



Meredith Library News

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

Winter 2024

Surprise Among the Stacks: Archivist Discovers Rare Document Handwritten by President Calvin Coolidge Linking Him to the Meredith Public Library

“Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence.”

~President Calvin Coolidge



Four tall file cabinets of overlooked ledgers, documents, and plans detailing Meredith Public Library’s 142-year history have been aging in the recesses of the library for decades. In 2023, Library Director Erin Apostolos asked a new Friends of the Library volunteer and Archivist, Carola Davis, if she might tackle the job of organizing and cataloging the records.

Always excited to discover what might be lurking in drawers and boxes of mixed-up papers, Davis spent one day a week for an entire year examining, sorting, arranging, and describing pieces of the library’s past business. Little did she suspect that towards the end of the project, a rare find of national significance would be discovered tucked away in a 1914 circulation ledger.

Ms. Davis found three sheets of notes written by librarian Mrs. L.E.(Lillian) Wadleigh who became a library Trustee in 1892 and later served as librarian for over 50 years. Her notes, a series of book numbers jotted in pencil covered the backs of three letters,

all dated 1926. One letter was about finding a red ribbon for her typewriter and the other a note about reimbursing postage.

The third letter was an unexpected gem! As she unfolded it, Davis recognized the White House logo embossed in blue at the top. Dated October 2, 1926, the correspondence was an *(Continued on page 3.)*



Carola Davis proudly displays the Calvin Coolidge letter.

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



News from the Children's Room! December 2024—February 2025



Bookworm Bunch Story Time

Wednesday's from 10 to 11

December 4, 11, & 18

January 8, 15, 22, & 29

February 5, 12, 19 & 26

We meet in the children's room for a story or two, crafts & snacks. All ages are welcomed. No sign-up required. Coffee & Tea served.

Saturday Story Times!

Dec. 14 * Jan. 25
* Feb. 8

Time: 10 to 11



Visit the children's room on a Saturday morning and enjoy a story, craft & snack. Invite a friend and have a play date.

A Very Merry Christmas with The Sweetbloods!

Friday morning, Dec. 20

From 10:00 to 11:00

Let's welcome Janet & Phil Sanguedolce back! They will be visiting us this morning to sing and play their guitars for you.

This program is geared to children but everyone is welcomed. Enjoy the holiday music.

Come listen, sing & dance.

Refreshments Served.



Tot Time Reading Circle * Friday's 10 to 11

December 6, 13, 20 & 27

January 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31 * Feb. 7, 14, 21 & 28

Join us in the children's room for stories, puppet friends and beautiful art work created by you. Come read and play. All babies and children are welcomed. Snacks served. No sign-up required. Coffee & Tea served.

Winter Reading

Starting Friday, Jan.31 you may sign-up for winter reading. Winter reading is



like summer reading, only COLD! You will receive your reading log, fill it in, return it to the children's room and shop in the



Snowflake Hut.

Lot's of fun things to buy. We will have weekly raffles also. Winter reading will end on Friday, March 7.

Merry Christmas to all of you!

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Archivist Finds Letter

original handwritten single-page letter from President Calvin Coolidge to David Lawrence, with the President's signature at the close. Coolidge was commending Lawrence for his efforts in starting the *United States Daily* (based in Washington, DC) that year, the first subscription journal reporting on national affairs. Lawrence went on to be one of the most influential journalists of the 20th century.

President Coolidge was a Vermont native and a long-term resident of Massachusetts, serving there as Governor in 1918, Vice-President to Warren G. Harding in 1921, and as President from 1923-1929. How Mrs. Wadleigh ended up with the signed presidential letter and used it indiscriminately for her notes is a mystery!

Our library sleuths are looking into connections between Mrs. Wadleigh, the library, and President Coolidge. Readers with information that might help solve the mystery are encouraged to call the library at 603-279-4303 or email librarian@meredithlibrary.org.

NHLTA Small Library of the Year Celebration

Thank you to the over 100 people who attended our celebration for Small Library of the Year from the NH Library Trustee Association. The award is given to the library who best connects with its community, and judging by our enthusiastic turn-out, our community agrees with their choice. Thank you to our staff, board, volunteers and community for supporting your library for over 142 years.





Saturday, December 7
Meredith Public Library
11 AM - 1 PM

Sounds & Stories of the Season:
Christmas Carols, Holiday Readings & the Origins of Santa Claus

◆ **Origins of Santa Claus**
 nonfiction presentation by Rudy VanVeghten

◆ **Holiday Storytime**
 in the Children's Room

◆ **A Christmas Carol Discussion**
 of Powerhouse Theater production by director Bryan Halperin

◆ **Holiday Readings**
 by Winnepesaukee Playhouse

◆ **Christmas Carols**
 with 30 member Power Chords Broadway Show Choir

Hot Cocoa Bar & Christmas Cookie Buffet

PARENT ADVISORY: Parents of young Santa Claus believers should plan to visit the Children's Room for Holiday Storytime at 11 AM while the Santa Claus nonfiction historical talk takes place in the Function Room. After that, all ages are welcome at noon in the Function Room for the rest of the festivities.

DOUBLE DOSE OF DICKENS
HOLIDAY MOVIE DOUBLE FEATURE

SATURDAY • DECEMBER 14
9:45 AM TO 1:30 PM

Hot Cocoa Bar & Christmas Cookie Buffet

THE MAN WHO INVENTED CHRISTMAS
 with Billy Stevens, Christopher Plummer, Patricia Price

A CHRISTMAS CAROL
 with George C. Scott

HAVE YOURSELF A COZY LITTLE CHRISTMAS

Holiday Basket Raffle

Check out any item to get a raffle ticket entry!

Meow
Saturday Dec 28,
10:30AM

Cat Cafe
 Paint Your Own Mini Cat Lamp, Special Cat Mystery Guest and Snacks!!

Registration required to paint a lamp.

SOS SAVE YOUR PHOTOS



ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

Your photos are stored on your computer, your phone, a flash drive, in shoeboxes and old photo albums. Learn best practices to organize and share them with expert Diana Ashley.

• ABOUT DIANA

Diana lives in Laconia, NH and is a dedicated photo organizer with a passion for preserving memories. She has been in this business for eight years, even though her passion for photos and the stories they tell began when she was a young child. She loves helping others keep their photos safe and organized for future generations.

TUES, JAN 21, 2025

4:00-5:00PM

Meredith Public Library
Public Welcome



DIANA ASHLEY

THE OLD MAN: HIS LIFE AND LEGACY PRESENTED BY INEZ MCDERMOTT

When the Old Man of the Mountain fell from his perch high above Franconia Notch, on May 3, 2003, it made international news. Many in New Hampshire and beyond responded as though mourning a beloved public figure. This program presents the "story" of the Old Man and examines the ways that public perceptions of the Profile played a role in shaping and establishing New Hampshire's identity.



**THURSDAY
JANUARY 16
6:30PM
MEREDITH LIBRARY
91 MAIN STREET**

ARTFUL GIVING: Raising FUNDS for Teen Room Upgrade

Holiday Sale
prints: ~~\$80~~ \$60
notecards: ~~\$25~~ \$20

- Matted Prints
- Notecards
- Ornaments

With support from the Meredith Village Savings Bank, Moulton Farm and the Meredith Frame Shop, Dr. Band donated his work in support of the Friends of the Meredith Library for this fundraising effort.

"Even though we completed our renovation and expansion in 2021, due to budget constraints, there were a few things we had to cut. One was new shelving for the Teen Zone," said Library Director, Erin Apostolos. "Our teen librarian Liz Rohdenberg has been doing an amazing job with outreach in the community, including working with Inter-Lakes Schools to bring a bus stop to the front of the library. Our teen numbers have sky-rocketed with the addition of an after-school program and we find we need to revamp our Teen Zone to accommodate the growth." The fundraiser will benefit upgrading shelving and furniture for teens.



Borrowing Basics & Dealing with Debt

- FICO scores
- Budgeting
- Signs of debt distress
- Credit cards, loans & Rent-to-owns



Join Matthew Rigatti, a Financial Planner and Senior Vice President from Pointes North Wealth Management, in the library Function Room for this important seminar.

Meredith Public Library
December 3
6:30 - 7:30 PM



Winter Crafternoons

First Fridays, 1-3PM

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



Snowy Mason Jars
December 6.
Use up those old mason jars!

Easy-Sew Pot holder
January 3 with guest crafter Ginny Cote!



Baby's Breath Valentine Wreath
February 7



BOOK CLUBS

Brown Bag

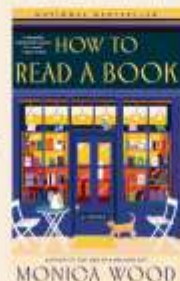
Meets at 12 PM



Dec. 5
Hercule Poirot's Christmas by Agatha Christie



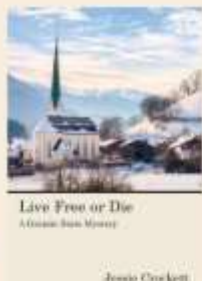
Jan. 30
American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins



Feb. 27
How to Read a Book by Monica Wood

Mystery

Meets at 10:30 AM



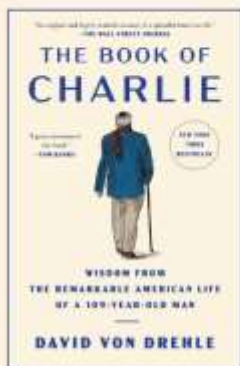
Dec. 12
Live Free or Die by Jessie Crockett

Jan. 9
Murder in Season by Jessica Fletcher and Jon Land



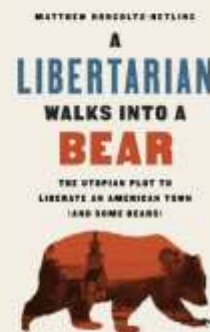
Non-Fiction

Meets at 6:30 PM



Jan. 28
The Book of Charlie by David Von Drehle

Feb. 25
A Libertarian Walks Into a Bear by Matthew Hongoltz-Hetling



Programs are open to kids 10+, however,

the library is not responsible for supervision.

DEC 2024

MEREDITH TEEN



LIBRARY ZONE

TAKE THE BUS AFTER SCHOOL TUES-FRI • 3:30 - 5PM

CRAFTS • BOARD GAMES • MOVIES • SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS • FRIENDSHIP • SPECIAL EVENTS • SNACKS

**TUES
DEC 3
3:30-5**

IS THIS
YOUR
LUCKY
DAY!



**WED • DEC 4 • 3:30-5
MAKE IT!
SUGAR COOKIE FUDGE**



THU • DEC 5 • 3:30-5



UNIVERSAL YUMS UNBOXING & MORE!

EVERY FRIDAY IN DECEMBER!

JACKBOX GAMES!

WIND DOWN FROM THE WEEK • MEET YOUR FRIENDS • ENJOY GAMES & SNACKS!



TUES • DEC 10 • 3:30-5

**DUNGEONS
AND
DRAGONS**



contact Mrs. Liz if interested in
becoming a new member

**AFTER SCHOOL GAMES
with Mary Beth**

WED • DEC 11 • 3:30-5

**HARRY
POTTER
CLUB**



**intro to
PALM
READING**

THU • DEC 12 • 3:30-5

**MYO
UGLY
HOLIDAY
SWEATER**



TUES • DEC 17 • 3:30-5

**MYO
HOLIDAY
LIGHT
JAR**



HOLIDAY HOURS

**TUE. DEC. 24 • 9AM - 12PM
WED. DEC. 25 • CLOSED
THU. DEC. 26 • CLOSED
TUE. DEC. 31 • 9AM - 5PM
WED. JAN. 1 • CLOSED**

WED • DEC 18 • 3:30-5



MANGA CLUB

**Sign up for winter reading
starting Dec. 18th!
Schmidy's Back!**

THU • DEC 19 • 3:30-5

**AMONG US
PIZZA PARTY!**



**LIVE
ACTION!**

**SPACE IS LIMITED
SIGN UP REQUIRED**

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JAN 2025 MEREDITH TEEN



LIBRARY ZONE

AGES 10-18

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CRAFTS • BOARD GAMES • MOVIES • SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS • FRIENDSHIP • SPECIAL EVENTS • SNACKS

EVERY FRIDAYS IN JANUARY! 3:30- 4:45 JACKBOX GAMES!

WIND DOWN FROM THE WEEK
MEET YOUR FRIENDS
ENJOY GAMES & SNACKS!



TUES • JAN. 7 • 3:30-5



We are upgrading a computer for the Teen Room. Learn how it all works!

WED • JAN. 8 • 3:30-5
HARRY POTTER CLUB



FIND YOUR SPIRIT ANIMAL

THU • JAN. 9 • 3:30-5
MYO SOCK GNOME

& HOT CHOCOLATE BAR



TUES • JAN. 14 • 3:30-5

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS



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AFTER SCHOOL GAMES
with Mary Beth

WED • JAN. 15 • 3:30-5

UNIVERSAL YUMS!

Guess where we're going this month & win a prize!



THU • JAN. 16 • 3:30-5



TUES • JAN. 21 • 3:30-5



BAD ART CLUB

WED • JAN. 22 • 3:30-5



MANGA CLUB

THU • JAN. 23 • 3:30-5

WINTER READING
SIGN-UP &
SCHMIDTY BINGO

TUES • JAN. 28 • 3:30-5

Calligraphy
101

WED • JAN. 29 • 3:30-5
CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION



THU • JAN. 30 • 3:30-5

GAMES!

Join us in the Maker Space on the second Saturday of every month and discover how to do something new!

- Hands On Demonstrations
- Something To Take Home

Maker Space Saturdays

January 11
Make A Personalized Wooden Snowflake On The Glowforge

Each Saturday session introduces you to a different piece of equipment and lets you learn how to use that equipment to create your own item.

Check the events calendar for each month's fun activity!




A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO CEMETERY SLEUTHING PRESENTED BY ERIN E. MOULTON

Your local cemetery is a time capsule. Each headstone is plastered with clues about the deceased, those who once walked where you walk now. A simple step through the hallowed gates can bring you on an adventure to explore symbolism, workmanship, and local history. Join Erin E. Moulton as we learn the meaning behind cemetery iconography, abbreviations, epitaphs, and more. Available via Zoom. Register at www.meredithlibrary.org then click on our event calendar. Once registered, a link will be emailed to you.



**THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 20
6:30PM
MEREDITH LIBRARY
91 MAIN STREET**

ARTFUL GIVING: Raising FUNds for Teen Room Upgrade

**New Item
HOLIDAY ORNAMENT
\$10**

- Features Dr. Bard's lovely library painting
- Back shows library logo and year
- Includes red gift bag



Winter Holidays




Dec. 24-Closing at Noon
Dec. 25 & 26-Closed
Dec. 31-Closing at 5:00PM
Jan. 1-Closed

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BOOK STORE

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SATURDAYS 9 AM - 1:30 PM




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

Friends of the Meredith Public Library

Book Sale

THU. FEBRUARY 13 - 10:00 TO 4:30
FRI. FEBRUARY 14 - 10:00 TO 4:30
SAT. FEBRUARY 15 - 9:00 TO 1:00

JOIN US IN THE FUNCTION ROOM FOR
 GREAT BOOKS & AWESOME BARGAINS




The Library
 Written by "Your Neighbor" and found tucked into a book.

I consider it a blessing to be able to come to a quiet place in sound, but then the loudest place with so many voices waiting to be heard when chosen and read. Sitting on a shelf they are respectful and will not speak to a single soul unless that soul invites them to do so. It fascinates me the possibilities that are available. The chance to truly be welcome in another human's mind and imagination. When I make the choice to read, it is quick that I find my decision to be the utmost and highest choice that I can make. Books have and will always be a big part of my life AND I'M THANKFUL FOR THIS...

Our Current Play:

Henry IV, Part 2

WEDNESDAYS



WITH SHAKESPEARE 1:00 - 2:30 PM

Act I - 1/8 • Act II - 1/15 • Act III - 1/22
 Act IV - 1/29 • Act V - 2/5

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MEREDITH PUBLIC LIBRARY

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MEREDITH, NH 03253

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Library BUILDING Hours:

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 Dec 12,
Jan 14, Feb 11

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 three 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.

Dec 13, Jan 10 & 24 at the
Community Center.

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.)*