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.

Meet Miss Karen!

Our younger patrons love Miss Karen. She greets them all by name and is frequently awarded with hugs from her many little admirers. She always has a smile for them and goes out of her way to be sure their visits to the library are extra special. She has planted the seeds for life-long library users who will always have fond memories of their time at the Meredith Public Library. We are very fortunate to have her on staff.

Karen is the Assistant Youth Services Librarian and is in charge of collection development in the Children’s Room and all early childhood activities at the library. As a lifelong resident of Meredith, she knows many of our patrons. Some parents of her young patrons may even have cared for during her twenty years as a daycare provider.

She enjoys the early childhood classes she manages, in particular those for pre-school aged children. She gives time for parents to linger before and after each activity so that she has a chance to chat with them to find out how she can better serve them and their children. Last month, Karen initiated a new literacy activity modeled for Town Meeting.

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

Please remember to check out a book we can download for you.

Amazon Prime account or request a book we can download for you.

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 drop in on Matthew Thursdays at eleven.

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.)

Quilt Display

Memories of Tuscany
By Carol Hoagland

I wanted to use the Cathedral Windows in a novel way so the idea is for a villa covered in stained glass windows. The potted flowers would be along the sidewalk. At least that was the plan! This quilt is machine pieced with fused raw edge appliquéd and Cathedral Window blocks and machine quilted with the ‘Quilt As You Go’ method.

The Country Village Quilt Guild holds its meetings at the Safety Building on Rt. 25 in Moultonborough. The meetings and programs are held the first and third Wednesdays each month, year round, from 1:30pm – 4:00pm. Visitors are always welcome!

Library Mission Statement

Genealogy Club

Tuesday, March 1, 4:00PM

Getting the most out of the US Federal Census 1790-1940. For all experience levels.

Computer Club

Tuesday, March 8, 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.

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News from the Children’s Room
March 2016

Whimsical Tales

Wednesday mornings 10:00 to 11:00
Whimsical Tales is new and taking the place of Animals & Me’s read folk tales, classics, listen to a little poetry and I’m sure Piggy & Gerald will drop in.

Miss Karen will read her favorite stories to you! All little people are welcomed from babies to older children. No sign-up required.

Enjoy a craft and snack!

Coffee for grown-ups!

LEGOS!

Meet with Mr. John and his huge collection of Legos on Thurs. March 3, 17 & 31 from 3:30 to 4:30 in the function room!

This is a fun, friendly group of parents and children, come read and play!

Many “THANKS” to everyone who participated in our Fizzling Fun-Filled February Winter Read! We had over 65 children sign-up and read! WOW!

I am so happy that you all read so much! Good Job! Remember to bring your reading logs in and pick up your goodie bags!

Hope you all enjoyed our events this past month from cookie decorating to our painting party!

TOT TIME READING CIRCLE

Friday mornings from 10:00 to 11:00 Ages 0 to 5
Join us in the function room for stories, puppet friends and beautiful artwork created by you!

This is a fun, friendly group of parents and children, come read and play!

Snacks Served & Coffee for grown-ups!

GREAT UPDATES!

Miss Karen Continued

on the highly successful Summer Reading. Named the Fizzling, Fun-Filled February Winter Read, it was incredibly successful with over sixty children participating. Participants were encouraged to log their reading time all February long and then turn in their logs for exciting goodie bags. Studies show that children who read every day have better vocabulary, memory and analytical skills. Anything our staff can do to encourage these important literacy skills is part of the library’s mission. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring the goodie bags. A little incentive goes a long way! Due to the success, Karen believes this event will become a regular part of MPL’s winter offering.

Once a month, Karen has started offering a Saturday early childhood class in addition to her Wednesday and Friday offerings. This month, the Wednesday class will be shifting from Animals and Me to Whimsical Tales. The topics will be fairytales, folktales, classics and poems and usually involve reading a book, singing and movement creating a work that can be taken home.

Finally, Karen shared her thoughts on the future of the Meredith Public Library. She hopes that the town will work towards a solution that will allow her to expand the space for the Children’s Room and all of the associated activities because of the new possibilities that would bring. A new design could also do a better job of meeting the evolving needs of the community. One of the greatest opportunities would be a consolidation of children’s activities. Currently activities takes place in the function room which is seven levels below the Children’s Room. Many parents leave after events rather than dragging babies and children up all of those levels to access the collection. There is also no bathroom in or near the Children’s Room.

Having a Children’s Room that would encompass the collection, activity room, bathroom, prep room and outside seating area would greatly expand the learning opportunities for the children of Meredith.

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Adult Coloring Night

March 31, 6:00PM
Thursday

The latest trend in stress-busting is coloring for grown-ups. Join us in the meeting room for over an hour of relaxation. We will have numerous coloring pages to choose from and colored pencils will be available for your use, but feel free to bring your own coloring implements. Light refreshments will be served and relaxing music will be played. For ages 18 and over.
New Adult Items
(ask for the full list at the desk)

**Fiction**
- Archer - *Cometh the hour*
- Barton - *The widow*
- Berenson - *The wolves*
- Binder - *Keep calm*
- Cabot - *Remembrance*
- Dubois - *Night road*
- Fielding - *She’s not there*
- Gardner - *Find her*
- Kingsnorth - *The wake*
- Macomber - *Girl’s guide to moving on*
- Margolin - *Violent crimes*
- Nesbo - *Midnight sun*
- Pears - *Arcadia*
- Stone - *The verdict*
- Todd - *No shred of evidence*

**Biographies**
- Wariner - *The sound of gravel*

**Nonfiction**
- Baig - *Ipad for dummies*
- Covey - *Primary greatness*
- Emerson - *100 deadly skills*
- Shatner - *I, spy*
- Mayer - *Dark money*
- Merchant - *Cure*

**CD Audio Books**
- Berenson - *The wolves*
- Clipson - *An Amish market*
- Coonts - *The art of war*
- Robb - *Brotherhood in death*

**Large Print Non-Fiction**
- Gilbert - *Women of valor*

**DVDs-Movies**
- Bridge of spies
- Everest
- Spectre
- Steve Jobs
- Suffragette
- The 33
- Trainwreck
- Trumbo

**Large Print Fiction**
- Griffiths - *The zig zag girl*
- Hannon - *Thin ice*
- Jackson - *After she’s gone*
- Mccall Smith - *Bertie’s guide to life & mothers*
- Miller - *Big sky mountain*
- Patterson - *NYPD Red 4*
- Strout - *My name is Lucy Barton*

**Mystery Book Group**
- Still Life
  By Louise Penny
  Thursday, March 10, 10:30AM
  Copies are available at the circulation desk.

“Chief Inspector Armand Gamache of the Sûreté du Québec and his team of investigators are called in to the scene of a suspicious death in a rural village south of Montréal and yet a world away. Jane Neal, a long-time resident of Three Pines, has been found dead in the woods. The locals are certain it’s a tragic hunting accident and nothing more but Gamache smells something foul this holiday season…and is soon certain that Jane died at the hands of someone much more sinister than a care- less bowhunter.

“With this award-winning first novel, Louise Penny introduces an engaging hero in Inspector Gamache, who commands his forces—and this series—with power, ingenuity, and charm.”

**Brown Bag Book Group**
- The Unexpected Mrs. Pollifax
  By Dorothy Gilman
  Thursday, March 31, Noon. *Feel free to bring your lunch. Dessert and beverages will be provided.*

Mrs. Virgil (Emily) Pollifax of New Brunswick, New Jersey, was a widow with grown children. She was tired of attending her Garden Club meetings. She wanted to do something good for her country. So, naturally, she became a CIA agent. This time, the assignment sounds as tasty as a taco. A quick trip to Mexico City is on her agenda. Unfortunately, something goes wrong, and our dear Mrs. Pollifax finds herself entangled in quite a hot Cold War—and her country’s enemies find themselves entangled with one unbelievably feisty lady.

**Friends of the Library**
The Friends of the Library Book Sale raised over $1000 in sales and memberships at the February book sale. Thank you so much to the Friends for all of their hard work putting this together! The next Book Sale is May 19-21 so please mark your calendars. The library accepts donations all year long with the exception of encyclopedias, almanacs and annuals, text books, magazines, video cassettes, and Reader’s Digest Condensed books.

The Friends of the Library used book store Once Read Books is anticipated to have a soft-opening in May. Some details still need to be ironed out, so there will be more information in the next newsletter. If you are interested in helping out with setting up the store or volunteering at the store please email erin@meredithlibrary.org and I will forward your information to the Friends.

Thank you so much to the Friends for baking all of the wonderful cookies for the Public Meeting to Discuss the Library’s Future on March 1. You are all the best!

Next Friends meeting is Wednesday, March 30 at 3:00PM.
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Young Writers Group

3/11, 3/25 @ 3:30

Stop by the YWG every other Friday for a chance to meet with your peers to compare work, do an activity or two, and then finally get to do what you’ve been looking forward to all day – you can finally write! Even if you’re not working on a project right now you can stop in for some literary fun, whether it’s a round of ‘2 Sentence at a Time’ story writing, or a fun game or two of Boggle, we always have something going on to keep you busy. But we warn you, Mr. John loves Boggle and is very competitive, and he might not let you leave until he wins!

Book Reviews Wanted!

March is going to be Book Review Month in the YA section of the MPL! Have you read something recently that you really liked? Or maybe something you hated? Either way, you should write us a book review to help your fellow readers find something awesome to read, or warn them of what top steers clear of! Every time you turn in a book review you’ll be entered to win a brand new Kindle Fire, courtesy of the Friends of the Meredith Library. Book reviews must be at least 4 sentences long, and should have your name and phone number at the top so we know how to contact you. Try to include information like what you liked, what you didn’t like, what other books it reminds you of, and why you would recommend it to if you would recommend it at all.

Graphic Novel of the Month

3/30 @ 3:30

Move over cheese of the month club, the Graphic Novel of the Month Club is here! Every month the librarian will select a new title that you’ll love! We’ll bring in tons of extra copies, have a teaser or activity during the month to get you interested, and then we’ll meet at the end of the month to take a closer look at the book and do another activity or two! This month we’ll be reading “Fangboge! Third Grade Barbarian” by Michael Rez. This is the first book in a fun series that combines action and comedy in a fun, Babymouse-style graphic novel that’s mostly black and white with a splash of orange here and there.

Class 3G has a new student, and he’s totally wild! Fangboge is a barbarian warrior from another dimension who has been charged with the task of keeping a deadly weapon from Skulkabian’s most vile villain, Venomous Drool. Can Fangboge’s new classmates team up to help him triumph over hounds, snakes, lave-ferrers, and his first hop quiz? Books are selected for readers age 8-18, and may contain some PG violence. Books will be on the YA Balcony as soon as they’re available!

For more info, contact John Locke at 603-279-4503, John@meredithlibrary.org, or visit MeredithLibrary.org