



From The Director's Desk



On January 29, 2025, the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA) informed the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) that the freeze on federal funds that was issued by the Trump Administration on January 27, 2025 had been rescinded. Federal funding to the MBLC impacts all libraries and all residents. That is why, despite this good news, the MBLC will continue to work with their partners, legislators, and the library community to secure federal funding and ensure library services.

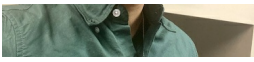
One important use of federal funding in Massachusetts is the use of Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The MBLC uses those funds to develop grant opportunities for public, school, academic, and special libraries that go beyond what local funding can do.

Libraries use grants to address accessibility for people with vision loss, dementia, or other health related concerns; small business development and assistance for entrepreneurs; English language learning, citizenship classes, and support for immigrants in partnership with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services; hands-on learning through artistic and creative experiences in partnership with museums and cultural centers; local history projects that surface regional history, add to the historical heritage, and capture local experiences of underserved or historically marginalized populations; early learning and social interaction among young children (aged 0-6) and their caregivers; and access to archival collections that connect users with Massachusetts' rich and diverse historic collections. Just this last year, the HPL was the recipient of two LSTA grants; one to improve access for all, and the other for a preservation study of our local history collection.

February Guest Librarian is Lucas Ferreira



Lucas has been with the Town of Hopkinton for 3.5 years, currently serving as a Data & Applications Support Specialist in the IT department. His love for words began in Kindergarten when his teacher brought stories to life, igniting a lifelong fascination with the power of language to convey meaning and emotion. Growing up in Milford, Lucas spent many evenings at the local library, either piecing together puzzles or poring over books. He also developed a hobby of collecting VHS tapes (with over 100 movies) as



atlases. He also developed a hobby of collecting VHS tapes (with over 100 movies) as well as gadgets, buttons, watches, pens, and more.

Lucas earned his degree in Geography from Worcester State University, with a focus on Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and a double minor in Sociology and Computer Science. His passion for municipal data comes from a strong belief in the importance of making informed decisions based on context, risk evaluation, and effective value management. A naturally curious and imaginative person, Lucas is always exploring what is possible vs. what seems to be impossible. This year, he's committed to learning the arts of quilting and breadmaking, with his cinnamon rolls already earning rave reviews.

Lucas's recommended books/manga/movies:

- Bourdain, Anthony. [World Travel: an Irreverent Guide](#)
- Camus, Albert. [The Myth of Sisyphus](#)
- Crampton, Jeremy. [Mapping: a Critical Introduction to Cartography](#)
- [Enter the Dragon \(1973\)](#)
- Freeman, Don. [Corduroy](#)
- Hollis, Dylan. [Baking Yesteryear: the Best Recipes from the 1900s to the 1980s](#)
- Monzusu. [My Brain is Different](#)
- Saks, Elyn. [The Center Cannot Hold: My Journey Through Madness](#)
- Silverstein, Shel. [The Giving Tree](#)
- [Spirited Away \(2001\)](#)
- Vujic, Nik. [Life without Limits: Inspiration for a Ridiculously Good Life](#)
- Sheelan, Charles. [Naked Statistics: Stripping the Dread from the Data](#)
- Willik, Jocko. [Leadership Strategy and Tactics](#)



Adventure Pass of the Month - Institute of Contemporary Art



The building that houses the Institute of Contemporary Art/Boston on Fan Pier is the first in the US designed by the architectural firm of Diller Scofidio + Renfro. The museum was founded in 1936 as a sister institution to New York's MoMA, though it had no permanent collection until starting one after moving into the new building on the waterfront in 2006. In addition to the collection, changing exhibitions, music, dance, film, talks, tours, family activities, and teen programming are offered throughout the year. Place your hold requests by visiting our Adventure Pass page. Our Adventure Passes are generously funded by [The Friends of Hopkinton Public Library](#).

Library "Thing" of the Month - Energy Audit Kit- Kill-a-Watt



Energy costs are going up. If you've ever been curious to see how much energy your household appliances are using, and to identify ways to save money and resources, check out one of our Energy Audit Kits from our Library of Things! You can place your hold requests by visiting our Library of Things [page](#). Library of Things is generously supported by the [Hopkinton Public Library Foundation](#).

The Winter Reading Marathon at the Hopkinton Public Library is back! Just like marathon runners, good readers consistently practice and challenge themselves. The library has designed a training program for readers of all ages and there's a chance to win prizes. Participate by picking up a reading log at the library starting Monday 2/10/25. The reading marathon will run from Sunday 2/16/25 until Saturday 3/15/2025. Winners will be drawn on Monday 3/22/25. Visit the library's website for more information.



Programs

Programs are hosted at the library unless otherwise noted.

Registration is required for many programs.

Visit [our website calendar](#) to obtain updated information and registration.

Programs are subject to change or cancellation.

For Multiple Ages

Quarterly Library Volunteer Interest Orientation

Thursday, February 6 4:00 — 5:00 pm

Saturday, February 8 10:00 - 11:00 am

Interested in volunteering at the library? Giving back to your community can be rewarding, can help you complete mandatory volunteer hours, and help with college applications or resume building. Adults and teens 14 and older, join us in learning about the library's volunteer needs. If you are 18 years of age or older, you must bring an ID, and fill out a CORI form (available at the library) in order to volunteer at the library. No need to sign up.

Coffee House - with Peregrine Road

Thursday, February 6 6:30 - 7:45 pm

Peregrine Road plays captivating acoustic music that occupies a sweet spot somewhere between chamber music and folk music, with complex arrangements and lush textures alongside raw energy and multi-cultural influences. Audience members frequently remark on Peregrine Road's exquisite musicianship and mastery of their instruments, as well as their outrageous humor and ability to connect with listeners of all ages and walks of life. Join us before the performance for light refreshments. Registration is not required for this event. Drop on by! This program has been made possible by the generous support of the Hopkinton Public Library Foundation.

Chess for All Ages

Sunday, February 9 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Come to the community area on the library's Main Floor to play chess. Open to players of any age! No registration required.

Narcan Training and Community Harm Reduction with the Hopkinton Health Department

Tuesday, February 11 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Narcan Training with the Hopkinton Health Department

Narcan is the brand name of the generic Naloxone and is a life-saving medication that can reverse an overdose from opioids. This free Narcan training will provide participants with a brief training on how to recognize an opioid overdose, when and how to use Narcan, and a free kit to take home.

Frayed Knot Fiber Arts Circle

Thursday, February 13 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Join us for the Frayed Knot Fiber Arts Circle! Bring your current project or pattern. This group is open to teens and adult of all skill levels. All fiber arts crafts (knitting, crochet, hand quilting, needlepoint, cross-stitch, finger knitting, needle felting, etc.) are more than welcome to join us!

Puzzle Race! Ages 9 and up

Saturday, February 22 1:00 - 4:00 pm

We will be hosting a puzzle race! Teams will compete to complete a 500-piece puzzle first! All teams will get the same puzzle. Maximum team size is 6. There will be prizes! Registration is required. Please complete only one registration form per team. If you are attending solo and would like to be placed on a team with other solos, please contact us (see below) and we'll try to make it happen!

If you have any questions, please email Adult Services Librarian Dan Boudreau - dboudreau@hopkintonma.gov

Adult Programs

Dungeons and Dragons (Adult group)

Sundav. Februarv 2 1:00 - 4:00 pm

2024 is the 50th anniversarv of the first publication of Dundeons & Dracons (D&D). so let's plav the game the way thev used to! Your Dundeon Master. Keith Donohue. drew up in the 1980s. back when D&D was first becoming popular. These davs. he is an avid collector of old rolenplaving games and is a proponent of the loose, improvisational style of play that was common in the past.

Scrabble & Mahiond Club

Tuesdav. Februarv 4 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Join us for monthlv Scrabble or Mahiond games on the first Tuesday of the month. We have supplies but if you have a favorite board or tiles feel free to bring them!

The Genealogist Is IN

Wednesdav. Februarv 5 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Join other amateur familv historians in a casual atmosphere to share resources and brainstorm ideas for further investigation. Librarian Allison Keanev will be available to help with your research. whether you are just starting out or need help knocking down a brick wall! Reastration is not required. Drop on bv!

Allison is a longtime genealogist, with over 20 years of experience, including several graduate level genealogy courses.

English Language Learning - Beginners

Fridavs. Februarv 7. 14. 21 & 28 10:00 - 11:00 am Registration required

This class is appropriate for someone with very limited experience with the English language. This learner may be familiar with basic vocabulary and simple phrases but is strugglina with evervdav conversations. The beginner group provides an opportunity to build English vocabulary. and practice grammar and reading.

This Lifelong Learning program has been made possible by the support of the Friends of the Hopkinton Public Library.

English Language Learning Conversation Group - Intermediate Learners

Wednesdavs. Februarv 5. 12. 19 & 26 10:00 - 11:30 am Registration Required

Intermediate Learners have mastered basic vocabulary and simple grammar and are now focused on greater comfort level in evervdav conversations. At the Intermediate level. we will prioritize components of grammar. vocabulary expansion. reading comprehension. and group discussion. Lifelong Learning program has been made possible by the Friends of the Hopkinton Public Library.

English Language Learning Conversation and Culture Group - Advanced

Thursdavs. Februarv 6. 13. 20 & 27 6:30 - 7:45 pm Registration required

Conversation And Culture provides a unique opportunity for the advanced learner to meet and practice conversation in a relaxed. social setting with trained leaders. The members of this group are comfortable with evervdav vocabulary and grammar and are seeking an opportunity to practice their skills.

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Book Discussion - "James" and "Huckleberry Finn"

Thursday, Februarv 20 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Join us for an informal discussion of Percival Everett's James, the winner of the 2024 National Book Award. We'll also be discussing The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, the American classic which inspired James. If you would like help getting a copy of either or both titles, please speak with a librarian or email Adult Services Librarian Dan at dboudreau@hopkintonma.gov.

LIVE Author Talk with Salvatore Tocco, author of "The Cardinal and the Crook"

Tuesday, Februarv 25 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Join us for an evening with Salvatore Tocco, Hopkinton's very own author of the historical fiction book, The Cardinal and the Crook. The Cardinal and the Crook is a captivating tale of family, love, faith, and the pursuit of justice. This emotionally charged work of fiction takes readers on a journey through multiple time periods and locations, following the intertwining lives of Father Pat and his adopted twin sons, John and James. Q&A to follow. Books will be available for purchase.

Teen Programs

Young Adult Crafternoon (6th grade+)

Monday, February 3, 10 & 24 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Stop by the YA Room every other Monday to hang out, listen to music, and make some art! We will have a different theme craft every meeting as well as extra materials to make your own creations. Please e-mail Jess at jdymment@hopkintonma.gov with any questions!

YA RPG Club

Wednesday, February 5 6:00 - 7:45 pm (open to 5th grade+)

Join us every other Wednesday for an evening of imagination and skill. We will play Dungeons and Dragons, Magic the Gathering, and other dice, card, and tabletop role-playing games. New players are always welcome. Registration is appreciated.

Improv Games with Little Spark Theater (ages 12 & up)

Tuesday, February 18 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Join Ali from Little Spark Theater for some fun improv theater games. Perfect for the theater pro, or newbie. We'll explore the basics of improvisation and acting through high-energy games so get ready for some antics, shenanigans, and a ridiculously fun time! Space is limited, register to reserve a spot & get a reminder e-mail.

YA Game Night

Wednesday, February 19 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Come to the YA Room to meet up and play board games! Refreshments will be provided. Drop-ins welcome. Register online to receive a reminder.

Teen Mario Kart Tournament with One Up Games

Thursday, February 20 2:00 - 5:00 pm

Come have fun during February Break and show off your Mario Kart skills with our friends from One Up Games. Prizes for first, second, and third! Sponsored by the Hopkinton Public Library Foundation.

Virtual Fortnite Tournament with One Up Games

Thursday, February 27 6:00 - 8:00 pm

This virtual tournament is run by our friends at One Up Games in collaboration with other local libraries. Fortnite Tournaments have been taken to the next level! See how you measure up against other local battle royale competitors in this FREE Private Custom Matchmaking Tournament, courtesy of One Up Games' Game Together Program and Epic Games! This is a virtual program so you will play right from the comfort of your own home on your own Xbox One / Series X/S, PlayStation 4/5, Nintendo Switch, or PC! Participants must have their own gaming platform, online connection, and a copy of the game. *** Please e-mail Jess at jdymment@hopkintonma.gov for the registration link ***

Children's Programs

Registration required for many programs through [our website calendar](#).

Baby-Toddler Storytime (ages 0-3)

Tuesday, February 4, 11, 18 & 25 10:00 - 10:45 am ** Sensory Friendly**

Wednesday, February 5, 12, 19 & 26 10:00 - 10:45 am

Preschool Storytime (ages 3-6)

Tuesday, February 4, 11, 18 & 25 11:00 - 11:30 am

Join Ms. Carly in the large event room for stories, songs, puppets, movements, and more! This lively, interactive storytime encourages the development of early literacy and social skills.

LEGO & Duplo Club

Tuesday, February 4, 11, 18 & 25 4:00 - 4:45 pm

Drop by the Children's Room to build a creation out of LEGO bricks or DUPLO blocks. Creations will be displayed in the children's department for a few days. No registration required.

*Please note that the LEGO & Pokémon Club meets on Thursday afternoons.

Alphabits (ages 3-6)

Wednesday, February 5, 12, 19 & 26 11:00 - 11:45 am

A storytime that supports foundational reading skills such as letter recognition and sound-symbol

correspondence. Learning is supported through group discussion and play-based activities.

Read to a Therapy Dog

Wednesday, February 5, 12, 19 & 26 7:00 - 7:45 pm

Drop by to practice reading aloud to our therapy dog, Hula.

Parent-Child Playgroup

Thursday, February 6, 13, 20 & 27 10:00 - 11:00 am

Join us for Parent-Child Playgroup, cohosted with the Hopkinton YMCA (Project ABC). This event will include free play as well as a circle time with stories, songs, and rhymes! Recommended for children ages 0-5, with a caregiver.

Lego & Pokemon Club (ages 5+)

Thursday, February 6, 13, 20 & 27 4:00 - 4:45 pm

Children can play and create at Lego & Pokémon Club! Build a creation out of Legos or Duplo blocks. Creations will be displayed in the children's department for a few days. Do you play Pokémon? Looking for someone to play with, trade cards, and chat about all that is Pokémon? This club is for you! Bring your Pokémon cards if you have some. If you do not have cards, we will have a small amount for in-library use. This is a drop-in style club.

Babytime (0-18 months)

Friday, February 7, 14, 21 & 28 9:15 - 10:00 am

This baby lap sit storytime encourages early literacy and caregiver-child interactions with lively songs and rhymes, gentle tickles, bounces, and body-awareness.

Little Explorers (recommended ages 2-5)

Friday, February 7, 14, 21 & 28 10:30 - 11:15 am

Join us for hands-on learning for curious little kids. Each week children will explore a new concept through a variety of fun activities and have a chance to discover and experiment at their own pace.

Drop-in Family Activities

Saturday, February 1, 8 & 22 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Drop by the Children's Department programming room for some family activities (i.e. chess, board games, blocks, coloring, etc)

Kids Creative Writing Club

Monday, February 3 & 17 4:15 - 5:00 pm

At Kids Creative Writing Club, children will have fun exploring the world of writing, imagination, and storytelling with their friends. Each meeting will include creative activities like interactive games, poetry prompts, group storytelling, and more. This program is for children in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade. This club meets every other week, alternating with 3rd, 4th, 5th Grade Book Club. Please register.

Open Chess Play (ages 6-12)

Monday, February 3, 10, 17 & 24 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Drop by the Children's Programming Room on Monday and Wednesday evenings for Open Chess Play. We will provide chess sets so you can practice on your own, play against a friend, or teach someone new the game. This program is intended for ages 6+ and is self-guided. No registration required.

3rd, 4th, 5th Grade Book Club

Tuesday, February 10 & 24 4:15 - 5:00 pm

3rd, 4th, and 5th graders are invited to join Ms. Carly to discuss books. There is no assigned book to read! Each

meeting kids can share about a book they have read or are currently reading. We will talk about our favorite genres and kids will hear what other kids are reading. Ms. Carly will also share book recommendations and give kids the scoop on the latest books to hit the Children's Room. All types of reading formats are all up for discussion at this book club!

Big Kid Creative Drama with Little Spark Theater (Ages 6-8)

Tuesday, February 18 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Tuesday, February 10 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Join Ali from Little Spark Theater to bring imagination to the next level! Big Kid Creative Drama is high-energy, imaginative, zany, silly, and super fun! Children build confidence, social awareness, empathy, and problem-solving skills. Big Kid Creative Drama also has a literacy component and is aligned with state standards for Theater Education. Please note that children under the age of 9 must be accompanied at all times by a responsible person age 12 or older while visiting the library.

Monthly Music & Movement

Wednesday, February 19 10:30 - 11:15 am

Join us for a children's concert (recommended aged 0-5). We will have a Rachel perform a sing-a-long for us! These monthly concerts are generously sponsored by the Hopkinton Public Library Foundation.

Who Would Win?: Animal Showdowns (ages 7+)

Wednesday, February 19 3:30-4:30 pm

Spend an afternoon pitting nature's most dangerous predators against each other in IMAGINED animal battles. Learn animal super facts. fill in a bracket to determine the greatest predator. or create a profile for your own imagined Ultimate Animal Fighter. Perfect for fans of the Who Would Win? book series. There are no live animals at this program! Please note that children under the age of 9 must be accompanied at all times by a responsible person age 12 or older while visiting the library.



Diversity Book Club

We have a passive "book club" for all ages. Patrons can check out a book related to a theme and then engage in an at-home discussion activity. This month's theme is "Everyday Diversity". Patrons can stop by the library lobby anytime during the month to check out a themed title for adults, young adults and children.



The library will be closed Saturday, February 15 through Monday, February 17 for the Presidents Day weekend.

The Friends of Hopkinton Public Library will meet on Wednesday, February 5 at 6:30 pm.

The Hopkinton Public Library Foundation will meet on Monday, February 3 at 7:00 pm.

The Board of Library Trustees meetings will meet on Monday, February 10 at 7:00 pm.





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