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# 2023 DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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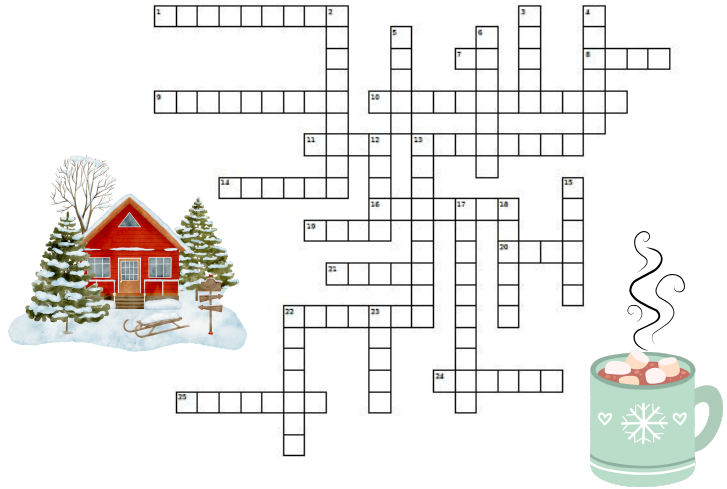
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## HOURS

MONDAY: 2PM-7PM  
TUESDAY: 9AM-6PM  
WEDNESDAY: 9AM-6PM  
THURSDAY: 9AM-6PM  
FRIDAY: 9AM-1PM  
SATURDAY: 9AM-1PM

# 'tis the Season FOR A CHALLENGE

Click on this page, print the puzzle from our website, complete the puzzle correctly, and be entered to win a great prize! See the website for more information.



### Down:

2. A time to learn through storytelling, creating, and sharing fun activities.
3. Jack of all trades. You can catch her all about town.
4. One of our afterschool workers who make sure items are put away correctly. Has a winning smile.
5. An on-demand learning platform for library patrons, including classes on technology, finances, engineering, hobbies, languages, and so much more.
6. Witches, wizards, and dragons, oh my.
12. Out of this world stories.
13. One of the most popular genres of fiction.
15. One of our afterschool workers who make sure items are put away correctly. Has a great sense of humor.
17. Writing that is based on facts, real events, and real people.
18. The time of year when everyone is invited to read towards a common goal.
22. The MEB library would not exist without the people who use the services. These people are called \_\_\_\_ by library staff.
23. A State Library app that gives free access to e-books, audiobooks, and magazines for library patrons.

### Across:

1. A collection of recipes. MEB has many different kinds.
7. Section of the library with books written for pre-teens, teens, and even adults. (Abbr.)
8. "I love to \_\_\_\_!"
9. A group of people living in the same area or having something in common, like a love of the MEB library!
10. This is being reconstructed to be safe and useful to the community.
11. Section of the library consisting of picture books and early readers, for example.
13. The governing body of the library.
14. The library director, AKA "the boss lady of the library" according to one young patron.
16. Nonprofit organization that supports the mission of the library with fundraising, programming, and other fun events.
19. The library director's right hand. Provides A+ service to our young patrons.
20. Can be counted on to get even the most elusive title for our patrons through the Interlibrary Loan system.
21. Creates amazing displays and recommends the best books.
22. A fun activity to do alone or with a group. These consist of different shapes that fit together when done correctly. The library has a \_\_\_\_ swap.
24. An app that gives free access to e-books, audiobooks, magazines, movies, music, graphic novels, and more for library patrons.
25. Invented or untrue stories.



*Happy Holidays, Brentwood!*  
*Janice*

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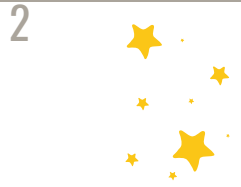


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**PLEASE NOTE:**  
BABY PLAY TIME  
IS TAKING A  
BREAK IN  
DECEMBER!

1.   
**HOLIDAY**  
CRAFT FAIR  
THRU 12/23



4

**TRUSTEE**  
**MEETING**  
6PM

5

6

**DROP-IN**  
**CRAFTS**  
12-5:30PM

7

**LEGO CLUB**  
3-5PM



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**SANTA VISIT**  
10AM-12PM



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**DROP-IN**  
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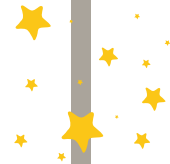


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**LITTLE KIDS**  
**YOGA**  
**AGES 3-5**  
11AM  
REGISTRATION  
REQUIRED

**ADULT**  
**BOOK GROUP**  
6PM

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*Merry*  
**CHRISTMAS**



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**MEB LIB**  
**CLOSED**



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**KIDS YOGA**  
**GRADES K-5**  
4PM  
REGISTRATION  
REQUIRED

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**HOLIDAY**  
**LEGO CLUB**  
ALL DAY

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- LETTERS TO SANTA**  
11/25-12/9  
Write your letters to Santa and drop them off in the special North Pole mailbox outside the library. Visit the Friends' page on our website or the Friends' Facebook page for more information.
- HOLIDAY CRAFTS**  
WED 12/6  
THU 12/14 &  
TUE 12/19  
@12PM-5:30PM  
Drop in holiday crafts are back! Each session will feature a different craft project for all ages.
- LEGO CLUB**  
THU 12/7  
3:30-5PM  
Come build with legos in the kids' room starting after school until 5pm. Bring a friend and your creative ideas!
- SANTA DAY**  
SAT 12/9  
10AM-12PM  
Get your list ready and come visit the "big guy" here at the library! There will be crafts and a book for each child. Thank you, Friends of MEB for inviting Santa to visit again this year!
- PRESCHOOL YOGA**  
THUR 12/21  
@11AM  
Join us for a yoga class with Rachel Brown focused on the winter solstice and the start of the winter season. This 45-minute yoga class will engage children through music, movement, mindfulness, and imagination. This class is free and sponsored by the library. No yoga mat or materials are necessary. Students should wear comfortable clothing that will allow them to move freely. Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/4eYLwmDmGQYg8BsT6>
- ADULT BOOK GROUP**  
THUR 12/21  
@ 6PM  
Grab a friend and come join our adult book club! Books will be chosen each month by the group. The book for December is *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese. Stop by the library to pick up a copy of the book.
- KIDS YOGA**  
WED 12/27  
@4PM  
Join us for a yoga practice taught by Rachel Brown focused on new beginnings for the New Year! This 45 minute class is for children in Kindergarten through grade 5. No yoga mat or materials are necessary. Students should wear comfortable clothing that will allow them to move freely. This class is free but registration is required. Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/e8n5jZMTTwdh2FBF6>
- LEGO CLUB**  
THU 12/28  
ALL DAY!  
Come build with Lego in the kids' room any time today. Bring a friend and your creative ideas!

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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- BABY PLAY TIME**  
STARTING AGAIN THUR 1/4  
@9:30-11AM  
Baby play time will resume in January. Drop in for open play time in the kids room! Explore the wooden blocks, puzzles, Duplo building blocks and dinos. Everyone is welcome, no sign-up needed.

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# FRIENDS OF MEB DEC 2023

Thank you to all the families who came to our Pumpkin Festival in October! It was a great day to be outside. We loved seeing all the creativity. The Friends of the Library are pleased to be able to offer community events such as this (and those below), thanks to your support.

Our Craft Fair will be running through December 23 during normal library hours. We have such a talented community! Please come shop local, support your neighbors, and purchase unique gifts for everyone on your list...and maybe a little something for yourself.

The Friends are collecting Letters to Santa through December 9. There is a special mailbox outside the library for your letters. Please include first and last name. Stamps are not needed. Due to inconsistent mail delivery, Santa will be sending all return letters to the library for you to pick up. His plan is to respond to all letters by 12/16.

Santa Claus is coming to town on Saturday, December 9 from 10 am - 12 pm. Come have your picture taken and visit the Children's Room for some holiday crafts. Santa will be handing out books to all the children who visit.

Because of your donations, the Friends are able to sponsor a variety of discount recreation passes. This month we highlight Strawberry Banke. Reserve your pass at the library for free admission for 2 adults and 4 kids to the Candlelight Stroll. The ever-popular Candlelight Stroll runs Friday through Sunday evenings, December 2-17. Experience holiday traditions while visiting historic homes decorated with handmade items, and hear about the families who lived there from costumed role-players. "Library patrons with a valid pass do not need to reserve tickets in advance on the Museum's website." Simply present your pass at the door for free admission.

The Friends proudly provide access to thousands of FREE courses through Udemy. I briefly perused some course offerings and found a wide assortment of topics: assertiveness training, creating accessible websites, writing, yoga, accounting, business and computer courses whose technical vocabulary were beyond my scope of knowledge, "bite-size learning" lectures from 1-30 minutes, cybersecurity, marketing, and so much more! All you need is your library card number to access learning opportunities and professional development for FREE. This is an important resource for those looking to expand professional knowledge and those interested in learning a new hobby. Instructions are available on the library website: <https://www.brentwoodlibrarynh.org/udemy-business.html>.

The Friends will not be meeting in the month of December, but please reach out to Chris Carmody, Friends President, at [ccarmody@friendsofmeblibrary.org](mailto:ccarmody@friendsofmeblibrary.org) if you are interested in joining!

Jessica Paul  
Friends Secretary

## NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



Preschool Yoga



Halloween STEAM Challenge: The Tallest Ghost Tower



Cooking with Chef Misa

### MEB STAFF SUGGESTIONS

