

Summer is Here !!! Be Safe Out There !!



Manchester Library Friends' Newsletter

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FOML Current Events Calendar

Friday, July 4th, Independence Day (Library Closed)

Friday, July 4th: Pet Parade, qa'qad Park, 1 pm

Wednesday, June 25th, 7 pm FOML Board Meeting

Saturday, August 2nd, Summer Festival at qa'qad Park

Wednesday, August 27th, 7 pm FOML Board Meeting



"Thank you to the Bow Family & FOML for the wonderful Salmon Bake !!!! It was a fun, well-organized event" – the Editor

Youth & Teen Programs: Spring-Summer

Baby Band (Tuesdays, July 1-29, 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 2. Note: A playtime will follow the 10:15 a.m. program.

Preschool Storytime (Thurs, July 3-31, at 10:15 am)

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.

Manchester Mondays (Mon., July 7-28, 10:30 am)

Note: This program is held outside in **qa'qad Stormwater Park** (across from the Manchester branch library), please bring your hat, sunscreen, water bottle, and a blanket or towel to sit on.

- July 7: Musician Eric Ode
- July 14: One-Man Band Eric Haines
- July 21: Mikey the Rad Scientist
- July 28: West Sound Wildlife

School-Age Kids (Thursdays, July 3-31, 2:30-3:30 p.m.) For age 6-12.

- July 3: Ozobots (First come, first serve)
- July 10: Sand Art (Registration Required)
- July 17: "Disaster Island" LEGO Challenge (First come, first serve)
- July 24: Seashell Critters (Registration Required)
- July 31: Minute to Win It (Registration Required)

Splash Times Fun Foam Party (Saturday, Aug. 9, 1-3 p.m.) For babies to age 12. Held at South Kitsap Regional Park. Music, beach balls and eco-friendly foam combine for a bubbly dance party. Note: This program is held outside. Plan for the sun and getting wet! Don't forget your sunscreen, a water bottle, and a towel.



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Teen Programs

- **Catapult Challenge** (Tuesday, July 8, 1-2:30 p.m.) Learn about catapults and compete with a DIY catapult. Registration required.
- **Dungeons and Dragons** (Mondays, July 7-28, 1-3 p.m.) Join our Game Master for a 4-week D&D campaign: "Dragons of Stormwreck Isle." This is geared to teen beginners, age 13 to 18, but all experience levels are welcome. Bring your own character and dice or use ours. Registration required, sign up for one week or all four! Snacks provided. Registration required.

Tweens: "Watercoloring the Puget Sound" (Friday, July 11, 1:30-4 p.m.) Artist Robin Bundi will guide participants in drawing and watercoloring Puget Sound wildlife. For age 10-14 only. Registration required.

Adult Programs

Embroidery Hoop Seascape Weaving

Wednesday, July 16

11am-1pm

Turn an embroidery hoop into a loom and weave your own seascape. Supplies provided. Registration required.

Lavender Self-Care Products

Thursday, August 7

3:30pm-6pm

Visit a local lavender farm and create your own box of lavender-scented self-care products. Make stress relieving lavender bath bombs, lavender vanilla salt scrub, and a lavender candle. Supplies provided. Registration required.

****Please note:** Bees love lavender! Please be aware that there will be bees in the lavender field and possibly flying around where we are sitting.

Seashell Books

Thursday, August 14

11am-12:30pm

Learn how to bind your own book with seashells for covers. Registration required.

Forest Bathing with Cascadia Forest Therapy

Saturday, August 23

10am-11am

Discover the medicine of being in the forest on a guided walk as you move within nature at a slower pace and take in the atmosphere around you. The session ends with the sharing of tea and light snacks. Registration required.



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

July 21 – *The Writing Retreat* by Julia Bartz

August 18 - *Good Night, Irene* by Luis Alberto Urrea

RECOMMENDED READING: *From your Friends*

A great mystery series !!

The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman

Four residents of a Kent retirement village solve murders with the help of their friends. The plots are detailed and delightful, and SE England is a perfect setting. (at KRL)

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The Library 2025 Summer Plant Sale

Is Underway! Many kinds of plants in bloom! Delphinium, oxalis, rose

campion, campanula, and more! Come check it out!

Payment goes in the BLUE box near the library front door

Check manchesterwa.org

for more Summer events ... music!!



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