

Spring is Here !!!



Manchester Library Friends' Newsletter

April Showers Issue April 4, 2025

FOML Current Events Calendar

Tuesday, April 15th, **Taxes are Due !!**

Sunday, April 20th, **EASTER**

Wednesday, April 23rd, 7 pm FOML Board Meeting

Saturday, April 26th, 11 am - 3 pm Earth Day @ Park

Sat., April 26th, 9 am - 3 pm Plant & Book Sale

Monday, May 26th, Memorial Day (Library Closed)

Youth & Teen Programs: Spring

Baby Band (Tuesday, April 22 to May 20, at 9:30 a.m. -OR- 10:15 a.m.) 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 (Tuesday, April 22, 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! Younger siblings welcome with an adult to assist. Registration required.

Poetry Crafting (Thursday, April 10, at 2:30 p.m.)

Craft poems with book spines, "recycled" words, and artistry. This program is geared to age 6-12 years old, younger siblings welcome with an adult to assist.

Preschool Parachute Storytime (Thursday, April 10, at 10:15 a.m.) Preschoolers (Age 3-5) are invited to listen to stories on the parachute as well as participate in activities around and under the parachute!

Preschool Storytime (Thursday, April 24 to May 22 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.

Spring LEGO Play (Friday, April 11, at 2:30 p.m.)

A variety of spring-themed challenges will be available for those interested, but open play is encouraged! Come 'n go. This program is geared to age 6-12 years old, younger siblings welcome with an adult.

Toddler Parachute Play (Tuesday, April 8, at 10:15 a.m.) Toddlers (Age 2-3) are invited to bounce, dance, and sing as they move around (and under) the parachute.

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& Salmon Bake News**

The poster for Manchester Earth Day is on a yellow background. At the top, "MANCHESTER" is written in large, green, block letters, and "EARTH DAY" is written below it in the same style. To the left, "April" is in a script font, "26" is in large green numbers, and "Saturday" is in a bold, black, sans-serif font. To the right of "26", "qa'qad Stormwater Park" and "11 am- 3 pm" are listed. Below this, "FREE activities for the entire family" is written in orange. Underneath, "Learn from Experts About:" is followed by a list: "Septic System Health", "Wildfire Prevention", "Rain Gardens", "Natural Lawn Maintenance", and "...and much more!". To the right of this list, "Kids Activities" is written in orange, followed by "Recycled paper crafts", "Planting Seeds", and "Face Painting". At the bottom left is a green globe with plants. At the bottom right is the "KITSAP REGIONAL Library" logo and the "MCA Manchester Community Association" logo, with two cartoon bees.



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Volunteers needed!

Salmon Bake, Father's Day, Sunday, June 15th
Please email salmonbakevolunteers@gmail.com
if you're interested in helping.

We need you to make this event happen!

Adult Programs

DIY Paper Roses

Thursday, April 17, 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Create paper roses out of recycled book pages. Supplies provided. Registration required. **THIS EVENT IS FULL**

Just Sew: Manchester

Saturday, May 10, 10:30- 1:30 pm

Has it been years since you last sewed and want to brush up on your skills? Are you a very beginner and want to learn to sew? Join us!

In partnership with [Kitsap & Olympic Peninsula's Clothing Textile Advisors](#), we will have two projects to choose from, designed for rookies and beginners. Sewing machines, fabric, and instruction provided.

Registration is required. Ages 16 and up. Register online at krl.org or call (360) 447-5430.

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

April 21 - ***Calling for a Blanket Dance*** by Oscar Hokeah

May 19 – ***Inheritance*** by Dani Shapiro

June 16 - ***Love and Other Consolation Prizes*** by Jaime Ford



The Library 2025 Spring Plant Sale Is Underway!

Now through late May

Payment goes in the BLUE box near the library
front door

(check back for the Summer Sale)



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Coming Events



Huge Book and Plant Sale

Saturday, April 26, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.



Purchase plants off the Friends of the Library trailer and stock up on books at the annual Friends of Manchester Library Book and Plant Sale

8067 E Main St., Manchester

RECOMMENDED READING: *From your Friends*

Classic Detective Series (all set in Los Angeles).

Walter Mosley's Easy Rawlins detective series:

Mosley has several book series, but we recommend the Easy Rawlins stories. Start with ***Devil in a Blue Dress***.

Raymond Chandler's Philip Marlowe series:

The Philip Marlowe detective thrillers are masterpieces of fiction. Many made into movies, but the books are better. KRL has many of the series.

Ross MacDonald's Lew Archer series:

Detective Lew Archer is another LA detective worth following. KRL has *The Ivory Grin* and *The Galton Case*.

Check manchesterwa.org
for more Manchester happenings

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