

Happy New Year 2024 !!!



Manchester Library Friends' Newsletter

New Year's Issue: January 1, 2024

FOML Current Events Calendar

Mon., Jan. 1st - HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024 (Library Closed)

Mon., Jan. 15, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Library Closed)

Wednesday, January 24th, 7 pm FOML Board Meeting

Saturday, Feb. 3, Book Sale: 9 am -3pm

Monday, Feb. 19, Presidents Day (Library Closed)

Wednesday, February 24th, 7 pm FOML Board Meeting

Mon., March 4, All Staff Training Day (Library Closed)

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THANK YOU – SALMON SCULPTURE



Come See These Beautiful Glass Sculptures

And the people whose donations made the new addition possible.



**Check manchesterwa.org
for more Manchester happenings**

Winter: Children & Youth In-Person Programs

Baby Band (Tuesdays, January 9 to February 13, at 9:30 a.m. –OR– our new 1:30 p.m. session!)

Babies and caregivers enjoy musical experiences that nurture preliteracy skills as well as physical, social, and emotional development. This program is geared to babies to age 3.

Crafternoon (Select Thursdays at 4 p.m.) This program is geared to age 6-12, siblings welcome. Space and materials are limited. First come, first serve.

January 11: Fleece No-Sew Pillows

February 8: DIY Stickers

March 14: Rainbow Macrame Magnet

LEGO Builders (Thursday, February 22 & March 28, at 4 p.m.) With our LEGO bricks, we'll work together to meet two different challenges that tie-in with a great book. This program is geared to age 6-12, siblings welcome.

Preschool Storytime (Thursday, January 11 to February 15 at 10:15 a.m.)

Stories, rhymes, songs & full body movement designed to build early literacy skills and develop socio-emotional awareness. This program is geared to age 3 to 5, siblings welcome.

STEM Club (Select Thursdays at 4 p.m.) This program is geared to age 6-12, siblings welcome. Space and materials are limited. First come, first serve.

January 18: "Snow" Much Fun Experiments

February 15: Mini-Sledding Challenge

March 21: Catapult Basketball

Social Media Manager

The Friends of the Manchester Library are looking for a volunteer to be the Social Media Manager (e.g., FOML Facebook page, Tik-Tok, Instagram, etc.).

If interested, contact Ray Pardo (email below).



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2024 Plant Sale

In late January, watch the space by the Flagpole for some winter blooms to cheer you through the “long dark”. The general plant sale will probably start in March, depending on the weather.

Winter Book Sale, February 3rd, 9 am – 3 pm

Thrillers, romance, historical fiction, books for kids, garden books, cookbooks, history, art, travel books, DVDs and CDs.

Winter Reading Recommendations

THE COVENANT OF WATER, by Abraham Verghese An “Oprah Book Club” selection, the New York Times tells us “It is ... grand, spectacular, sweeping and utterly absorbing. Verghese has a gift for suspense, and his easy relationship to language draws you through the narrative so effortlessly that you hardly realize you are plowing through decade upon decade and page upon page. The book begins in 1900, as a 12-year-old girl in what is now the state of Kerala, in southwest India, prepares for an unwanted arranged marriage.” Note: KRL has many copies, in all formats, but there are people waiting.

Robert Morris: Financier of the American Revolution, by Charles Rappleye (2010) This biography “recovers an immensely important part of the founding drama of the country in the story of Robert Morris, the man who financed Washington’s armies and the American Revolution. Morris started life in the colonies as an apprentice in a counting house. By the time of the Revolution he was a rich man, a commercial and social leader in Philadelphia”, with Morris dining and dealing with the founders of our country: including George Washington, Alexander Hamilton, Gouverneur Morris, John Paul Jones, Lafayette, Thomas Paine, the Lee brothers (Arthur & Richard Henry), Horatio Gates, and Benedict Arnold. Combining the detailed story of Morris and his family with an insider’s view of the war and continental congresses, this is a multi-dimensional presentation of the American Revolution. The only flaw – it is missing a map of the major battles of the revolution.

Adult Programs

Winter

January

DIY Book Magnets

Wednesday, January 17, 11 a.m. -12:30 p.m.
Turn your top 3 favorite books into miniature magnets. All supplies will be provided. Registration is required.

Call 360-447-5430

Stitch-In for Charity Wednesday, January 31

10 am- 5 pm

Join other fiber artists and drop-in for **our first Stitch-In for Charity!** Our community room will be open all day for knitters and crocheters to bring your supplies and create a scarf or hat to donate. All donations will go to Georgia’s House in Bremerton, to be distributed to women and children in the community. Check out an audiobook from Libby to listen to while you work, or chat with new friends! Light refreshments will be available.

February

Valentine’s Workshop Wednesday, February 7
1:30 pm-3pm

Drop in and make some Valentines for your loved ones. Supplies provided.

Estate Sales: Tending to a Loved One’s Belongings After Passing

Wednesday, February 21, 11:00 am – 12 pm

Sheila Perreault, owner of Blue Nest Home, will discuss how to take on the difficult task of managing the belongings of a loved one after their passing.

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Book Worms Book Club, 3rd Mondays, 6 pm-7ish

*4th Mondays due to holiday

January 22*, 2024: *A Little Devil In America* by Hanif Abdurraquib. February 26*: *The Bear* by Andrew Krivak. March 18: *Eight Perfect Murders* by Peter Swanson.

