

Hobbs Library Newsletter

What's happening this month

*Unless noted as being on Zoom or Hybrid
(Both Zoom and at the library),
all groups meet in person at the Library.*

- Jan 3 (Tues): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Jan 4 (Weds) 9-10:30am Tech Help
- Jan 4 (Weds) 1pm: Martha's Knitting Group
- Jan 4 (Weds): 7pm All Booked Up Short Story Group (zoom)
- Jan 5 (Thurs): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Jan 5 (Thurs): 10-11:30am Readers' Theatre
- Jan 5 (Thurs): 12pm Lunch & Learn
- Jan 5 (Thurs) 3-5pm Mahjong
- Jan 7 (Sat): 8:30am Yoga Flow (\$10-\$25 suggested)
- Jan 9 (Mon): 10am Storytime
- Jan 10 (Tues): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Jan 11 (Wed) 9-10:30am Tech Help
- Jan 11 (Wed): 1-3pm Martha's Knitting Group
- Jan 12 (Thurs): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Jan 12 (Thurs) 10-11:30 Readers' Theatre
- Jan 12 (Thurs): 1pm Writing Group
- Jan 12 (Thurs): 3-5pm Mahjong
- Jan 14 (Sat): 8:30am Yoga Flow (\$10-\$25 suggested)
- Jan 17 (Tues): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Jan 18 (Wed): 9-10:30am Tech Help
- Jan 18 (Wed): 1-3pm Martha's Knitting Group
- Jan 18 (Weds): 4:30pm Teen Book Club
- Jan 18 (Wed): 6:30pm CHML Board Meeting (zoom)
- Jan 19 (Thurs): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Jan 19 (Thurs): 10-11:30 Readers' Theatre
- Jan 19 (Thurs): 3-5pm Mahjong
- Jan 19 (Thurs): 6pm Open Mic Night
- Jan 20 (Fri): 1:00pm Friday Afternoon Classics
- Jan 21 (Sat): 8:30am Yoga Flow (\$10-\$25 suggested)
- Jan 23 (Mon): 10am Storytime
- Jan 24 (Tues): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Jan 25 (Wed): 9-10:30am Tech Help
- Jan 25 (Wed): 1-3pm Martha's Knitting Group
- Jan 25 (Weds): 5:50/6pm Family Movie/Cybersecurity Class
- Jan 26 (Thurs): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)
- Jan 26 (Thurs): 10-11:30 Readers' Theatre
- Jan 26 (Thurs): 1pm Writing Group
- Jan 26 (Thurs): 3-5pm Mahjong
- Jan 26 (Thurs): 7pm Speaker Series: Roseanne Monillo
- Jan 28 (Sat): 8:30am Yoga Flow (\$10-\$25 suggested)
- Jan 30 (Mon): 10am Storytime
- Jan 31 (Tues): 10-11am Group Training (\$150/8 classes)

**The Library will be closed on Jan. 2nd
for New Year's Day and Jan. 16th
for Martin Luther King Day**

Dear Library Community,

I was hoping to finish this part of the newsletter last week, but then we were hit with a snowstorm that, at first glance, didn't seem that bad. The library was closed for a couple of days over the weekend and, when we returned on Monday, it was gratefully to a library that was warm and lighted! Many people in town were still without power, though, and as they day went on, patron after patron expressed gratitude for us being open. Many people came in to charge their devices, fill jugs of water, get warm, and get some work done. Later in the day, my staff and I discussed opening on Tuesday, and I put out a call to volunteers who might be willing to open the library and allow patrons the use of the facility. And, of course, CHML board members came to the rescue. They opened at 10am, provided coffee and tea (which was more than I asked!), and stayed here until 2pm. On Monday, as people left the building, over and over again people expressed their gratitude. When I came in on Wednesday, my email was flooded with notes of thanks.

I've always said that libraries aren't just about books, and this past week drove that home for me. A community is a lovely thing.

Wishing you all a warm and healthy 2023.

Sincerely,
Jen

Library Hours

Mon: 9-6
Tues: CLOSED
Wed: 9-6
Thurs: 9-7
Fri: 9-4
Sat: 9-1
Sun: CLOSED

Closed: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day,
Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth,
Independence Day, Labor Day,
Indigenous Peoples' Day, Veterans Day,
Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day

Teen Book Group

Wednesday, January 18th @ 4:30pm

Teens!

Join us for discussion of
"The Inheritance Games"
by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

This group will meet in-person at the library
as well as via zoom.

For the link, visit www.HobbsLibrary.org.



Speaker Series: Roseanne Montillo

Thursday, January 26th @7pm

Join us for a zoom discussion of Montillo's book
"Deliberate Cruelty: Truman Capote, the Millionaire's Wife,
and the Murder of the Century."

When Ann Eden married banking heir Billy Woodward in 1943, it seemed the small-town showgirl had secured the elite status she had long dreamt of. But when she shot and killed Billy twelve years later, the popular socialite found herself embedded in scandal—and piquing the interest of writer Truman Capote, whose attentions would ultimately be the downfall of them both. Zoom link available on our website.



Readers'
Theatre

Our next Readers' Theatre
will run for 5 weeks:
Thursdays, January 5th-February 2nd
from 10-11:30am

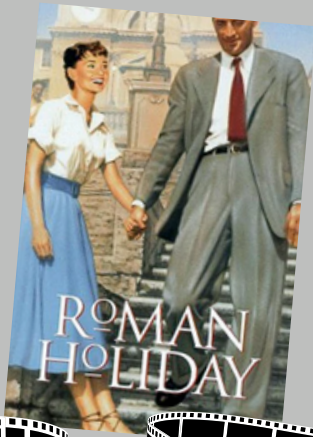
Take a book, create a script,
choose parts, have fun!
Best for kids between 7-12--
older kids welcome as helpers!

Join us for a
special Storytime
@ the Storybook Trail
on Monday,
January 9th @10am

FMI: thedesk@hobbslibrary.org
or 207-925-3177

Friday Classics: Roman Holiday

Friday, January 20th @ 1pm



Join us for a FREE showing of this classic movie!

Audrey Hepburn won a Best Actress Oscar as a young European princess who breaks off an official goodwill tour so she can see the Eternal City incognito, and while doing so, falls for an American newspaperman who serves as her tour guide. Rated G. Running Time: 119 minutes



Open Mic Night
Thursday, January 19th @ 6pm

Perform or just come to listen!
Read a poem or story of your own or recite one you love, sing a song, tell a joke, a story, an anecdote.
The floor is yours!

**Two
digital
literacy
events!**

Lunch & Learn
Thursday, January 5th at 12pm

Enjoy a FREE lunch while we answer your digital questions:

- *How can I set up an email account?
- *How do I avoid internet scams?
- *How do I set up a zoom account?

*And anything else you want to know about library services or technology!
(you must register for the lunch: thedesk@hobbslibrary.org or 207-925-3177)



Cybersecurity
Wednesday, January 25th @ 6pm

- *offered both in-person and via zoom
- *Laptops, tablets, and mobile hotspots available for class use and for checkout

Families welcome!
We'll show a staff-supervised kids' movie during the class!



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PublicLibrary
ASSOCIATION

Volunteer Spotlight: Rosie White

Rosie says: I LOVE OUR LIBRARY. If I don't visit weekly something is missing in my week. I love the staff who are always so friendly and seem happy to see me. What a welcoming place it is. It's a fun place to volunteer and I basically do anything that's asked of me. It's been fun to help in weeding the collection as it provides a trip down memory lane with all the books I've read or looked at in the past. I also like the library groups; Page Turners, art, writing, and All Booked Up.

What do I do when I'm not at the library? Read of course! I always have more than one book going and an audio, also. I enjoy knitting, book clubs, swimming, walking, yoga, tai chi, flower and veggie gardening, sports on TV, volunteering at the library, and my various library groups.



Food Pantry Needs:

- COFFEE, TUNA, CANNED CHICKEN,
- SLICED BREAD OR
- FROZEN BREAD DOUGH, TOOTHPASTE,
- BAR SOAP, CANNED BEETS,
- CANNED CORN, VEGETABLE BROTH,
- SOUPS, ANY DRY CEREAL,
- RAMEN NOODLES, RICE-A-RONI,
- TAMPONS, CANNED BAKED BEANS,
- CLAM CHOWDER, LAUNDRY DETERGENT,
- DISH SOAP, SHAMPOO, BAR SOAP,
- CORNED BEEF HASH, GROUND TURKEY

Items may be dropped off at the library

We're so grateful to be the recipients of a \$25,000 grant from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation--\$20,000 for the building repairs completed this fall and \$5,000 for books!

What's New?

New adult books coming soon!



New Kid's & Teen books coming soon!





Storytime

Mondays, January 9th, 23rd, 30th from 10-11am
(check our website or Facebook page for cancellations).

Featuring stories, songs, fingerplays, rhymes and crafts or other extension activities. Recommended for kids 5 and under and their adults.

*Storytime volunteers needed! Interested?
Contact Kathy @ KBain@HobbsLibrary.org.*

Group Personal Training Sessions

Tuesdays & Thursdays, January 3rd, 5th, 10th, 12th, 17th, 19th, 24th, 26th, 31st
from 10-11am

Learn how to exercise properly for weight loss, muscle toning, increased energy and stamina. 1:1 private training can be expensive, while large classes can be difficult for people to learn. Small group personal training is the best of both worlds, as its less expensive than 1:1 training, while still maintaining the feeling of personal training sessions. Come ready to exercise!

Sign up with Dan: 781-258-4647 or craftedfitnessandart@gmail.com



Tech Help

Wednesdays, Jan 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
from 9-10:30 or by appointment

Every Wednesday morning, library volunteers can help with your basic questions: "How do I use Zoom?" or "How do I log on to my library account on the library website?" or "How do I forward photos from my phone?" To schedule an appointment: 207-925-3177



All Booked Up: Short Story Club

Wednesday, January 4th @ 7pm

Want to be part of a book club but don't have time to read a book? This group is for you! Each month, we'll read a short story or essay and then come together via zoom to discuss it. For December, we'll be reading Lauren Groff's "The Wind" which can be found online or in "The Best American Short Stories 2022."



Writing Group

Thursday, January 12th & 26th from 1-2:30pm

Welcome to the fall writing group at the library! We invite you to join us. This group offers a safe and inclusive space where all styles and types of writing are welcome. Our fall focus will be on free-writing. Members may also choose to pursue their own work-in-progress. We will continue to encourage voluntary sharing. Our ground rules stress respect, communication, and creativity. Joining us by zoom is available on request.



Mahjong

Thursdays, Jan. 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th from 3-5pm

Join us for a multi-generational group of mahjong players! Players are using the original version of the game and, if there are enough players, a group will split off to play American League Mahjong. Onlookers and beginners welcome! Bring a friend!

FMI: Steve and Jodi Smith: 207-925-1287



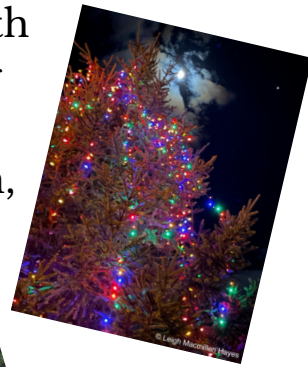
Calling all cooks and bakers!



It's almost time for the
Taste of Lovell calendar.

If you can bake a treat for one of
February's twenty-eight days,
please contact Sue at
gregson4@hotmail.com to sign up.
Warm someone's heart with
your special creation!

Thanks to everyone who made this Tree Lighting wonderful: Beth Eames who took charge and spearheaded this whole thing, Meg Dyer from the Rec Dept, Leigh Hayes and Erika Rowland from GLLT, the Lovell Fire Dept, our Children's Librarian Kathy Bain, everyone who helped with singing, setting up, and cleaning up, everyone who baked delicious cookies, and especially Mr. & Mrs. Claus!



Dear CHML Community – Happy New Year!

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and new year with friends and family. The December snowstorm certainly challenged all of us, and I want to gratefully recognize our library staff and Board members for opening the library to allow our community to recharge electronics, get warm, use the internet, have a cup of coffee, and enjoy programs! We received many notes of gratitude from our community, and I want to stress how much we appreciated your kind words. I am so proud to be part of this wonderful CHML community!

As 2023 begins, I want to thank everyone who has already donated to our annual fund. This annual drive is our lifeblood, and we rely on your generosity to keep our library open, programs running, and outstanding staff on hand. Your donation, in any amount, is greatly appreciated. If you haven't yet donated, we hope you'll consider supporting CHML. Please visit our website at hobbslibrary.org to make an online donation or send a check to the library. We thank you and look forward to another great year at the Library with many exciting new programs and events in the works!

All the best,
Christine Rothman
Board President