



WESTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

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The Library will be CLOSED on November 28 & 29 for Thanksgiving. We are so thankful for all our patrons!

**Coffee and Cards
10:30am-Noon**

Now meeting EVERY Tuesday!

Meetup with folks at the library for coffee, conversation, and cards - a great opportunity to socialize and keep those card playing skills sharp. Open to anyone, but especially looking to connect with seniors.



Puzzle Swap is back!

Collecting: Nov. 19 - Dec. 7

Swapping: Dec. 10-14

during regular library hours

Do you need some new puzzles to get you through the winter?

Drop off complete (must have all pieces) puzzles during open hours 11/19-12/7. Bins will be available to sort at drop off. Then come back for the swap on Dec. 10-14 during regular library hours - come early for best selection. This is completely FREE - take what you will do. Kids & adult puzzles accepted. You do not have to drop off a puzzle to take a new one.

**Author Talk and Book Signing!
Doris Sumner - Life at Camp
November 6 from 7-8pm**

Doris Sumner is 36-year Veteran of the VT National Guard. Her debut memoir, 'Life At Camp: Combating the Sexism We Tolerate and Why the Military Should Take the Lead' tells the story of a suburban tomboy joining the Army at age 18 and finding her purpose filled life. We all take that first step on a journey to find where we fit, where we can be of maximum service, the journey there can be a trudge. Grit, resilience and finding purpose in the pain become invaluable traits when overcoming the obstacles we all find on our journeys.



OPEN HOURS:

Tuesdays 10am-7pm

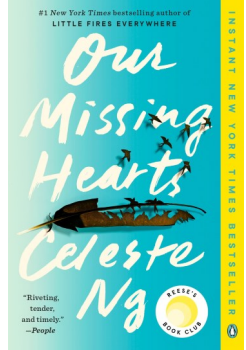
Wednesdays 1-7pm

Thursdays 10am-7pm

Fridays 1-7pm

Saturdays 10am-2pm

**Adult Book Group
Wed., Nov. 20
7:00-8:00 pm
Our Missing Hearts
By: Celeste Ng**



Our Missing Hearts is an old story made new, of the ways supposedly civilized communities can ignore the most searing injustice. It's about the lessons and legacies we pass on to our children and the power of art to create change.

Twelve-year-old Bird Gardner lives a quiet existence with his loving father, a former linguist who now shelves books in a university library. His mother, Margaret, a Chinese American poet, left without a trace when he was nine years old. He doesn't know what happened to her—only that her books have been banned—and he resents that she cared more about her work than about him.

Then one day Bird receives a mysterious letter containing only a cryptic drawing, and soon he is pulled into a quest to find her. His journey will take him back to the many folktales she poured into his head as a child, through the ranks of an underground network of heroic librarians, and finally to New York City, where he will learn the truth about what happened to his mother and what the future holds for them both.

“Thought-provoking, heart-wrenching . . . I was so invested in the future of this mother and son.” — Reese Witherspoon (Reese's Book Club Pick)

Print copies at library, ebook and audiobook available on Libby.

Early Literacy Storytime - All ages welcome! Thursdays at 11:25am in the Library

11/7/24: Theme: Fire Safety Storytime (partially outside with the firetruck, so dress accordingly)

11/14/24: Theme: Turkeys

11/21/24: Theme: Food

11/28/24: NO STORYTIME- LIBRARY CLOSED

We sing songs, read stories, move and do crafts! No sign up needed, all ages are welcome.

NOTE THE NEW TIME - 11:25 - TO ACCOMMODATE WES PRESCHOOL SCHEDULE



November Library Events

- Nov. 2 - Saturday Storytime 10:30-11:30**
- Nov. 5 - Coffee and Cards 10:30-Noon**
- Nov. 5 - Bracelet Club 4-5 - signup required**
- Nov. 6 - Doris Sumner Author talk 7-8pm**
- Nov. 7 - Special Storytime 11:25 - Fire Safety Storytime (partially outside)**
- Nov. 7 - LEGO Club 4-5pm - signup required**
- Nov. 7 - Maker's Group 6:30-8pm**
- Nov. 8 - Shakespeare Group 2-3pm**
- Nov. 12 - Coffee and Cards 10:30-Noon**
- Nov. 12 - Bracelet Club 4-5-signup required**
- Nov. 12 - Writer's Group 6:30-8pm**
- Nov. 13 - Trustees Meeting 7-9pm**
- Nov. 14 - LEGO Club 4-5pm**
- Nov. 19 - Dec. 7 - Collecting Puzzles for the Puzzle Swap**
- Nov. 19 - Coffee and Cards 10:30-Noon**
- Nov. 19 - Bracelet Club 4-5,signup required**
- Nov. 20 - Adult Book Group 7-8pm**
- Nov. 21 - LEGO Club 4-5pm,signup required**
- Nov. 23 - NVAA Art comes down**
- Nov. 26 - Coffee and Cards 10:30-Noon**
- Nov. 28 & 29 - CLOSED for Thanksgiving**

Storytime Thursdays 11:25 in the Library

Get creative at the library!

Maker's Group is Back!

Meets at the library the **First Thursday** of the month from 6:30-8:00pm. All types of crafters are welcome to attend. Bring projects to show off, share expertise, and enjoy each others' company.



Writers' Group meets the second Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8pm.

Facilitated by J Bruscini From J "I'm an avid poet and personal nonfiction essayist, and have been writing and creating as long as I've known how to. I have my BA in English and Creative Writing and have experience both running workshops, organizing lit mags and both performing and hosting readings. My best intention for the group would open itself to writers in the area of any genre, style, and level of experience. I have been part of writing groups and workshops fairly frequently since college and have more than a handful of strategies and exercises to offer as a facilitator when needed. I would like to encourage experimenting with style and open time for feedback for anyone wanting it. Come if interested in any type of writing.

Shakespeare Group - November 8 from 2-3pm

To read or not to read? That is the question we are trying to answer in this formational meeting. Some adults have approached the library hoping to read Shakespeare for the first time or after a very long time (think Romeo & Juliet in school). Does that sound like something you would like to do? Come As You Are to help this become a comedy, not a tragedy, As you Like It in our fair Hamlet of Westford.



Story Hike while you can! Enjoy this tender tale of summer drifting away to fall. Perfect for your fall family hikes! Will come down for winter trail use.

Northern VT Artist Assoc. up through November 23.

NVAA is a non-profit that is dedicated to the promotion of professional and amateur artists from all over northern VT.



Saturday Story Time! November 2 from 10:30-11:30am This will be a monthly offering!

There will also be an element of Spanish to the songs, stories and crafts. We are excited to try out this pilot program for the year. All ages welcome to attend. Funded by the Vermont Early Literacy Initiative, part of Vermont Humanities.

LEGO Club!

Thursdays from 4-5pm in November (not 11/28) Grades 1-4 - sign up required (call or email)

Kids will ride the bus (with note from home and EWSD transportation form) to the library each week. More information on bussing to those who sign up. Snack included. We will do a combination of free building, building challenges, and have lots of LEGO fun! Space is limited, so plan to attend weekly and sign up early.



Bracelet Crafting Club! Tuesdays from 4-5pm in November (not 11/26) Grades 4 and up - sign up required (call or email)

Kids will ride the bus (with note from home and EWSD transportation form) to the library each week.

More information on bussing to those who sign up. Snack and all supplies included. Each week we will make a different kind of bracelet: 11/5 - Paracord, 11/12 - Helen Sterling will help us make leather bracelets, 11/19 - Kumihimo yarn bracelets or Magic Loom rubber band bracelets. Sign up is for all three weeks - make sure you can come to all three sessions. Perfect for kids who are focused on crafts. Space is limited, so plan to attend weekly and sign up early.