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
Tuesdays, Feb. 4, 7, 11, 18, 25, 4:00PM

Show and Tell. Please come and share what you’ve been working on, any new discoveries you’ve made or new sources of information. Bring family heirlooms, if you like. This session is for all experience levels. Light refreshments will be served.

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.

Drop-In Tech help at the Meredith Senior Center

Friday, Feb. 7 & 21, 9:00AM

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

Knotty Knitters

Thursdays, 10AM-12PM

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

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.)

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.

Computer Club

February 11, 10:00AM

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

State of the Library Presentation at the Community Center
February 29 at 11:00AM

Library Design and budget discussed. Pizza and homemade desserts served.

Town Meeting is Wednesday, March 11 at 7:00PM at the Inter-Lakes High School Gymnasium. The Library’s Renovation and Expansion Project will be on the warrant.

Meredith Library News

February 2020

Library Hours:

Mondays Closed
Tuesdays Closed
Wednesdays 9-5
Thursdays 9-5
Fridays 9-5
Saturdays 9-5
Sundays Closed

Library Building Project on Town Warrant

A Building Committee of library, town, and citizen representatives has been meeting weekly all year with the project manager, architect and construction team who are thrilled to present the final design to the community. A rendering of one of the historic reading rooms is pictured on the right. Gas fireplace inserts and restored original hardwood floors will help to create a living room effect inviting people to read by the fire, play a game or cozy up with a group of knitters. The expanded first floor will have an accessible meeting room available after hours & a vibrant children’s room and a teen room for that growing population of users. The second floor will have several quiet study rooms, a media room for small meetings and a collaborative work space for learning and exploring which may include tools and technology such as sewing machines, art supplies and 3D printers. The mezzanine will be converted into a genealogy/reference room and will be a quiet research space. Instead of seven split levels, library services will be contained to two levels with an elevator.

Please join us for the “State of the Library” at the Meredith Community Center on Saturday, February 29 at 11:00AM. We will be showing the final design, discussing the budget and giving an update on the amazing work of our fundraising team. Pizza and homemade desserts baked by the Friends of the Library will be served.
Please join us for a **Fabulous Frozen Fun-Filled February Winter Read!**

Jan. 28 – Sign-up for winter read!

Jan. 28 – Check out our In-library story walk. *Henry Hikes to Fitchburg!*

Feb. 4 – Find a snowflake, receive a goodie bag! Month of February!

Feb. 6 – Lego Club, 3:30 to 4:30!

Feb. 12 – *Snowflake Hut* opens, turn in your reading log and shop! Hut stays open until Friday, March 6!

Feb. 19 – Play Bingo in the children’s room, from 3:30 to 4:30. Win books!

Feb. 20 – Lego Club, 3:30 to 4:30!

Feb. 27 – *The Paint is Out!* From 2 to 4!

Paint, paper weaving and legos! Snacks! No sign-up required! Ages 4 and up!

Feb. 29 – Narwhal! Saturday, 10 to 1!

Paint & learn about narwhals! All ages! Raffles in children’s room, drawing every Friday in February!

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**Family Story Time with Panda the Cat!**

**Wed. Feb 26 from 10 to 11**

Meet Panda the therapy cat and owner Deb McNeilish! Story, craft and snack! All ages are welcomed!

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**Tot Time Reading Circle**

**Fri. Feb 7, 21 & 28 from 10 to 11**

Join us in the function room for stories, puppet friends and beautiful artwork created by you!

Snacks * Coffee * No sign-up required!

**No Story time Feb. 14 due to book sale!**

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**Introduction to Calligraphy**

with Suzanne Lee

**Tuesdays Feb. 18, 25, Mar. 3, 17, 24 from 10:00AM-12:00PM**

Registration is required.

$25 donation to the Friends of the Library is asked.

In this five-week beginner’s class, Suzanne Lee of the lakes gallery at chi-te Laconia will introduce several styles of calligraphy including Italic, Copperplate, Blackletter & contemporary work. Beginning with the fundamentals of Italic, students will use a beautiful broad edge fountain pen to gain confidence while working at their own pace. Lower and upper case letters, numbers and punctuation are studied and incorporated into finished, simple layouts. Materials will be provided for the class & no previous calligraphy experience is needed.

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**Books on Tap, Tuesday,**

**Feb. 25, 6:30PM**

Please join us at Church Landing’s Lakeview Tavern for a laid back book discussion about what we’ve been reading and get ideas for your next book. Please note that this is not a library sponsored event and you will be responsible for all of your purchases.

**My Everest Odyssey**

with Russ Staples

**Thursday, February 20, 6:00PM**

More than 50 years ago the author trekked from Kathmandu to Mount Everest in sneakers and a borrowed backpack, making him one of the earliest Americans to set foot at the 17,800 ft. base camp.

To celebrate, Staples will be promoting his recently published memoir, *My Everest Odyssey.* Program is free and open to the public. Copies of My Everest Odyssey will be available for sale.

The New Hampshire native was one of the earliest trekkers to the base of Mount Everest, the world’s tallest mountain. While a Peace Corps volunteer in southern India in 1967 the 22-year old set out with a borrowed backpack, $800 in his pocket and an abundance of youthful enthusiasm that would serve him well on his often harrowing, 27-day, 400-mile journey by foot.

Unlike Everest adventures of today, Staples’ 1967 hike was unsupported—the robust Everest tourism industry hadn’t yet arrived in Nepal. There were no planes, no hospitals, and certainly no rescues. Instead, he relied on the generosity and kindness of rural Nepali farmers and his own grit and determination. His journey took him by ancient Buddhist monasteries, through neatly terraced fields and pristine Himalayan wilderness as he walked in the footsteps of Sir Edmund Hillary and the 1963 American expedition.

Staples’ memoir is based on the journal he kept during his trek and includes incredible, never-before-published photos of an Everest and a Nepal that exist now only in the pages of history books.
New Adult Items
(ask for the full list at the desk)

**Fiction**
- Andrews-Out of the attic
- Brown-Recipe for the perfect wife
- Colfer-Highfire
- Cummins-American dirt
- Day-Marked
- Dickson-The orphan sisters
- Ellison-Good girls lie
- Fellowes-Mitford scandal
- Finder-House on fire
- Fuller-The innkeeper’s bride
- Hurwitz-Into the fire
- Johansen-Hind sight
- Kim-The plotters
- Krentz-The vanishing
- Melinek-First cut
- Preston-Crooked river
- Stabenow-No fixed line
- Wilson-The dog I loved
- Yu-Interior China town

**Nonfiction**
- Maine & Acadia National Park
- JK Lasser’s your income tax 2020
- Ashton-Self-care solution
- Bagans-Ghost-hunting for Dummies
- Fogg-Tiny habits
- Ingrassa-Billion dollar brand club
- Lee-Half the sugar, all the love
- Levitin-Successful aging
- McDougall-The scouting guide to tracking
- Penzler-Big book of reel murders
- Schweizer-Profiles in Corruption

**DVDs-Movies**
- Avengers—Endgame
- Gemini man
- Harriet
- Joker
- The lighthouse
- Parasite

**DVDs-T.V.**
- Anne with an E.– Season 1 & 2
- Big little lies-Season 2
- CB Strike-Complete
- Pitching in-Season 1

**Audio books**
- Saunders-Secrets of wishtide
- Verese-Spirit photographer
- Woods-Treason

**Large Print Books**
- Beaton-Beating about the bush
- Berg-The confession club
- Frear-Sweet little lies
- Michaels-Cut & run
- Williams-All the ways we said goodbye

**Fiction**
- Brown Bag Book Group
  - The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom
  - Thursday, Feb. 27, noon.
  - Feel free to bring your lunch. Dessert and beverages will be served.
  - Eddie is a grizzled war veteran who feels trapped in a meaningless life of fixing rides at a seaside amusement park. His days are a dull routine of work, loneliness, and regret.
  - Then, on his 83rd birthday, Eddie dies in a tragic accident, trying to save a little girl from a falling cart. He awakens in the afterlife, where he learns that heaven is not a lush Garden of Eden, but a place where your earthly life is explained to you by five people. These people may have been loved ones or distant strangers. Yet each of them changed your path forever.

**Mystery Book Group**
- Sweet Little Lies by Caz Frear
- Thursday, Feb. 13, 10:30AM
- Copies are available at the circulation desk. Open to the public.
- Light refreshments served. Please note we will be meeting in the non-fiction room due to the Book Sale.
- Twenty-six-year-old Cat Kinsella overcame a troubled childhood to become a Detective Constable with the Metropolitan Police Force, but she’s never been able to banish these ghosts. When she’s called to the scene of a murder in Islington, not far from the pub her estranged father still runs, she discovers that Alice Lapaine, a young housewife who didn’t get out much, has been found strangled.
- Cat and her team immediately suspect Alice’s husband, until she receives a mysterious phone call that links the victim to Maryanne Doyle, a teenage girl who went missing in Ireland eighteen years earlier.

**Friends of the Library**
- It’s February, so that means the Friends of Meredith Library are having their annual Book Sale! This year it’s on Thursday, February 13 from 9-6, Friday, February 14 from 9-4:30 and Saturday, February 15 from 9-1 in the Community Room of the Library. Donations are appreciated for books purchased at the sale. Books range from Children’s, Youth, Non-Fiction, Fiction and paperbacks.

Innissare Book store owner, Casey Gerken, and her staff, asked the Friends of Meredith Library if we would be willing to wrap purchases for their customers prior to Christmas. The customers would make a donation for the wrapping to the Meredith Library Fund. Almost $200 was raised for twelve hours of work by Lois, Betty, Micci, Barb, Sylvia, Paula, Ginny, Pam, Margie, Shirley, Eliza and Deb. We thank Casey and her fabulous staff for this fun adventure by the Friends.

Deb McNeish
Chair, Friends of Meredith Library
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