

MANSFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS AND EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2012

We're really grateful to Sacha, our town's computer guru. We've been working on adding resources to our library's website and Sacha's the one who arranges and adds, as our webmaster. We've got a new "Job Seekers" section which we'll continue to add to frequently. Our new resources Career Cruiser and Learning Express are there, as well as other sources for career info. Sacha's recently added some fun children's sites for us too. We "stumble" into so many very interesting websites and wish we could link them all!

Jan. 31: Paper Craft Greeting Cards, 7 p.m. Just a reminder! Did you sign up?

Wed. Feb. 1: Pajama Time, 6:30 p.m. Stories and rhymes for ages 3 and up. No need to register, but wear pajamas and bring a stuffed pal.

Sat. Feb. 4: Board of Library Trustees, 8 a.m.

Sat. Feb. 4: Drama Kids Class, 10:30 a.m. Drama Kids International presents a super fun sample class. For ages 4 through 16, but younger siblings are welcome. No registration required.

Mon. Feb. 13: Valentine Origami, 3:45 p.m. Abby Froment leads a heart-themed origami program for ages 6 and up. Registration is required, and begins on Monday, Feb. 6.

Mon. Feb. 13: Adult Book Discussion, 7 p.m. Join us for a chat about FAITH by Jennifer Haigh. NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FROM OUR USUAL THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH.

Mon. Feb. 20: Closed in observance of Presidents' Day.

Wed. Feb. 22: Robb Preskins' Pirate Show, 4 p.m. Captain Robbie Bones mixes magic, a small rabbit, juggling, and a firing cannon--not necessarily in that order! No registration needed. All ages welcome. Funded by the Friends of the Library.

Thur. Feb. 23: Lady Liberty, 1:30 p.m. Meet Lady Liberty in person! David Baldini presents this fun program for ages 5 and up. Pre-registration is required, and begins on Monday, Feb. 13.

Wed. Feb. 29: Leap Year Obstacle Course, 10 a.m. until 4:45 p.m. Visit during the day and do our obstacle course in the Youth Room! Remember, Leap Year only happens once every four years, so let's celebrate! No registration required.

Wed. Feb. 29: Lily visits the library! Lily the Shi'tzu is a therapy dog, and she and her human companion Freddi Salden are visiting again! Come read to Lily. If you feel nervous around dogs and would like to have a chance to meet a small and gentle one, come in and join us. She'll be here between 4 and 4:45 so drop in for a pat!

Story Times for ages 0-5:

Story times do not meet during school vacation week, Feb. 20 - 24.

Ages 2 and under - Tuesdays at 10:15 & Fridays at 11

Ages 2 & 3 - Thursdays at 11

Ages 3 & 4 - Fridays at 10:15

Ages 4 & 5 - Thursdays at 10:15 & 1 p.m.

Story Times do not require registration.

Upcoming in March:

March 8: Parent Backpack, 7-8:30 p.m. This is an interactive workshop that equips parents to be involved in their children's education in productive ways. Funded by the Trustees. See more details below.

If special accommodations are needed for any library event, please let us know at least four weeks in advance.

Looking for a hard-to-find item?

The Virtual Catalog may be the solution. It provides you access to over 700 million items at over 300 libraries across Massachusetts. Items may be ordered from public and academic libraries, either from home or at the library. Request a book on-line and pick it up at the library! Items are loaned for 28 days and may not be renewed. DVDs and audio books are also available. Check with our reference librarian if you have any questions.

Do you have an e-reader?

All of us in the library world are receiving lots of questions about downloadable books. Our SAILS library consortium is being contacted daily due to such high demand...lots of new Kindles were received for Christmas! We'll be talking about this during the next several months, but do want to include a little info now. Libraries do have to purchase ebooks just as we purchase print books, and they are usually more expensive than print (not true for consumers buying direct from Amazon or B&N.) Probably the biggest issue with ebooks is that nearly 1/2 dozen of the biggest publishers refuse to sell ebooks to libraries...that's why you can't find a lot of best sellers to download. Some publishers don't allow their ebooks which are available to be purchased on Amazon to be sold to libraries. We know our ebooks are very heavily used and are trying the best we can to meet demand...there is still a financial limit on what we can spend. If you find the eBook you want that is available through us is checked out, please place it on hold. We do purchase extra copies when there are many holds (just as we do for print books.)

We've recently added a lot of new titles funded by our federal LSTA grant, "Libraries for Job Seekers." It is funded by the Institute for Museum and Library Services, and administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners:

GET THE CAREER YOU WANT

HOW TO CHOOSE OR CHANGE YOUR CAREER FOR A LIFETIME OF SATISFACTION AND SUCCESS

BEST JOBS FOR THE 21st CENTURY

EXPERT RESUMES FOR MANAGERS AND EXECUTIVES

THE JOB SEARCH SOLUTION

OUT OF UNIFORM: YOUR GUIDE TO A SUCCESSFUL MILITARY - TO - CIVILIAN CAREER TRANSITION

SHAKE THE WORLD: IT'S NOT ABOUT FINDING A JOB, IT'S ABOUT CREATING A LIFE

Websites: In our emailed newsletter, we always include links to interesting or fun websites, often book oriented. This month we included www.dinneralovestory.com which promotes family dinners. The author has a book coming out in June.

Gifts:

We recently received a very generous gift from the Artful Hands Quilt Guild, and are looking forward to purchasing some nice quilt books as well as books we can't usually afford. In addition, a book club gave us a nice check in memory of a member who loved knitting and Tuscany. We've already purchased several books on both with the funds. One, TUSCANY, by Mario Matassa, is a lovely combination of text, photographs, and recipes. If you are planning a trip to Tuscany this year, we're your go-to source for info.



“Libraries are the latest fashion for the brain.” E. Jean Carroll

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