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#### MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2024

## Granite Gallows: The Origins of New Hampshire's **Debate Over the Death Penalty**

Wednesday, Jan. 17 • 5:30pm

As one of the last northeastern states with capital punishment still on the books and with its first person on death row since 1939, New Hampshire continues to struggle with this controversial issue. Join us as presenter Chris Benedetto examines the history of the death penalty in New Hampshire and the major legal and social issues which challenged our predecessors, revealing that many of these issues still haunt us today.



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## **Holiday** Closure



The library will be closed on Saturday, January 13 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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#### **Hearing Loss Seminar**



Tuesday, January 23 · 10:30am

April Torreiro from True North Hearing will be covering the topic of hearing loss and its connection to health issues such as dementia, Alzheimer's, incidents of falling and injury, fatigue, and depression. April will also go over preventative measures for hearing loss. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.



#### Cookbook Club

Saturday, January 27 • 11am

Join us for the first installment of our Adult Cookbook Club! To join, simply pick up a copy of this month's cookbook at the circulation desk. Then, make and bring a dish to share with others and let us know which recipe you used!



#### Movies at the Library

Wednesdays • 2pm

Adults are invited to join us for our weekly movie showings. Upcoming titles include:

1/3: An American in Paris

1/10: A Man Called Otto

1/17: Midnight in Paris 1/24: Grumpy Old Men

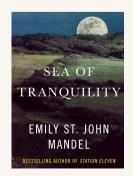
1/31: The Secret Life of Walter Mitty



### **Book Discussion Group**

Tuesday, January 9 • 5:30pm

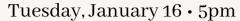
Book Group is open to all local residents who love to read. Join us on the second Tuesday of each month for a fun and lively discussion. Books vary in genre and theme to keep things interesting! Stop by the circulation desk to pick up a copy of this month's book.

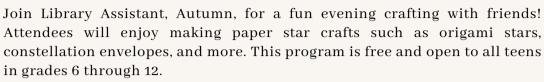














## Children's Programs











Hatchlings: Ready to Hatch is an interactive early literacy program for expectant parents. Learn more about your baby-to-be through songs and fun activities. Set your baby up for success from the start! Registration is required and limited to expectant parents only. Sign up at the circulation desk today!

# Storytime Tuesdays • 10:30 am ages 2-5



The library hosts a weekly interactive storytime featuring songs, movement, and of course, wonderful stories.

# Weekend Builders Saturdays • 11 am all ages



Free build with other young builders. Various building materials such as Legos, KEVA planks, Brain Flakes, Magformers, and marble runs will be provided. This is a self-led group that encourages collaboration and creativity!

## Kids Club Wednesdays • 5:30 pm ages 5-12



Create, explore, craft, and play. Make friends while working together on weekly guided projects. Sign up for an upcoming session at the circulation desk:

*Getting Crafty* (Jan. 3, 10, 24): This session focuses on crafts like button-making, printmaking, and metal art.

Cook a Book (Feb. 7, 14, 21): Have fun making pancakes, tacos and pizza!

# Baby Play Group Thursdays • 10:30 am ages 0-2



This weekly informal playgroup is aimed at encouraging play and social interaction between parents, caregivers, and babies.