Hey Meredith! Your Library Needs You!

From now through March 31 surveys will be available all over town and online at www.meredithlibrary.org asking our library patrons to help us plan the future of the library. Please take a few moments to answer a survey. You might even win a free Kindle Fire!

The Library Trustees have appointed a Master Plan Committee to research libraries of the future, to visit local libraries who have renovated, expanded or built a new building and to gather input from the citizens of Meredith about their views of their library’s future. Using this information, the committee will make a recommendation to the Board regarding how they should proceed with the plan.

The following are some Frequently Asked Questions about the Library’s Master Plan.

Q: What is the task of the Master Plan Committee?
A: By interviewing staff, surveying the community and through public input sessions, the Master Plan Committee is tasked with giving one of these three recommendations to the Board of

Library Trustees.
Renovate the library only to meet life safety standards.
Build an addition to the library that will have space for its future plans as well as renovate to meet life safety standards.
Seek out a location to build a new library that will be up to code, have adequate parking, and will have space for its future plans.

Q: Why is the library working on a Master Plan?
A: The library needs a plan for its future for the next ten to fifteen years. A plan is a roadmap for achieving certain goals. The trustees need to address physical issues of the building as well as meet the needs of the future of the library.

Q: What prompted the library to create a Master Plan?
A: During a routine safety inspection, the State Fire Marshal found life safety code violations at the library. Before undergoing costly renovations, the Library Trustees want to build a plan for the library.

Q: Are there any issues besides life safety code violations?
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From the Clock Tower
News from the Children's Room
February 2014

ANIMALS & ME on Wednesdays from 9:45 to 10:45 and 1:00 to 2:00 Ages 3 to 5
Let’s travel to different countries and learn about wildlife there. We will read a story or two, talk about the animal then get “crafty” with a project.

*Snacks Served*

SWEET SATURDAY
February 8th, between 10 & 1
Sweet snack for kids * Coffee for grown-ups
The PAINT is out! If you love to paint, stop by the children’s room and receive a very LARGE piece of paper and paint, paint, paint!

Valentine’s Day Cookie & Card Decorating
Friday, February 14 from 2:00 to 4:00
ALL AGES EVENT
Valentine’s Day (Fri. Feb. 14th), happens to be a parent/teacher conference day at Inter-Lakes (no school), so we will be hosting a drop-in event in the function room.

* Bring a friend and decorate cookies, then make a card for that “special” person in your life.
* This is an all-ages event, sign-up is not required, but cookies will be limited, so first come first served. Hot Chocolate Served!

TOT TIME READING CIRCLE
Fridays from 9:30 to 10:30 then again from 11:00 to 12:00 * ages 0 to 3
Join Miss Karen in the function room for a story, songs, and beautiful artwork created by you. Reading aloud is a wonderful way for grown-ups and toddlers to play. All of these small moments of active listening and looking help make reading book’s together a playful experience. These early experiences set the stage for learning letters, recognizing words, and eventually learning to read. We will be learning our ABC’s this year. NO TOT TIME, FEB. 7 DUE TO BOOK SALE!

IMAGINE THAT * Dive into the world of imagination with story time yoga. Come to story time Friday, Feb. 21 at 9:30 and meet Miss Debbie as she shows you how to do yoga poses. Letter S learn the snake pose!

*CABIN FEVER RELIEVER*
Thursday morning, Feb. 27 from 10:00 to 11:00
Let’s have a play date! Its school vacation, meet your friends in the function room and be creative or just play! Miss Karen will have some FUN crafts to do, plenty of books to read and the toys will be out! Snacks for kids * Coffee for grown-ups

LEGO BUILDING BLAST
THURSDAY, Feb. 27, 2:30 to 4:30 * All Ages
Join us in the function room for an awesome afternoon of LEGO action. Our normal lego time will be expanded to 2 hours due to school vacation. We will have building expeditions, games, prizes, snacks, and more FUN than you can shake a Lego Tie Fighter at!
Don’t forget Lego Club will also meet on Thursday, Feb. 13th from 3:30 to 4:30.
Mystery Book Group

Thursday, February 13
10:30-12:00PM

The Dark Winter by David Mark.

Please join this laid-back group. Refreshments will be served. Pick up your copy at
the main desk. McAvoy lets his mind drift back to the chaos and bloodshed in the
square. To that moment when the masked man appeared from the doorway of the church and looked
into his eyes. ‘Is there anything distinctive, Sarge?’ asks Nielsen. ‘Yes’, he says, with the sudden
sense that memory is important. ‘There were tears in his eyes.’ DS Aector McAvoy is a man with a
troubled past. His unwavering belief in justice has made him an outsider in the police force he
serves. When three seemingly unconnected people are brutally murdered in the weeks before
Christmas, the police must work quickly to stop more deaths. It is only McAvoy who can see the connection between the victims. A killer is playing God – and McAvoy must find a way to stop
the deadly game.

Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs. Feel free to bring your lunch. Dessert and beverages served. Pick up your copy at the main desk. As a kid, Jacob formed a special bond with his grandfather over his bizarre tales and photos of levitating girls and invisible boys. Now at 16, he is reeling from the old man’s unexpected death. Then Jacob is given a mysterious letter that propels him on a journey to the remote Welsh island where his grandfather grew up. There, he finds the children from the photographs–alive and well–despite the islanders’ assertion that all were killed decades ago.

As Jacob begins to unravel more about his grandfather’s childhood, he suspects he is being trailed by a monster only he can see. A haunting and out-of-the-ordinary read, debut author Ransom Rigg’s first-person narration is convincing and absorbing, and every detail he draws our eye to is deftly woven into an unforgettable whole.
THE VIEW FROM THE BALCONY

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

Schedule
2/1 - Take Your Child to the Library Day!
2/4 @ 5 - TAB 😊
2/11 @ 5 - Young Writers
2/12 @ 4 - TTBC
   The Mysterious Benedict Society
2/13 @ 3:30 - Lego Time!
2/14 @ 2 - Valentines Day Cookie and Card Decorating
2/18 @ 5 - TAB 😊
2/19 @ 3:30 - Crafternoon
2/25 @ 5 - Movie Night
   Cloudy 2
2/26 @ 5 - Young Writers
2/27 @ 2:30 - Lego Building Blast!

Take Your Child to the Library Day
Join us on Saturday, February 1st as the Meredith Library joins in the nationwide celebration of Take Your Child to the Library Day! Stop by the Children’s Room any time during the day (open 9-2) to enter our raffles, check out books and movies, play with Legos, and complete a fun craft! There will be special book displays, decorations, and even a little snack! Studies have shown that people who read for pleasure have an easier time learning and understanding math, geography, history, and every other academic subject. Coming to the library might be your first step to the life you always wanted!

Lego Building Blast!
Don’t stay cooped up inside over February vacation! Come on down to the Function Room on Thursday, Feb 27th from 2:30-4:30 for an awesome afternoon of Lego action! Our normal Lego Time will be expanded to 2 hours of building competitions, games, prizes, snacks, and more fun than you can shake a Lego Tie-Fighter at!

Cookie and Card Decorating
Valentines Day (Fri, Feb 14th), happens to be a Parent/Teacher Conference day at Inter-Lakes, so why not celebrate your day off by coming down to the library for a fun afternoon of crafts and snacks? Drop by the function room any time between 2 and 4, and we’ll be decorating cookies and making Valentine's Day cards! Make a card for your friends or family (moms love cards!), or make a card for yourself that lists everything you love about being you! This is an all-ages event, so bring your brother or sister and have a family day, or grab a couple friends and have a good time outside of school. Signup is not required, but cookies will be limited, so first come first serve.

Teen/Tween Book Club
On February 12th from 4:00-5:00pm, we’ll be discussing The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart. Books are available now. In March we’ll discuss The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins!

“AT the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, the only rule is - there are no rules.”

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

☆ Movie Night ☆
Tues, February 25th @5pm
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2

Rated PG
For mild rude humor
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10AM-12PM  
Friends Book Sale  
Members Preview 2:30-7 PM  
Adult Writers Group 6:30-7:30PM | NO TOT TIME TODAY!  
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New Adult Items
(ask for the full list at the desk)

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Your Library Needs You

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A: Yes. The library parking lot is not sufficient for the volume of visitors it receives. In addition, there are seven different levels to the library making it difficult for the physically disabled, elderly and parents with small children to use the library. A chair lift was updated several years ago, but it is loud and slow, carries only one person at a time, and most people will use it once and then never again.

Q: How else might a master plan benefit the library?
A: The library does not have enough space to carry out its future plans such as space for a computer lab, meeting spaces for tutors and small groups, a dedicated space for teens and a place to teach college level courses.

Q: Who makes up the Master Plan Committee?
A: The committee is made up of Meredith citizens from all parts of the community including working professionals, parents of young children, a representative from the Friends of the Library, a teacher from Inter-Lakes school, a teen from Inter-Lakes High School, and two representatives from the Meredith Public Library Board of Trustees. The Library Director attends all meetings in an advisory role. The Town Manager and Meredith Select Board are kept up to date with information gathered from the Master Plan Committee.

Q: When does the committee expect to make a recommendation to the Library Board of Trustees?
A: The committee plans to have a recommendation ready in the spring of 2014.

Q: But we have a beautiful historic library? Why would we even consider building a new library?
A: The Meredith Public Library’s historic building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places for its unique architecture. It is lovely. But it was designed for the typical library user of 1900 and much has changed. We are considering a new library building because library services have dramatically changed over the years. People want very different services than when the library was first built and then renovated in the late 1980s. We want to find out what services you think are important. The present building of course is not going away, so even if a new library is built, the building would remain with the Town. But that is only one possibility. We need your input.

Some time in March, there will be public input sessions where citizens of Meredith will have a chance to voice their opinion about their library’s future. Please take the opportunity to let your voice be heard. More information will follow on the dates, times and locations of these events. For now, please be sure to complete a survey and help us plan our future.
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 Lorraine Martin. If you would like to present a program at the library please contact Erin Apostolos.

Quilt Display

“Times of a Quilter’s Life”

These quilts are just a sampling of the many quilts that Joan Royea of Center Harbor, NH has made throughout her “quilting life”. She has been quilting since 1965 and along with making quilts for each member of her family and commissioned quilts, Joan has worked with another member of CVQG, Sue Valliere, of Meredith, in making five quilts that were auctioned off, raising about $20,000 for the Norris Cotton Cancer Center.

CVQG meets on the 1st & 3rd Weds. Meetings are from 1:30-4:00 at the safety building, RT 25, Moultonboro, NH. Visitors are welcome.

Genealogy Club

Tuesday, February 4, 6:30PM

Abraham Lincoln, portrayed by Steve Wood, begins this program by recounting his early life and ends with a reading of the "Gettysburg Address". Along the way he comments on the debates with Stephen Douglas, his run for the presidency, and the Civil War. Paid for by a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council and by the Friends of the Meredith Library. Free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

Computer Club

Tuesday, February 11, 10:00AM

Monthly meeting of the Meredith Library Computer Club. A topic is presented each month with plenty of time for questions. All are welcome.

One-on-One Technology Training

Call the library to set up an appointment with Chris to assist you with your technology needs. Don’t know how to use your new Kindle or iPad? Did you get a confusing new laptop? No problem! Chris can help you straighten this out! Appointments book quickly, so call as soon as possible.