

# Meredith Library News

Library Hours:  
Tues-Thurs 9-8  
Fridays 9-5  
Saturdays 9-2  
Sundays & Mondays  
Closed

Spring 2025

## Trustees Set Ten Goals in Library's New Strategic Plan

*"If you don't know where you  
are going, you'll end up  
someplace else."*

~Yogi Berra



FRIENDS OF THE MEREDITH LIBRARY

**BOOK  
STORE**



HOURS:

WEDNESDAYS 10 AM – 6 PM

THURSDAYS 10 AM – 4 PM

FRIDAYS 10 AM – 4 PM

SATURDAYS 9 AM - 1:30 PM

The trustees of the Meredith Public Library recently voted to **accept the library's Strategic Plan** for 2025-2029. Working with an Advisory Committee consisting of a broad spectrum of volunteer organizations, business leaders, parents, library patrons, staff and trustees, the group worked to survey the community, host public meetings for discussion and work with the library staff and boards to develop ten goals for the library in the next five years.

- I. Invest in Staff Development and Support
- II. Expand Access and Hours of Operation
- III. Foster Community Partnerships
- IV. Enhance Safety and Accessibility
- V. Increase Green and Outdoor Spaces
- VI. Broaden Program Offerings
- VII. Strengthen Library Promotion and Visibility
- VIII. Secure Sustainable Funding
- IX. Adapt to Technological Changes
- X. Preserve and Celebrate Local Heritage

Our Action Plan for 2025 is focusing on updating policies and procedures, partnering more with the schools and other organizations, investigating creating outdoor spaces at the High Street entrance and working with the other libraries of the Lakes Region on a **"One Book"** community read.

We are also hosting the *Americans and the Holocaust* traveling exhibit from the US Holocaust Memorial and Museum in Washington, D.C. This will include a number of events focusing on the Holocaust that our patrons and others across the State can attend in August. Our Summer Newsletter will have more information on that.

To view the Strategic Plan, please visit our Website, click on About Us>Strategic Plan. At the end of year we will be evaluating where we are in our journey and soliciting feedback from our patrons.

Erin Apostolos  
Library Director

## News from the Children's Room!

March \* April \* May 2025



### Bookworm Bunch Story Time

Wed. from 10 to 11AM

March 5, 12, 19, & 26

April 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30

May 7, 14, 21 & 28

**We meet in the children's room for a story or two, crafts & snacks. All ages are welcomed. No sign-up required. Coffee & Tea served.**



### Saturday Story Times

April 5 & May 17

10 to 11AM

**Visit the children's room on a Saturday morning and enjoy a story, craft & snack. Invite a friend and have a play date.**

### Little Friends Get Together

Meet a friend at the library and have a playdate! Enjoy the train table, an assortment of toys and read a few books! We also have lots of puzzles, some of them you can put together on the floor!



### Tot Time Reading Circle Fridays 10 to 11AM

March 7, 14, 21 & 28

April 4, 11, 18 & 25

May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

**Join us in the children's room for stories, puppet friends and beautiful art work created by you! Come read and play. All babies and children are welcomed. Snacks served. No sign-up required. Coffee & Tea served.**

### Crazy Collage Saturday

March 22 & April 19

Anytime between 10AM & 1PM

**Visit the children's room today and make a collage. We will provide scissors, glue and lots of paper so you can create a fun, funky collage.**

Snacks served &  
Coffee for  
grown-ups.





## Sassy Step & Stretch with Paula Wanzer

Wednesday, March 5  
10:00 AM

Try something new!  
Relish a playful, interactive, and addictive way to exercise.  
Whatever your reason, live to the beat of popular music!



## Ask A Financial Advisor YOUR Money Questions

- **Stock Market**
- **College Saving**
- **IRA & 401K**
- **Mortgages**
- **Retirement Planning**
- **Social Security**
- **What You Want To Know**

Join Matthew Rigatti, a Financial Planner and Senior Vice President from Pointes North Wealth Management, in the library Function Room to get your questions answered.

Meredith Public Library  
Thursday  
March 6  
6:30 - 7:30 PM



Join us in the Maker Space on the second  
Saturday of every month and  
discover how to do something new!

- Hands On Demonstrations
- Something To Take Home

## Maker Space Saturdays

March 8 @ 11 AM  
Screen Print A Lucky  
St. Patrick's Day Design  
On A Tote Bag

Each Saturday session  
introduces you to a  
different piece of equipment  
and lets you learn how to use  
that equipment to create  
your own item.

Check the events calendar for  
each month's fun activity!



Come to our seasonal kick-off event on Thursday, March 13  
at 6:30 PM as we welcome Loren McCabe,  
co-president of the Community Garden Club of Meredith  
with tips and tricks on getting your garden ready for the season.

## You can make our Seed Catalog GROW...

Our seed catalog is truly a community project.

Please contribute by dropping off donated  
seed packets at the circulation desk.





## MURDER IN PLAIN SIGHT? AN ABENAKI SETTLER MYSTERY ON THE NEW ENGLAND FRONTIER PRESENTED BY DAMIAN COSTELLO

In 1789, an unnamed Native American was killed by settler Jacob Fowler over a "trapline". Using historical documents, genealogical work and information from a local historian, participants will create biographies of the two parties involved and piece together this formative timeline in New England history.



**THURSDAY  
MARCH 20  
6:30PM  
MEREDITH LIBRARY  
91 MAIN STREET**

## ARTISTS AS ENTREPRENEURS GRANTS FOR ARTISTS INFORMATION SESSION

**TUESDAY • MARCH 25**

**6:00 PM - 7:30 PM**

**in the Meredith Public Library  
Function Room**

The presentation will focus on resources for:

- Development of business skills
- Raising level & quality of art
- Bringing art to the widest possible markets



**Lisa Burk-McCoy**  
Grants Coordinator  
Creative Communities  
NH State Council on the Arts

Ms. Burk-McCoy will lead an informal conversation about grants and resources available through NHSCA. Through presentation, interactive discussion and Q & A, artists will learn about grants and how to access additional NHSCA support.

**Space is limited and registration is required.**

**To make your reservation, please email: [cfgerken@hotmail.com](mailto:cfgerken@hotmail.com) by March 18th.**

The NH State Council on the Arts (NHSCA) is a grant-making entity that allocates public funds to support artists, arts organizations and arts focused projects across the Granite State.



The 501(c)3 non-profit Lakes Center for the Arts was created in 2019 to facilitate and encourage the growth of the arts through exhibition opportunities, marketing and business development resources, and community outreach for aspiring, emerging, and established artists and the community as a whole.

The LCA wants to make the New Hampshire Lakes Region an area businesses want to locate, people want to live and tourists want to visit for its strong arts culture as well as its recreational opportunities.

## INVESTIGATIVE GENETIC GENEALOGY AND THE DNA DOE PROJECT: A CRASH COURSE WITH CHELSEA HANRAHAN

IN 2021, CHELSEA BEGAN USING HER RESEARCH SKILLS AND LIFELONG INTERESTS IN GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH AND CRIME IN A NEW AREA: INVESTIGATIVE GENETIC GENEALOGY. SHE HAS BEEN A VOLUNTEER INVESTIGATIVE GENETIC GENEALOGIST WITH THE DNA DOE PROJECT SINCE 2022 AND HAS BEEN ABLE TO USE HER SKILLS TO HELP SOLVE CASES OF UNIDENTIFIED JOHN AND JANE DOES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT. COME LEARN ABOUT CHELSEA'S WORK FOR THE DNA DOE PROJECT.



**ON THURSDAY  
APRIL 3**



**START AT  
6:30PM**



**MEREDITH  
PUBLIC LIBRARY**



## Genealogy Lock-In

**Friday, April 11,  
5:00-8:00PM**

**Bring your notebook, laptop and research materials. Library computers will also be available. Work with your fellow genealogists after the library closes.**

**Bring \$5.00 if you want pizza. Dessert and beverages served. Sponsored by the Friends of the Meredith Library.**







# Drawn to the Library

**National Library Week**  
April 6-12, 2025



## THE HISTORY OF THE KANCAMAGUS HIGHWAY PRESENTED BY GLENN KNOBLOCK

Considered to be one of the most scenic roads in America, the Kancamagus Highway draws thousands of tourists to New Hampshire annually. The highway was fully opened in 1967 but the development of the highway itself took over 120 years to become a reality. Join historian and author Glenn Knoblock as he details the development of this Granite State treasure, and offers a glimpse into what the "Kanc" has to offer visitors all year round.



**THURSDAY  
APRIL 10  
6:30PM  
MEREDITH LIBRARY  
91 MAIN STREET**

## Sit & Sew Fridays

SECOND & FOURTH FRIDAYS EVERY MONTH  
9:15 AM - 12:45 PM

**STARTS FEB 14**

- IN LIBRARY MAKER SPACE
- NO REGISTRATION NECESSARY
- BRING YOUR OWN SEWING MACHINE
- USE ONE OF OUR 3 MACHINES (FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED)

HAVE A SEWING PROJECT YOU ARE STRUGGLING WITH OR JUST WANT COMPANY SEWING? FREE TIME FOR ALL EXPERIENCE LEVELS. COME SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE OR LEARN FROM SOMEONE ELSE.

## LEARN & LUNCH:

# NUTRITION AND AGING

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 11:00AM  
FEATURING HANNAFORD DIETICIAN  
BRAELYNNE JURIS



*Lunch sponsored by the Friends of the Meredith Library*

**ENJOY LUNCH  
WHILE YOU  
LEARN!**

# Spring Crafternoons

## First Fridays, 1-3PM

*All materials provided; \$5.00 fee per class.  
Registration Required.*

**Luck o' the Irish Jars**  
**March 7.**



**No-Sew Bunnies**  
**April 4**



**Fairy Gardens**  
**May 2**





# BOOK CLUBS

## Laid Back

**Meets at 10:30 AM**

Come and talk about whatever book you want, get ideas for your next read and share your favorites with others.

Feb. 11

Apr. 8

Mar. 11

May 13

## Brown Bag

**Meets at 12 PM**

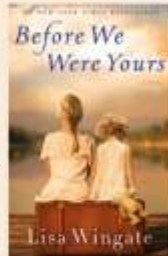
**MAR 27**

**APR 24**

**MAY 29**



*Crying In  
H Mart*  
by  
Michelle Zauner



*Before We  
Were Yours*  
by  
Lisa Wingate



*Tom Lake*  
by  
Ann Patchett

## Mystery

**Meets at 10:30 AM**

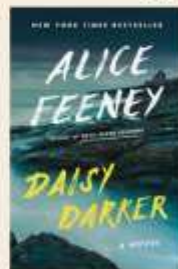
**MAR 13**

**APR 10**

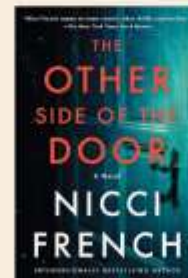
**May 8**



*The Woman  
In Cabin 10*  
by Ruth Ware



*Daisy Darker*  
by Alice Feeney



*The Other Side  
of the Door*  
by Nicci French

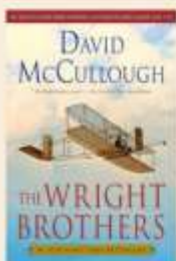
## Non-Fiction

**Meets at 6:30 PM**

**MAR 25**

**APR 29**

**MAY 27**



*The Wright  
Brothers*  
by  
David McCullough



*Fly Girl*  
by  
Ann Hood



*Genghis Khan  
and the Making  
of the Modern  
World* by  
Jack  
Weatherford



**MEREDITH  
LIBRARY**



Programs are open to kids 10+, however the library is not responsible for supervision.

# TEEN **March 2025** zone

AGES 10-18

**TAKE THE BUS AFTER SCHOOL TUES-FRI • 3:30 - 4:45PM**  
CRAFTS • BOARD GAMES • MOVIES • SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS • FRIENDSHIP • SPECIAL EVENTS • SNACKS

Tues • March 4 • 3:30-5

## FAT TUESDAY!

Celebrate Mardi Gras!



tWed  
Mar 5  
3:30  
to  
4:30  
library  
closes  
@ 5

## GAME ON SOCIAL TIME

Thur  
Mar 6  
3:30  
to 5  
explore  
the  
flavors!



**Fridays  
3:30  
to  
4:45**

**jackbox  
games**

Tues • March 11 • 3:30-5

## DUNGEONS & DRAGONS



Wed • March 12 • 3:30-4:30  
library closes @ 5

## MANGA CLUB!



Thur • March 13 • 3:30-5

## MYO Marshmallow Shooters & Battle Royale



Tues • March 18 • 3:30-5

## BAD ART CLUB



Wed • March 19 • 3:30-5

## LEARN TO MOSAIC



Thur • March 20 • 3:30-5



Test your useless knowledge  
& win prizes

## FRIDAY MARCH 21 • 5 - 8 • SPECIAL AFTER HOURS EVENT! MURDER MYSTERY DINNER PARTY

\*You must sign up by Wed. 3/19 to get your character to participate

Tues • March 25 • 3:30-5

## It's Texas. Y'all!



Wed • March 26 • 3:30-5



NEW  
FLAVORS!  
HANG  
W/  
FRIENDS  
&  
LIZ & MB

Thur • Mar 27 3:30 to 5pm

## UPCYCLE PAPER BEADS



COMING  
IN

APRIL:

IMPROV • WORLD  
CULTURE • BAD  
ART CLUB •  
NOODLE  
BATTLE •  
RAMEN BAR •  
MAKE  
CHOCOLATE  
EGGS • PEEP-  
A-PALOOZA •  
MYO ICE CREAM  
CAKE • GAMES  
& MORE!



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# TEEN **April 2025** zone

AGES 10-18

**TAKE THE BUS AFTER SCHOOL TUES-FRI • 3:30 - 5PM**

**CRAFTS • BOARD GAMES • MOVIES • SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS • FRIENDSHIP • SPECIAL EVENTS • SNACKS**

Tues • 4/1 • 3:30-5PM

## IMPROV GAMES

Wed • 4/2 • 3:30 - 5PM

UNIVERSAL YUMS



Thur • 4/3 • 3:30 - 5

## POOL NOODLE BATTLE



**EVERY FRIDAY  
3:30 - 4:45**

**jackbox  
games**



Tue • 4/8 • 3:30-5pm

## DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

upstairs

downstairs

## AFTER SCHOOL HANG OUT

Wed • 4/9 • 3:30- 5pm



## MANGA CLUB! RAMEN BAR

Thu • 4/10 • 3:30-5pm

## MYO CANDY FILLED CHOCOLATE EGGS



## BAD ART CLUB!

Tues • 4/15 • 3:30-5PM



Wed • 4/16 • 3:30-5PM  
**PEEP-A-PALOOZA**



COMING IN  
MAY:  
National  
Chocolate  
Chip Day  
key lime pies,  
sushi, t-shirt  
pillows, bad  
art club &  
more!

Tues • 4/22 • 3:30-5PM

## EARTH DAY JOURNEY STICKS



Wed • 4/23 • 3:30-5PM

## Harry Potter Club



TOWERS

Thu • 4/24 • 3:30-5PM

## MYO ICE CREAM CAKE



Make your  
own mini  
cake to  
take  
home!

Can't get to the library? No problem!

**Meredith Public Library**  
brings the library to you!

## HOMEBOUND DELIVERY SERVICE

**1**

### CHOOSE YOUR MATERIALS

- Books
- Audiobooks (on CDs)
- DVDs
- Large Print Books
- Magazines

**2**

### CONTACT CHERIE

- Call her: 603-279-4303
- Email her:  
[Cherie@MeredithLibrary.org](mailto:Cherie@MeredithLibrary.org)

**3**

### CHERIE GATHERS ITEMS

Cherie puts together all your items in bags with delivery instructions such as apartment number, main desk, or at which door to leave the bags.



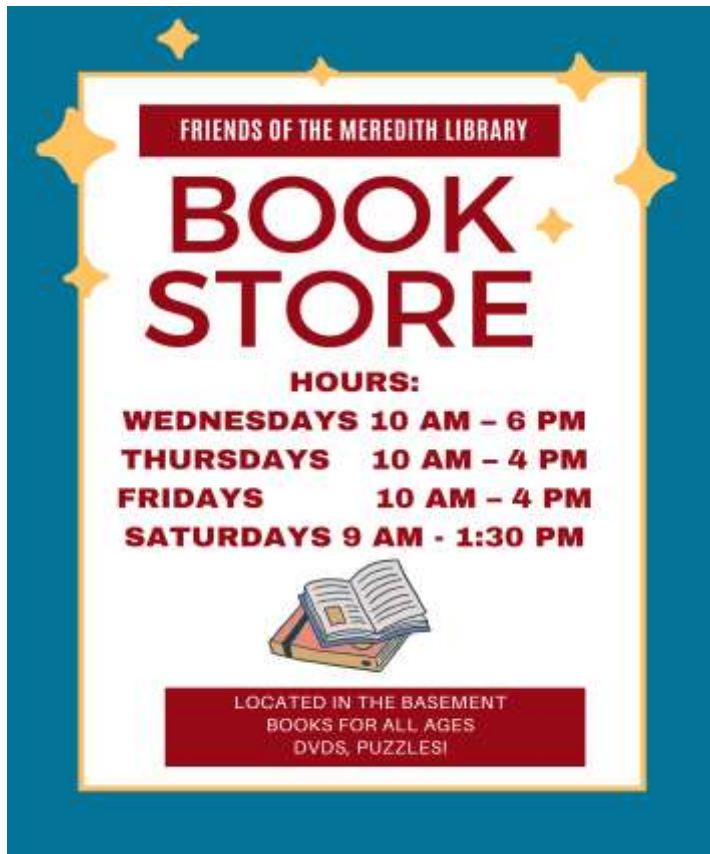
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### ALTRUSA VOLUNTEERS DELIVER

Altrusa volunteers drop off your new materials and pick up your old ones every two weeks.








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# BOOK STORE

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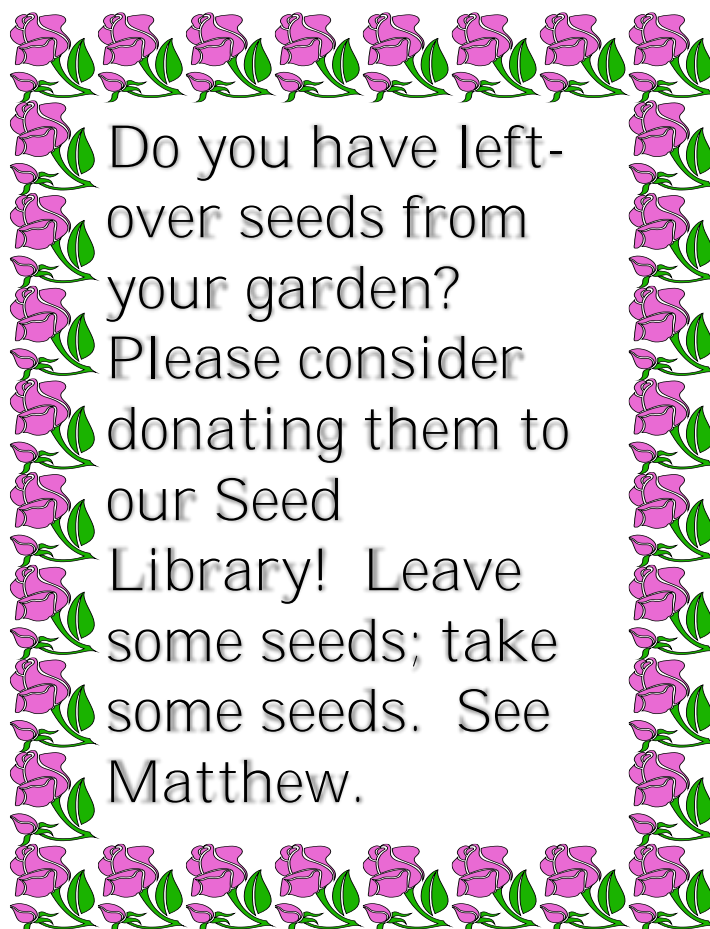
LOCATED IN THE BASEMENT  
BOOKS FOR ALL AGES  
DVDS, PUZZLES!

Friends of the Meredith Public Library

# Book Sale

**THU. JUNE 26 - 10:00 TO 4:30**  
**FRI. JUNE 27 - 10:00 TO 4:30**  
**SAT. JUNE 28 - 9:00 TO 1:00**

JOIN US IN THE FUNCTION ROOM FOR  
GREAT BOOKS & AWESOME BARGAINS



Do you have left-over seeds from your garden? Please consider donating them to our Seed Library! Leave some seeds; take some seeds. See Matthew.



# Bingebundles

REQUEST A PERSONALLY CURATED "BUNDLE" OF TITLES & GOODIES ORGANIZED BY OUR STAFF! VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR ASK AT THE DESK FOR MORE INFORMATION.

www.meredithlibrary.org

## MEREDITH PUBLIC LIBRARY

PO BOX 808  
91 MAIN STREET  
MEREDITH, NH 03253

Phone: 603-279-4303  
Fax: 603-279-5352  
E-mail: erin@meredithlibrary.org

### Library BUILDING Hours:

Sunday & Monday: Closed

Tues: 9am-8:00pm

Wed: 9am-8:00pm

Thurs: 9am-8:00pm

Friday: 9am-5:00pm

Saturday: 9am-2:00pm

*Please remember the library in  
your estate planning.*

### Computer Club

Tuesdays @ 10AM Mar 11,  
Apr 8, May 13

Various topics are discussed  
and open to all experience  
levels.

### *We Want Your Scrap Wood!*

*(To be used in our  
Glowforge laser engraver)*

Must be no larger than 18" x  
20" to fit in our machine and  
can be no thicker than 1/2".  
Please call and ask for Chris  
for more details.

### One-on-One Technology Training

Need help with your new  
tablet, laptop or smart phone?  
Is your email giving you prob-  
lems? Sign up for a one-on-one  
session with Chris.

### Check Out a Kindle Fire

The library has three Kindle  
Fires for circulation. Watch a  
movie or TV show using our  
Amazon Prime account or re-  
quest a book we can download  
for you.

## Library Mission Statement

The Meredith Public Library's mission is to be the cultural heart of Meredith; a gathering place where community members can acquire and share knowledge.

## Are You Talented?

Do you have a special skill such as knitting, scrapbooking or model train building you'd be willing to share with others at the library? Are you an artist looking for a place to display your work? If so please contact the library. If displaying artwork please ask for Matthew Buteau. If you would like to present a program at the library please contact Erin Apostolos.

### Knotty Knitters

Join us weekly on Thursdays  
at 9AM in front of the  
historic fireplace.

Senior Center Tech  
Meets Fridays at 9AM.

March 7th & 21st

April 4th & 18th

May 2nd & 16th, 30th at the  
Community Center.

Check out our very  
awesome telescope.  
Take it home for one week.  
*(Must be at least 18 years of  
age with a valid driver's  
license.)*