Library Mission Statement

The Meredith Public Library’s mission is to be the educational, inspirational and cultural heart of Meredith now 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.

Library Hours

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

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.)

Genealogy Club
Tuesday, January 2, 4PM

Have you tried FamilySearch.org lately? It’s the best free Website to research your genealogy. Every day there is something new. Come learn how to search the site, upload information or start your own tree.

Computer Club
December 12, 10:00AM

Meets the second Tuesday of each month.

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 request a book we can download for you.

One-on-One Technology Training

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

We will be closed Tuesday, December 26 for the Christmas holiday.

Non-Fiction Changes

The Dewey Decimal System. Taught to most of us sometime in elementary school, is a numeric way of finding non-fiction books on the shelves of library. There is an organizational method to those numbers, seemingly cryptic except to those in the library-know, but not very user friendly to those wishing to browse our shelves of non-fiction.

Some public libraries have decided to switch to the bookstore model of ordering books, where words such as “Travel” replace the Dewey number “910”, History instead of “930-940” or Gardening instead of “630” to make their shelves more user friendly.

After some debate, we at the Meredith Public Library decided to experiment with switching some of our non-fiction collections to the bookstore model (called BISAC) to see what our faithful library patrons think of it. Joyce has been working tirelessly researching BISAC and making the switch and so far she has completed Travel, History, Cooking and Gardening.

So for example in our Cooking section, all cookbooks will have the main heading of “Cooking” on their spine label. Then there are subheadings. So if you are looking for Italian cookbooks, the spine will say Cooking, Reg. and Ethnic, Italian on the spine label.

We are still working on the best way to organize the shelves since most of our books are still in Dewey and it makes it confusing to see both systems being used. We are still working out some kinks. New non-fiction books, regardless of their spine label, are still shelved with new non-fiction on the main floor.

So, we welcome your feedback. What are you thoughts on using the bookstore model over Dewey? Would you like to see us switch all of our non-fiction books over to the bookstore model or change back to Dewey?

We are looking for ways to make our collection more accessible to everyone, so your input would be most appreciated. While checking out your books, please give your opinion at the front desk and this information will be forwarded to me.

Erin Apostolos, Library Director
There will be fun stories, folk tales, a little poetry & the classics! This story time is geared for children 3 & up. We will read stories, puppet friends, and beautiful artwork created by you! Let’s do the alphabet, learn sign language, a new letter each week!

This is a warm friendly group of parents and children, come read and play! Older children are welcomed! No sign-up required * Coffee for grown-ups!

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**Whimsical Tales**
Wed. mornings from 10:00 to 11:00
December 6, 13, 20, & 27
This story time is geared for children 5 & up. We will read stories, enjoy a craft & have a snack! Younger children are welcome!

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**Snow Fairy House & Snow Forts**
Thursday, Dec. 28 from 10 to 12
This event is for children 4 & up!

What fun!! We will meet in the function room and create fairy house’s and forts! There will be a buffet of goodies to decorate your house or fort!

If you have things at home that you would like to add to your snowy place, please bring them!

This is a great time to invite a friend and have a playdate!

Ms. Karen will provide snacks & drinks for the kids. Coffee for adults!

*****No sign-up required*****

**Top Time Reading Circle**
Fri. mornings 10 to 11
Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29
Join us in the function room for stories, puppet friends, and beautiful artwork created by you!

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**Reindeer Saturday**
Dec. 9 10:00 to 1:00
Stop by the children’s room today and make a reindeer! You will have to trace your foot & hands to create this fun guy!

All ages * No sign-up * Snacks

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**LEGOLAND**
Thurs. Dec. 14 from 3:30 to 4:30 in the function room! Join Mr. John for fun!

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**Time Capsule**

In the library’s front lawn are two time capsules that were buried during Meredith’s 200 anniversary in 1968. Believe it or not, it’s time to open one! On July 4, 2018 the 50 year time capsule will be opened as part of Meredith’s 250! Were you here when this time capsule was buried? We’d like to hear from you! Our Circulation Librarian, Matthew Gunby, is starting an Oral History project about Meredith’s history. If you are interested in talking about Meredith in 1968, please email him at matthew@meredithlibrary.org or call 279-4303. We won’t be starting until the spring but would like to get some candidates lined up in advance.

There will be more information on the time capsule opening as we get closer to the date, but so far we have planned the opening for July 4, 2018 at 2PM at the Chase House with an ice cream social donated by the Common Man so please save the date.

We will also be burying a new time capsule. We want to put items in that represent Meredith in 2018. Do you have any suggestions about what should go in there? Please contact Library Director Erin Apostolos at erin@meredithlibrary.org or call 279-4303.

Please keep an eye out for the numerous events planned by the Meredith 250 committee to celebrate our town’s anniversary!

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**This and That**

**Historical Library Minutes**

October 22, 1946.

Four members of the Board of Trustees met at the library, with Mr. Clyde C. Smith presiding in the absence of Mr. Mansfield.

The secretary’s report was read and accepted.

It was voted to pay $5.00 for an institutional membership in the State Library Assn., which automatically includes membership for each Trustee as well as the library itself.

A number of paper-covered N.H. Superior Court records will be given to the State Library which has a definite use for them, by vote of the Board.

The question of changing the knob on the outside door was again brought up, and Mr. Smith agreed to have it done.

Some discussion was held relative to the possibility of lighting the skylight in the lobby.

The Librarian is to hire a boy to arrange and shelve the books presented by Mr. Powers as they are damp and need drying.

Slips for “Date Due” to be used in the books were ordered.

Mrs. Plancon suggested that townpeople be urged to present Memorial books to the library.

The meeting adjourned at 3.00 pm.

Members present: Mr. Flather, Mrs. Plancon, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Stark.

Respectfully submitted,

Herberta L. Stark, Sec.
New Adult Items
(ask for the full list at the desk)

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| Brazile-Hacks               | McQuaid-Cog days    | The crown-Season 1   |
| Kelly-Endurance             | Souza-Obama         | Prime Suspect-Tennison-Season 1|
| Shumski-How to Instant Pot  |                     | Westworld-Season 1   |

| LARGE PRINT                 |                      |
| Child-Midnight line         |                      |
| Gerritsen-I know a secret   |                      |
| Kellerman-Killing season    |                      |

CD Audio Books
Archer-Tell Tale
Connelly-Two kinds of truth
Maguire-Hiddensee
Silva-Mr. Dickens & his carol

Mystery Book Group
A Highland Christmas by M. C. Beaton
Thursday, December 14, 10:30AM.

Feel free to bring your lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. Book will be available after Christmas.

To hear the speech of the real America, to smell the grass and the trees, to see the colors and the light—these were John Steinbeck’s goals as he set out, at the age of fifty-eight, to rediscover the country he had been writing about for so many years.

With Charley, his French poodle, Steinbeck drives the interstates and the country roads, dines with truckers, encounters bears at Yellowstone and old friends in San Francisco. Along the way he reflects on the American character, racial hostility, the particular form of American loneliness he finds almost everywhere, and the unexpected kindness of strangers.

From Good Roads:
“In dark Lochdubh highlands, holiday spirit is absent - no pudding, carols, or whisky. Constable Hamish spells romance to new teacher Maisie. Lonely student Morag Anderson has minister father who abhors celebrations. Lonely Mrs Alice Gallagher loses cat Smoky. What else does she fear? In nearby Cnothan, thieves steal a tree and lights. Hamish will fix Xmas.”

Brown Bag Book Group
Travels with Charley
by John Steinbeck
Thursday, January 25, 12:00PM.

Friends of the Library
The Friends of the Library is a non-profit organization dedicated to the constant support of the library and special events. Some of these programs include:

- Museum passes
- Speaker and author visits
- Summer reading events
- Online subscriptions
- Little Free Libraries

Through fundraisers like the books sales, the 5K race, Once Read Books and membership fees, the Friends are able to support programs that otherwise would not be a part of the library experience.

The Friends of the Meredith Library’s next book sale will be held February 15th – 18th. We are currently accepting books in good condition that are clean and mold/smoke free. The library has limited space for accepting and storing donations, so we must limit what we can accept. Please no encyclopedia sets, text books or video tapes. Your assistance and consideration in following these guidelines is greatly appreciated.

If you are looking for that special gift the Friends of the Library have Friends logo tote bags that may be purchased at the circulation desk or at Once Read Books! And while at Once Read Books, check out the more than 2000 books. Friends get a 10% discount!

~Mickey Freyenhagen, President
### Schedule

#### Teen Christmas Karaoke
12/22
It's the most wonderful time of the year, and we feel like singing! Kids age 8-18 are invited down to the function room for a festive afternoon of caroling and snacking and generally having a jolly good time! Don't feel like singing? Stop in anyway, there'll be lots to do (including making fun of Mr. John's singing!). Snacks will be served.

#### Young Writers Group
12/1 & 12/15
Do you like to make up stories, write stuff, or maybe just doodle your own creations? Well then stop by the Young Writers Group every other Friday throughout the school year for writing related games and activities, and the chance to just hang out with creative people just like yourself! Ages 8-18, no need to sign up just stop by!

#### Holiday Crafternoon
12/7
It's the annual MPL Teen/Tween Holiday Party! Youths age 8-18 are invited down to the Function Room for games, crafts, snacks, music, and lots of fun! This year we’ll be crafting paper mache book page ornaments and mustard tree holiday cards, plus we’ll have games, snacks, and music, so don’t miss it!

### Graphic Novel of the Month
12/13 @ 3:30
Every month we select a new title that you'll love! We have teasers on our website, and then we meet at the end of the month to take a closer look. This month we'll be reading “Sunny Side Up” by Jennifer Holm, the author of Babymouse, Squish, and more. Fans of Smile and Sisters will love this book! Sunny Lewin has been packed off to Florida to live with her grandfather for the summer. At first she thought Florida might be fun, but the place where Gramps lives is no amusement park. It's full of old people. REALLY old people. Luckily, Sunny isn't the only kid around. She meets Buzz, and soon they're having adventures of their own: But the question remains – why is Sunny down in Florida in the first place? The answer lies in a family secret that won't be secret to Sunny much longer.

Books are selected for ages 8-18, and may contain some PG violence or language. Books will be on the YA balcony when they are available!

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

### THE VIEW FROM THE BALCONY

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

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### National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

December 7th

#### Movie Night
5-7 PM
The Santa Clause
Rated PG, 97 min

#### Computers Club
10-11 AM

#### Trustee Meeting
6-7:30 PM

#### Library Closed Day
After Christmas

#### Snow Fairy Houses & Snow Forts
10 AM-12 PM

#### Teen Christmas Karaoke
3:30-4:30 PM

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