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.

Senior Center Tech

Not meeting this December. Please Check back in 2021!

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.

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 News

December 2020

Genealogist Thomas Macentee Zoom Presentation

Yes, VIRGINIA, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist.

~Francis Church

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Email erin@meredithlibrary.org for an invitation.

This month we are pleased to welcome a very engaging, knowledgeable and nationally-recognized speaker, Thomas Macentee of High-Definition Genealogy. He will be discussing Brick Wall Breakthroughs. For novice genealogists, a brick wall is usually an ancestor we may not be able to find or find any information about. Want to see first hand how to break through that persistent “brick wall” in genealogy? Using actual research problems submitted by webinar attendees, professional genealogist Thomas MacEntee will walk participants through a step-by-step research methodology process to find clues and possible solutions. Participants will have access to research logs, digital images and more during and after the webinar. Also included is a “habit recipe” to implement the same techniques used in the webinar on your own genealogy research. Not only will you learn something new, I promise you’ll have a lot of fun learning it! Sponsored by the Friends of the Meredith Library.

Workshop outline:

• Brick Walls in Genealogy – Why Do We Have Them?
• Case Study Review
• Step-By-Step Methodology Review
• Habit Recipe
• Resource List

About Thomas Macentee: What happens when a “tech guy” with a love for history gets laid off during The Great Recession of 2008? You get me, Thomas MacEntee, a genealogy professional who’s also a blogger, educator, author, social media connector, marketer, network builder and more.
Enjoy this short, easy walk! Sept./Oct. and read The Mitten, across from the Meredith post office, go up the hill and it is on the right! Let’s read stories, play in the snow and have a craft to go! Please bring your own snack!

Story Hike!

Hike into Swasey Park and enjoy The Mitten by Jan Brett. Story will be up from Nov. 18th until Dec. 16! Swasey Park is on High St., across from the Meredith post office. Stop by the library and pick up your story hike passport! Then start visiting your story hikes! Bring your passport to the children’s room and receive a stamp. After you get 3 stamps you may have a prize!!!

Example: I have a 4 year old son who loves dinosaurs and pirates please bring us 12 books!!!

I will be delivering books in the Meredith area on Wednesday afternoons between 2 and 4! You will also receive crafts! I am missing all the little people at the library, I thought this would be fun if I delivered to your home! Program starts Wed. Nov. 4th! Delivery dates are Wed. Dec. 9, 16, 23 and 30.

P.S. You may reach me at karen@meredithlibrary.org or call Meredith Library 603-279-4303

This and that

Building Project Update

Things are moving along quickly and the new addition should be closed in before Christmas. The addition is scheduled to be completed in May and the historic renovation in August. It is our hope that COVID fears will be behind us by then and we can have a giant celebration to dedicate our new facility and to thank our donors, volunteers and community members who have supported this project over the years.

The Building Committee continues to meet weekly. Our current task is furniture selection, security and technology equipment as well as some final flooring choices. The staff has been busy inventorying our current furniture for what is still usable and what isn’t and working on furniture ideas for their departments.

We were awarded a Moose Plate grant for $10,000 to help with historic renovation and that will go towards restoring the original hardwood floors in the reading rooms and resetting the granite front steps. We look forward to next winter when our patrons can be sitting around one of the historic fireplaces reading the paper, knitting or chatting about the day’s events. Thank you to New Hampshire’s Division of Historic Resources for helping us meet our renovation funding goals.

Visit the Meredith Library Fund’s Website: https://www.meredithlibraryfund.org/blog for information on project updates including video updates and drone photos. Thank you to Amy LaFavre for keeping that up to date for us! And be sure to stop by the library and look out the windows for live action project updates!

Streaming Services

Have you tried our new streaming services yet? AcornTV for all your British TV needs and The Great Courses. Learn how to draw, do yoga, write a novel and so much more! Go to www.meredithlibrary.org and click on the “Catalogs” Tab then “RBDIGITAL”. You will need your library card number to access. Please call us if you have problems with access.

Safety Reminders

- While we are open for business, we strongly recommend and are happy to provide curbside pickup service.
- When entering the library, wear your mask and use the hand sanitizer provided at the table near the entrance. Masks are also available there.
- No more than 30 minutes at the library per day per patron.
- PC use is available, but is part of the 30 minutes patrons are allowed in the library per day.
New Adult Items
(ask for the full list at the desk)

Fiction
Alpsten-Tsarin
Archer-Hidden in plain sight
Belli-Deception by gaslight
Connolly-Dirty South
Connelly-Law of innocence
Fletcher-Murder in season
Holiday-A princess for Christmas
Horowitz-Moonflower murders
Kawaguchi-Before the coffee gets cold
Kim-Miracle Creek
LaPlante-Tennison
Lethem-The arrest
Mantel-Mirror & the light
March-Murder in old Bombay
Martin-Glimmer as you can
Mizushima-Hanging Falls
Molloy-Goodnight
Beautiful
Nesbo-The kingdom
Oates-Cardiff by the sea
Roberts-The awakening
Stone-Stone truth

Biographies
Obama-A promised land
Parton-Dolly Parton
Seinfeld-Is this anything?

Nonfiction
Atwood-Women heroes of WWII
Cooper-We keep the dead close
Cullen-Get it together
Douglas-The killer’s shadow
Eisenhart-Wedding hacks
Garten-Modern comfort food
Hibberd-Fire cannot kill dragon
Jackson-Paper bullets
Mckenzie-Countdown to Christmas

Large Print
Bowen-Above the Bay of Angels
Bunn-Tranquility Falls
Doiron-One last lie
Gross-The fifth column
Thayer-Girls of summer

DVDs-Movies
A hidden life
The secret garden

DVDs-T.V.
Vikings-Season 6, Volume 1

Audio books-Fiction
Andrews-The gift of the Magpie
Child-The Sentinel
Flagg-The Wonder Boy of Whistle Stop
Koontz-Elsewhere
Wiggs-The lost & found bookshop

Audio books-NonFiction
Carlson-A walk around the block
Ball-Life of a Klansman
Wukovits-Soldiers of a different cloth

Holiday Schedule
The Library will close Thursday, December 24 at noon and reopen Tuesday, December 29 at 9AM. We will then close Thursday, December 31 at 5PM and reopen Saturday, January 2 at 9AM.

Zoom Books on Tap
Thursday, Dec. 17, Noon
We will be meeting via Zoom. Please email erin@meredithlibrary.org for an invitation.

This month it’s a book free-for-all similar to Books on Tap, but without the tap. Talk about any book you choose and let us know what you've been reading. Be prepared to share and to jot down ideas for your next favorite read.

Imbibing your favorite holiday beverage is recommended but not required for participation.

Friends of the Library
The Friends wish to thank the many donors to the Buy-a-Brick project. This fundraiser has raised about $16,000 for the building project so far. The monies will go towards landscaping and outdoor furniture for the finished library.

At the time of this printing there are only seven $200 bricks left for sale. All $150 and $100 bricks have sold. We have been asked if another run of bricks might be available and as of right now that is not the case but we’ll keep you posted.

Thank you to the Buy-a-Brick committee members: Deb McNeish, Elizabeth Rohdenburg, Alison Gumpert, Micci Freyenhagen and Erin Apostolos for making this possible.

The list of donors to date can be found on http://www.meredithlibrary.org/buyabrick.html.

If you missed your opportunity to purchase a brick but would still like to donate to the building project, please visit https://www.meredithlibraryfund.org/
**DECEMBER**

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**NEW BOOKS COMING IN DECEMBER:**

- Wonder Woman: Dead Earth
- 72 Reasons to Go Vegan: Why Plant-Based. Why Now.
- Invisible Men: Black Artists of the Golden Age of Comics
- Cat Kid Comic Club
- The Dark Secret (Wings of Fire Graphic Novel #4)
- Walrus vs. Elephant Seal (Who Would Win?)

*Book Rec Binders*
List of J Spin Series, Clean Teen Reads, and Top Comics!
On the balcony now!

*Mr. John’s Classic Book Club 4 Teens*
Activities, videos, fun info, and more on Meredithlibrary.org

*Wear a Mask, Save a Life!*
Wash your hands, too

*Grab ‘n Go Bags*
New types of bags this month
On the balcony now!

*Need More Recs?*
https://bit.ly/373R0n9

**DECEMBER HOLIDAYS**

- Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Dec. 7th
- National Christmas Tree Day Dec. 21st