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.

Quilt Display

Memories of Tuscany

By Carol Hoagland

I wanted to use the Cathedral Windows in a new way so the idea is for a villa covered in stucco interspersed with stained glass windows. The potted flowers would be along the sidewalk. At least that was the plan! This quilt is machine pieced with fused raw edge applique and Cathedral Window blocks; and machine quilted with the ‘Quilt As You Go’ method.

The Country Village Quilt Guild holds its meetings at the Safety Building on Rt. 25 in Moultonborough. The meetings and programs are held the first and third Wednesdays each month, year round, from 1:30pm - 4:00pm. Visitors are always welcome!

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 laptop, tablet or smartphone? Is your email giving you problems? Sign up for a one-on-one session with Chris or drop in on Matthew Thursdays at noon.

Genealogy Club

Tuesday, January 5, 4:00PM

Local inspirational author and historian MJ Pettengill of North Sandwich, New Hampshire presents her historical novel, Etched in Granite, set on the Carroll County Poor Farm in Ossipee, New Hampshire.

Computer Club

Tuesday, December 8 10:00AM

Meets the second Tuesday of each month.

The Value of Friends

“True Friendship is like sound health, the value of it is seldom known until it’s lost.” ~C. C. Colton. The trustees, staff and patrons of the Meredith Library value the Friends of the Library for their hard work and dedication to the library and to the community. We can all see the work that they do in the library’s gardens, during the three Book Sales they manage each year, through books sold at antique shops and the annual Book-It 5K. But I doubt most of us understand the amount of work that goes on behind the scenes to make all of this happen.

Carol Moritz, Chair of the Friends garden committee estimates that volunteers have donated over 100 hours working in the library’s gardens this year. Planting, weeding, dead-heading and then designing and staging for the annual Scarecrow contest. We receive compliments on the All-American Selections Display garden daily throughout the summer and it definitely helps to draw people into the library.

Beverly Heyduk and Barbara Brann, co-chairs of the Book-It 5K committee believe that volunteers spent over 250 hours planning and hosting the race. Looking for sponsors, coordinating with other groups in the community and promoting the race took a great deal of time, and many volunteers on the day of the race helped to make it run smoothly.

Jean Dougan, chair of the Book Sale committee determined that her group spent nearly 600 hours this year. They meet nearly every week to sort and organize the book donations that come into the library. They also manage the three sales at the library each year, including set up, moving of the books, clean-up and donating the books that weren’t sold to a non-profit at year’s end

Eliza Leadbetter who manages the off-site sales of donated books at local antique shops and book stores believes she and her new assistant spend nearly 400 hours annually sorting books, delivering them to the stores, tidying up the sale shelves and picking up checks from the dealers. This year the Friends have donated an estimated time of 1350 hours in support of the library. At $10.00 per hour, that is $13,500 this year alone! Since 2008 they have raised “X” amount (continued on page 3)
From the Clock Tower
News from the Children's Room
December 2015

**Animals & Me**
Wednesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:00
Ages 3 to 5

If you love animals, then this story time is for you. This year we will read stories about the wildlife in New Hampshire. There are so many wild animals that live here.

**Craft & Snack!**
December 16, Wed, from 10:00 to 11:00 is our Special Christmas Story Time! Mrs. Claus is in town today shopping for Santa! She is stopping by the library to read to you! We will have a Christmas story, make a Christmas treasure to take home and enjoy a holiday treat! Please come and meet Mrs. Claus! No sign-up required.

**LITTLE LEGO CLUB!** on Wednesday, Dec. 9th!
New! The little lego club will meet once a month from 11:00 to 11:45. Come and play with little legos! We meet right after story time!

**LEGO CLUB!** Meet with Mr. John and his huge collection of legos on Thursday, December 10th, from 3:30 to 4:30 in the function room! Let your imagination grow as you get creative with legos!

**Coming in February—A Fizzing Fun-Filled February Winter Read!** Read and read some more, fill in your reading sheet and win prizes the month of Feb.

**TOT TIME READING CIRCLE**
Friday mornings from 10:00 to 11:00 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!**

**Saturday Stories**
Sat. Dec. 12 from 10:00 to 11:00

Visit the children’s room this morning and enjoy a Holiday story and craft. Christmas cookies served!

Limit of 12 children, must sign-up for this story time. All ages are welcomed.

**Twilight Tales**
Thursday evening, Dec. 17 From 6:30 to 7:30

Arrive in time to listen to the classic story of the Gingerbread Man, have a cookie or two and create an ornament to hang at your house! Limit of 12 children, please sign-up in the children’s room. All ages welcomed!

I would like to wish all my little friends and their parents a very happy, jolly, magical Christmas! Thank you for using your library and participating in our events and programs!

Ho! Ho! Ho! Miss Karen

**Adult Coloring Night**
Please join us on Tuesday, December 29 at 6:30PM 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 now that the Holiday rush has ended. We will have numerous coloring books 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.

**Genealogy Lock-In**
The Genealogy Club will not be meeting in December. Instead we will be having a Genealogy Lock-In on Friday, December 4 from 5:00-8:00PM. Join us in the library after it closes. Use our computers or our wi-fi to access Ancestry Library edition, HeritageQuest, or AmericanAncestors. Get help from a genealogist with your research or using our databases.

There is no charge but if you wish to have pizza with the group at 6PM, there is a $5.00 charge.

**Toastmasters Informational Session**
Tuesday, December 15, 6:30PM

Does the thought of public speaking leave you weak in the knees? Do you want to become a confident public speaker and strong leader? If so, find out if Toastmasters is the place for you at this informational session.

Author MJ Pettengill
Tuesday, January 5, 4:00PM


The year is 1872. The Civil War has ended, leaving behind a nation torn and economically depressed. *Etched in Granite* is a harrowing account of life and death on the Carroll County Farm — a tragic, yet triumphant novel that tells a story of courage, survival, and secrets surrounding lost love.

This event is free and open to the public.
New Adult Items
(ask for the full list at the desk)

Fiction
Allende-The Japanese lover
Balzac-The guilty
Bowen-Away in a manger
Crais-The promise
Dalgliesh-Skyborn
Downing-One man’s flag
Evanovich-Trick 22
Gabaldon-The outlandish companion
Goodkind-Heart of the conflict
Irving-Avenue of mysteries
Kiernan-Hummingbird
Mckinlay-A likely story
Patterson-Cross Justice
Preston-Crimson shore
Williams-Along the infinite sea
Young-Along the infinite sea

Biographies
Barrymore-Wildflower
Beckel-I should be dead
Brownstein-Hunger makes me a modern girl
Remini-Troublemaker
Steinem-My life on the road

Nonfiction
Atkins-SPQR
Borges-The 22-day revolution
Chopra-Super genes
Groom-The generals
Kang-The doctor’s kidney diets
Tasini-The essential
Bernie Sanders

Large Print Fiction
Atkins-Robert Parker’s Wonderland
Castillo-After the storm
Michaels-Classified
Mallet-Pagan spring
Perry-Blind justice
Unger-In the blood
White-Haunted

CD Audio Books
Cornwall-Depraved heart
Maguire-After Alice
Smith-Golden lion

DVDs-Movies
Caged
Love & Mercy
Mr. Holmes

DVDs-Series (Season)
Better call Saul (1)
Home fires (1)

Value of Friends
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Mystery Book Group
Jerusalem Inn by Martha Grimes
Thursday, December 3, Noon

Brown Bag Book Group
Thursday, December 3, Noon
at Hart’s Turkey Farm. ‘Wishin’ and Hopin’ by Wally Lamb.
Please note we are meeting a week late due to Thanksgiving. Please note:
you will be responsible for your own purchases at Hart’s.

In Wally Lamb’s pitch perfect novel it is 1964. LBJ and Lady Bird are in the White House. Meet the Beatles is on everyone’s turntable, and ten-year-old Felix Funicello (distant cousin of the iconic Annette!) is doing his best to navigate fifth grade—easier said than done when scary movies still give you nightmares and you hear a striking resemblance to a certain adorable cartoon boy. But there are several things young Felix can depend on: the birds and bees are puzzling, television is magical, and this is one Christmas he’s never going to forget.

They help to keep the library one of the most loved and respected institutions in the community through their enthusiasm, drive and hard work. The trustees, staff and the community thank you all for all that you do for us. It’s a friendship we hope to keep for many years to come.

Angel Tree
Once again we have placed an Angel tree in our foyer. Next time you come to the library, if you desire please pick an angel. On the back is a gift request from a needy family in the community. Please purchase the gift and bring it in to the library unwrapped. Weekly someone from Inter-Lakes Christmas Fun will pick up the donations. The gifts will be wrapped by ILCF and given to the requesting family to put under their tree.

From the Amazon’s website: A white Christmas couldn’t make Newcastle any less dreary for Scotland Yard’s Superintendent Richard Jury—until he met a beautiful woman in a snow-covered graveyard. Sensual, warm, and a bit mysterious, she could have put some life into his sagging holiday spirit. But the next time Jury saw her, she was cold—and dead. Melrose Plant. Jury’s aristocratic sidekick wasn’t faring much better. Snow bound at a stately mansion with a group of artists, critics, and idle-but-titled rich, he, too, encountered a lovely lady….or rather, stumbled over her corpse. What linked these two yuletide murders was a remote country pub where snooker, a Nativity scene, and an old secret would uncover a killer….or yet another death. “She is working in the great tradition….Good news for addicts—crime with style.”
**THE VIEW FROM THE BALCONY**

**Goings-on for Teens/Tweens, Ages 10-18**

**Schedule**

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**TAB X-Mas**

12/22 @ 3:30

All TAB members, or anyone interested in TAB, are invited to come to this special TAB party during the week of Christmas! There will be lots of Christmas cheer, including cookies and cocoa, plus a couple holiday crafts to help you come up with those last-minute gifts!

The TAB is a group made up of 10-18 year-olds who want to have a something to say about their library and their community, and we’re always looking for new members! We read, write book reviews, decorate the balcony, pick new items to add to the collection, and so much more.

**Animal Champions**

12/3, 12/17 @ 3:30

We are so excited to be offering this 5 week course on animal care from NHHS volunteers who will be here to talk about the 5 essential pillars of animal care. Each meeting lasts 1.5 hours, may feature a live animal visit, and is designed for middle-grade audience, but all are welcome!

Seating is limited to 14 people, but there are still spots remaining, so sign up in advance by visiting the Children’s Room or calling 279-4303.

**Guitar Hero Power Hour**

12/11 @ 3:30

Has the stress of the end of the semester got you feeling down? Need to blow off some steam at the end of the school week? Kids age 8-18 are invited to come down to the Function Room for an awesome hour of Guitar Hero! We’ll look it up to the big screen projector and surround sound speakers, plus we’ll pull out a few other board games! Snacks will be provided, so bring a friend and have some fun!

**Great Stone Face Book Club**

12/16 @ 3:30

This month we’ll be reading “A Million Ways Home,” by Dianna Dorisi Winget. This is a fast-moving realistic fiction story about love, loss, and the unlikely places where we find home. Reserve or pick up your copy in the Children’s Room today!

Poppy’s life has been turned upside down after her grandma (her legal guardian) ends up in the hospital. Poppy is working on a plan to get her life back to normal, but when she witnesses a armed robbery, that slips ever further out of reach. To keep her safe, the police declare that Poppy will stay with a Detective Brangian’s mother. Soon Poppy is feeling almost at home, even making sort-of friends with a girl named Lizzie, and definitely fending off Gunner’s life. Poppy also tries to figure out a new plan to save grandnana Beth and their home, all while avoiding a dangerous robber who might behind bars? What will happen to Poppy then?

**Movie Night ★**

Tues, Nov 24 @ 5pm

Minions

Rated PG, 91 min

For more info, contact John Locke at 603-279-4303, John@meredithlibrary.org, or visit MeredithPublicLibrary.org

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**December 7th 1941 Pearl Harbor**

December 2015