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.

Genealogy Club
Tuesday, Jan. 8, 4:00PM

How to Have Success in Irish Family Research presented by Norma (Mooney) Milne, Lakes Region Genealogy Interest Group.

Norma will share strategies for starting your research, organizing the information as you go, and resources that you should tap into. Her Irish Roots are in Donegal, Ireland and she has been researching her family for over 20 years.

Norma leads an Irish Genealogy “Special Interest Group” the second Tuesday of the month in Wolfeboro, and will enjoy getting you started on your journey! All experience levels are welcome and light refreshments served which are sponsored by the Friends of the Meredith Library.

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 smart phone? Is your email giving you problems? Sign up for a one-on-one session with Chris or Matthew.

Computer Club

Tuesday, Dec. 11, 10:00AM

Various topics discussed which are driven by those who attend. Open to all experience levels.

Drop-In Tech help at the Meredith Senior Center

Fridays, Dec. 14 & 28
9:00AM

Discussion & assistance with all your tech devices. Open to all experience levels. All are welcome.

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.)

Knotty Knitters

Thursdays, 10AM-12PM

All experience levels are welcome. Meets in non-fiction.

“There is nothing in the world so irresistibly contagious as laughter and good humor.”

–Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol

Inside this issue:

Seven Things You Didn’t Know We Do!

1. We offer technical support for devices such as smart phones, tablets and computers. Just call us to make an appointment.
2. We deliver! The library works in conjunction with the Altrusa club to deliver library items to those who can’t get around on their own. Call and ask for Cherie to set up this service for you or a loved one.
3. If we don’t own an item, we can usually get it from another library in the state via Interlibrary Loan.
4. We provide genealogical services via a monthly club and access to databases such as Ancestry.com, HeritageQuest and American Ancestors. We also provide assistance with genealogy related questions.
5. We provide after school support. Children aged 10 and older can come to the library by themselves to work on homework, use our PCs (with parental consent) or take one of the many workshops hosted by John including writers’ group, manga club, Lego time, movie night and STEM based activities. In fact, our library has the highest attendance for teens at our events than any other library serving a town with similar population.
6. We offer early childhood classes with Miss Karen. Pre-school aged children and younger are invited to hear stories, participate in songs and movement and make a craft based on the books read to them. If you have older children, they are always welcome. She even has coffee for adults and snacks for the kids.
7. We host amazing adult events including humanities lectures, art, repair and cooking workshops, local authors, book groups, computer club and classes at the Senior Center.

~Erin Apostolos
From the Clock Tower
News from the Children’s Room
December 2018

**Bookworm Bunch Story Time**

**Wed. Mornings from 10:00 to 11:00**

December 12 & 19

What fun! Join Mr. Karen for story time! We will read stories, listen to poetry, enjoy a craft & have a snack! We meet in the function room!

This story time is geared for children 3 and up! But all ages are welcomed!

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

**Tot Time Reading Circle**

**Fri. mornings from 10:00 to 11:00**

December 7, 14, 21 & 28

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

Ages 0 to 3 + Older children are welcomed!

Coffee + No sign-up required!

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**Christmas Cheer Story Times**

**Wed. Dec. 19 & Fri. Dec. 21 10:00 to 11:00**

Let’s gather in the function room this morning for a little Christmas cheer! Enjoy a story and Christmas crafts! We will nibble on goodies, have fun with our friends and laugh! If you would like to bring a treat to share, please do! Coffee for grown-ups!

**Get Crafty This Morning, KIDS!**

**Thurs. Dec. 27 from 9:30 to 11:00**

Drop in the function room this morning and check out our Crafty Makerspaces! There will be 3 different spaces for you to work at! You will be able to paint, try your hand at paper weaving or build with legos! Join us during your Christmas vacation and have some fun!

No sign-up required

Snacks Served

All ages are welcomed!

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**Reindeer Saturday**

Dec. 8 from 10:00 to 1:00

Visit the children’s room today and make a reindeer to hang at your house! This is a delightful craft! You will be using scissors, glue & colored markers! Snacks Served!

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**What:** Lego Club

**When:** Thurs. Dec. 20

**Time:** 3:30 to 4:30

**Where:** Function room with Mr. John

I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas! Enjoy the holiday with your family and friends! I thank all of you for being a part of my life! I love our stories and all the fun we have together!

Miss Karen

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**Books on Tap**

**Tues. January 15, 6:30PM @the Lakehouse Tavern**

Church Landing.

Join us for a laid back book discussion about any book you wish. Share your favorites and get some ideas for your next read. This is not a library sponsored event so you will be responsible for your own purchases at the Lakehouse Tavern.

**New Beginnings: Without Violence and Abuse**

**Thursday, January 17, 6:30PM**

Skylor Beery, Prevention Educator and Child Advocacy Specialist of New Beginnings will be here to discuss what services they have available and how to recognize the signs of domestic violence and abuse.

**The White Mountain by Dan Szczesny**

**Tuesday, January 22, 6:30PM**

Over the course of one calendar year, journalist Dan Szczesny explored the history and mystique of New England’s tallest mountain. But Mount Washington is more than just a 6,288-foot rock pile; the mountain is the cultural soul of climbers, hikers, and tourists from around the world.

Dan will share stories from his book and a slideshow about his adventures including: Being on the team of a ninety-seven-year-old marathon runner to dressing as Walt Whitman and reading poetry up the mountain to spending a week in winter cooking for the scientists at the observatory.

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The library will be closed on Tuesday, December 25 and January 1 for the Christmas and New Year holidays. We will open our regular hours the rest of the week.

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**The First Annual State of the Library Soup and Bread Social**

**Saturday, January 26, 11:00AM @The Meredith Community Center**

Please join us for our first annual “State of the Library Soup and Bread Social” at the Meredith Community Center. Watch a fun slideshow about activities from 2018, learn about our upcoming events, activities and plans in 2019 and the future of the library building renovation and expansion project. Ask questions and share your concerns with the Board of Library Trustees in a large group setting or one-on-one while munching on homemade soups and breads. Snow Date is Saturday, February 2.
New Adult Items
(ask for the full list at the desk)

**Biography**
Alexander - Uneasy lies the crown
Apostol - Insurrecto
Bradford - Master of this fate
Cameron - A dog's way home
Evanovich - Look alive 25!
Fletcher - Manuscript for murder
Fream - Sweet little lies
Horowitz-Forever & a day
Lethem - The feral detective
Markley - Ohio
Moriaty - 9 perfect strangers
Parker - Blood feud
Penny - Kingdom of the blind
Snelling - A season of grace
Trigiani - Tony's wife

**Fiction**
Mike D - The Beastie Boys
Blight - Frederick Douglass
Obama - Becoming
Heyduck - Heyduk
Lepore - These truths
McGreal - American overdose
Sandy - She lived, and the other girls died

**Nonfiction**
Heyduck - Heyduk

**Audio Books**
Hawking - Brief answers to the big questions
Woodward - Fear

**DVDs-Movies**
Papillon
The spy who dumped me

**DVDs-T.V.**
The crown - Season 2
Longmire - Season 6/Final
Poldark - Season 4
Shetland - Season 4
Stranger Things - Season 2

**Large Print Books**
Box - The disappeared
Morton - The clockmaker’s daughter
Weir - Artemis

**Audio Books-Fiction**
Archer - Heads you win
Cussler - Sea of greed

**Mystery Book Group**
*Girl Waits with Gun*
by Amy Stewart
Thursday, Dec. 13, 3:00PM
We are excited to announce the Mystery Book Club will be joined by author Amy Stewart on Skype! Copies of her book are available at the circulation desk. Light refreshments will be served. Open to all.

About Amy Stewart (From her website): Amy Stewart is the New York Times best-selling author of ten books, including *Girl Waits with Gun* and the rest of the Kopp Sisters series, which are based on the true story of one of America’s first female deputy sheriffs and her two rambunctious sisters. The books are in development with Amazon Studios for a television series. Her popular non-fiction titles include *The Drunken Botanist, Wicked Plants, and Flower Confidential*. While they have not been adapted for television, there are a few bars around the world named after *The Drunken Botanist*, which is even better.

*Etched in Granite*
by mJ Pettengill
Thursday, Jan. 30, Noon
Feel free to bring your lunch. Beverages and dessert will be served. Pick up your copy at the front desk.

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 a rural New England Poor Farm – a tragic, yet triumphant novel that tells a story of courage, survival, and secrets surrounding lost love. The story is narrated by the three principal characters: Abigail, a young woman facing unimaginable hardship; Nellie, an Abenaki elder and healer enduring great loss; and Silas, a spirited farm boss. Their unforgettable stories are carefully woven together to reveal a hidden part of America’s somber past. The novel was inspired by the author’s discovery of a pauper cemetery in New Hampshire where there are 298 numbered graves.

**Friends of the Library**
The Friends of the Library thank our community for supporting Friends activities throughout 2018. Whether it was purchasing books at Once Read Books store or at our winter, spring, or summer Book Sales, being a runner in the 5K Book-It Race, or donating books for the Book Sales and/or our Once Read Book shop your generosity has made a difference.

We also thank The Greater Meredith Program for purchasing the flowering plants for our garden. The garden was so beautiful this summer in colors of red, white and blue.

The Friends of the Library sponsor Museum Passes, Ancestry.com, numerous events for children, teens and adults, Humanities Grant application fees, NH Library association membership fees for the staff, bookmarks, bags and library card covers and many other things that help make Meredith Library a special place in the community. Thank you to our many volunteers who raise the money that help make this happen. Enjoy your holidays and have a Happy New Year!

Deb McNeish
Friends’ President
December 2018

**Schedule**

- **4**
  - No Storytime
  - Manga Club
  - 3:30-4:30 PM
  - Young Writers
  - Group
  - 3:30-4:30 PM

- **5**
  - No Genealogy Club
  - This Month!
  - Manga Club
  - 3:30-4:30 PM

- **6**
  - Manga Club
  - 3:30-4:30 PM

- **7**
  - Computer Club
  - 10-11 AM
  - Knotty Knitters
  - 10 AM-12 PM

- **8**
  - Bookworm Bunch
  - Storytime
  - 10-11 AM
  - Graphic Novel of the Month
  - 3:30-4:30 PM
  - Mystery Book Group
  - Special Event
  - 3:30-4:30 PM

- **9**
  - Computer Club
  - 10-11 AM

- **10**
  - Knotty Knitters
  - 10 AM-12 PM
  - Lego Time
  - 3:30-4:30 PM

- **11**
  - Do something New with Mr. John
  - 3:30-4:30 PM

- **12**
  - Manga Club
  - 3:30-4:30 PM

- **13**
  - Closed for Christmas!!
  - JANUARY 1, 2019
  - Closed for New Year's Day!!

- **14**
  - Bookworm Bunch
  - Storytime
  - 10-11 AM
  - Graphic Novel of the Month
  - 3:30-4:30 PM

- **15**
  - Knotty Knitters
  - 10 AM-12 PM
  - Lego Time
  - 3:30-4:30 PM

- **16**
  - Do something New with Mr. John
  - 3:30-4:30 PM

- **17**
  - Manga Club
  - 3:30-4:30 PM

- **18**
  - Closed for Christmas!!
  - JANUARY 1, 2019
  - Closed for New Year's Day!!

- **19**
  - Do something New with Mr. John
  - 3:30-4:30 PM

- **20**
  - Manga Club
  - 3:30-4:30 PM

- **21**
  - Knotty Knitters
  - 10 AM-12 PM

- **22**
  - Lego Time
  - 3:30-4:30 PM

- **23**
  - Drop-in Computer Help
  - AT THE SENIOR CTR.
  - 9-10 AM

- **24**
  - Drop-in Computer Help
  - AT THE SENIOR CTR.
  - 9-10 AM

- **25**
  - Drop-in Computer Help
  - AT THE SENIOR CTR.
  - 9-10 AM

- **26**
  - Lego Time
  - 3:30-4:30 PM

- **27**
  - Get crafty this morning, KIDS!!
  - 9:30 AM-11 AM
  - Knotty Knitters
  - 10 AM-12 PM

- **28**
  - Lego Time
  - 3:30-4:30 PM

- **29**
  - Knotty Knitters
  - 10 AM-12 PM

- **30**
  - Lego Time
  - 3:30-4:30 PM

For more info, contact John Locke at 603-279-4503, John@meredithlibrary.org, or visit Meredithlibrary.org