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The Library will be CLOSED January 1.

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.



A BIG THANK YOU to all who donated to the Library this Holiday Season! We are so lucky to serve such a generous community! If you donated a book from our book giving trees, make sure to have those purchased and left at Phoenix Books or brought in to the library by **January 17.**



Don't know how to download **FREE eBooks and audiobooks** to your iPad, phone or tablet? Have you figured out **Biblio+**, our **FREE** new streaming video service?

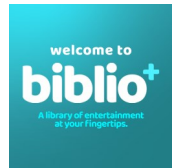
Did you get a new device for the Holidays? The Library can help with that!

Make an appointment with Bree.

Wednesdays in January from 3-7pm

Call, email or stop by to schedule a 30 minute time slot to work one on one.

Be sure to bring your charged device and passwords.



First Ever Library Puzzle Race!

Saturday, Feb 15 from 12:30-2pm

Gather your team of 2-4 people to race each other and the clock to see who can complete the same 500 piece puzzle first!

The team that finishes first wins! Prize - \$25 gift card to Phoenix Books for each team member!

Team registration is required - only 6 teams allowed to compete. Call or email the library to sign up. Teams names, outfits/costumes, good natured ribbing encouraged! Thank you to the Trustees for supplying the puzzles and prizes!

OPEN HOURS:

Tuesdays 10am-7pm

Wednesdays 1-7pm

Thursdays 10am-7pm

Fridays 1-7pm

Saturdays 10am-2pm

Adult Book Group

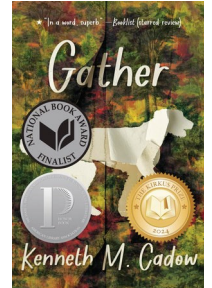
Wed., Jan. 22

7:00-8:00 pm

Gather

By: **Kenneth Cadow**

A National Book Award Finalist
"Arguably one of the finest novels of the year."—Booklist



A resourceful teenager in rural Vermont struggles to hold on to the family home while his mom recovers from addiction in this striking debut novel.

Ian Gray isn't supposed to have a dog, but a lot of things that shouldn't happen end up happening anyway. And Gather, Ian's adopted pup, is good company now that Ian has to quit the basketball team, find a job, and take care of his mom as she tries to overcome her opioid addiction. Despite the obstacles thrown their way, Ian is determined to keep his family afloat no matter what it takes. And for a little while, things are looking up: Ian makes friends, and his fondness for the outdoors and for fixing things lands him work helping neighbors. But an unforeseen tragedy results in Ian and his dog taking off on the run, trying to evade a future that would mean leaving their house and their land. Even if the community comes together to help him, would Ian and Gather have a home to return to?

Told in a wry, cautious first-person voice that meanders like a dog circling to be sure it's safe to lie down, Kenneth M. Cadow's resonant debut brings an emotional and ultimately hopeful story of one teen's resilience in the face of unthinkable hardships.

Available in Print at the library or as an ebook on Libby. This is VT Humanities



VT Reads selection for 2024/25.

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

1/2/25: Theme: Snow

1/9/25: Theme: Mittens

1/16/25: Theme: Dragons

1/23/25: Theme: Bears

1/30/25: Theme: Dinosaurs

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

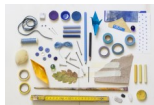
January Library Events

- Jan. 1 - **CLOSED for New Years**
- Jan. 2 - **Maker's Group 6:30-8pm**
- Jan. 4 - **Saturday Storytime 10:30-11:30am**
- Jan. 7 - **Coffee and Cards 10:30-Noon**
- Jan. 8 - **Tech Help w/ Bree 3-7pm - sign up**
- Jan. 8 - **Trustees Meeting 7-9pm**
- Jan. 9 - **Writer's Group 6:30-8pm**
- Jan. 14 - **Coffee and Cards 10:30-Noon**
- Jan. 14 - **Crafting with Marianne 4-5pm, sign up required**
- Jan. 15 - **Tech Help w/ Bree 3-7pm - sign up**
- Jan. 17 - **Shakespeare Group - 2-3pm**
- Jan. 21 - **Coffee and Cards 10:30-Noon**
- Jan. 21 - **Crafting with Marianne 4-5pm, sign up required**
- Jan. 22 - **Tech Help w/ Bree 3-7pm - sign up**
- Jan. 22 - **Adult Book Group discussing Gather 7-8pm**
- Jan. 28 - **Coffee and Cards 10:30-Noon**
- Jan. 28 - **Crafting with Marianne 4-5pm, sign up required**
- Jan. 29 - **Therapeutic Herbs for Topical Use 7-8:30pm, sign up required**

Storytime Thursdays 11:25 in the Library
Book Giving Tree items due Jan. 17!

Get creative at the library!

Maker's Group 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 Thursday of each month from 6:30-8pm.

Facilitated by J Bruscini
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 - Macbeth

First meeting: December 6 from 2-3pm
Second Meeting: January 17 from 2-3pm

This group will study a Shakespearean play for two months - **First meeting:** Read some of the play out loud, discuss, and watch a portion of a classic performance. **Second meeting:** Discuss the entire play and pick then next play to discuss. All materials will be provided. To read or not to read?



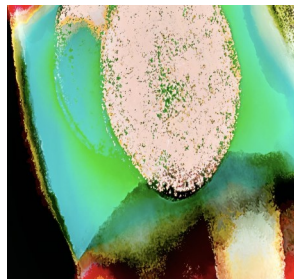
Come join a new group that is interested in learning and enjoying the written word. No need to be a scholar - the Bard wrote for everyone!

Saturday Story Time!

Jan. 4- 10:30-11:30am
Monthly on the first Saturday of the month.



There will also be elements 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.



New Art is up at the library through February!

Long-time Westford resident and visual artist, **Thomas Wolfe**, will be exhibiting his abstract digitally created images printed on aluminum at the Westford Public Library.



Crafting Club with Marianne!
Tuesdays from 4-5pm in January (not 1/7)

Grades 3 and up - sign up required (call or email)

Kids will ride the bus with a note from home to the library each week. Snack & supplies included

Local crafter, Marianne Bassford, has created a variety of projects using a variety of mediums - projects may include pompom making, acrylic painting, easy beading, simple sewing, and/or paper folding. Perfect for kids who are focused on arts and crafts. Space is limited, so sign up soon!

Therapeutic Herbs for Topical Use

Presented by: Bohème Botanika Herbals
Wed., January 29
7-8:30pm



Join herbalist Amber Kennedy to learn about herbs and botanicals for skincare and body care.

Discuss some favorite therapeutic herbs used in beauty and skin care formulations like

Lavender, Rose, Comfrey, Calendula and more and discover their benefits for topical applications.

Make a jar of soothing sea salt and herb tub tea, foot soak or facial steam to bring home!

Space is limited! All materials and hot tea provided! Sign up by emailing or calling the library.

