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From The Director's Desk

I don't know about you, but Halloween has always been my favorite holiday. I love all things creepy and Halloween gives me the excuse to indulge in my guilty pleasure. As a young adult I reveled in Stephen King; [Salem's Lot](#), [Carrie](#), [Pet Cemetary](#), [Needful Things](#) (I really need to revisit those). As I got older, I continued to love horror, but expanded my reading beyond King. One of my current favorites is Stephen King' son, [Joe Hill](#), who wrote [Horns](#) (which was made into a [film](#) starring Daniel Radcliffe), [NOS4A2](#) (which was made into a [television series](#)), [The Fireman](#), [Heart-Shaped Box](#), [Full-Throttle](#), [Strange Weather](#), [The Black Phone](#), and the YA Graphic Novel series, [Locke & Key](#) (which was made into a television series), and due out this month, [King Sorrow](#). I also love the Fantasy Horror novels of [T. Kingfisher](#), [Peter Straub](#) (just thinking about [Ghost Story](#) gives me the shivers), [William Blatty](#) (of [Exorcist](#) fame) and [Anne Rice](#). If I could recommend one title to you though, it would be [Hex](#) by [Thomas Olde Heuvelt](#). Rarely have I been afraid to sleep at night like I did when reading this one. The setting is a small town in the Hudson Valley of New York that is being haunted by a seventeenth century witch who appears with her eyes and mouth sewn shut. The town elders have the town on lock down to prevent the curse from spreading. What happens when a group of teens go viral with the haunting is both dark and downright terrifying. Read it - but keep the lights on. You've been warned.

This month, instead of bringing you a guest librarian, I decided to ask the staff for their favorite horror novels to recommend to you. Here they are. Check them out... if you dare.

- Barnes, S.A. [Ghost Station](#)
- Brom. [Slewfoot](#)

- Bruce, Camilla. [The Witch in the Well](#)
- Coates, Darcy. [From Below](#)
- Coile, Mason. [William](#)
- Due, Tanarive. [The Reformatory](#)
- Gailey, Sarah. [Just Like Home](#)
- Grecian, Alex. [Rose of Jericho](#)
- Harrison, Rachel. [Play Nice](#)
- Heuvelt, Thomas Olde. [Hex](#)
- Hill, Joe. [Heart-Shaped Box](#)
- Jiang, Ai. [Linghun](#)
- Katsu, Alma. [The Hunger](#)
- Kingfisher, T. [The Hollow Places](#)
- Marr, Melissa. [Graveminder](#)
- Mitchell, David. [Slade House](#)
- Moreno-Garcia, Silvia. [The Bewitching](#)
- Moreno-Garcia, Silvia. [Mexican Gothic](#)
- Nethercott, GennaRose. [Thistlefoot](#)
- Solomon, Rivers. [Model Home](#)
- Stevens, Amanda. [The Restorer](#)
- Tingle, Chuck. [Camp Damascus](#)

Are you more interested in true crime? Join our new group, Evidence Locker. Join us for our first meeting on Sunday, October 26th from 1:00-1:30. We will meet in the Ellsworth Room to discuss the case of Steven Avery, who served 18 years in prison for the sexual assault and attempted murder of Penny Beernsten. He was released after 18 years and then exonerated and released in 2003, and was later charged and convicted of the 2005 murder of Teresa Halbach. Catch up on his crime by watching Making a Murderer on Netflix, or listen to a podcast on [Spotify](#) or [Audible](#), or read one of the [many books](#) on the subject.

Happy Halloween!

Nanci M. Hill,
Library Director

Highlights at HPL

Adventure Pass of the Month - New England Aquarium



The New England Aquarium is home to thousands of aquatic animals, from the giant Pacific octopus, to Northern fur seals, to little blue penguins. They offer a wide range of exhibits, including a shark and ray touch tank and the Giant Ocean Tank, a four-story coral reef featuring hundreds of Caribbean animals. In addition, they have an IMAX theatre and operate whale watch boat excursions in partnership with Boston Harbor Cruises from April through November. Place your hold requests for this pass by visiting our [Adventure Pass](#) page.

Our Adventure Passes are generously funded by [The Friends of Hopkinton Public Library](#).

Library "Thing" of the Month - Nintendo Switch



The Nintendo Switch is a handheld video game console that can also be connected to a television. The Nintendo Switch is capable of playing both single- and multi-player games. The Hopkinton Public Library's Nintendo Switch comes with a console unit, a docking station, a charger, and two Joy-Con controllers. The Hopkinton Public Library also separately offers many Nintendo Switch games for three-week loans.

You can reserve this by visiting our [Library of Things](#) page. The Library of Things is generously supported by the [Hopkinton Public Library Foundation](#).



Programs are hosted at the library unless otherwise noted.

Registration is required for many programs.

Visit [our website calendar](#) to obtain updated information and registration.

Programs are subject to change or cancellation.

For Multiple Ages

Meet the "Space": CreatorSpace Grand Opening
Sunday, October 5 | 1:00 - 3:00 PM

We've been talking about it for years, and it's finally time: our CreatorSpace is open! See a selection of our equipment, meet our CreatorSpace coordinator, and do a quick craft to get your CreatorSpace journey started! Our thanks to the Hopkinton Public Library Foundation for the initial funding for the Space.

The CreatorSpace is for ages 10+ and adults.

CreatorSpace registration is not necessary for the Meet the Space event, but will be required for attendance at workshops and open craft hours going forward.

CreatorSpace registration for individuals ages 10 to 17 requires the in-person signature of a parent or guardian. Please see our CreatorSpace Policy and get more information on our [website](#).

Drop-In CreatorSpace Hours

Monday, October 6, 20, and 27 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Tuesday, October 7 and 28 | 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Wednesday, October 8, 15, and 29 | 9:30 - 11:30 AM

Wednesday, October 8, 15, 22, and 29 | 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Thursday, October 9, 16, 23, and 30 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Join us for Drop-In Craft Hours in the CreatorSpace! Find out more about our CreatorSpace at [this link](#). CreatorSpace users must pre-register at the Reference Desk. All users must be over the age of 10. Users aged 10 to 17 require a parent or legal guardian's in-person signature before they may use the CreatorSpace.

While this is a drop-in program, a CreatorSpace Card is required.

CreatorSpace Staffers:

Monday, 10:00 - 12:00 PM: Amanda; her expertise is in paper crafts.

Tuesday, 5:30 - 7:30 PM: Danielle; her expertise is in fiber arts, paper crafts, and general crafting.

Wednesday, 9:30 - 11:30 AM: Danielle; her expertise is in fiber arts, paper crafts, and general crafting.

Wednesday, 5:30 - 7:30 PM: Jak; her expertise is in fiber arts, paper crafts, and general crafting.

Thursday, 10:00 - 12:00 PM: Jak; her expertise is in fiber arts, paper crafts, and general crafting.

Frayed Knot Fiber Arts Circle

Wednesday, October 8 | 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Join us for the Frayed Knot Fiber Arts Circle! Bring your current project or pattern. This group is open to teens and adults of all skill levels. All fiber arts crafts (knitting, crochet, hand quilting, needlepoint, cross-stitch, finger knitting, needle felting, etc.) are more than welcome to join us! This group will meet on the second Wednesday of each month from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM.

Do you have questions or need fiber arts materials? Looking to learn to crochet? Email Jak at jmiller@hopkintonma.gov. [Registration](#) for this event opens two weeks before the event.

Narcan Training and Community Harm Reduction with the Hopkinton Health Department

Tuesday, October 14 | 5:30 - 6:30 PM

Narcan is the brand name of the generic Naloxone and is a life-saving medication that can reverse an overdose from opioids. This free Narcan training will provide participants with a brief training on how to recognize an opioid overdose, when and how to use Narcan, and a free kit to take home. This event is put on by the Hopkinton Board of Health in partnership with the Hopkinton Public Library.

Evidence Locker: True Crime Club

Sunday, October 26 | 1:00 - 2:30

Dive deep into the mystery, motive, and infamous minds behind the crime! Each session, we will feature one curated true crime event. Bring your favorite books, documentaries, or podcasts to discuss and theorize with the group. Whether you're a seasoned sleuth or just crime-curious, come examine the facts behind the headlines.

For our first meeting, we will be discussing the case of Steven Avery, who served 18 years in prison for the sexual assault and attempted murder of Penny Beernsten. He was released after 18 years and then exonerated and released in 2003, and was later charged and convicted of the 2005 murder of Teresa Halbach. Catch up on his crime by watching Making a Murderer on Netflix, or listen to a podcast on [Spotify](#) or [Audible](#), or read one of the [many books](#) on the subject.

No registration is necessary.

Author Talk with Brad Timm, Ph.D.
Sunday, October 26 | 1:30 - 3:30 PM

Did you know that Blue Jay feathers aren't actually blue, they're brown? Or that some frogs survive freezing temperatures by creating their own anti-freeze? These are just a few of hundreds of fun facts you can learn in *Wildlife Out Your Window: Fascinating Facts About 100 Animals Commonly Seen in the Northeastern U.S.*, published in 2024 by wildlife ecologist Brad Timm. Join us on October 26th, where Brad will share with us some of his favorite facts from the book, discuss how you can help wildlife all around you, and will answer any wildlife questions you have.

Presented by the Friends of Whitehall.

Adult Programs

ELL Conversation Group - Intermediate Learners
Wednesday, October 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 | 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Intermediate Learners have mastered basic vocabulary and simple grammar and are now focused on greater comfort level in everyday conversations. At the Intermediate level, we will prioritize components of grammar, vocabulary expansion, reading comprehension, and group discussion. Reading together helps to expand vocabulary, and provides a focus for group discussion and increased understanding of the complexities of language.

Registration is optional. Registering will sign you up for reminder emails and updates about meeting cancellations. Cancellations will also be posted on the library's [calendar](#).

Our English Language Learning groups are made possible by the Friends of the Hopkinton Public Library.

VIRTUAL - Nuestra América: Stories of 30 Inspiring Latinas//Latinos Who Have Shaped the United States
Thursday, October 2 | 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Join us in conversation with Smithsonian professionals Adrián Aldaba and Emily Key as they discuss Nuestra América and highlight inspiring stories of Latinos throughout history, as well as their incredible contributions to the cultural, social, and political character of the United States.

Register today to learn more about the rich history of Nuestra América! [Click here to register!](#)

ELL Conversation Group - Conversation and Culture
Thursday, October 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 | 6:00 - 7:45 PM

Conversation and Culture is a gathering of new and old friends who meet under the direction of a leader to focus on English fluency. Participants who choose this offering are fairly comfortable in everyday conversation but recognize the need to be more comfortable in the world around them.

Under the direction of the group leader, an informal survey is conducted to identify topics of interest for the group. These topics of conversation provide a focus for expanding vocabulary and understanding idioms and colloquialisms. One night the conversation might focus on great places to hike, or fascinating facts about the Boston Marathon or how and why we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Other times the focus might be more practical: how to navigate town government or how to become a volunteer. Often local community experts will lead the discussion. A member of town government, a local historian, or business owner may lead the group. Participants always are encouraged to share their own stories and expand the conversation.

No matter what the evenings focus might be, Conversation and Culture will help the participants to enrich their vocabulary, practice communication skills, and learn about the local community.

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ELL Conversation Group - Beginning Learners

Friday, October 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31 | 10:30 - 11:30 AM

ELL Conversation Circle for Beginning Learners is appropriate for someone with very limited experience with the English language. This learner may be familiar with basic vocabulary and simple phrases but is struggling with everyday conversations.

The beginner group provides an opportunity to build English vocabulary, and practice grammar and reading in a supportive setting. Each meeting emphasizes new vocabulary, common idioms and basic rules of grammar. Emphasis is also placed on improving conversation skills that reflect everyday interactions.

In order to create a comfortable environment, this class is limited to true beginners. Please consider our Intermediate group or Conversations and Culture if you are no longer a beginner.

Registration is optional. Registering will sign you up for reminder emails and updates about meeting cancellations. Cancellations will also be posted on the library's [calendar](#).

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Old School Roleplaying Game Group (Adult Group)

Sunday, October 5 and 19 | 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Keith will be running a D&D campaign using old-school rules (Holmes Basic D&D, for those who want to know) and adventure modules ("In Search of the Unknown", "Keep on the Borderlands", etc.). If you are new to Dungeons & Dragons, then this will be an easy introduction to the game! If you are a veteran player, then this will be a fun way to learn about its history. And if you just want to hang out with some cool people who enjoy tabletop fantasy gaming, then this is your chance.

New members will be accepted mid-campaign! Drop by!

Dhamma Yogi Yoga Classes

Sunday, October 5, 19, and 26 | 12:00 - 1:00 PM

The traditional style of beginner and intermediate yoga will include Asanas (postures), Pranayama (breathing techniques), Dhyana (meditation) and Yoga Nidra (relaxation techniques). The class is open to all ages 18 and above. No prior yoga experience is needed. Classes will focus on building strength in the core, balance in the body, and increasing flexibility and range of motion while incorporating breath awareness and mindfulness techniques. Bring a yoga/exercise mat and water. Be ready to unwind!

Scrabble Group and Mahjong Group
Tuesday, October 7 | 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Join us for Scrabble Group and Mahjong Group, where we play Scrabble and Mahjong! We'll provide Scrabble sets, but we don't have a Mahjong set at this time. Please bring your own set if you can! No registration is required.

"Banned Together" Documentary Screening
Thursday, October 9 | 6:00 - 7:30 PM

On Thursday, October 9th during Banned Books Week, join us for a screening of the new documentary *BANNED TOGETHER: The Fight Against Censorship*.

About the film: A diverse cast of visionary teenagers, stirring public protests, private threats, criminal charges, and drama-filled school board meetings: this is the explosive world of *BANNED TOGETHER*. The film pulls back the curtain on two of the most controversial issues in America today: book bans and curriculum censorship in public schools.

Vampires, Madmen, and Monsters: the History Behind Our Favorite Tales of Horror
Monday, October 20 | 6:30 - 7:45 PM

Celebrate Halloween with this colorful exploration of the historical inspirations behind some of the most popular horror stories of all time. From Transylvanian tyrants and Egyptian incantations to Victorian era scientists and Romantic period writers, this talk will shed light on the dark origins of some spooky stories.

G.A. Di Gregorio, the Artifactual Scholar, is an historian, archaeologist, and popular lecturer with a passion for telling the stories of our past. Mr. Di Gregorio has presented lectures on diverse historical and cultural topics at colleges and community centers throughout Eastern Massachusetts. He has also been a Guest Speaker aboard cruise ships on the Great Lakes, Chesapeake Bay, and coastal New England. Since the start of the pandemic, he has used digital technology to present remote and virtual lectures to his audiences.

This event is presented in collaboration with the Hopkinton Women's Club.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, October 21 | 1:00 - 6:00 PM

Register on the Red Cross website at <https://rcblood.org/3AmuYsP>

Learn to use Hoopla: At the Senior Center

Wednesday, October 22 | 10:00 - 11:00 AM

If you're enjoying reading ebooks with Libby but hate the long waits, or wish Libby had music, movies, or TV shows, Hoopla might be the app you're looking for! Borrow books, movies, and TV from your phone and tablet with your library card, with no waits! Librarian Danielle Wolber from the Hopkinton Public Library will talk about how to log into Hoopla, how to search for what you want to see, and how to borrow and use materials. You do not need to bring your device with you for this class.

This class will take place at the Hopkinton Senior Center at 28 Mayhew Street. Call the Senior Center at (508) 497-9730 to register.

VIRTUAL - Finding My Way with Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Malala Yousafzai

Wednesday, October 22 | 7:00 - 8:00 PM

You are invited to join us online and be one of the first to hear from Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Malala Yousafzai about her astonishing memoir, Finding My Way. Malala reintroduces herself to the world, sharing how she navigated life as someone whose darkest moments threatened to define her narrative—while seeking the freedom to find out who she truly is.

Finding My Way is a vulnerable, surprising memoir that buzzes with authenticity, sharp humor, and tenderness. It is an intimate look at the life of a young woman taking charge of her destiny and is a deeply personal testament to the strength it takes to be unapologetically yourself. Register now for an online conversation you cannot miss!

[Click here to register!](#)

Seeing History: A Survey of American Painting Through the Centuries

Thursday, October 23 | 2:00 - 3:30 PM

We'll explore three centuries of American painting through the portraits of John Singleton Copley, Thomas Eakins, John Singer Sargent, and Mary Cassatt; the landscapes of Thomas Cole, Albert Bierstadt, Winslow Homer, and Robert Henri; and the diversity of the 20th century work of American artists such as Georgia O'Keeffe, Edward Hopper, Jackson Pollock, Helen Frankenthaler, Audrey Flack, Richard Estes, and Alex Katz.

Registration is required for this series, as space is limited. You do not need to register for each session of "Seeing History" individually; registration is for the entire series.

[Registration](#) opens on October 9th.

News Media in the Misinformation Age with Journalist Philip Eil

Thursday, October 23 | 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Between the relentlessness of the twenty-four hour news cycle, rampant misinformation, and the influence of social media algorithms, staying informed today can be overwhelming. Join us for a conversation with acclaimed journalist Philip Eil about the current state of news media, how we got to this complex and chaotic moment, and what media consumers can do to maintain a healthy information diet.

VIRTUAL - Courtly Intrigue and Whispers as Weapons with Historical Fiction

Queen Philippa Gregory

Wednesday, October 29 | 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Coined as the "queen of British historical fiction," Philippa Gregory returns to the infamous Tudor Court with a tale that is both timely and timeless. We invite you to sit down with us for an intriguing conversation with Gregory about her newest novel *Boleyn Traitor* (forthcoming October 14, 2025).

Jane Boleyn watches from the shadows of the Tudor Court, where secrets are currency, every choice is dangerous, and even the faintest whisper can seal the fate of queens.

Register today for this exciting glimpse into the perilous 16th century royal court! [Click here to register!](#)

Seeing History: A History of Black American Artists

Thursday, October 30 | 2:00 - 3:30 PM

Discover more than 200 years of the history of Black American artists from before the Civil War to The Harlem Renaissance, one of the most notable movements in Black American art, through today. We'll explore the unique experiences of inspired and determined artists of the 19th century such as Joshua Johnson, Robert Duncanson, Edward Bannister, Edmonia Lewis, and Edward Tanner. As we continue into the 20th century, our focus will include the work of Aaron Douglas, Augusta Savage, Jacob Lawrence, and Faith Ringgold.

Registration is required for this series, as space is limited. You do not need to register for each session of "Seeing History" individually; registration is for the entire series.

[Registration](#) opens on October 9th.

Teen and Preteen Programs

Drop-In Craft Hours: For Teens!

Monday, October 6, 20, and 27 | 3:00 - 5:00 PM

Join us for Drop-In Craft Hours in the CreatorSpace! Find out more about our CreatorSpace at this [link](#). CreatorSpace users must pre-register at the Reference Desk. All users must be over the age of 10. Users aged 10 to 17 require a parental signature before they may use the CreatorSpace.

Our CreatorSpace staffer today is Jess, our Teen Librarian! Her expertise is in general crafts. While this is a drop-in program, a CreatorSpace Card is required.

YA Animanga Club

Wednesday, October 8 and 22 | 6:00 - 7:45 PM

Anime and Manga Fans: Meet in the Betty Strong room to discuss manga, watch Crunchyroll, draw characters, and eat fun snacks! Open to teens and pre-teens in 5th Grade and up. Please e-mail Jess at jdymment@hopkintonma.gov with any questions.

Please Note: In this program we may watch and/or discuss material that is rated TV-14 or unrated.

VIRTUAL - 10 Years of Daring Heists and Lovable Outcasts in YA Fantasy with Leigh Bardugo

Thursday, October 9 | 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Since publishing in 2015, Leigh Bardugo's highly popular *Six of Crows* has taken the world of YA literature by storm – and it's not hard to see why. The complex fantasy setting, thoughtfully-structured magic system, and deliciously morally gray characters all collide in a world you won't want to leave and you don't have to! Join us as we pick the brain of the New York Times bestselling author herself, celebrating the release of her *Six of Crows (The Dregs Edition)*.

In celebration of its decade-old status, the duology will be rereleased in special Dregs Edition paperback copies featuring beautiful new cover art by Harol Bustos, black stained edges, and updated maps. Whether you're a new reader or a loyal fan, register today to take part in the adventure! [Click here to register!](#)

YA Dungeons & Dragons

Wednesday, October 15 and 29 | 5:30 - 7:30 PM

A new Dungeons & Dragons campaign for Fall, led by Dungeon Master Leann. Open to new and established players in grades 5 through 12. Space is limited and registration is required. Please e-mail Jess at jdymment@hopkintonma.gov with any questions! [Registration required.](#)

YA Wooden Model Kit Workshop

Tuesday, October 21 and 28 | 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Looking for a fun after-school hobby that encourages creativity while working with your hands? Sign up for our Wooden Model Kit Workshop!

In this program, participants will learn how to safely use basic hobby tools before selecting and constructing a wooden model kit alongside a few friends. After completing their kits, participants will be able to customize their wooden model using the Creatorspace's resources, and take their work home!

This program is intended for young adult patrons aged 12 to 17. Because this workshop will involve using sharp tools, the age requirement will be strictly enforced. Interested participants must return a completed waiver form, signed by a parent or guardian in front of library staff. We strongly encourage interested participants to complete this step ahead of time!

[Registration is required](#); supplies are limited. A CreatorSpace Card, signed by a parent or guardian in front of library staff, is required.

Horror Makeup with Little Spark Theater **Thursday, October 30 | 4:00 - 5:30 PM**

Dive into the world of stage makeup! In this workshop we will learn how to create realistic horror makeup for Halloween featuring blood, bruises, and zombie skin. Open to kids ages 11 to 18. [Registration required](#).

Children's Programs

Registration required for many programs through [our website calendar](#).

Preschool Storytellers **Wednesday, October 1, 8, 22, and 29 | 10:00 - 10:45 AM**

Preschool Storytellers includes a short storytime followed by play-based activities. We will start with a few songs and then Ms. Carly will read a picture book with children, inviting them to respond to the story and pictures. After this shared reading children will continue storytelling through crafts, sensory activities, dramatic play, and more.

This program supports the five early literacy practices and is best for children ages 3 to 6. [Registration is required](#) and opens one week before the program.

Kids Creative Writing Club

Wednesday, October 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 | 4:15 - 5:00 PM

At Kids Creative Writing Club, children will have fun exploring the world of writing, imagination, and storytelling with their friends. Each meeting will include creative activities like interactive games, poetry prompts, group storytelling, and more. This program is for children in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade.

Read to a Therapy Dog

Wednesday, October 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 | 7:00 - 7:45 PM

Drop by the Children's Room to practice reading aloud to Hula, a local therapy dog!

Parent-Child Playgroup

Thursday, October 2, 9, 23, and 30 | 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Join us for Parent-Child Playgroup, cohosted with the Hopkinton YMCA (Project ABC). This event will include free play as well as a circle time with stories, songs, and rhymes! Recommended for children ages 0-5, with a caregiver. [Registration is required](#), and opens one week before the event.

Project ABC is a Coordinated Family and Community Engagement (CFCE) grant program funded by the Department of Early Education and Care (ECC) and managed by the MetroWest YMCA. Project ABC currently serves Ashland, Holliston, Hopkinton, and Natick. Interested in learning more about your child's development? Take this [Ages and Stages Questionnaire](#).

Lego and Pokemon Club (ages 5+)

Thursday, October 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 | 4:00 - 4:45 PM

Children can play and create at Lego and Pokémon Club! Build a creation out of Legos or Duplo blocks. Creations will be displayed in the children's department for a few days. Do you play Pokémon? Looking for someone to play with, trade cards, and chat about all that is Pokémon? This club is for you! Bring your Pokémon cards if you have some. If you do not have cards, we will have a small amount for in-library use. This is a drop-in style club.

Babytime (ages 0-18 months)

Friday, October 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31 | 9:15 - 10:00 AM | Registration Required

This baby lapsit storytime encourages early literacy and caregiver-child interactions with lively songs and rhymes, gentle tickles, bounces, and body-awareness. This storytime will begin with play/social time for babies and their caregivers! [Registration](#) opens one week before the event.

Little Explorers (recommended ages 2-5)

Friday, October 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31 | 10:30 - 11:15 AM | Registration Required

Join us for hands-on learning for curious little kids. Each week children will explore a new concept through a variety of fun activities and have a chance to discover and experiment at their own pace. [Registration](#) opens one week before the event.

Drop-in Family Activities

Saturday, October 4, 18, and 25 | 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Drop by the Children's Department programming room for some family activities (i.e. chess, board games, blocks, coloring, etc).

Kids Crafternoon

Monday, October 6, 20, and 27 | 3:30 - 5:00 PM

Come try out a different craft, activity, or art style each Monday! Recommended for ages 6 and up. Supplies are limited.

Baby and Toddler Storytime (ages 0-3)

Tuesday, October 7, 14, 21, and 28 | 10:00 - 10:45 AM | Registration Required

Babies and toddlers are invited to a storytime full of songs, stories, rhymes, movements, bubbles, and more! This storytime always begins with play/social time for children and their caregivers. Recommended for babies and toddlers ages 0 to 3. [Registration](#) opens one week before the event.

Monthly Music and Movement

Wednesday, October 15 | 10:00 - 10:45 AM

Join us for a children's concert (recommended for children ages 0 to 5) with Shon from Rock-A-Bye Beats! These monthly concerts are generously sponsored by the [Hopkinton Public Library Foundation](#).

Pajama Storytime

Thursday, October 16 | 6:00 - 6:30 PM

Join Ms. Carly for a special evening storytime. We'll sing songs to shake the end of day sillies out and read stories to wind down for bedtime. Pajamas and stuffed animals are welcome! Recommended for ages 0-5.

[Registration is required](#); registration for this event begins one week before the event.

Explore the Art Forms of South Asia: Rangoli

Saturday, October 25 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

For ages 5 and up. Please note that children under the age of 9 must have a responsible person age 12 or older remain with them during the program.

Decorate wooden mandala mats with vibrant colored sand and taught by instructor, Charusmitha Ram. 'Rangoli' or 'Rows of Color' is a traditional Indian art form where decorative mandala patterns are created often using materials like colored powders, rice flour, flower petals, and sand.

This is part 2 of a 2 part series. Add your unique touch to these cultural art forms and get your work displayed on November 8th at the Diwali event organized by South Asian Circle of Hopkinton!

Supplies are limited; [registration is required](#). Registration opens on October 4th.

Trick or Treating at the Library!

Friday, October 31 | 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Wear your costume to the library and get a treat at each of the library's service desks. The librarians will be wearing their costumes too!

Registration is not required for this program.



Diversity Book Club

We have a passive "book club" for all ages. Patrons can check out a book related to a theme and then engage in an at-home discussion activity. This month's theme is *"Horror by Authors of Color"*. Patrons can stop by the library lobby anytime during the month to check out a themed title for adults, young adults and children.

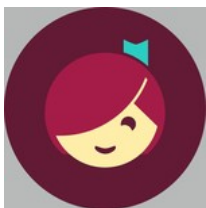


From **October 11th** to **October 13th**, the library will be closed in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day and Columbus Day.

On **October 21st**, the Board of Library Trustees will be meeting in the Ellsworth Room, starting at 7:00 PM.

At-Home Resources



			
<u>Libby by Overdrive</u>	<u>Access Databases</u>	<u>Learn Sign Language</u>	<u>Find Your Next Read</u>
			
<u>Movie Streaming</u>	<u>Movies, Books, Etc</u>	<u>See Our New Items</u>	<u>Craft with Creativebug</u>

Show Your Support



Learn more about the [*Friends of the Hopkinton Library*](#). Show your support by becoming a member. Becoming a member is a great way to show your support for your local library, even if you don't have time to get involved. You can join or renew your membership [here](#).

[*The Hopkinton Public Library Foundation, Inc.*](#), is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a mission of supporting Hopkinton Public Library by funding resources, technology, educational and special projects, and long term improvements. Their fundraising efforts seek to bridge the gap between the community's aspirations for its Library and the usual or customary funding available from municipal budgets. Working in partnership with the Library, as well as the supporting organizations of the Trustees and Friends of the Library, the Foundation encourages continued and increased support of the Hopkinton Public Library as a valuable community resource. Meet the team and find out ways to support the library [here](#).
