

Walpole Town Library

July 2022 Newsletter

July Programs

Special Events:

Summer Reading Program! Through the end of July. Stop by the library to pick up your reading trackers. See more details at right.

Grafton Museum Summer Unplugged at the Library: Thursdays, 12:45 pm, behind the Main Library or inside if the weather is bad. See schedule at right.

Geocaching: Through July 30. See details at right.

Read with Toby the Dog: Fridays through the end of July, 3-4 pm, Main Library. Call the library for a 15 minute appointment.

Summer Crafternoon for Adults: Friday, 7/8, 1:30 pm Main Library.

Teddy Bear Parade at Distant Hill Nature Trail: Saturday 7/9, 11 am. Bring your favorite stuffie. We'll have wagons (or bring your own) and decorations. We'll decorate, have a story, and then parade along the trail.

Check 'Em Out Book Discussion

Group: Saturday, 7/16, 9 am, Main Library.

Social Justice Group: Wednesday, 7/20, 6:30 pm, Main Library.

Ice Cream Social: Saturday, 7/30, noon to 1 pm, Main Library.

On-Going Adult Programs:

Books & Friends: Mondays 2-3 pm, North Walpole Branch.

Crafternoon: Second Friday of the month 1:30 pm, Main Library.

Knitting Group: Mondays 1-3 pm, Main Library.

Library Book Club: Last Thursday of the month 12 noon, Main Library. **NO MEETINGS** in July and August.

On-Going Kids and Family Programs:

Story Walk: Distant Hill Nature Trail, dawn to dusk every day. New stories monthly.

Drop-In Code Club: Through the end of July, Tuesdays 3:30-4:30 pm, North Walpole Branch. Wednesdays 3:30-4:30 pm, Main Library.

Story Time: Wednesdays 10 am and 5:30 pm. Out behind the Main Library, **weather permitting**. Bring a blanket to sit on. We'll meet inside if the weather is bad.

Wiggle Time: Mondays 10 am. Out behind the Main Library, **weather permitting**. Bring a blanket to sit on. We'll meet inside if the weather is bad.

Summer Reading Challenge

Now Through July 30

This year's theme is Oceans of Possibilities and wow do we have a summer of exploration planned for adults, teens, kids and families!

Teens & adults earn raffle tickets towards prizes. Kids earn Brag Tags. Come into the library to pick up your bookmark reading tracker. Earn an extra raffle/Brag Tag for completing your Bingo card.

Geocaching with the Library

Join us through July 30 for Geocaching! What is geocaching? Geocaching is a type of scavenger hunt using GPS coordinates on your phone and clues to find specific locations. The library's geocaching adventure is an entertaining way to explore local summer activities. Find them all in one day or spread out the fun over many days. All locations are easily accessible. To join the fun visit our website or the library to get your coordinates and get started!

Grafton Museum Summer Unplugged at the Library

Thursdays, 12:45 pm on the lawn behind the library or inside if the weather is bad. These programs aim to be engaging and highlight topics related to the unique ecology and landscape of Northern New England. Geared towards youth ages Pre-K through elementary grades, all are welcome. Here's the schedule:

7/7 All About Black Bears

7/14 World of Owls - What's all the Hoot About?

7/21 Pollinators: the Unsung Heroes!

7/28 Magnificent Migrations

8/4 Fairy Houses!

PLEASE HELP!

The Friends of the Library need your help!

The Friends of the Library need help with sorting the books for their **Annual Book Sale**. You can volunteer once or several times. **Beginning July 13**, if you are interested, you can just show up at the chicken coop behind The Hungry Dinner on Wednesday mornings from 10:30-11:30 am or Thursday afternoons from 4-5 pm. Please call 603-313-4076, if you have any questions.

The **Plant Sale** continues at the Reuse Center.

We are always looking for more plants for our sale. Please call 603-439-7778 to arrange drop-off, and to ask for digging help, if needed.

Non-Fiction Book Spotlight

The Puzzler: One Man's Quest to Solve the Most Baffling Puzzles Ever, From Crosswords to Jigsaws to the Meaning of Life." by A.J. Jacobs

What makes puzzles—jigsaws, mazes, riddles, sudokus—so satisfying? Be it the formation of new cerebral pathways, their close link to insight and humor, or their community-building properties, they're among the fundamental elements that make us human. Convinced that puzzles have made him a better person, A.J. Jacobs—four-time New York Times bestselling author, master of immersion journalism, and nightly crossword—set out to determine their myriad benefits. And maybe, in the process, solve the puzzle of our very existence. Well, almost.

In *The Puzzler*, Jacobs meets the most zealous devotees, enters (sometimes with his family in tow) any puzzle competition that will have him, unpacks the history of the most popular puzzles, and aims to solve the most impossible head-scratchers, from a mutant Rubik's Cube, to the hardest corn maze in America, to the most sadistic jigsaw. Chock-full of unforgettable adventures and original examples from around the world—including new work by Greg Pliska, one of America's top puzzle-makers, and a hidden, super-challenging but solvable puzzle that will earn the first reader to crack it a \$10,000 prize*—*The Puzzler* will open readers' eyes to the power of flexible thinking and concentration. Whether you're puzzle obsessed or puzzle hesitant, you'll walk away with real problem-solving strategies and pathways toward becoming a better thinker and decision maker—for these are certainly puzzling times.

Fiction Book Spotlight

Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

After Tova Sullivan's husband died, she began working the night shift at the Sowell Bay Aquarium, mopping floors and tidying up. Keeping busy has always helped her cope, which she's been doing since her eighteen-year-old son, Erik, mysteriously vanished on a boat in Puget Sound over thirty years ago.

Tova becomes acquainted with curmudgeonly Marcellus, a giant Pacific octopus living at the aquarium. Marcellus knows more than anyone can imagine but wouldn't dream of lifting one of his eight arms for his human captors—until he forms a remarkable friendship with Tova.

Ever the detective, Marcellus deduces what happened the night Tova's son disappeared. And now Marcellus must use every trick his old invertebrate body can muster to unearth the truth for her before it's too late.

Shelby Van Pelt's debut novel is a gentle reminder that sometimes taking a hard look at the past can help uncover a future that once felt impossible.

Main Library

48 Main St
Walpole, NH 03608
603.756.9806
Monday 10 am to 7 pm
Tuesday 1 to 6 pm
Wednesday 10 am to 7 pm
Thursday 1 to 6 pm
Friday 1 to 6 pm
Saturday 9 am to 1 pm



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Get to Know Our Staff

Each month we'll ask a staff member these five questions to get to know them better.

Kelli Wilson, Library Assistant

1. What does your family look like?

Husband-Damian; two children-Lillia and Zane; two cats-Jeeves and Wooster.

2. What's the last book you read?

The Final Case by David Guterson.

3. What 3 things would you bring to a deserted island?

My glasses, my toothbrush and toothpaste.

4. If you could travel anywhere where would you go?

Anywhere in England, Ireland, or Scotland.

5. What was your first job?

Delivering newspapers in Downtown Keene with my best friend.

Digital Resources at the Library

Did you know that the Walpole Town Library has digital resources that are available 24/7? Here is just a sampling of what's available:

Libby is a free app that makes it easy to borrow eBooks, digital audiobooks, and magazines from the NH Downloadable Books Consortium.

Hoopla offers eBooks, audiobooks, movies, tv shows, and music with no wait times.

Newsbank provides digital access to over 2,000 newspapers, as well as business journals, government documents, newswires, and other publications from around the country.

Universal Class is a program that provides opportunities for career education and life-long learning through online courses in over 30 subject areas, many of which offer Continuing Education Units (CEU's).

To explore these, and more, valuable resources, visit the library's digital resources page on the website:

<https://walpoletownlibrary.org/digital-resources/>.

North Walpole Branch Library

70 Church St
North Walpole, NH 03609
603.445.5153
Monday 1-4 pm
Tuesday 3-7 pm
Friday 9 am to 1 pm
Saturday 9 am to 1 pm