

Holiday 2023 Newsletter

CREATIVE IDEAS FOR ENHANCING YOUR
HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

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Season's Greetings



We are excited to share our holiday newsletter filled with creative ideas for enhancing your holiday celebrations. You will also find our featured library activities scheduled in December, books from the library Book Club, and more. We hope you may find ideas that inspire you for the holidays and year-round! Please visit the library and explore all the wonderful programs and services available for patrons!

Carol Wasserman

President
Friends of the Medfield Public Library

Gift Ideas

FRIENDS BOOKSTORE

Gift Packs & MORE!

Shop at the Friends Bookstore for books, movies, and music for your friends and family! Our curated and bagged gift packs are also available in December while supplies last.

Buying a gift at the Bookstore goes a long way. It is one gift to your loved one, and a second to the Medfield Public Library! All sale proceeds benefit the library's programs and services.



More Ideas

FRIENDS BOOKSTORE

Gift Cards



A gift card to the Friends Bookstore is an easy gift to the young and adult readers in your family! **Buy them in \$5 and \$10 denominations at the Circulation Desk.** Styled after vintage library cards in colorful pockets, they make good last minute gifts and stocking stuffers!

NEW DESIGN THIS SEASON!

Tote Bag

Our stylish new reusable bag features a floral and butterfly design and an eye-catching pattern on the side panels! This bag will garner lots of compliments and is perfect for carrying all of the day's essentials from place to place. Made with 10 oz. cotton canvas, the bag has 18" handles with a ~8" hang. Priced at \$15 and available for purchase at the Circulation Desk. While supplies last.



"TEST DRIVE" BEFORE BUYING

Did you know there are cool things that the library lends year-round? They are available for a 3-week checkout period. It's simple -- place a hold on the library's website on individual items and pickup at the library.

BREADMAKER

The smell of home made bread brightens the whole house! However, not everyone has the time to mix, knead, and wait for dough while it rises. A bread machine lets you try out new holiday bread recipes that family and friends will enjoy.



Recipe: Eggnog Bread



Photo from Bread Machine Diva

This recipe for EGGNOG BREAD uses a bread machine and it may become your new holiday favorite! The ingredients are listed below and the full recipe can be found at Bread Machine Diva [here](#).

Ingredients

EGGNOG
MILK
BREAD FLOUR
DRIED CRANBERRIES
SALT
SUGAR
BUTTER
CINNAMON
ACTIVE DRY YEAST



BREAD MACHINE

Tools



BREAD KNIFE



MEASURING TOOLS

"TEST DRIVE" BEFORE BUYING

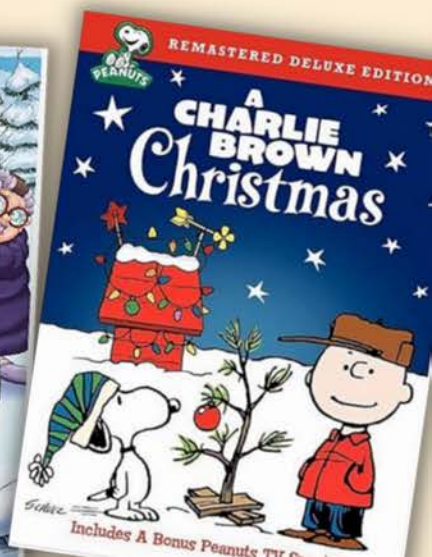
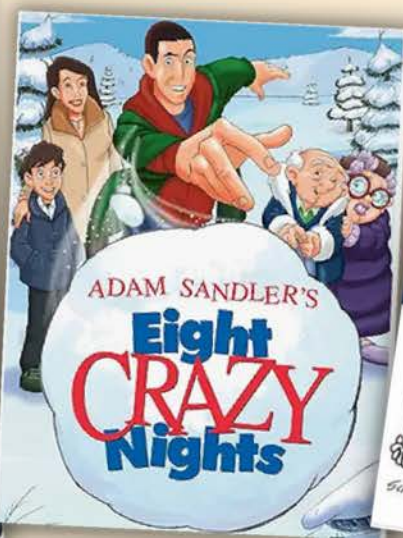
SOUND BAR

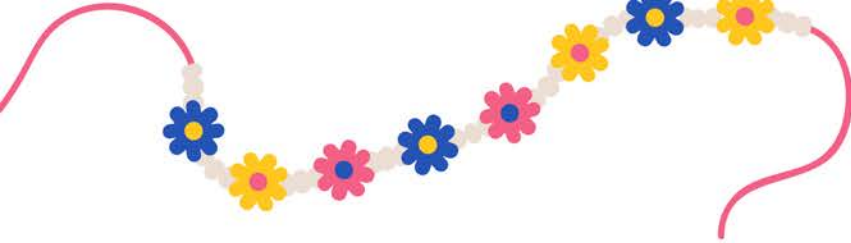
Most of us look forward to watching holiday movies with family and friends. If you want an immersive, theater-like experience at home, try a sound bar!. They are relatively easy to install and the sound is better than the built-in speakers on most TVs. Borrow a sound bar from the Library of Things and see if it's worth the investment. This holiday season, make watching a movie with your family an experience.



HOLIDAY MOVIES

What is a holiday movie you like to rewatch? Here are some favorites according to some to our patrons.





EXPLORE & CREATE

AT THE MAKERSPACE

FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS

Friendship bracelets are all the rage. The Maker Space has supplies to make them out of a variety of materials, including beads, embroidery thread, and decorative duct tape. To make a simple and pretty cuff bracelet, bring in a cardboard roll, cut it to your desired size, and cover with the duct tape of your choice! See WikiHow instructions for different ways to make a cuff bracelet [here](#).



Photo from WikiHow

COLORING/PAINTING

We have a supply of markers, paint, and adult coloring books. Use these tools to make art that you can gift or simply relax and enjoy coloring.



PAPER QUILLING

Want to try a new way of adding pizzazz to your holiday gift packages? Try paper quilling in the maker space!

Paper quilling is the art of cutting paper into long thin strips, rolling and pinching the pieces into different shapes, and then gluing the shapes together to form decorative art. Paper quilling projects can be used to decorate cards, boxes, gift bags, picture frames, or even be made into 3D stand-alone art pieces.



DECEMBER

5 EVENTS & ACTIVITIES TO TRY

Introducing 5 events and activities in December that could be fun try! These and other events are on the library's [EVENT CALENDAR here](#).

1 DROP-IN WEEKEND FUN

Kids and caregivers can drop into the Children's Department's Activity Room to enjoy the day's activities. Specific activities vary, but could include making crafts, building with LEGO bricks, doing puzzles, or playing games. WEEKENDS IN DECEMBER (see library calendar for time).

2 BOOK BUDDIES

Reading should always be fun! For this program, kids will join Miss Gretchen and other emerging readers to explore a story, practice reading (if they want), and complete a craft or activity.

Pick up this month's book ahead of time so your reader can become familiar with it before the group meets. Copies will be available at the Children's Desk starting at least 2 weeks before the session. Best for newly emerging readers, Ages 5-7. Tuesday Dec 12, 2023, 4:15 PM - 5:00 PM.





3 DOCUMENTARY CAFE

Join us for coffee or tea and to watch a short documentary film (under an hour). If you'd like, stay afterwards to chat. Topics will vary. Dec 19, 2023, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

4 KNITTING CLINIC

Join our amazing knitting instructor, Cindy, to get some help with your personal knitting project. If you don't need any help, bring your project and come hang out with other knitters! Thursday Dec 21, 2023, 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM. Hybrid Meeting.



5 YAY FRIENDS' POP MUSIC & CRAFTS

Make the most of your half day! Drop in to the downstairs Meeting Room between 12:30 and 2:30 to join Miss Katrina in crafting while listening to pop music. Best for ages 7-13. Friday Dec 22, 2023, 12:15 PM - 2:55 PM.



Introducing Andrea

Andrea is the Library's Head of Children's Services. You might find her singing silly songs at Storytime, creating new scavenger hunts, or reminding small patrons to use their walking feet. Andrea is passionate about cultivating a lifelong love of reading and providing a welcoming space in the Children's Room for all to enjoy.



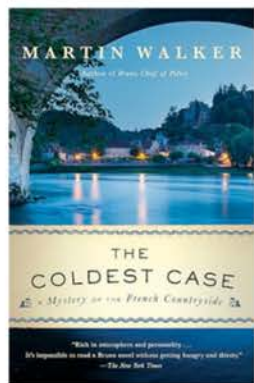
MPL BOOK CLUB

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Are you a mystery fan? The library's newest mystery-themed book club, may be for you. The library has several other book clubs, Fiction, Memoir, Eco, Sci-Fi and Book Buddies for emerging readers. Recent books that the adult book clubs have been reading include:

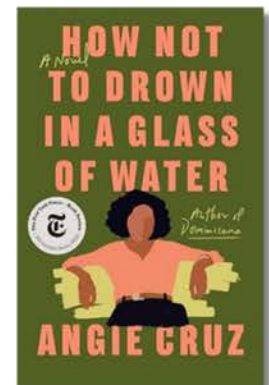
MYSTERY

The Coldest Case
by Martin Walker



FICTION

How Not to Drown in a Glass of Water
by Angie Cruz



SCI FI

The Mountain in the Sea
by Ray Nayler



MEMOIR

The Splendid and the Vile
by Erik Larson



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NEW READS

FOR THE NEW YEAR

Looking for some ideas to add to your next year's reading list? We asked some bookstore volunteers and patrons and this is what they shared with us.

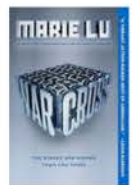
RACHEL'S PICK

I am reading Rachel Maddow's new book, Prequel, right now. If you enjoy learning about often obscure or forgotten pieces of history that impact our current world, she is very interesting.



ADRIAN'S PICK

I recently read a dystopian YA novel Warcross by Marie Lu. I really liked the idea of advanced virtual reality and what life would be like in that kind of world. I plan to read the sequel Wildcard next.



KAREN'S PICK

I want to continue reading Seanan McGuire's October Daye urban fantasy series in 2024. I am 3 books behind and need to catch up on one of my favorite series.

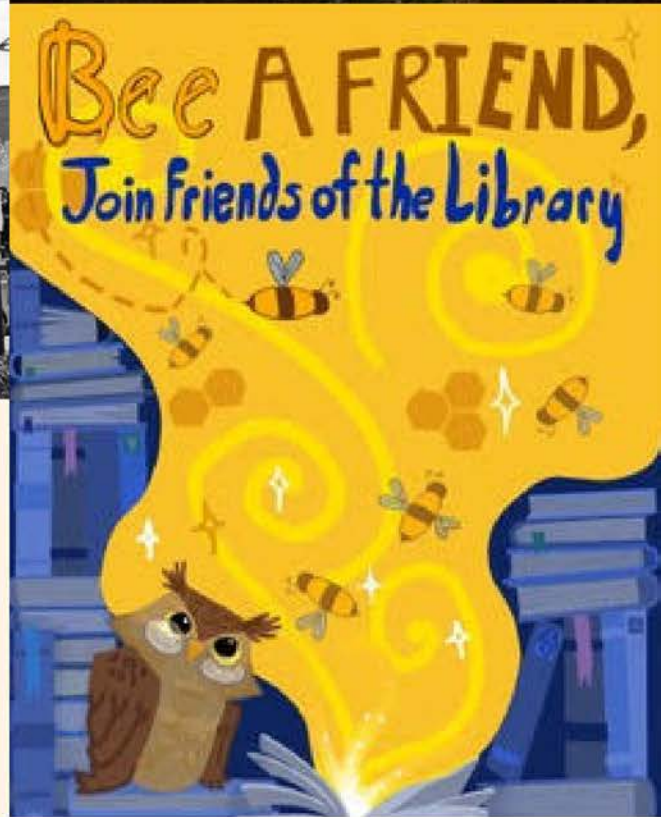


RICHARD'S PICK

On my reading list for next year, I have The Great Mistake by Jonathan Lee (historical murder mystery set in 1900s New York City) and The Music of the Primes by Marcus du Sautoy (the Riemann Hypothesis).



DO YOU KNOW THE LIBRARY STAFF SHARES THE BOOKS THEY ARE CURRENTLY READING ON THE LIBRARY'S FACEBOOK PAGE? FOLLOW THE LIBRARY ON FACEBOOK @MEDFIELDPUBLICLIBRARY AND SEE THE MONTHLY PICKS!



Thank You!

On behalf of all of us at the Friends of the Public Library, we thank our valued group of donors who make an impact on the Medfield Public Library and our community. Your annual support sustains programs and services that inspire, inform and connect with the community. **Our 2024 Membership Drive is still on**, if you would like to renew your membership and continue to support the library, please click [**here**](#) for membership or donation.

Have a wonderful holiday season!

The Friends Board