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A Note from the Director

Welcome to the spring edition of the library newsletter. With the arrival of spring we have a major announcement to share—the Main Library will be reopening on Tuesday nights beginning on March 6th. New library hours at 405 Pine Street will be:

*Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:30 AM to 8:30 PM
Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM*

We hope that by expanding our hours to one more night a week more library users will be able to access the collection and services.

Over the winter there was renovation work at the Main Library to continue improving access and usable space for our users. Our new entranceway opened in January and we have repaired and repainted the walls and installed a motorized screen in our Hunt Room on the second floor. We also spruced up the Art Room and the New Hampshire Room by purchasing new public service desks. We invite you to stop in and see these changes and perhaps book your next meeting at the library.

Spring also means that library staff has been busy planning for National Library Week from April 15th through April 21st. The theme for this year is "Come together @ your library." We encourage you to stop in at either of our library buildings during National Library Week to sign up for a library card or to join us at some of the many programs scheduled. As part of National Library Week one day is set aside for library staff to be honored and appreciated. On Tuesday April 17th I would encourage you to say thank you to

our library staff that take great pride in the work that they do. I truly appreciate all the hard work and dedication that our employees bring to their job every day. And lastly, Friday April 20th the library staff will be hosting "Patron Appreciation" day to say thank you to our library users.

So mark your calendars and make sure to stop in either at the West Branch or the Main Library during the spring months- we look forward to seeing you!

*Denise van Zanten
Director*

Spring Book Sale

The Friends of the Manchester City Library will hold their Spring Book Sale on Saturday, May 12th. For details about the sale, including prices, visit the Friends' page on the library website:
www.manchester.lib.nh.us/friends.html.

Construction

This past winter we were fortunate enough to have our Children's Room entranceway completely redone by CMK Architects, Hutter Construction and the Manchester City Facilities Division. This project included a new vestibule with new doors and re-grading of the sidewalk and parking lot. We were able to add an additional handicap parking spot so the Main Library now has three in our staff lot.



National Library Week

**Come Together @
Your Library
April 16th to 21st**

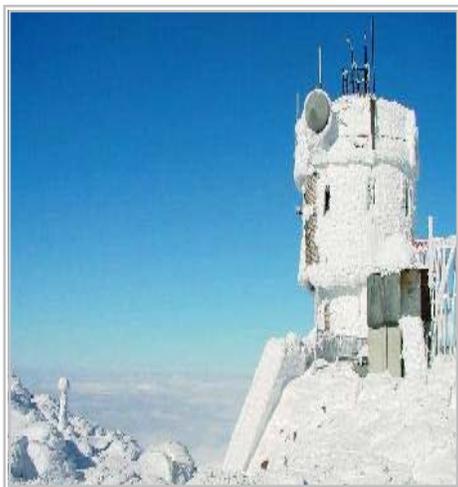
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Join us for our annual celebration of our Libraries, our library staff, and of course our patrons! We have a week full of festivities planned, so be sure to stop in.

Weeklong Raffle

From April 16th to April 20th all patrons checking out materials can receive a raffle ticket to win great prizes. One raffle ticket will be awarded per checkout. Prizes are courtesy of the Friends of the Manchester City Library.

The History of the Mt. Washington Observatory



Monday, April
16th at 6:45 PM
Auditorium

Those of us who live in NH know of Mt. Washington. We frequently hear weather reports for the summit and shake our heads at the power of Mother Nature.

The Mt. Washington Observatory gives us those reports and contributes much more to understanding the weather. They conduct scientific research and their outreach educators offer informational programs.

If you would like to learn more about the Observatory and its work, join us for an informational program led by Outreach Educator Michelle Cruz, who will present a slideshow on the history of the Observatory from its founding in 1932. The slideshow runs for about an hour with time for questions following the presentation.

A gift basket donated by the New England Sampler will be raffled.

**Tuesday, April 17th
STAFF APPRECIATION DAY
Dress-down Day**



Nine lb. Hammer

Thursday, April
19th 7:00 PM,
Auditorium

Nine lb. Hammer is a local group whose style is a combination of bluegrass, traditional folk music, and early country and western music.

This concert is free and open to the public.



**PATRON APPRECIATION DAY
Friday, April 20th
Stop in for treats provided
by local sponsors.**

Teen Movie – Monster House

Saturday, April 21st
3:00 PM, Auditorium



Linda Barnes @ the Library May 16th



The Manchester City Library Foundation will be hosting their 5th Annual Spring Fundraiser on Wednesday May 16th at the Main Library. Our guest author will be Linda Barnes who has written mystery novels, award winning plays and short stories. Be sure to join us as we eat our way

throughout the library courtesy of many of Manchester's fine restaurants. The cost is \$65 per person. Please contact Mary Gallant at 624-6550 ext. 311. Make sure you stop in at the library to grab a Linda Barnes novel so you will be a well-read guest!

One Book, One City



In April, the Library will host One Book, One City discussions of Grace Metalious's *Peyton Place* as part of Manchester's celebration of the 50th anniversary of the novel's publication. See the library calendar for times and dates.

It's Pruning Time: Shoots and Ladders

Monday, April 2nd at 7:00 PM
Winchell Room

The objective of pruning is to produce strong, healthy, and attractive plants. By understanding how, when and why to prune, and by following a few simple principles, this objective can be achieved. Join us for a slide show and discussion on pruning techniques for trees and shrubs, led by UNH Cooperative Extension Service's expert, Margaret Hagen. This program is free and open to the public. For more information contact Yvonne Loomis at 624-6550.

Treasures in Your Attic: Old and Rare Books

Monday, May 7th at 6:30 PM
Auditorium

Kenneth Gloss from the Brattle Book Shop in Boston will speak about old and rare books and will appraise books brought in by the audience. People are encouraged to bring books for evaluation. Kenneth Gloss is a rare book expert who has appeared as a appraiser on PBS's *Antiques Roadshow*.

Memorial Weekend Movie – *Flags of Our Fathers*

Saturday, May 26th at 3:00 PM
Auditorium

Honor our war heroes with Clint Eastwood's award-winning movie, which tells the life stories of the men who raised the flag at the Battle of Iwo Jima, including Manchester's Rene Gagnon.



Orchids All Around Us!

Monday, May 21st at 7:00 PM
Winchell Room

Jean Stefanik from the NH Orchid Society will present a slideshow and discussion on the care and keeping of orchids. Please call 624-6550 ext. 320 to sign up or for further information. This program is free and open to the public.

Afternoon at the Movies

Wednesdays at 1:00 PM
Auditorium



The Library will be showing classic movies every Wednesday starting March 21st. The scheduled movies are:

- ⊙ March 21st *Breakfast at Tiffany's*
- ⊙ March 28th *Cabaret*
- ⊙ April 4th *Maltese Falcon*
- ⊙ April 11th *Casablanca*
- ⊙ April 18th *Arsenic and Old Lace*
- ⊙ April 25th *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*
- ⊙ May 2nd *A Star Is Born*
- ⊙ May 9th *Rear Window*
- ⊙ May 16th *Road to Morocco*
- ⊙ May 23rd *Mildred Pierce*
- ⊙ May 30th *Adam's Rib*
- ⊙ June 6th *Postman Always Rings Twice*



Beginning March 13th, the Manchester City Library will show a feature film on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM in the Auditorium. These films will be movies that have recently been released on DVD. The James Bond movie *Casino Royale* starring Daniel Craig will be shown on March 13th and *The Pursuit of Happyness* starring Will Smith will be shown on April 10th.

Book Discussion Group

The Manchester City Library's Book Discussion Group meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Hunt Room. All are welcome for great conversation and delicious cookies. The scheduled book may be obtained at the Library's Circulation Desk. For more information, contact Sarah Basbas at 624-6550 ext. 601. The Spring schedule for the Book Discussion Group is:



March 8th *Stolen Lives* by Malika Oufkir
April 12th *A Thread of Grace* by Mary Russell
May 10th *Icarus Girl* by Helen Oyeyemi

Manchester Writer's Group

March 15th, April 12th at 7:00 PM
Hunt Room

The Library will host a new Thursday night group for writers with all levels of experience. Writers of novels, plays, screenplays, short stories, fiction and nonfiction—published or unpublished—are all welcome. Writers are invited to share their work and provide constructive feedback in an informal, supportive, noncompetitive environment and make friends with local writers.

Work for discussion will be handed in prior to the meeting and sent to all members who will read and come to the meeting ready for discussion. The group is scheduled to meet on the middle Thursday of each month. For more information contact manchesterwritersgroup@gmail.com.

Brown Bag Book Club Looks Like a Winner



A lively group of bibliophiles turned out for the first meeting of MCL's new lunchtime book club on January 23rd. The club meets once a month on the fourth Tuesday between 12:15 and 1:30 PM. Participants are encouraged to bring their lunches to the meeting.

The library supplies books and beverages.

For the March 27th meeting, the group is reading *When the Emperor Was Divine* by Julie Otsuka. Contact Arlene Letourneau at 624-6550, or by email at aleturn@manchesternh.gov, for more information.

Children's Librarian, Kathy Urie Beginning a new journey:

The Manchester City Library is very sad to announce the retirement of Kathy Urie, long time Head of Children's Services, at the end of March. Kathy has been a vital member of the library staff since 1986 and she will be missed by her colleagues. We wish her well in her new lifestyle (or adventure as she calls it) and we know she will continue to be a library user.



Below Kathy was kind enough to share some of her memories of her career as a children's librarian.

In your years as a children's librarian, what was your favorite storytime? How many do you think you have done over your career?

I started working as the children's librarian in November 1970 at the Islip Public Library on Long Island, so I figure I have done 2,500 storytimes, more or less—in corners and various rooms of libraries, in schools, under trees, in the park, in the sun, in the rain, in front of a camera, impromptu! There are books which are classic, can't-lose stories, such as *Caps for Sale* or *The Snowy Day*. My favorite storytimes combine the reading of the stories and some creative dramatics with the kids, encouraging them to act out the story.

What is your most memorable children's reference question?

I have responded to many an awkward request from parents for books on sex education. The question "Where are the books on bodies?" suggests to me that there is more to this than meets the eye. After a subtle reference interview I find, yes, we do need info on body development, or it's a straightforward request for a book on bones and muscles for a school report.



Which year did you use your first computer as a children's librarian?

Of course, in 1989 the library started its public automation system, and it was my first time with a monitor screen, laser pen, and keyboard access; but in the early 1990s we had word-processing computers in the library. I remember one of those "machines" in the back on the children's circulation counter. One day I decided to put everything else aside and turn the "machine" on.

I started working with it and realized that this was truly a great big file cabinet, with the ability to organize documents, move them around, etc.

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What is the funniest experience you've had with kids in the library?

I can't recall an outrageously funny incident, but I can recall the day I thought for sure I was going to lose my job. I was working at the Islip Public Library. For the summer reading program party I filled a large piñata (a witch's head with a black hat) and hung it from a tree in the library lawn. I put little kids, preschoolers and kindergartners, in the front of the circle of kids to give them a chance to grab some candy.

The third child up hit the piñata. Everyone dove. Then screaming. Not just screaming for candy, but screams of "My leg, MY LEG!" The circle of kids collapsed into the middle, everyone determined to get a share of the loot. Me? I was on top of them all, pulling legs and arms off the pile! Down at the bottom were all the little kids and the screaming girl with a possible-broken-leg-and-the-reason-for-my-quick-resignation. I looked at her leg; nothing seemed broken. I knew I was in the clear when I saw her two pants pockets stuffed with candy and a smile on her face. I was lucky—she was the drama-queen granddaughter of a library trustee! Not so funny then, but over the years it has made me chuckle.

What is the most vivid memory you have of the Manchester City Library?

I will always think of MCL fondly. The day of my interview I was awed by the beauty of the library, both exterior and interior. I am still awed.



I remember the first Halloween costume contest with Mayor Shaw, and there were no more than 15 kids to judge. The next year, or the year after, there were so many people in the children's room, preschoolers were standing on the picture-book shelving! Since then it has always been a costume parade.

It's just been a good place to work and I am pleased to be part of the history of this great library. Onward!

Please join us on Friday, March 23rd at 3:00 PM for cake and punch to celebrate Kathy's years of service and the memories she's given us.

Teddy Bear Picnic

You're invited to the Manchester City Library's annual Teddy Bear Picnic on Tuesday, April 24th at 11:30 AM. Bring your favorite stuffed friend and a picnic lunch. We will gather in the Children's Room and parade through the library and



across Pine Street to Victory Park. At approximately 12:00 PM, Mr. Phil and Company will entertain the children with his awe-inspiring show, "Imagine Magic." Mr. Phil's magical mayhem encourages reading with a show filled with laughter and audience participation. In case of rain, the picnic will take place inside the library and the entertainment will be held in the Auditorium. For further information call Beverly Perreault at 624-6550 ext. 328.



How Your Library Works

The Children's Room is a very happening place, which is run by a small, but dedicated, staff. Like the adult areas upstairs, there is a Circulation Desk and a Reference Desk. Both are in one room.

Materials are geared for 6th grade and under. A Parenting Collection is located in the hallway outside the room. The staff chooses the materials and sends orders to Technical Services to be placed. The Staff is also responsible for weeding the collection to keep it up to date.

Recently the staff has been working on finding foreign-language materials to meet the needs of Manchester's diverse population.

The Circulation Clerk in the Children's Room is responsible for preparing museum passes to be circulated. The Friends of the Library generously provide these passes.

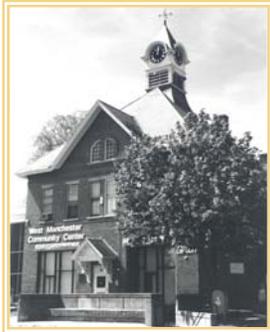
The Children's Department plans and runs many programs for you to attend. These include storytimes for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers; movies in the Auditorium; and various entertainers from magic to music. The Children's Room also hosts the Summer Reading Program and other annual events like the Teddy Bear Picnic and the Halloween Party.



Many patrons enjoy the Children's Room on a regular basis, and some look for ways to help. The Children's Room Staff has compiled a "Wish List" of titles that patrons can purchase through the library to be added to the collection. Many are purchased in memory of a loved one or can be dedicated to someone special. A bookplate can be placed inside by patron request.

So stop on down to say hello and be sure to check the bulletin board for upcoming events or check the calendar on our website.

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Come together @ the library: National Library Week, April 15-21

It's National Library Week—a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries, librarians and library workers in schools, campuses and communities nationwide, and the perfect time for our community to come together @ your library. We have another reason to celebrate this week at the West Branch: April is our anniversary month, and we've been serving the West Side's library needs for 27 years!

We're celebrating:

- ⊙ Tuesday, 17th – Dress Down Day
- ⊙ Wednesday, 18th at 6:00 PM – "Pizza, Teens, and Technology – It's a Fit!"
- ⊙ Thursday, 19th at 3:00 PM - Puzzle Day
- ⊙ Friday, 20th Patron Appreciation Day - Movie at 3:00 PM
- ⊙ Saturday, 21st at 2:00 PM - Birthday Party for the West Community Library

At our libraries, people of all backgrounds, speaking over 55 languages, can come together for community meetings, lectures and programs, to do research with the assistance of a trained professional, to get a job or to find homework help.

Mother's Day & Father's Day Crafts

Wednesday, May 2nd at 6:30 PM

Friday, May 4th at 3:00 PM

Whatever time and date is best for you, your children may make presents to surprise their parents on the special day!



For more information, visit the

West Manchester Community Library

at 76 North Main Street,

call 624-6560, or see the our website at

www.manchester.lib.nh.us/West. West Library hours are

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday from 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM and Wednesday 12:30 to 8:30 PM.

News from the Manchester City Library Foundation

The MCL Foundation Board started their return in September by adding new board members, and announcing their author-Linda Barnes, an acclaimed writer of mystery novels—for the 5th Annual Spring Fundraiser/Author Reception on May 16th, 2007. The Annual Holiday Appeal commenced the week of Thanksgiving. The MCL Foundation created a beautiful calendar for 2007, which was mailed to all donors as a thank you for their continued support to the library. If you would like to have one of these calendars, it is not too late; they are available at both libraries for a small donation. All of the proceeds received will go back to the library—another great way to show your support!

Our goal for the Annual Holiday Appeal is \$15,000 and we have received about two-thirds to date. The progress of the appeal can be monitored on the chart in the Rotunda of the Main Library. It is fun and exciting to watch! Our second major fundraiser, the 5th Annual Spring Fundraiser/Author Reception, is well under way and is progressing nicely. The website has all of the information about our author and particulars for the evening. What I would say is stay tuned for publicity soon to be made public. I encourage you to mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 16th—another evening of fun you don't want to miss, and for a wonderful cause!

Monique T. Brown

Chair of the MCL Foundation Board

Looking for Volunteers at Manchester City Library

A lot goes on behind the scenes at Manchester City Library—much more than what the staff can do alone—so that you can find that special book, DVD or audiobook that you want. So how do you become a volunteer at Manchester City Library? What qualities do we look for in a volunteer? How can you help? Well, read on...

Volunteer Application forms are available at the Main Reference Desk in the Rotunda. Prior to being accepted as a volunteer an interview is given, and background checks are done for people who are 18 or older.

The process for people under 18, who are interested in volunteering, is slightly different. If you are under 18 and looking for a place to do

volunteer service for projects such as National Honor Society, scouting programs, or confirmation, we might be able to assist. Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator for details.



Once a person is selected as a volunteer, he or she will be provided a general orientation to the program and the library. Training will be also provided for the tasks that need to be accomplished. Using information you provide on the Volunteer Application, we try to match skills with areas that we need help with.

If you have a special skill or suggestion of what you would like to do, we are interested in hearing about it.

Sometimes help is needed with short-term projects and other times with ongoing projects. The biggest ongoing need is making sure that the materials on the shelf are in the proper order. We call this activity shelf-reading, and it is vital for keeping a library functioning at its fullest potential. If a book or any other type of material is put in the wrong place, then it becomes lost among all the other materials. As Edgar Allan Poe stated in *The Purloined Letter*, it is "hidden in plain sight."

For shelf-reading, we are looking for people who have patience and attention to detail. You also need to have very good alphabetical and numerical skills.



If there is a special topic that you are interested in, there are several subject areas that could use your attention, such as fiction, animals, crafts, automobiles, philosophy, music, technology, literature, history or just about any subject.

We are also looking for jack-of-all-trades type of volunteers, to help with odds and ends and short-term projects. The miscellaneous tasks include photocopying, assisting in putting together large mailings, straightening and dusting shelves, and other administrative needs.

If you have any questions or want more information, please contact Eileen A. Reddy, Volunteer Coordinator, at 624-6650 ext. 319 (Reference Desk) or by email at ereddy@manchesternh.gov.

New Harvey Dodd Art Books

When local amateur artist Harvey Dodd died in 2002, he willed a generous sum of money to the Manchester City Library Foundation for the purpose of expanding the library's Fine Arts collection. Since 2004 many books have been purchased through the Harvey Dodd Trust. Here are a few of the latest additions:

***I Was Vermeer: The Rise and Fall of the Twentieth Century's Greatest Forger* by Frank Wynne**

The story of Dutch forger Han van Meegeren. Trained in art restoration, he began to forge paintings in the style of Vermeer and several other Dutch artists. He became so adept at it that he sold some of his work to the Nazis,

fooled the art critics, and made millions until he was accused of treason in 1947.

***The Fellowship: The Untold Story of Frank Lloyd Wright and the Taliesin Fellowship* by Roger Friedland and Harold Zellman**

The colony of Taliesin in Wisconsin is where the controversial architect Wright trained hundreds of apprentices who worked with him on most of his late masterpieces, such as Fallingwater and the Guggenheim Museum. Through new and unpublished interviews the authors describe the compound's cultish atmosphere with its secrets and scandals. It also recounts Wright's battles with his wife, his clients, bankers, and the federal government.

***Portrait: The Life of Thomas Eakins* by William McFeely, edited by Andrew Petto**

In the Realist tradition, Philadelphia artist Thomas Eakins painted portraits of some of the most prominent people of his day. In this new biography we learn that despite



his notoriety as an artist and as a brilliant, though eccentric, teacher, he also suffered from bouts of depression and struggled with his sexual identity--issues that are often reflected in his portraits and the themes of his works.

***A Photographer's Life: 1990-2005* by Annie Leibovitz**

The well-known *Vanity Fair* and *Rolling Stone* photographer offers us 15 years of contrasting subjects, including the famous, such as George W. Bush, Nelson Mandela, and Joan Didion, as well as the personal in her children, extended family, and friends.

***The Legacy of Genghis Kahn: Courtly Arts and Culture in Western Asia, 1256-1353* edited by Linda Komaroff and Stefano Carboni**

This well-illustrated exhibition catalog (200 reproductions) describes how the painting, metalwork, tilework, and ceramics of the Persians were transformed and thrived under Mongolian rulers.

Databases for Businesspeople

Did you know that the Manchester City Library provides access to many online databases with useful information for businesswomen/men, students, or people who are interested in starting a business? Information in these databases is updated daily, giving you access to the most recent, accurate information. To access these databases, go to www.manchester.lib.nh.us and click on "Online Databases" in the list on the left side of the page.

From the Online Databases page, you can access: Under *EBSCO Publishing*, click on "Business Resources" to locate two databases: *Regional Business News* contains

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business journals, newspapers, and newswires that provide local business coverage for urban and rural areas throughout the US. *Business Source Premier* contains more than 2,000 business journals with superior coverage on issues like marketing, management, MIS, POM, accounting, finance, and economics.



Business and Company Resources provides detailed information about publicly traded companies, including detailed histories, financials, and lists of executives. It also contains industry profiles and many current articles from journals and newspapers.

Union Leader Online and *Concord Monitor Online* have the full text of these newspapers (minus advertisements and pictures). *Union Leader* coverage begins in 1989, and *Concord Monitor* in 2002.

Reference USA – Contains up-to-date information on US businesses and households. It is especially useful for locating addresses and phone numbers, job searches, people starting businesses, and marketing professionals. In the US Business search, you can design searches using criteria including yellow page headings, sales volume, number of employees, and different granularities of locations, such as searches by city, state, county, or area codes.

Within *SIRS Knowledge Source*, the *SIRS Government Reporter* database contains historic materials, government documents, directories, and almanacs. Much of this information will be useful for your business information needs.

One Card, Many Libraries

Did you know that your MCL library card, which of course is absolutely free to anyone who lives, works, or goes to school in Manchester, can be used at many other local area libraries? Your library card privileges allow you to borrow all the same types of materials available to you at either of the Manchester libraries. While you can easily request items from these libraries through our interlibrary



loan system, if you feel like exploring a new library and browsing the stacks in another town, you are more than welcome. Visit the cozy Amherst library on the town green or SNHU's Shapiro Library to soak up the collegiate energy. Your card is eligible for use at 8 public libraries (Amherst,

Bedford, Derry, Goffstown, Hooksett, Merrimack, Milford and Salem) and 2 academic libraries (Danforth Library at New England College and the Shapiro Library at SNHU). Think of it as belonging to a 12-branch library system!

To use your card at other libraries outside of Manchester, be sure that your library card is in good standing (i.e. the

card has not expired, all lost book fines have been paid and/or there are no large fines still needing to be paid). Materials from consortium libraries can be returned to any member library, saving you another drive. While you can not borrow museum passes from other libraries, we are sure you'll find that each library offers wonderful collections. To learn more about each library, its hours, location and lending policies, go online to www.gmilcs.org/services.asp. You can also plan ahead by using the patron catalog at the library or online to see which libraries have the particular items that you are looking for. Just click the "All GMILCS libraries" tab at the top of the screen and begin searching.

So for those of you who love libraries (and who doesn't???), your MCL card is a mini-passport to explore the southern New Hampshire library scene! Enjoy!

A Local Vacation

Looking for a way to have summer fun without long distance, travel, and expense? Take a look at your own city and state—Manchester and all of NH have much to offer.



Let's begin with your Manchester Library: Visit the Library website for programs and movie listings or pop into the front entranceway to see our events board. Starting the week after July 4th will be Thursday night Family Fare brought to you by your Library and generous sponsors. Bring a blanket and picnic basket and relax in the shade in Victory Park while you watch a performance.

Be sure to visit the Farmer's Market first for locally grown goodies. Thursday night also means the trolley tours, and Intown Manchester presents music in Veteran's Park.

There are many other things to do in Manchester. Sports fans can take in a NH Fisher cats or Manchester Wolves game. Families can enjoy the many parks and playgrounds in Manchester or take a leisurely walk or bike ride on the South Manchester Trail which runs from Shaw's to Gold St. Manchester also offers the SEE Center and Amoskeag Fishways.

Concord is home to the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium and the NH History Museum for fun and educational ways to spend a day.

NH is full of beautiful lakes and beaches and State parks for day trips with minimal spending. For those who prefer to head North the White Mountains offer many fun attractions for families to enjoy. Outdoor enthusiasts can take advantage of the many hiking trails and camping areas that are located in the mountains. Stop into the Library for books on hiking and camping in NH, or visit www.nh.gov and click on "Visitors" for more information.

Happy Planning!