

December Newsletter

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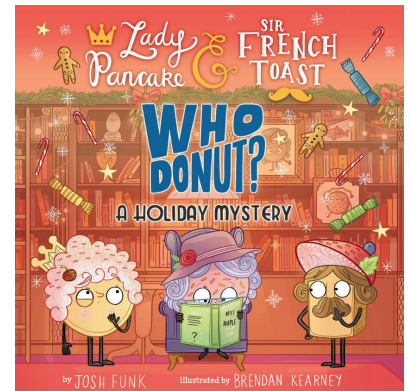
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Program Highlights

CHILDREN'S AUTHOR VISIT WITH JOSH FUNK Saturday, December 13 from 10:45am to 11:30am

Who donut? Josh Funk, that's who! Children's author Josh Funk, creator of beloved duo Lady Pancake and Sir French Toast, is swinging by the JPHL to talk about his newest picture book, 'Who Donut? A Holiday Mystery'. Kids, ages 5 to 12, will get the chance to meet Josh and ask him questions about his work and his books while enjoying this fun holiday read. There will be a simple craft afterwards to wrap the visit up with a bow.



HOLIDAY HANGOUT Monday, December 22 from 2:30pm to 4:30pm

Stop by the library for a chill holiday hangout for all ages! We will have hot chocolate and light snacks available, as well as several craft stations set up: DIY salt dough ornaments, a gift wrapping station, a holiday card making spot, and more! No registration necessary. Sponsored by the Friends of the JHPL.

NEW YEAR'S NOON PARTY Wednesday, December 31 from 11:30am to 12:30pm (at the Federated Church - next door to the Library)



Let's welcome the New Year with a fun family party! Kids ages 2 to 12 can help ring in 2026 with crafts, activities, and a countdown to noon - all the fun of New Year's Eve without having to stay up till midnight! A huge thank you to the Federated Church for allowing us to use their Fellowship Hall. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver. Registration is required. Sponsored by the Friends of the JHPL.



AFTERNOON
BOOK GROUP
Tuesday, December 9
at 1:00 pm

This month's book is
"Inheritance" by Dani Shapiro

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS BOOK
GROUP
Wednesday, December 17
at 6:30 pm

This month's book is "We
Measure the Earth with Our
Bodies" by Tsering Yangzom Lam

WORLD BUILDING
BOOK GROUP
Tuesday, December 16
at 6:30pm

This month's book is "An
Absolutely Remarkable
Thing" by Hank Green

Library Quote of the Month

"Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life."

Sidney Sheldon (1917-2007. American writer and producer)

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Wednesdays at 10:45am

Join Ms. Meredith for songs, rhymes, fingerplays and stories. For children 2 years and younger with an adult caregiver.

Dec. 3rd through Feb. 25th
(Except Dec. 24th & 31st)



Tuesdays at 10:45am

Stories, songs, rhymes and a craft. Designed for children 3-5 years old but open to kids of all ages with an adult caregiver.

Dec. 2nd, 9th & 16th



Fridays at 10:45am

Stories, songs, rhymes and a craft. Designed for children 3-5 years old but open to kids of all ages with an adult caregiver.

Dec. 5th through Feb. 20th
(Except Dec. 26th & Jan. 2nd)

DROP IN TECH HELP

Wednesdays
5:00pm to 7:00pm

Bring your device and get your most basic smartphone, tablet or computer questions answered.



Monday, December 1 - 3:30pm to 4:30pm

FAMILY CRAFT TIME - DIY Felt Ornament

Families are invited to join us as we practice simple sewing skills by making and decorating our own felt ornaments. This program is intended for children ages 7 to 12 with an adult caregiver. Registration is required. Sponsored by the Friends of the JHPL.

Tuesday, December 9 - 6:30pm to 5:30pm

POETRY READING - CHRISTINE OMODI-ENGOLA

Enjoy glimpses of Southbridge and surrounding town life in a spirited reading where people from all backgrounds will find something to cheer about.

Wednesday, December 10 - 4:00pm to 5:30pm

WINTER PAINTING FOR KIDS

Kids ages 8-12 are invited to join us for a winter themed paint night. This will be a step-by-step painting tutorial. No prior experience needed. All supplies will be provided and kids will take their finished pieces home. Registration is required. All children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. Sponsored by the Friends of the JHPL.

Thursday, December 11 - 4:30pm to 5:30pm

TWEEN THURSDAYS: FINGER KNIT HEADBAND

Tweens and teens ages 10 to 17 are invited to join us in creating finger-knit headbands. No prior experience needed. Registration is required. Sponsored by the Friends of the JHPL.

Saturday, December 13 - 10:45am to 11:30am

WHO DUNUT? CHILDREN'S AUTHOR VISIT WITH JOSH FUNK

See the other side for more details.

Monday, December 15 through Saturday, January 31

WINTER READING CHALLENGE

Stop by the Children's Room beginning December 15 and pick up a winter themed reading challenge. Complete each task on the wintry forest path and receive a FREE COOKIE from the Bake Shoppe at the Publick House. Limit one coupon per child. A huge thank you to the Publick House for sponsoring this event.



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS
Wednesday, December 24
the library will be closing at 2pm.
Thursday, December 25
the library will be CLOSED.

Wednesday, December 31
the library will be closing at 2pm.
Thursday, January 1
the library will be CLOSED.

HAPPY
Holidays

Monday, December 15 through Friday, December 19

ADULT TAKE AND MAKE CRAFT - Q-TIP SNOWFLAKES

Pick up your kit while supplies last.

Monday, December 15 - 3:30pm to 4:30pm

FAMILY CRAFT TIME - PAPER SCULPTURES

Come learn about Surrealist art by making paper sculptures at the library. For children ages 7 to 12 with an adult caregiver. Registration is required. Sponsored by the Friends of the JHPL.

Thursday, December 18 - 6:00pm to 7:00pm

LEGO CLUB

Come build with Legos. Suitable for children ages 5 to 12 with an adult caregiver. Registration is required. Sponsored by the Friends of the JHPL.

Friday, December 19 - 3:00pm to 4:30pm

WINTER SENSORY PLAYTIME

Activities for kids ages 3 to 12. Sensory play can get messy, please dress accordingly.

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To register for programs go to sturbridgelibrary.org.