

*Happy New Year 2025 !!!*



**Manchester Library Friends' Newsletter**

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FOML Current Events Calendar

Wed., Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> **HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025 (Library Closed)**

Mon., Jan. 20, **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Library Closed)**

Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, **7 pm FOML Board Meeting**

**Saturday, Feb. 1, Book Sale: 9 am -3pm**

Monday, Feb. 17, **Presidents Day (Library Closed)**

Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, **7 pm FOML Board Meeting**



Our first book sale of 2025 is:

February 1, 2025

9 am-3 pm

Manchester Library

8067 E Main Street

# Book Sale



Lots of new used books to choose from!

Come and find something to add to your collection.

Your purchase of books from this store supports on-going programs and upkeep of this building which houses the Manchester Branch of the Kitsap Regional Library.

## **Youth & Teen Programs: Winter**

**Happy New Year! LEGO Play (Thursday, Jan. 2, 10 – 11 a.m.)** New Year's-themed building challenges will be provided for those interested, but this is intended as "open build" play time. Come 'n go.

**Baby Band (Tuesday, Jan 7 to Feb. 11, at 9:30 a.m. -OR- 10:15 a.m.; NO programs on Jan 21).** 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. Note: A playtime will follow the 10:15 a.m. program.

**DIY Lava Lamp (Thursday, Feb. 6, at 4:15 p.m.)** Age 6 to 12 are invited to build their own lava lamp--and discover some of the science behind the wonder! Supplies are limited; first come, first serve. Younger siblings welcome with an adult to assist.

**Paper Heart Wreath (Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 4:15 p.m.)** Age 6 to 12 are invited to create a festive paper heart wreath and top it with a ribbon--just in time for Valentine's Day. Supplies available for DIY Valentine's cards, too. Younger siblings welcome with an adult to assist.

**Preschool Storytime (Thursday, Jan. 9 to Feb 13, 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.

**Year of the Snake! Lunar New Year Activities (Wednesday, Jan. 29, at 4:15 p.m.)** Age 6 to 12 are invited to participate in activities that celebrate and build knowledge of the lunar new year--and snakes! Space and materials may be limited. First come, first serve. Younger siblings welcome with an adult to assist

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## Adult Programs

Winter

### DIY Painted Disco Ball Art

Wednesday, Jan 8 11am-1pm

Make your own painted disco ball art! All supplies provided; registration required. Register online at [krl.org](http://krl.org) or call (360) 447-5430

### Train Talk with J. Louis King

Wednesday, January 15, 1-3 pm

All Aboard! Join J. Louis King for a virtual ride on Train #7 Empire Builder from Seattle to Chicago. Enjoy train stories while traveling the Great Northern Railway with 48 stops, including the Cascades, Glacier Park, Minot, and Hav're.

### Medicare Overview & General Enrollment Assistance

Wednesday, January 16, 1-2 pm

Need help understanding Medicare? A SHIBA volunteer will be here to give an overview of Medicare and answer questions you may have.

## RECOMMENDED READING

### From your Friends

*Hum* by Helen Phillips (2024).

### From the National Book Award-longlisted author comes an extraordinary novel .

Set in the very near future, the story portrays a family immersed in the electronic world, accessed by their smart phones, and cocoon-like beds. Outside is a city addled by climate change and populated by intelligent robots called "hums," May, the mother and principal breadwinner, agrees to be a guinea-pig for an experiment to resolve the family debt. With the money earned, she takes her family on a vacation to the local botanical garden – so they can experience trees and animals.

Written in taut, urgent prose, *Hum* is a work of speculative fiction that unflinchingly explores marriage, motherhood, and selfhood in a world compromised by global warming and dizzying technological advancement, a world of both dystopian and utopian possibilities.

### Book Worms Book Club,

4<sup>th</sup> Mondays due to Holidays, 6 pm-7ish

January 27 – Siren Queen by Nghi Vo

February 24 – Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow by Gabrielle Zevin



### The 2024 Community Tree

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### The Manchester Community Association

Our thanks to those who made the Tree Lighting Ceremony possible:

- ♣ **Tree Sponsor**- Manchester Edward Jones
- ♣ **Tree Donor & Transportation**- Bill Stewart, Stewart's Christmas Trees at Jackson and Salmonberry
- ♣ **Tree Lift Equipment**- Premier Rentals
- ♣ **Lead Tree Wrangler**- Jerry Davis
- ♣ **Tree Elves**- Ed Barnes, John Foltz and Gentry Brierly
- ♣ **Tree Lighter**- Commissioner Charlotte Garrido
- ♣ **Sound Equipment & Music**- Roots 2 Grind, John Butler and Matthew Sutton
- ♣ **Carolers**- Moira Hoisington & the Manchester Elementary Choir
  - ♣ Nell Ramsey and Jackie Wilson
  - ♣ Fathom's of Fun Royal Court
  - ♣ Friends of the Manchester Library
- ♣ South Kitsap Fire & Rescue Volunteer Association
  - ♣ Santa
- ♣ The wonderful Manchester Community Association Volunteers

And a special thank you to all those in the community who supported our tree by buying door swags.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

## Plants in Winter Quarters

This year's plant sale has ended, and we're so grateful to everyone who participated, whether by donating plants, by choosing to buy plants from our ever-evolving displays, or by volunteering to help with the work of keeping the sale going for so many months.

We're starting to plan for next year's sale, and if you are interested in helping as a volunteer, contact Carol Campbell at [campbellcarol@wavecable.com](mailto:campbellcarol@wavecable.com).

You don't need to be a gardener to help!



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