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 Via Zoom
Fridays Jan 8 & 22, 9AM.
(Email Chris at chris@meredithlibrary.org for an invitation)

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 (on Zoom)
Tuesday January 12, 10:00AM
Various topics discussed which are driven by those who attend. Open to all experience levels. To request a link please call before the meeting or email chris@meredithlibrary.org.

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.

Library (Curbside & Building) Hours:
Tues-Thurs 9-7:30
Fridays 9-4:30
Saturdays 9-1:30
Sundays & Mondays Closed

A Trip Through Historic Trustee Minutes
I have always been drawn to the past. I remember searching the school library in the third grade to find the books with the oldest publication dates to read. I came across the series Alfred Hitchcock and the Three Investigators (the first one was published in 1964). Even though at the time that was only fourteen years earlier (you can do the math on my age) the books seemed ancient. I didn’t even know who Alfred Hitchcock was. My mother launched into a story about him that involved her having to shower with the curtain open for months. I read the books with fervor, but found no such scenes in them.

“You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.”
~C.S. Lewis

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December 9, 1899.
The Trustees met with Mrs. Wadleigh to discuss the offer made by Mr. Benjamin Smith of Beverly, Mass. Mr. Smith proposed to give a ten thousand dollar library building, provided the town buy lot of land indicated by him and grade the same. Note: Since 1882, the library had moved from place to place until it landed at its current home thanks to this offer.

June 21, 1902
Maj. Bedee has offered to give the town a Soldier’s Monument to cost about $2,000 and it is proposed to place it on the library lawn. Note: That monument is still there.

September 28, 1910
The old question of ‘what to do with the doves’ was discussed at length. After a year of experiments the nuisance remains as great or worse than ever. The front of the building is defaced by the birds and often the clock is stopped. Note: An earlier “doce solution” is by far my favorite entry.

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**Hike with Miss Karen!**

Wednesday, January 13 from 11:00 to 12:00

Meet Miss Karen on the library lawn and hike to Swasey Park! As we enter we will search for the story The Wish Tree by Kyo Maclear. This story is about Charlie, he wants to find a wish tree. You don’t need a map or a compass or anything but a wish and a good friend. Wear your warm clothes, bring your snack!

Weather permitting! Please let us know if you’re coming. If weather is not cooperating, I will contact you to cancel! Thanks!

**Your Favorite Childhood Book!**

So much fun to talk about your favorite childhood book. All ages are welcomed to participate! Please let us know what yours is. Could be a book from the time you were 5 or so, or one from your teen years!

Everyone here at the MPL has given me their favorites! Check out the poster in the main entrance and add your special story book!

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**Story Hike!**

Hike into Swasey Park and enjoy The Wish tree by Kyo Maclear. Story will be up from January 13 to February 16. Swasey Park is on High St., across from the Meredith post office, go up the hill and it is on the right! Enjoy this short, easy walk! Fun for all ages!

**Story Hike Passport**

Stop by the library and pick up your story hike passport! Then start visiting our story hikes! Bring your passport to the children’s room and receive a stamp. After you get 3 stamps you may have a prize!!!

If you visited Swasey Park and read Henry Hikes to Fitchburg and The Mitten this past year you may receive stamps in your passport!

**Winter Reading 2021**

Starting January 26 you may pick up your winter reading log. For every reading log you fill in you will receive a prize! We also have warm & fuzzy bingo sheets this year! Get 3 in a row and receive another prize!

There will be weekly raffles and special wintry crafts!

This program is for all children and runs from January 26 until March 5.

**From the Clock Tower**

News from the Children’s Room

January 2021

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December 27, 1909

Also, moved and carried that Mr. Clough see Mr. Cowing in regard to driving doves away from the building and tell him not to shoot them. Note: This is the only mention in the minutes of the janitor being pushed to his limit with the doves, standing on the library lawn, and blasting away at them. I wonder if the building bears any scars from “The Great Dove Incident of 1909?” Whatever they came up with, it must have worked because I’ve been here since 2008 and I’ve never seen a dove in the clock tower. Bats, well that’s another story...

January 20, 1913

During the past year several books have been in families where there was scarlet fever and the question was discussed of whether or not they should be received in library again. The secretary was instructed to write to State Board of Health and to some libraries for information. Note: I was curious how the library handled items during outbreaks and pandemics in the past and here is a follow-up to that sixteen years later.

December 31, 1929

Voted to burn books which had been in families where there was scarlet fever and the question was discussed of whether or not they should be received in library again. The secretary was instructed to write to State Board of Health and to some libraries for information. Note: I was curious how the library handled items during outbreaks and pandemics in the past and here is a follow-up to that sixteen years later.

No more than 30 minutes at the library per day.

*Note: This is the only mention in the minutes I have seen of the library where the comparison of the WWII one to the one that now sits on the library lawn. It has not been seen in many decades and if anyone remembers it, please let me know. I have a photo of it and a list of all the names on it.*

When I first started working at the Meredith Public Library I asked two dedicated library volunteers, Anne Whiting and June Noreen to transcribe the historic trustee minutes which were hand-written in notebooks of often illegible script. They worked at typing them into Microsoft Word for what I think was years. I refer to these minutes frequently, especially during the renovation process to find out when certain things were done to the building.

June Noreen recently passed away, but every time I do a keyword search in the minutes I think of her asking me if all the work they were doing would be useful. It has been, June. Thank you for your many years of service. You will be missed.

~Erin M. Apostolos, Library Director

**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**
- *The mystery of Mrs. Christie* by Agatha Christie
- *The wicked hour* by Arlyngton
- *The outcast girls* by Clare
- *The end of the day* by Cornwell
- *War lord* by Crawford
- *Club murder* by Clegg
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**Biographies**
- *One life* by Rapine
- *The detective in the dooryard* by Davis
- *Clanlands* by Heughan
- *How (not) to read the bible* by Kimball
- *Credit repair* by Loftsgordon
- *The last days of John Lennon* by Patterson
- *First principles* by Ricks
- *The last assassin* by Stothard
- *Last stands* by Walsh

**Nonfiction**
- *Big kibble* by Buckley
- *The detection in the dooryard* by Davis
- *War lord* by Crawford
- *Club murder* by Clegg

**Large Print**
- *Miramar Bay* by Bunn
- *Bay of Angels* by Bay
- *Dark tides* by Gregory
- *Someone like you* by Kingsbury
- *Total power* by Mills

**DVDs-Movies**
- *Fatima*
- *Fisherman’s friends*
- *The Irishman*
- *Unhinged*
- *The war with Grandpa*

**DVDs-T.V.**
- *Better call Saul* - Season 5
- *The Crown* - Season 4
- *The Expanse* - Season 4
- *Father Brown* - Season 8
- *Grant* - Mini series
- *Yellowstone* - Season 3

**Audio books-Fiction**
- *The law of innocence* by Connelly
- *The last assassin* by Ricks
- *Last stands* by Walsh

**Mystery Book Group**
- *A Cold Treachery* by Charles Todd
  - Thursday, January 14, 10:30AM
  - Copies will be available for pickup at the circulation desk. The group will be meeting via Zoom. Please email matthew@meredithlibrary.org for a link.

**Brown Bag Book Group**
- *Zoom Brown Bag Book Group*
  - Thursday, Jan. 28, Noon
  - We will be meeting via Zoom. Please email erin@meredithlibrary.org for an invitation.

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**Friends of the Library**
Thank you to the Friends of the Library, community members, relatives, and patrons of the Library for purchasing ALL of the bricks for the new Readers’ Garden at our new library. The last brick was sold on December 28, 2020. When a subcommittee of the Friends met by Zoom in September and October to plan for the publicizing the bricks, we weren't sure the bricks would sell at all, let alone all of the bricks.

There are many thoughtful comments on the bricks: remembrances of family members and friends; honoring special friends and grandchildren; literary quotes; thanks to our wonderful Library and staff.

Proceeds for the bricks will assist the Friends with purchasing shrubs and perennials for the Readers’ Garden. The bricks will have integral placement in the Garden.

In sincere appreciation,
Deb McNeish
Friends’ President
**The Young Chef’s Table**  
Sign up to receive your free MPL cutting board!  
Watch monthly video of Mr. John gathering ingredients and cooking  
Cook the new recipe each month.  
Share your meal with family and friends!  
Meredithlibrary.org/youngchefstable

**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

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

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**NEW BOOKS COMING IN JANUARY:**  
- Tales of the Hinterland  
  by Melissa Albert  
- Concrete Rose  
  by Angie Thomas  
- Just Like That  
  by Gary Schmidt  
- Gone to the Woods  
  by Gary Paulsen

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**Tues** | **Wed** | **Thu** | **Fri** | **Sat**
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**DECEMBER 31** | **MPL CLOSES @ 5PM FOR NEW YEAR’S EVE!** | **1** | **MPL CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR’S DAY!** | **2**  
| Library is Open!  
9AM-1:30 PM |

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Kids’ Winter Reading Sign-Up  
Starts Today!