and that's one kind of "cleaning," and it would fit the Story Swap's May theme. Think about all the curious and nostalgic discoveries we make when we dig into home maintenance a bit more deeply than usual! But there's also winning ("cleaning up"), repenting (spiritual cleanup), and just getting unwanted stuff out of our house, our lives, or our minds.

FMI or for the Zoom link, contact Jo Radner (jradner@american.edu).



Speaker Series: Kirsten Cappy

Thursday, May 16th @ 7pm

With a team of children's literature creators and immigrant community members, Cappy co-founded *I'm Your Neighbor Books*, a project that builds welcoming communities for New Arrivals and New Americans.

Kirsten will talk about the Welcoming Libraries project, featuring pop-up display units of Immigrant and New Generation children's books that are available across the U.S. The books include discussion questions to help people of all ages and backgrounds have conversations on immigration, welcoming, and belonging. A Welcoming Library will be available at Charlotte Hobbs Library through June. Join us for the fascinating and inspiring story behind *I'm Your Neighbor Books* and hear about its ongoing impact across the nation.

www.imyourneighborbooks.org

A Note from the CHML Board President

*In spring's embrace, new stories bloom,
Within these walls, find endless room,
Pages whisper, secrets shared,
At our library, adventure declared.*

Dear patrons,

As the season of renewal unfurls, we're delighted to announce our upcoming events! Join us for our much-anticipated plant sale this May, where you can add a touch of green to your homes while supporting our library. Additionally, mark your calendars for our annual meeting at the end of June, where we'll unveil a surprise new format designed to engage and inspire. Stay tuned for more details, and in the meantime, keep exploring the wonders nestled within our shelves.

Warm regards,
Chris Rothman



Page Turners

Monday, May 13th @ 1pm (zoom)

At our May meeting, we will be discussing the anonymous novel *The Woman of Colour*, published in 1808 and featuring a biracial heroine who travels from Jamaica to England to fulfill the terms of her father's will by marrying her cousin.

FMI: 925-6244 or
lanser@brandeis.edu

A page-turner with Gothic overtones and a frank inquiry into British racial politics, this recently rediscovered work sheds new light both on the abolitionist era and on novels by Jane Austen and Charlotte Brontë that also feature Caribbean women in complicated plots. Copies of *The Woman of Colour* are available for purchase, new or used; the novel can also be read online in a pdf version.

Did you know?

- You can get a Portland Public Library card here, which enables access to a greater selection of Cloud Library books.
- You can borrow a pass that allows for FREE or discounted admission to the Children's Museum and the Maine Gem and Mineral Museum.
- In addition to books, you can borrow a telescope, a microscope, a bubble machine, a badminton set, sand toys...and so much more!
- Our wifi is always on! You can use the HobbsGuest or Gazebo wifi any hour of the day or night--no password needed!
- You can charge your car at our EV charging station while you're here!



Storytime

Mondays, May 6th, 13th, & 20th @ 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, May 2nd, 6th, 9th, 13th, 16th, 20th, 23rd, 27th, & 30th
one class from 9-10am and a second class 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, May 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



Yoga Flow

Saturdays, May 4th, 11th, & 18th 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



Knitting Group

Wednesdays May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th from 1-3pm

Join this group of friendly fiber artists as they work on their projects, help others, and visit on a weekly basis. It's a great place to get help, begin a new craft and get ideas for new projects.



Mahjong

Thursdays, May 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

