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.

Library Hours:

- Sundays and Mondays Closed
- Tues-Thurs 9-8
- Fridays 9-5
- Saturdays 9-2

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.

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.

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 3, 4 PM
Share in your discoveries from last year, hear about favorite genealogy Websites and plan the upcoming year of club meetings.

Computer Club
Tuesday, January 10, 10:00AM
Meets the second Tuesday of each month.

Check Out a Kindle Fire
The library has two Kindle Fires for circulation. Watch a movie or TV show using our Amazon Prime account or request a book we can download for you.

Books on Tap
The first meeting of Books on Tap at the Hart’s Turkey Farm tavern last month went very well. Six of us met to talk about books we’ve read and want to recommend and an hour long meeting easily slipped to two! Though any book was open for discussion, to make things easier for the first meeting our topic was “Our all-time favorite titles.”

Judy opened up the chat with Me Before You by JoJo Moyes. When a previously active and outgoing man becomes a quadriplegic, he hires Louisa Clark to care for him. Judy said that she could not put it down and was pulled into this story driven by the two compelling characters. Others in the group read it and loved it. Judy also recommended the Red Tent by Anita Diamant, a historical fiction tale of the Biblical tale of Jacob and his four wives, focusing largely on daughter Dinah. Another character driven story with strong details of what life was like during that time period.

Finally, Judy highly recommended Unbroken: a World War II Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption by Laura Hillenbrand. The true story of U.S. Olympian Louis Zamperini and his survival story of crash-landing in the Pacific and eventual capture by the Japanese during World War II is difficult to read by very compelling and she could not put it down.

Margaret enthusiastically discussed A Fine Balance by Rohinton Mistry. Set in India in 1975, critics compare the story and characters to a Charles Dickens novel as four people from different backgrounds are forced to share an apartment. Margaret felt this book gave a strong sense of space and time and the characters and their stories are very moving. She also suggested A Passage to India by E. M. Forster set in India during 1924 which clearly shows the cultural divide that existed in that country while it was ruled by England. Another group member recommended the TV series Indian Summers set during a similar time period (and available in DVD at the Meredith Public Library)! Sarah loved Raven Black by Ann Cleeves, Book One in the Shetland Island quartet. Set in the Shetland Islands off the coast of Scotland, an empathetic detective investigates the murder of a teen... (continued on page 7)
From the Clock Tower
News from the Children’s Room
January 2017

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January 4, 11, 18, & 25
No sign-up required * Coffee for grown-ups!

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murders. Unknown to the king, their best
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**Biographies**
- Baird-Victoria the queen
- Ginsburg-my own words
- Graham-Talking as fast as I can
- Kendrick-Scrappy little nobody
- Noah-Born a crime

**Fiction**
- Black-Ninth city burning
- Greaney-Tom Clancy's true faith & allegiance
- Griffin-Curtain of death
- Lapena-The couple next door
- Macmillan-The girl
- Perry-The old man
- Price-By gaslight
- Roberts-Island of glass
- Rollins-The 7th plague
- Wright-The orphan keeper

**Nonfiction**
- Cavuto-Whole cooking & nutrition
- Chamberlin-On the trail
- Friedman-Thank you for being late
- Griffin-Celebrity run-ins
- Harvey-Jump
- Paper-New kitchen idea book
- Vranich-Breathe

**DVDs-Movies**
- Big driver
- Jason Bourne
- Miss Peregrine's home for peculiar children
- Suicide squad
- Sully
- Magnificent 7

**DVDs-T.V.**
- Agatha Raisin-Season 1
- Doctor Who-Season 9
- Durrells in Corfu-Season 1
- Father Brown-Season 4
- Scott & Bailey-Season 5

**LARGE PRINT**
- Johansen-Night watch
- Mills-Order to kill
- Wait-Thread & gone
- White-Seduced

**CD Audio Books**
- Archer-This was a man
- Cornwell-Chaos
- Duncan-Dracula vs. Hitler
- Hoffman-Faithful
- Mizushima-Killing trail

**Brown Bag Book Group**
**Being Mortal**
by Atul Gawande
Thursday, January 26, 12:00PM

Medicine has triumphed in modern times, transforming birth, injury, and infectious disease from harrowing to manageable. But in the inevitable condition of aging and death, the goals of medicine seem too frequently to run counter to the interest of the human spirit. Nursing homes, preoccupied with safety, pin patients into nailed beds and wheelchairs. Hospitals isolate the dying, checking for vital signs long after the goals of cure have become moot. Doctors, committed to extending life, continue to carry out devastating procedures that in the end extend suffering.

Gawande, a practicing surgeon, addresses his profession’s ultimate limitation, arguing that quality of life is the desired goal for patients and families. Gawande offers examples of freer, more socially fulfilling models for assisting the infirm and dependent elderly, and he explores the varieties of hospice care to demonstrate that a person’s last weeks or months may be rich and dignified.

Feel Free to bring your lunch. Dessert and beverages will be served.

Friends of the Library
Happy New Years from the Friends of the Meredith Library! As we look forward to 2017 we reflect on 2016. We once again had a successful 5K Book-It race, three very busy book sales, and a great fundraiser at Hart’s Turkey Farm. Because of the success of all of these events we were able to support the library in many ways: purchase new chairs for the comfort of our library patrons, continue to support adult and children programs throughout the year, and professional development of the library staff.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming February Book Sale! February 16 – 18. Thursday, February 16th from 2:00 – 8:00; Friday, February 17th from 9:00 – 4:00; and Saturday, February 18th from 9:00 – 1:00. With the purchase of a first time (new) membership, with the Friends, you will be provided with an attractive Friends of the Meredith Library canvas book bag which in turn can be filled with free of charge! A membership also entitles you to a discount at Once Read Books!

Our next meeting is: Wednes-day, January 25th beginning at 3:30 in the Community Room. All are welcome as we begin to set the budget and agendas for the upcoming year.

~Micci Freyenhen
Goings-on for Teens/Tweens, Ages 10-18

**Civil Rights Day Teen Event**

Monday, January 16th is Civil Rights Day in NH, so we're inviting teens to come to the library in the 17th at 3:30 for an afternoon of fun, educational, and artistic expressions of our appreciation for this important holiday. First we'll be roleplaying the creation of a new utopia, when we'll debate what laws we'd need to put on the books in order to ensure a equal society for all. Then we'll create an artistic display of peaceful wishes for 2017 that will be hung in the teen space for the entire year.

**Manga Club**

1/4 & 1/18 @ 3:30 - Manga Club
1/12 @ 3:30 - Lego Time!
1/13 @ 3:30 - Young Writers
1/16 - Civil Rights Day
1/17 @ 3:30 - CR Day Teen Event, Roleplaying + Art
1/18 @ 3:30 - Manga Club
1/20 - Teacher Workshop Day, No School @ Inter-Lakes
1/24 @ 3:30 - TAB
1/25 @ 3:30 - GNOTMC: Bone vol. 1
1/26 @ 3:30 - Lego Time!
1/27 @ 3:30 - Young Writers
1/31 @ 5 - Movie Night

**The Secret Life of Pets**

Every month we select a new title that you'll love! We’ll have a teaser during the month, and then we’ll meet at the end of the month to take a closer look. This month we’ll be reading “Bone 1: Out From Boneville,” by Jeff Smith. This is the first book in the uber-popular Bone adventure/comedy series. The main series fills 9 books, but there are also a handful of prequel/sequel spinoffs as well. Don’t miss this epic tale!

**Graphic Novel of the Month**

Every week we pick a new book! This week we select “You Are Here” by Erin S. Craig, about a girl who travels to a parallel universe to save her best friend.

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Movie Night (Secret life of pets)

5-6:30 PM

February 4

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