



**Manchester Library Friends' Newsletter**

*Presidents' Day Issue: February 19, 2024*  
**FOML Current Events Calendar**

- Monday, Feb. 19, **Presidents Day (Library Closed)**
- Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, **7 pm FOML Board Meeting**
- Mon., March 4, All Staff Training Day **(Library Closed)**
- Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME !!**
- Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, **7 pm FOML Board Meeting**
- Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, **EASTER**
- Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, **SPRING PLANT SALE**

\* \* Did You Visit the **Valentine Tree ?** \* \*



**THANK YOU – Manchester Community Association**

**Spring: Children & Youth In-Person Programs**

**Baby Band (Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19 & 26, 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.

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, March 7, 14, 21 & 28 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.

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).

*Check [manchesterwa.org](http://manchesterwa.org) for more Manchester happenings*



## 2024 Plant Sale

Spring's coming! A small display of hardy plants will be near the flagpole until the weather warms up enough to expand the sale into a parking space for the spring season. (probably mid March). Check it out!!

If you have plants to donate, leave them along the north side of the library and (if you can) text Carol Campbell at (360) 621-3815 that they've arrived.

## Reading Recommendations: Masters of Mystery

Mysteries and Detective Thrillers are featured on many streaming services available on our televisions (see PBS Passport, BritBox, Prime, Netflix ...).

Several of these feature the masters and their creations:

Dorothy Sayers     *Lord Peter Wimsey*

Agatha Christie     *Miss Marple  
& Hercule Poirot & others*

G.K. Chesterton     *Father Brown*

These three authors formed the Detection Club in London in 1930 with 14 other authors. They agreed to an oath, constructed by Dorothy Sayers, promising "that [our] detectives shall well and truly detect the crimes presented to them using those wits which it may please you to bestow upon them and not placing reliance on nor making use of *Divine Revelation, Feminine Intuition, Mumbo Jumbo, Jiggery-Pokery, Coincidence or Act of God*". [see Wikipedia article]

Your editor has been reading these authors for the last two years, exploring England and the years between the two world wars, and the culture of England at that time. Mostly he has been getting to know the characters of the four detectives: two who solve mysteries as an avocation, and two who have made it their career. In the books, these characters are much richer than what we see on television.

The good news is that Kitsap Regional Library has most of the works of these authors in book and e-book.

-- Your Editor

## Adult Programs

Spring

### February

#### Your Kids Don't Want Your Stuff: 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.

#### Orchard Mason Bees: The Most Efficient Pollinators

Saturday, March 2, 11am-12pm

Learn all about Orchard Mason Bees from Carrie Morlang of Knox Cellars Mason Bees. Carrie will speak on the life cycle of the native Orchard Mason Bee, their unique development and behavior that make them a great pollinator, and how to host the Orchard Mason Bee in your own backyard, orchard, and garden.

#### Composting 101

Wednesday, March 20, 1pm-2pm

Learn all about composting from a local Master Gardener. Get your composting questions answered and chat with other gardeners.

#### Author Talk: D. D. Black

*Port Orchard Library, 87 Sidney Ave.*

Tuesday, March 19, 1pm-2pm

D.D. Black is the #1 best-selling author of the Thomas Austin Crime Thrillers set in the Pacific Northwest. Get to know a bit about D.D. Black, his books, and what we can expect from this local author in the future. Light refreshments will be provided.

#### Book Worms Book Club, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays, 6 pm-7ish

\*4<sup>th</sup> Mondays due to holiday

Abdurraquib. February 26\*: *The Bear* by Andrew Krivak. March 18: *Eight Perfect Murders* by Peter Swanson. April 15: *L.A. Weather* by Maria Amparado Escandon

