March 2020 NEWS

A member-supported library funded by individual donations and municipal contributions.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Welcome to March! As we make plans for spring and summer here at the library, I would like to thank everyone who stopped by the library this winter. From the Annual Tree Lighting in December to the Taste of Lovell in February, we stayed pretty busy! I would also like to thank the dedicated library supporters who attended one (or both!) of our Q & A sessions. The trustees wanted to create an opportunity for members of the community to share their thoughts and concerns about the library, and we got some great ideas for fundraising and increasing community involvement which we are already working to implement. For example, if you are looking for a way to contribute your time or talent to our library, please consider joining our Friends group which is set to launch very soon. And stay tuned for future Q & A sessions—we are always interested in hearing from you!

As you know, the library relies very heavily on individual donations and our annual fundraisers to make ends meet. We are incredibly lucky to have so many loyal and generous members. Without you, we couldn’t maintain our fantastic library. We are also very grateful for the support we receive from Lovell and the towns of Sweden, Stow, Stoneham, and Chatham, which is essential for our survival. Please attend the Lovell town meeting on Saturday, March 7th, and help us show the rest of the town what you already know—that Charlotte Hobbs Memorial Library is a pretty great place. Thank you.

Shelby Monroe

Friday, March 27th, 1-4 pm

PYSANKA!
The Ukrainian Art of EGG DECORATING!

Join us for a workshop led by Jodi Smith, who will share her expertise and supplies. Don’t miss this opportunity to learn about a delicate and beautiful art form. Please pre-register. Space is limited.

OUR MARCH SPECIAL IN THE BOOK CELLAR!

THE BOOK CELLAR

Children’s Books: Buy 1 Get 1 Free!

COMING SOON:

Friends of Charlotte Hobbs Memorial Library!

If you would like to show your support by becoming more involved in the library, join our new Friends of the Library group! Contact us if you are interested.
FARMER’S MARKET!
The 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month, 10-1
Find tasty organic vegetables, herbs, eggs, fresh baked bread, jam, honey, and more!
Sample goodies from Fly Away Farm!
ALL WINTER LONG!

Gardening Group
Thursday, March 19th, Noon-1 pm
with Jenn Ward of Fly Away Farm
All are welcome.

JOIN OUR EVENING BOOK GROUP:
3/26 OLIVE, AGAIN
THE UPSTAIRS BOOK CLUB! 5:30 by Elizabeth Strout
4/23 CHANCES ARE
5:30 by Richard Russo
5/21 THE IN-BETWEENS
5:30 by Mira Ptacin

MARCH STORY SWAP!
JOIN US FRIDAY, MARCH 13th, at NOON.
“SCARS”
The Hobbs Story Swap will gather in March to share stories about SCARS!
Do you have a physical scar whose story can be told?
A life-changing experience from which you or someone else has healed? We’ll regale each other with tales of scars both actual and metaphorical.
We welcome everyone to the Hobbs Story Swap. If you wish, put your name in the hat to tell a story (under 5 minutes long!), or simply come to listen and enjoy the marvelous variety.
We provide beverages—feel free to bring a snack to share.
Questions? Contact Jo Radner at jradner@american.edu.

JOIN THE PAGE TURNERS BOOK GROUP IN MARCH!
March 16th: Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl
Page Turners, the Monday afternoon book group hosted by CHML, continues its discovery of classics old and new.
The March title will be Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl (1861) by Harriet Jacobs. The book is an autobiography about the life of a slave in North Carolina and her struggle to attain freedom for herself and her children.
In April, the group will discuss Kindred (1979) by Octavia Butler. The May title is the young adult novel The Hate U Give (2017) by Angie Thomas.

Page Turner book discussions begin at 1:00 p.m. at the library. Everyone is welcome, and we select books by consensus! To join the mailing list, please contact discussion leader Sue Lanser: lanser@brandeis.edu.

REMINDER: We are happy to mail the monthly newsletter year-round to anyone who would like a copy. Just send us an e-mail at: thedesk@hobbslibrary.org, or give us a call at 207-925-3177. We want to help you stay informed!
LIBRARY HOURS: MON: 9-4 WED: 9-4 THU: 9-7 FRI: 9-4 SAT: 9-1
207-925-3177  WWW.HOBBSLIBRARY.ORG

2020 OBSERVED HOLIDAYS:
NEW YEAR’S DAY: 1/1
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY: 1/20
MEMORIAL DAY: 5/25
INDEPENDENCE DAY: 7/4
LABOR DAY: 9/7
VETERANS DAY: 11/11
THANKSGIVING: 11/26
CHRISTMAS DAY: 12/25

JOIN US FOR GRIBBAGE EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 9 am - Noon!
NEW PLAYERS ALWAYS WELCOME!

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CLYNK!
You can help the library by bringing us your recyclable cans and bottles!
We’ll bag them up and drop them off!

Go to: smile.amazon.com
and select Charlotte Hobbs

as the non profit you would like Amazon to make donations to
through your purchases.

United States
Census
2020

The 2020 Census marks the first time you can respond to the census online, by phone, or by mail.
If you would like to respond online but need assistance, stop by the library and let us help you.

CRAFTS WITH MARTY!
EMBROIDERY AND OTHER NEEDLE CRAFTS
THURSDAY, MARCH 12th, AT 5:30 PM
All crafters are welcome!

Bring a project! We also have some supplies to help get you started!