**Library Mission Statement**

The Meredith Public Library's mission is to be the educational, inspirational and cultural heart of Meredith and in the future. Through exceptional staff, a broad range of materials and a supportive community, the library provides innovative service to meet the needs of the 21st century patron.

**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 Linda Hough. If you would like to present a program at the library please contact Erin Apostolos.

**Genealogy Club**

Tuesday, December 6, 4 PM

Ramblin’ Richard’s “Happy Holidays” presentation with Christmas songs and the stories behind them. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

**Computer Club**

Tuesday, December 13 10:00AM

Meets the second Tuesday of each month.

**Check Out a Kindle Fire**

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

**One-on-One Technology Training**

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

**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.)

**Library Hours**

Sunday and Monday-Closed
Tuesday-Thursday 9:00am-8:00pm
Friday 9:00am-5:00pm
Saturday 9:00am-2:00pm

**Meredith Library Hours**

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  - Sunday: Closed
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  - Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM
  - Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
  - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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**Meredith Library News**

December 2016

**Adult Events**

**Adult Coloring Night**

Thursday, December 1 and Tuesday December 27 at 6:00-7:30PM

Please join us for Adult Coloring Night. The latest trend in stress-busting is coloring for grown-ups. Join us in the meeting room for an hour of relaxation. We will have numerous coloring pages to choose from and colored pencils will be available for your use, but feel free to bring your own coloring implements. Light refreshments will be served and relaxing music will be played. For ages 18 and over.

**Ramblin’ Richard “Happy Holidays”**

Tuesday, December 6, 4:00PM

Singer and Storyteller Ramblin’ Richard returns with songs and stories for the holidays and invites you to sing along. A retired professor, “Ramblin’ Richard” establishes an especially relaxed, comfortable, and casual rapport (continued on page 7.)
**From the Clock Tower**

**News from the Children’s Room**

**December 2016**

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**Whimsical Tales**

*Wed. morning's from 10:00 to 11:00*

This story time has fun stories, folk tales, a little poetry and the classics. All little people are welcomed from babies to older children. Get “artsy” with a creative craft and enjoy a snack! Dec. 7, 14, 21, & 28

No sign-up required * Coffee for grown-ups!

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**Reindeer Saturday**

*December 10 anytime between 10 & 1*

Visit the children’s room this morning and make a reindeer to hang at your house!

Snacks Served & All Ages

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**Twilight Tales**

*Thurs. evening, Dec. 15 from 6:30 to 7:30*

Visit the children’s room this evening and listen to a holiday story, create a festive craft & enjoy a snack! Wear something RED and receive a special treat!

Limit 12 children, sign-up in children’s room.

Wear your pj’s, bring a stuffie & get comfy!

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**Little Lego Club** Dec. 14 Wed. morning after story time from 11:00 to 11:45.

**Lego Club** Thursday, December 1, 15, & 29 from 3:30 to 4:30.

With Mr. John in the function room.

No sign-up required!

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**TOT TIME READING CIRCLE**

*Fri. mornings from 10 to 11* Ages 0 to 3

Join us in the function room for stories, puppet friends and beautiful artwork created by you! This is a fun, warm, friendly group of parents and children, come read and play!

Snacks Served & Coffee for grown-ups!

No sign-up required * Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30

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**Special Holiday Tot Time**

*Fri, Dec. 16 from 10 to 11*

Visit the function room this morning and listen to Rusty Locke play his guitar & sing! We can join in and sing too! Hop you can make it this morning for some holiday fun! All little people welcomed! Craft & Snack!

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**Magical Makerspace * Drop In Event**

*Dec. 27 from 2:00 to 4:00*

A magical makerspace is a place that you can go to and be creative. This magical makerspace will have paper, scissors, glue, glitter, & colored stamps. All you need to bring is your imagination! In this space you can create your very own collage! No sign-up required.

Visit the function room & enjoy part of your Christmas vacation at the library!

All Ages Invited * Snacks, Hot Choc. & Coffee

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**Books on Tap**

*Tuesday, December 6, 6:30PM*

Please join us at the Hart’s Turkey Farm Tavern for a laid-back discussion of books. There are no assigned books. Just come and talk about your favorite book, what you’ve been reading and get ideas for your next read.

Please note that this is not a library-sponsored event, so you will be responsible for any food or drink purchases. See you there!

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**Angel Tree**

Please select an angel from the tree in our front lobby to help local children at the holidays. Choose to purchase the item on the angel and then bring it unwrapped with the angel taped to the item to the library’s circulation desk by Tuesday, December 6. A representative from the Inter-Lakes Christmas fund will then come by to collect the donations. Volunteers will wrap the gifts and see that they get to the families.

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**Computer Use**

Please note that due to numerous patron complaints about the noise level coming from the computer area, no talking will be allowed in the computer area. The only exception will be staff working with patrons who need help on the computers. One warning will be issued. Second warning will result in loss of computer privileges for the day. We hope that this rule will create a more calm and quiet working environment for patrons using the computers.

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with his audiences. His presentation on “Songs of World War II” was well-received with many voices joining him in song so this event is not to be missed. **Sponsored by the Friends of the Meredith Library.** Pot luck dessert. Bring a family favorite dessert, if you choose. This event is for adults and mature children as it will require an hour of sitting quietly.

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**Bingo, Books, & Prizes * Ages 4 & up**

*Thurs. Dec. 29 from 1:30 to 3:00* Pop into the function room and play Bingo * No sign-up required. Win books & prizes! Snacks!

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Please note that the library will be closed on Saturday, December 24 for Christmas Eve.
New Adult Items
(ask for the full list at the desk)

**Fiction**
- Anderson - *Love by design*
- Baldacci - *No man’s land*
- Chabon - *Moonglow*
- Child Night school - *Pretty paper*
- Cornwall - *Out of nowhere*
- Dubois - *Storm cell*
- Flagg - *The whole town’s talking*
- Forman - *Leave me*
- Haley - *The shores of Tripoli*
- Hannon - *Tangled webs*
- Harris - *Conclave*
- Jenkins - *Lose on fire*
- Kasey - *Model citizen*
- Nelson - *Pretty paper*
- Parrish - *Out of nowhere*
- Patterson - *Cross the line*
- Picoult - *Small great things*
- Sandford - *Escape clause*
- Walker - *The weight of it all*
- Winters - *Flirting with Danger*

**Biographies**
- Cranston - *A life in parts*
- Hilfiger - *American dreamer*
- Kelly-Settle - *for more*
- Wilson - *I am Brian Wilson*

**Nonfiction**
- Bailey - *The well behaved dog*
- Bennett - *The writer’s Garden*
- Esmonde - *White-Forever painless*
- Kelly-Settle - *for more*
- Gaines - *The Magnolia story*
- Hart - *Buffering*
- Oliver - *Upstream*
- Wilcox - *Target JFK*
- Young-NH’s - *Historical Covered bridges*

**DVDs-Movies**
- Criminal
- Diary of a teenage girl
- Infinitely polar bear
- Irrational man

**DVDs-T.V.**
- Detective - *Season 1 & 2*
- Game of thrones - *Season 6*
- Outlander - *Season 2*
- Turn - *Season 3*
- Wayward pines - *Season 1*

**LARGE PRINT**
- Atkinson - *A god in ruins*
- Blackwell - *Letters from Paris*
- Gyasi - *Homegoing*
- Hannon - *Tangled webs*
- Russo - *Everybody’s fool*
- Sparks - *See me*

**CD Audio Books**
- Baldacci - *No man’s land*
- Child Night school - *Cussler-Odessa Sea*
- Evanovich - *Turbo 23*
- Smith - *Pharaoh*

**Mystery Book Group**

*Evans Above* by Rhys Bowen

Thursday, December 8, 10:30AM.

Light refreshments served.

From Amazon: “Constable Evan Evans expected idyllic Llanfair to be a calm oasis far away from the violent crime of the big city. That was, until a string of murders erupts in the town, putting every “charming eccentric” under suspicion…”

**Brown Bag Book Group**

Thursday, December 1, 12:00PM.

*Please note the change in date for the book group.*

We are finishing up the year with a cozy Christmas read. *Merry, Merry Ghost* by Carolyn Hart.

Introduced in Agatha-winner Hart’s *Ghost at Work* (2008), the late Bailey Ruth Raeburn returns to earth on a heavenly mission to help a four-year-old orphan in this delightful sequel. Susan Flynn, the matriarch of one of the leading families of Adelaide, Okla., who’s dying from congestive heart failure, discovers she has a grandson after Keith, the child of Susan’s soldier son killed in Iraq, shows up at her door one day not long before Christmas. Susan’s decision to change her will to leave her estate to Keith causes one of her many greedy relatives to ignore the message of the Christmas season. When murder and mayhem ensue, Hart’s ghostly detective gets on the track of a clever killer. Bailey Ruth’s pleasure in her earthly wardrobe, her keen observations of the other characters and her unorthodox but expert sleuthing will engage readers from start to finish.

We will be meeting at the Hart’s Turkey Farm for this discussion. Please note that the library is not responsible for any purchases.

**Friends of the Library**

With the holidays just around the corner we would like to invite you to visit our Once Read Book Store. Once Read Books has an inventory of over 2000 gently used books, many of which are no longer available as new books. We are a non-profit book store run by the Friends of the Meredith Library and a member of the New Hampshire Antiquarian Booksellers Association. All proceeds from the store are used to support the Friends of the Meredith Library. Our books are all donated, and donations are gratefully received at the Meredith Library. Members of the Friends receive a 10% discount on purchases, and membership is $15.00 per year for individuals, $25.00 per year for family and $50.00 per year for businesses.

Winter store hours are Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 12 – 4 pm. The store is located at the rear of 44 Main Street, and can be accessed from the Upper Mill Falls Parking Lot.

Please join us at the January Friends of the Meredith Library meeting on January 25th at 3:30 PM as we plan the upcoming year events and to hear about the many volunteer opportunities that await you.

~Micci Freyenhagen, President 677-7767
THE VIEW FROM THE BALCONY
Goings-on for Teens/Tweens, Ages 10-18

Schedule
12/1 @ 3:30 - Lego Time!
12/2 @ 3:30 - Young Writers
12/6 @ 3:30 - TAB 😊
12/8 @ 3:30 - TAB Holiday Party
12/14 @ 3:30 - Manga Club
12/15 @ 3:30 - Lego Time!
12/16 @ 3:30 - Young Writers
12/20 @ 3:30 - TAB 😊
12/20 @ 6:30 - Holiday Play
A Christmas Carol
12/21 @ 3:30 - GNOTMC
Smile
12/24 - Christmas Eve
Library Closed
12/25 - Christmas Day!
12/29 @ 3:30 - Lego Time!
12/30 @ 3:30 - Young Writers
12/31 - New Years Eve
Normal Saturday Hours

TAB Holiday Party
12/8 @ 3:30
The TAB invites all patrons 18 and under for some afternoon festivities! We'll have cookies to decorate, cocoa to sip, and we might even try out some karaoke on the big sound system downstairs! Throw in some Christmas crafts (perfect for gifts) and you've got a December afternoon that can't be beat! The TAB is a group of library patrons 18 and under who want to have some say in what their library and community have to offer by stop by our meetings to join in.

Theater Comes to the MPL!
12/20 @ 6:30
Get ready for Christmas by enjoying this classic tale performed live here at the library! We're excited to be welcoming the Hampstead Stage Company of Tuesday, December 20th at 6:30 when they'll be here performing Charles Dickens' classic, "A Christmas Carol" down in the function room. This event is all ages fun for the whole family, so bundle everyone in their warmest clothes and get into the library early for good seats! No sign up is required, but space is limited to most seating will be on the floor, with some chairs available as well. The HSC is a national professional touring theatre company based in center Barnstead, NH. This performance is brought to you by the Friends of the Meredith Public Library.

Graphic Novel of the Month
12/21 @ 3:30
Every month we select a new title that you'll love! We'll have a teaser during the month, and then we'll meet at the end of the month to take a closer look. This month we'll be reading "Sisters," by Raina Telgemeier. This is the sequel to Raina's breakout hit, Smile, and follows the story of young Raina after her braces debacle, and on to more serious matters... siblings! Raina can't wait to be a big sister. But once Amara is born, things aren't quite as she expected. She's as cute, but she's also a cranky, grumpy baby. Their relationship doesn't improve over the years, but when a baby brother enters the picture, and later, when something doesn't seem right between their parents, they realize they must figure out how to get along. They are sisters, after all.

Books are selected for readers age 8-18, and may contain some PG violence or language. Books will be on the YA balcony as soon as they're available!

For more info, contact John Locke at 603-279-4305, johnlockemeredithlibrary.org, or visit MeredithLibrary.org

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