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2024 JANUARY NEWSLETTER

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HELLO January



Dear MEB patrons,

As we begin a new year, our team is excited to share a message of RENEWAL and rejuvenation.

Renew Your Library Card:

Let's kickstart the year by renewing your library card, ensuring you have unrestricted access to our vast collection of books, digital resources, and exciting programs and events!

Revitalize Your Reading List:

Make 2024 the year of exploring new formats and new genres. Our dedicated team is always happy to suggest new titles.

Redesign & Renovation: 2024 is the year of the new amphitheater! We are planning an exciting ribbon-cutting ceremony in June and you are ALL invited!

As we embrace a new year, we invite you to journey along with us. Your library is not just a place, it's a dynamic, ever-evolving community resource. Come in and share your thoughts and suggestions with us, and let's co-create a library experience that truly reflects our community.

Wishing you a year of renewed inspiration and discovery,

Janice

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**BABY PLAY
TIME**
9:30-11AM
EVERY
THURSDAY

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**TRUSTEE
MEETING**
6PM

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LEGO CLUB
3PM-5PM

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**ADULT
BOOK GROUP**
6PM



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**PRESCHOOL
YOGA**
11AM

—
**LOCAL
DEMOCRACY
WORKSHOP**
6PM

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**LAST DAY TO
SIGN UP FOR A
TAKE- HOME
CRAFT KIT**

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**SATURDAY
MORNING
CARTOONS WITH
MARGO BURNS**
6:30PM



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**T(W)EEN
SNACK &
SHARE**
4:30PM

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**TAKE-HOME
CRAFT KIT
PICKUP**

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- BABY PLAY TIME** Looking to get out of the house now that winter has settled in? This weekly, open play time for babies and caregivers takes place in the cozy kids' room every Thursday morning. Older siblings welcome too!
EVERY THURSDAY @9:30-11AM
- LEGO CLUB** Come build with legos in the kids' room starting after school until 5pm. Bring a friend and your creative ideas!
THU 1/11 3:30-5PM
- STORYTIMES** New sessions of storytime begin on January 16th & 17th! We offer storytimes for all ages on Tuesdays at 10am or Wednesdays at 11am, and a toddler storytime on Wednesdays at 9:30. Each session will run for 6 weeks. We kindly ask **no drop-ins**. Registration is required and space is limited. Call for more information or visit our website to sign up.
TUE. @10:00AM
WED. @9:30AM
WED. @11:00AM
- ADULT BOOK GROUP** Grab a friend and come join our adult book club! Books will be chosen each month by the group. The book for January is *These Impossible Things* by Salma El-Wardany. Stop by the library to pick up a copy of the book.
THUR 1/11 @ 6PM
- LITTLE KIDS YOGA** Join us for preschool yoga in the kids' room! This 45 minute class, taught by Rachel Brown, will engage children through music, movement, mindfulness, and imagination. 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/LA3SzWMutWKuYnYu5>
THUR 1/18 @11AM
- LOCAL DEMOCRACY WORKSHOP** What makes Brentwood a great place to live? What do you like about town meeting? What do you dislike about town meeting? Olivia Zink from Open Democracy and Liz Tentarelli from League of Women Voter's will be here for a workshop to offer facts about Town Meeting and SB2, with Q&A to follow.
THUR 1/18 @6PM
- SATURDAY MORNING CARTOONS** Many kids in the second half of the 20th century shared a common Saturday morning ritual: watching Yogi Bear, Bugs Bunny, and Rocky & Bullwinkle while eating a bowl of Captain Crunch. As more American families acquired TVs, animation studios retooled their storehouses to respond to the demand for new shows and Madison Avenue advertising executives shifted their focus to a lucrative new demographic: children. In this program, we will watch some clips from classic cartoons that will be sure to spark some nostalgia while taking a peek behind the TV screen, to learn how the classic Saturday morning was created. This event is made possible by a grant from New Hampshire Humanities.
MON 1/22 @ 6:30PM
- T(W)EEN SNACK & SHARE** All the fun of a book group (snacks! chatting!), with none of the pressure! There's no book you **have** to read, but we'll talk about books...and shows we've binged, and games we love. So come snack & share! This new program is for people in grades 5-8. Let us know you're coming so we have enough food: <https://forms.gle/BvKNUd5QUkpCxcwPMA>
TUE 1/23 @4:30PM
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FRIENDS OF MEB HAPPY *New Year* JAN 2024

DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Happy New Year!

Thank you to our amazing Library Staff and our Friends Volunteers for a fun and productive year! We ended the year with some of our favorite community events.

Thank you to all who participated in the **Craft Fair** by showcasing your talents, purchasing from your neighbors and/or sharing your enthusiasm. Crafters donate 25% of their sales to the Friends who use the funds to support the library.

Big thanks to **Santa Claus** for visiting with approximately 75 children and giving them a book. It was a jolly day of picture-taking, creating children's crafts and perusing the Craft Fair. The Friends were filled with joy to be able to collect about 40 **Letters to Santa** so he could write back before Christmas. We heard that all the Brentwood children made the Nice List!

Remember, the Friends sponsor several discount recreation passes which can be found on the library's website. This month we are highlighting **Currier Museum of Art** in nearby Manchester. Reserve your pass for free admission for 2 adults and kids. "Four large-scale artworks by Ugandan artist Sanaa Gateja" are on display until January 14. His "art is primarily created using beads made from recycled paper, which he rolls, dyes, and affixes to bark cloth." "A new experiential installation by artist Saya Woolfalk" is available until February 4. The artist "combines video projections, sculptural forms made of glass, wallpaper, and sound - creating an immersive environment where the viewer is invited to voyage, rest, and meditate as if in a sensorial temple." Toward the New: A Journey into Abstraction is on exhibit through March. "Artists featured in this exhibition employed a variety of tools for inspiration, including complex compositional formulas, bold geometric forms, experiments in visual perception and arbitrary color, and the unconscious."

Do you have a New Year's resolution to learn a new hobby or improve your job skills? **Udemy** can help! You can find "thousands of on-demand courses taught by world-class instructors." These are not amateur how-to videos. These are FREE courses ranging from beginner to advanced, and a certificate of completion is available. All you need is your library card number to access learning opportunities and professional development for FREE. Instructions are available on the library website:

<https://www.brentwoodlibrarynh.org/udemy-business.html>. The Friends renewed the subscription for another year and we want to know that it is utilized. If you have enjoyed Udemy, we would love to hear from you! Send your feedback to Jessica at jpaul@friendsofmeblibrary.org.

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, January 15 at 6:30 pm** at the library. Zoom link available upon request.

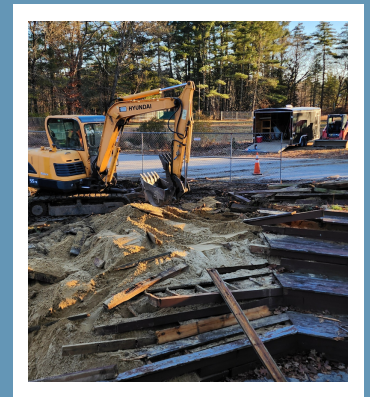
Jessica Paul
Friends Secretary



Storytime:
Gingerbread Baby Traps



Santa Day Volunteers



Amphitheater Construction begins!

MEB STAFF SUGGESTIONS

