



Library Hours:
Tues-Thurs 9-8
Fridays 9-5
Saturdays 9-2
Sundays & Mondays

Spring 2026
Meredith Public Library Celebrates
America 250!

by Matthew Buteau, Adult Services Librarian



*"Our Cause is noble; it is
the cause of mankind!"*

~George Washington

FRIENDS OF THE MEREDITH LIBRARY

**BOOK
STORE**



HOURS:

WEDNESDAYS 10 AM – 6 PM

THURSDAYS 10 AM – 4 PM

FRIDAYS 10 AM – 4 PM

SATURDAYS 9 AM - 1:30 PM

The Meredith Public Library will be holding a series of fun and interesting events throughout the next few months in honor of America's 250th birthday. All events will take place under the theme of Plant a Seed of Democracy. (That title is a combination of this year's national summer reading theme of Plant a Seed combined with the USA's semi-quincentennial birthday commemoration.)

The festivities begin Thursday, April 9 at 6:30 PM with a program focusing on a little-known, yet historically significant event that happened right here in New Hampshire. Titled *Shot NOT Heard 'Round the World*, this program presented by Michael Geanoulis reveals that the American Revolution did not really begin with the famous shot "Heard 'Round the World" at Lexington-Concord in April 1775, but at Fort William and Mary in December 1774 in Portsmouth, NH!

Another New Hampshire focused event will take place on Thursday, July 9 titled *Redcoats & Re-*

bels: New Hampshire and the American Revolution. This NH Humanities program by presenter Mary Adams will cover many forgotten facts including Paul **Revere's first ride (which was to Portsmouth in December 1774 to warn the patriots that the British were coming to reinforce Fort William and Mary, five months before the Redcoats marched on Concord and Lexington).**

Two of the library's popular Craft-ernoon sessions will take on a patriotic theme. On Friday, May 1 at 1:00 PM, Fran Bates from Fran's Ceramics in Bristol will bring cute ceramics to paint. Choices will include an Uncle Sam Bear, an Aunt Betsy Bear, a Patriotic Pickup Truck, and a Patriotic Hat. On Friday, June 5, the Crafternoon activity will be creating a patriotic wind-sock. Crafternoon sessions require registration on the library website.

History will come alive at the library with two programs in June featuring costumed historical reenactors. First is J.T, Turner

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News from the Children's Room! March * April * May



Bookworm Bunch Story Time



Wed. from 10 to 11

March 4, 11, 18 & 25

April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

May 6, 13, 20 & 27

Stories, crafts & snacks! All ages are welcomed! No sign-up required! Coffee & Tea served!

Spring Equinox Saturday

Sat. March 21 from 10 to 12

Visit the children's room this morning and create a beautiful sun to hang in your home!

The Spring equinox is when winter ends and spring begins! You will have a **BIG SMILE** because warmer weather is here! All ages welcomed!

Snacks Served * Coffee & Tea

Invite a friend and have a playdate!



Winter Reading

Thank you everyone for participating in our winter reading program! We had over 55 kids sign up!!!

We enjoyed reading, doing bingo sheets and fun raffles!

Again Thank You!



Tot Time Reading Circle * Friday's 10 to 11

March 6, 13, 20 & 27

April 3, 10, 17, & 24

May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

Join us in the children's room for stories, puppet friends and beautiful art work created by you! Coffee & Tea! Snacks served! Come read and play!



Saturday Story Time!

April 18 & May 16
from 10 to 11



Visit the children's room this morning and listen to a story, enjoy a craft and have a snack! All children are welcomed! Coffee & Tea for adults!

Enjoy the rest of your Winter!



Shakespeare

Genealogy at the Library

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playing Ben Franklin (Thursday, June 11 at 6 PM) followed by Rita Parisi (Thursday June 18 at 6 PM) playing five women of 1776.

Other themed programs throughout the celebration period include:

- Screening and discussion of *The American Revolution* by Ken Burns (May 7)
- *Celebrating America's Independence with... Beethoven* by Rudy Van Veghten (May 14)
- *Unpacking the Declaration of Independence* (NH Humanities, May 21)
- *Sons of the American Revolution* (Genealogy Club, May 19)
- Author Alison Fortier will discuss her book *Washington, DC: Designed for Democracy* (May 28)
- *American Art at 250: Masterworks of a Nation* (June 4) by Jane Oneail
- *Declaration of Independence Reading* by Winnepesaukee Playhouse Community Players (July 11)
- Movie screening of *National Treasure* (July 18)

Thank you to NH Humanities and the Friends of the Meredith Library for sponsoring these events.



The Meredith Public Library meets the third Tuesday of each month from 4:00-5:00PM. Various topics are discussed. If you would like to be added to the mailing list, please email erin@meredithlibrary.org.

On March 17, NH Humanities speaker Mary Kelly presents: *Peaceful Revolutionary, Enduring Symbol: St. Patrick's Life & Powerful Legacy Today*. Explore themes of faith, freedom, and revolutionary change through St Patrick's life and legacy. Travel historical pathways from Ancient Ireland to today's exuberant annual holiday--when "everyone is Irish" for a day. Available via Zoom and on the big screen in the Function Room.

April 21 we present *Buried New Hampshire*. Authors and photographers Rick Davidson and Bill Thompson spent a year investigating fascinating legends, researching, following clues, and photographing granite state cemeteries. Come hear their stories.

May 19, Representatives from the Sons of the American Revolution will be joining us to discuss their lineage organization, how it serves the community and how one may become a member.

Hans Jackson currently serves as the Registrar and Genealogist of the New Hampshire Sons of the American Revolution. In this role, he focuses on guiding applicants through the membership process and ensuring the accuracy and completeness of associated genealogical records.

Curtis Hermann is the Color Guard Commander and 1st Vice President of the State Society. He brings extensive experience in genealogical research and documentation, **supporting the Society's mission through both leadership and historical expertise.**

ASK A BANKER MEREDITH VILLAGE SAVINGS BANK EXPERT PANEL

Have you always wondered about how things work in different aspects of the banking industry? Meredith Village Savings Bank has put together a panel of subject matter experts to answer your questions.

They'll tackle frequently asked questions such as:

- How much money do banks actually keep in the vault?
- What happens to old cash when it's worn out?
- Why do interest rates go up and down?
- Do banks borrow money from each other?
- How do banks prevent fraud?
- Where do bank account deposits go?
- How do lenders determine how much you can borrow?
- Who are Fannie Mae, Ginnie Mae & Freddie Mac...
- And how did they get my mortgage?
- Plus whatever the audience wants to know!



Meredith Public Library
Tuesday
March 3
6:00 - 7:30 PM



Watercolor Club

Open to all experience levels and no registration is necessary. We will meet monthly to explore different watercolor techniques by watching a video and experimenting. Feel free to share ideas. You must bring your own supplies. Judgement-Free zone!

SATURDAY, APRIL 4
10:00-12:00PM

Genealogy Club Via Zoom

Third Tuesday Each Month
4:00-5:00PM
On the Function Room
Screen or Via Zoom

Join us on the third Tuesday of each month at 4:00PM.

Topics vary.

Light refreshments served. Sponsored by the Friends of the Meredith Library and the NH Humanities.



Saint Patrick: Peaceful Revolutionary
Mar. 17



Why has Saint Patrick's name endured for more than a millennium?

FREE EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR ADVANCE DIRECTIVES



THURSDAY • MARCH 19
1 PM to 2 PM
Meredith Public Library

Quality Care Home Health and Hospice is offering a free educational session on:

- Living Wills
- Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care
- In-Home Support Services

The session, which will be led experienced social worker Lisa Morris, will provide education on why it's important to complete these legal documents, an explanation of the documents, and assistance in completing them if desired.

Quality Care Home Health & Hospice is dedicated to providing compassionate, personalized care that supports the health and well-being of patients and their families. Founded by a team of experienced healthcare professionals, they bring decades of expertise and a deep commitment to enhancing the quality of life for those they serve.

Quality Care Home Health and Hospice, located in Center Harbor and serving Belknap, Carroll, and Grafton counties, provides compassionate home healthcare and hospice services that enhance quality of life and offer peace of mind.



Real Estate Horror Stories

Jennifer Worden and Andrea Cram, Realtors with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Verani Realty, will co-host a free seminar titled *Real Estate Horror Stories*.



They will explore both literal and figurative horror stories in the real estate profession.

Meredith Public Library

Thursday

March 19

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

How do you avoid a fixer-upper that turns into the house from the Tom Hanks' movie *The Money Pit*?



Are there houses like these in the Lakes Region? Find out from Jennifer and Andrea at this fun and informative session.

Are sellers and real estate agents legally obligated to tell potential buyers that a house is haunted like in *Poltergeist* or *The Amityville Horror*?

There will be time for a Q & A session after the presentation.

Seed Catalog Kick-Off

Wednesday • March 25 • 6:00 PM

Come to our seasonal kick-off event as we welcome Loren McCabe, Master Gardener and a lead gardener at Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center.

Loren will discuss prepping your soil for planting and mapping out your garden to get the most out of the space.



Key Investing Concepts

- Rate of Return / Yield
- Volatility
- Compounding
- Diversifying
- Rebalancing
- Risk-Return Relationship

Join Matthew Rigatti, a Financial Planner and Senior Vice President from Pointes North Wealth Management, in the library Function Room to get your questions answered.

Meredith Public Library

Thursday

March 26

6:30 - 7:30 PM



SHOT NOT HEARD 'ROUND THE WORLD

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 6:30PM

Meredith Public Library

Did you know that the American Revolution did not really begin with the famous shot "Heard 'Round the World" at Lexington-Concord in April 1775, but at Fort William and Mary in December 1774 in Portsmouth, NH? Join Patriot re-enactor and amateur historian Michael Geanoulis as he sets the historical record straight.



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Genealogy Club

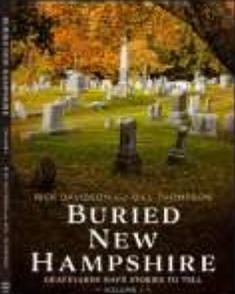
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**Buried New Hampshire
April 21**

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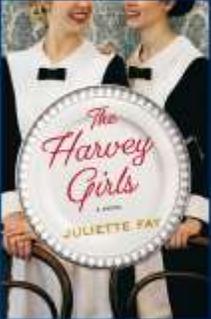
The authors spent a year investigating fascinating legends, researching, following clues, and photographing granite state cemeteries. Come hear their stories

MEET AUTHOR JULIETTE FAY

APRIL 30

MEREDITH PUBLIC LIBRARY

VIA ZOOM

On the big screen in the Function Room or via Zoom. Email erin@meredithlibrary.org for a link.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE
www.meredithlibrary.org

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MEREDITH, NH



BIG WATCH: KEN BURNS

THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 6:00PM
Meredith Public Library

Watch a short excerpt from *The American Revolution* and then NH Humanities speaker Glenn Knoblock will lead a discussion on "The Spirit of Service," exploring service as a core American value, from the nation's founding through to the present day – examining volunteerism, civic participation, public leadership, and more. Paid for by a Grant from the NH Humanities.




CELEBRATING AMERICA'S

INDEPENDENCE WITH ...BEETHOVEN

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 6:00PM
Meredith Public Library

Rudy VanVeghten of the Meredith Historical Society will present a talk on how the same Enlightenment philosophy that inspired the Declaration of Independence also influenced the music of Beethoven.





UNPACKING THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 6:00PM
Meredith Public Library

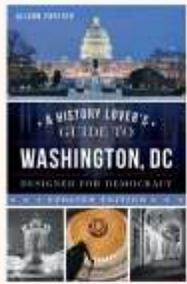
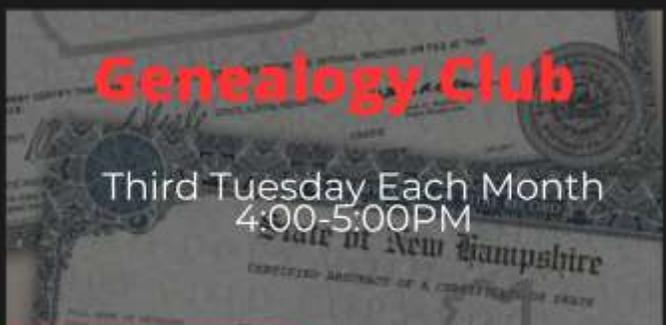
Learn about the text of the Declaration of Independence, who the key players were, the Enlightenment influence and if the values espoused in the Declaration are still relevant today. Presented by David Alcox. Paid for by a Grant from the NH Humanities.




WASHINGTON D.C. DESIGNED FOR DEMOCRACY

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 6:00PM
Meredith Public Library

Many people do not know the origins of the nation's capital, why it is located where it is, and how it was part of a grand compromise key to binding the country together or how its actual design is based on our democratic principles. Author Alison Fortier will discuss these concepts and have copies of her book for purchase and signing. All proceeds benefit the library.

Genealogy Club

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Sons of the American Revolution
May 19



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Learn about this organization, how it serves the community, and how to become a member.



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LOCATED IN THE BASEMENT
BOOKS FOR ALL AGES
DVDs, PUZZLES!

Spring Crafternoons

First Fridays, 1-3PM

*All materials provided; \$5.00 fee per class.
Registration Required.*



Leprechaun Knock-Off
March 6

Birdhouses
April 3



Patriotic Ceramics
with Fran
\$10 Fee
May 1



BOOK CLUBS

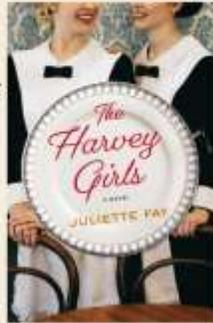
Brown Bag Meets at 12 PM

Mar 26



Small Things Like These
by Claire Keegan

Apr 30



The Harvey Girls
by Juliette Fay
appearing via Zoom!

May 28



The Queens of Crime
by Marie Benedict

Mystery

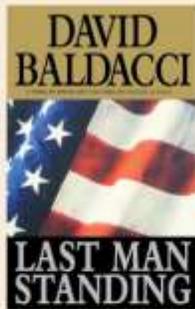
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MAR 12



The New Couple in 5B
by Lisa Unger

APR 9



Last Man Standing
by David Baldacci

May 14

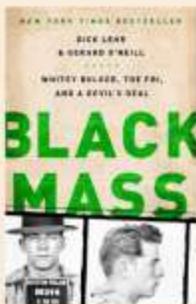


Earthly Remains
by Donna Leon

Non-Fiction

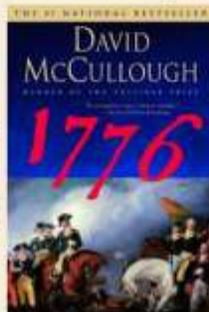
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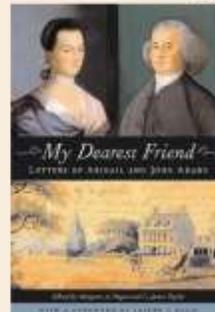
Black Mass
by Dick Lehr and Gerard O'Neill

Apr 28



1776
by David McCullough

May 26



My Dearest Friend
by John & Abigail Adams

ZONZON

MEREDITH LIBRARY

MARCH MADNESS

2026

Take the bus
after school
from
3:30-5:00

3/4 SALT PAINTING
3/5 ZEN DOODLE

3/11 PAINT BY NUMBERS
3/12 AIR CLAY DAY

3/17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY FUN
3/19 MOVIE AND POPCORN

3/25 GIANT JENGA
3/26 LEGO CLUB

***PLEASE NOTE:**

**AMONG US 3/17 HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO 3/18
TO ALLOW US TO CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

**AMONG US TUESDAYS JACKBOX FRIDAYS
FOR AGES 10-18. HOWEVER, THE LIBRARY IS NOT
RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPERVISION**

MAY 2026

MEREDITH LIBRARY TEEN ZONE

AMONG US TUESDAYS

5/6 DIAMOND ART

5/7 APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS

5/13 BINGO

5/14 LEGO CLUB

5/20 GIANT JENGA

5/21 SIT AND STITCH

5/27 PLANT A SEED AND READ

5/28 ZEN DOODLE

JACKBOX FRIDAYS

TAKE THE BUS AFTER SCHOOL TUES. - FRI. 3:30-5:00
FOR AGES 10-18, HOWEVER, THE LIBRARY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPERVISION

Meredith Library April 2026 Teen Zone

4/1 April Fool's Day FUN

4/2 Paper Stars

4/8 Percy Jackson Party

4/9 LEGO Club

4/15 Giant Games

4/16 LEGO Club

4/22 Earth Day Art on the Patio

4/23 Lego Club

4/29 LEGO Club

4/30 Zen Doodle

Among Us every Tuesday

JackBox every Friday

Take the bus after school
Tuesday - Friday 3:30-5:00

For ages 10+, however, the library is not responsible for supervision.

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Sunday & Monday: Closed
Tues: 9am-8:00pm
Wed: 9am-8:00pm
Thurs: 9am-8:00pm
Friday: 9am-5:00pm
Saturday: 9am-2:00pm

*Please remember the library in
your estate planning.*

Computer Club

Tuesdays @ 10AM Mar. 10,
Apr. 14, May 12

Various topics are discussed
and open to all experience
levels.

We Want Your Scrap Wood!

*(To be used in our
Glowforge laser engraver)*

Must be no larger than 18" x
20" to fit in our machine and
can be no thicker than 1/2".
Please call and ask for Chris
for more details.

One-on-One Technology Training

Need help with your new
tablet, laptop or smart phone?
Is your email giving you prob-
lems? Sign up for a one-on-one
session with Chris.

Check Out a Kindle Fire

The library has five Kindle
Fires for circulation. Watch a
movie or TV show using our
Amazon Prime account or re-
quest a book we can download
for you.

Library Mission Statement

The Meredith Public Library's mission is to be the cultural heart of Meredith; a gathering place where community members can acquire and share knowledge.

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

Knotty Knitters

Join us weekly on Thursdays
at 9AM in front of the
historic fireplace.

Senior Center Tech

Meets Fridays at 9AM at the
Community Center.

3/6, 3/20, 4/3, 4/17,
5/1, 5/15, 5/29

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.)*