**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**

- Sunday and Monday: Closed
- Tuesday-Thursday: 9:00am-8:00pm
- Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm
- Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm

**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 Matthew Gunby. If you would like to present a program at the library please contact Erin Apostolos.

**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.

**Drop-Ins with Matthew**

- Have a tech question but can’t wait for an appointment? Drop in on Thursdays from noon to 1:00PM and ask for Matthew.

**Quilt Display**

Country Village Quilt Guild

This quilt was made by a member of the CVQG totally out of ties put on shopping bags to secure purchases from the fabric stores. The quilter is a little embarrassed to admit she had this many. The pattern is a braided log cabin and is tied together.

The Country Village Quilt Guild holds its meeting at the Safety Building on Rt. 25 in Moultonborough. The meetings are held the first and third Wednesdays each month, year round from 1:30 p.m. – 4 p.m. Visitors are always welcome.

**Genealogy Club**

- Tuesday, January 6
- Learn the Secrets of Evernote

**Writer’s Group**

- Thursday, January 8
- 6:30PM
- Join a group of writers working to help each other.

**Computer Club**

- Tuesday, January 13
- 10:00AM
- Meets the second Tuesday of each month.

**Historical Minutes**

Now Online

The Trustees of the Meredith Public Library are pleased to announce that they have placed all of their available meeting minutes online. Minutes date back to 1889 and include these interesting facts:

- In 1909 the trustees voted to speak to the custodian about “not shooting the doves” that were roosting in the front of the building.
- In 1915, they voted not to allow the State Papers collection to leave the library (which was a good decision because one hundred years later we still have them.)
- In 1919, they voted not to allow the State Papers collection to leave the library (which was a good decision because one hundred years later we still have them.)
- In 1946, they voted to make the decision to burn some library books after they had been handled by patrons with Scarlet Fever.
- In 1948 the library was broken into twice and all of the petty cash stolen (totaling less than $1.00.)
- In 1955 the trustees looked into installing a two-party telephone, for $9.00 per month; as of the end of 1959 it still was not installed.

Reading the minutes is like taking a stroll through library and town history. The historic minutes were transcribed from fading hand-written notebooks by two very diligent Friends of the Library volunteers, Anne Whiting and June Noreen. Years of work have left us all with the ability to enjoy reading them easily and to search them electronically. Thank you so much to these hard-working women!

The minutes can be accessed from the library’s website [http://www.meredithlibrary.org/trustees.html](http://www.meredithlibrary.org/trustees.html).
Many Monkey’s Come To Read! Many Monkey’s Come To Read! Many Monkey’s Come To Read! Many Monkey’s Come To Read!

Wed. from 9:45 to 10:45

Story Time

AGES 3 to 5 * No sign-up required

If you like getting together with your friends, making new friends and reading stories, this story time is for you. Meet Miss Karen in the function room for stories, a creative craft and a snack. Younger or older children are welcome.

Reading makes you smarter!

Our book group meets today in the children’s room. We read At Home in a New Land by Joan Sandin, this book is about the Erik family, they came all the way from Sweden to live in Minnesota. Carl is a young boy who must learn English, help his family and get along with his neighbors who are Indians. This is the newest book group at the library! You can join anytime you want. We meet once a month, plenty of time to read your book. Ages 6 to 9 * Activity to go with the book and a snack! Remember you must have a grown-up with you!

Next Bear Cub Book Club will meet Sat. Feb. 7th at 12:00.

LEGOLAND on Thursday, Jan. 8 & 22 from 3:30 to 4:30 * Meet Mr. John downstairs in the function room and build wonderful things with legos.

Junk Box Saturday

Sat. January 24 from 10:00 to 1:00

Visit the children’s room today and find out about Junk Box Saturday! There will be a box of things for you to “get creative” with. What will you make? A tower, maybe a robot or build a spaceship! We will supply everything, please come and have “FUN”! Snacks Served!

* Invite a friend and have a play date*

Next time you visit the children’s room check out our Ready For Chapters bookcase. Lots of good books, you will find Galaxy Zack, Nancy Clancy, Hardy Boys, Princess Posey and Heidi Hucklebeck!

The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin; Narrated by Scott Brick. A. J. Fikry is in a very dark place. A recent widower, he now finds his independent book store, Island Books, is failing. His prized possession, intended to see him through his retirement, has been stolen and lately his life seems nothing more than a blur of frozen dinners and drunken evenings alone. But one morning he finds an unexpected gift that will change his life forever.

This was my favorite read of 2014. Fans of well-developed characters, bibliophiles and anyone who can appreciate a warm and uplifting story will enjoy this one.

The Good-Luck of Right Now by Matthew Quick; Narrated by Oliver Wyman. Bartholomew is forty years old and has never done anything other than take care of his mother. He’s never held a job or lived on his own. When she dies, he is left adrift. A priest who has defrocked himself, a grieving movie usher named Max whose words always involve the f-bomb, Bartholomew’s unrequited love the “girl-brarian”, Flavia de Luce, the eleven-year-old aspiring chemist, lover of poisons and budding amateur sleuth finally has an answer to one of her own mysteries in this novel.

Taking place in the years just after World War II in the quintessential English village of Bishop’s Lacey, Flavia, her father and two older sisters keep to their own parts of the their dilapidated manor home. Flavia haunts the Victorian era chemistry laboratory developed by her long dead Uncle Tar, cooking up ways to get back at her older sisters who tease her relentlessly. Each novel finds her investigating a crime in her own spunky style.

Narrator Jane Entwistle brings this young girl to life and makes her amazing abilities believable even to the most skeptical adult (such as myself.) My favorite series of 2014.
# New Adult Items
(ask for the full list at the desk)

## Fiction
- **Coyle-** Once upon a grind
- **Crombie-** To dwell in darkness
- **Cutler-** Death in Elysium
- **Flanagan-** The narrow road to the deep
- **Horowitz-Moriarty**
- **Isaacs-** Any place I hang my hat
- **Kepnes-** You
- **Margolin-Woman with a gun**
- **Miller-** A nip of murder
- **Roorbach-** The remedy for love
- **Weaver-** Murder at the Brightwell

## Nonfiction
- **Anderson-** A history of the Belknap Mill
- **Kurtz-** Three minutes in Poland
- **Lane-** Backpacking with the Saints
- **Lebovitz-** My Paris kitchen
- **Manning-** When books went to war
- **Nye-** Undeniable

## Large Print
- **Binchy-Maeve's times**
- **Dallas-A quilt for Christmas**
- **Dodd-Virtue Falls**
- **Bunn-The Patmos deception**
- **Castillo-The dead will tell**
- **Lebovitz-** My Paris kitchen
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## Mystery Book Group
- **Death and Restoration** by Ian Pears
- **Deceived**
- **Crossfire**
- **The forgiven**
- **Leaving time**

## DVDs-Movies
- **The giver**
- **The hundred-foot journey**
- **Magic in the moonlight**
- **Doctor Who (S)**
- **Justified (S)**
- **Parcells-Parcells**
- **Mccain-13 Soldiers**
- **Cornwell-Flesh & blood**
- **King-Revival**
- **Patterson-Hope to die**
- **Preston-Blue labyrinth**

## Biographies
- **Cavett-Brief encounters**
- **Cleese-So anyway**
- **Menino-Mayor for a new America**
- **Michael-You can't make this up**

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**Brown Bag Book Group**

*Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Alan Bradley

Thursday, January 29, Noon-1:00PM. Pick up your copy at the main desk. Feel free to bring your lunch. Dessert and beverages served.

**Sweetness** introduces a charming and engaging sleuth who is only 11 years old. Flavia is one of three precocious and extremely literate daughters being raised by English widow Colonel de Luce in 1950. Flavia's passion is chemistry (with a special interest in poisons). She is able to pursue her passion in the fully equipped Victorian laboratory in Buckshaw, the English mansion where the de Luce family lives. The story begins with a dead snake (with a rare stamp embedded on its back) found on the back door step. This is followed by a dead human body in the garden and, later, by a poisonous custard pie. Revelations about the mysterious past of Colonel de Luce complicate matters. When Colonel de Luce is arrested for murder, it's up to Flavia to solve the mystery. The 11-year-old claims she is not afraid because "this was by far the most interesting thing that had ever happened to me in my entire life."

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**Friends of Meredith Library**

The Friends will meet on Wednesday, January 28 at 3:00PM. Mark your calendar for the Winter Friends of the Library Book Sale. Thursday, February 12 from 2:30-5:30, Friday February 13 from 9-4:30PM and Saturday February 14 from 9-1:00PM. All proceeds go to the Friends. All sales are by donation except for those buying in bulk. Please give generously.

If you haven't become a member of the Friends yet, please pick up a membership brochure at the library's main desk. The Friends sponsor most activities at the library, the Ancestry.com subscription, pay for bookmarks and plastic tote bags, supply museum passes that patrons can check out and so much more! The meetings are a lot of fun and there are plenty of committees looking for volunteers such as the gardening, decorating or book sale committees. Please join us at our next meeting to learn more.
Goings-on for Teens/Tweens, Ages 10-18

**THE VIEW FROM THE BALCONY**

### Recycle Crafts

Jan 14th @ 3:30
Who else has a handful of old t-shirts that they don’t wear anymore taking up space in their drawers? Well, grab a couple and head on down to the MPL Function Room on Wednesday, January 14 @ 3:30 and learn how to easily turn your old shirts into super fashionable scarves! Mr. John will show you a few different no sew designs that will turn your old clothes into a scarf you’ll want to wear everyday!

The MPL is more than just a building full of books and movies, it’s also a place where creative people come for inspiration, information, and to meet with others who share their passions. Whether you like to write, draw, or create other kinds of art, always remember that the MPL is your friend!

### Young Writers Group

Ages 8-18
Do you like to write? Do you scribble during class, before bed, or on the bus? Or do you simply think you might like to start writing? Then stop by the YWG Fridays at 3:30 for good time hanging our with people your age who do what you love to do! All skill levels are welcome, whether you need help getting started, or need your novel spelled checked. This group will focus on workshops, gaining valuable skills, creating a creative environment, staying motivated, and having fun!

### Great Stone Face Team

Grades 4-6
Every month we tackle a new Great Stone Face nominee so that YOU can vote for your favorite next spring. We meet to discuss, debate, play games, watch videos, and do activities related to the book. Plus we have snacks! On Tuesday, January 6th, we’ll meet to discuss “Wake Up Missing,” by Kate Messner. This is an exciting story that will appeal to fans of sci-fi, adventure, survival fiction, and anyone who loves great writing and spine-tingling plots!

Meet Quentin, a football star from Chicago - Sarah, an upstate New York girls’ hockey team stand-out - Ben, a horse lover from the Pacific northwest - and Cat, an artifici bird watcher from California. They have nothing in common except for the head injuries that land them in an elite brain-science center in Florida. It’s known as the best in the world, but as days pass, the kids begin to suspect that they are subjects in an experiment that goes far beyond treating concussions, and threatens their very identities.

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