



## Friends of the Topsfield Town Library

### May 2017 Newsletter

### Symphony - The New Library Catalog

The Topsfield Town Library and the entire Merrimack Valley Library Consortium is switching to a new Catalog system this month. In order to check out items between May 15th -17th, you will need to have your library card with you. If you need a new library card, let us let us know! They're FREE!

Some of our services will be limited during this transition.

You will be able to:

- \* check out books with a physical library card
- \* return books
- \* use your library card number to access eBooks, downloadable audio and downloadable music.

You will not be able to:

- \* place holds
- \* renew items
- \* view your account online

\* access the Online Catalog

We will do our best to make the transition as smooth as possible. Librarians will still be able to help you locate items during this time. We appreciate your patience!

## Monday is for Mahjongg!

Mondays, May 1, 8 and 15

Meeting Room, 6 - 9 pm

It doesn't matter whether you're a new player or an experienced player, all are welcome to join this group!

## Marbled Dipped Mugs

Monday, May 8

Project/Craft Space, 2nd Floor, 6 - 8pm

The library will supply white mugs, nail polish and Becca will provide the know how. You supply the design. This workshop will take place in the Project/Craft space on the second floor. Register online ([www.topsfieldlibrary.org](http://www.topsfieldlibrary.org), Calendar page) or call the library. This program is for patrons 16 and older.

## The Role of the Honey Bee in Our Environment

Thursday, May 18

7 - 8 pm

Join Kenneth Warchol, a veteran beekeeper, who will share his knowledge from a narrated visual presentation. You will travel right inside a beehive to understand the mysterious social insect and the role that it plays in our survival on earth. Ken brings a variety of honey to taste. This program is family friendly and is part of the Life is Good community reads. No registration is required.

## Topsfield Author: Barbara Bodengraven

Monday, May 22

7 - 8 pm

Topsfield author Barbara Bodengraven will discuss and read selections from her new book, *The Sacred Shed on the Edge of the Ravine*. A book signing will be held after the program. No registration is required.

Reminder - the Library will be closed on Saturday, May 27 and Monday, May 29.

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## Children's Room Events

### Totally Tots - CFCE Playgroup

Mondays, May 1, 8, 15, 22

10-11 am

Totally Tots is a playgroup at the Topsfield Town Library, run by Coordinated Family Community Engagement (CFCE). This playgroup is an opportunity for children to create, invent, reason and problem solve. They will learn social skills as they negotiate with peers, resolve conflict, take turns, share and make friends. Playgroups are also a place where parents and caregivers can support each other through sharing ideas, parenting experiences, concerns and information.

Please register online

at: <http://www.cfceofthenorthshore.com/playgroups>.

CFCE is funded by a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care awarded to the Peabody Schools.

## Spring Storytimes

Tuesdays, May 2 & 9

10:30 am - ages 18 months to 3 years old

1:30 pm - ages 3 to 5 years old

Spring storytime is back! Join us for a craft and a few stories. Sign up is required. Please register online, or by contacting or visiting the Children's Room.

## Pajama Storytime

Thursday, May 11

5:30 pm

Join us in your favorite pajamas with a stuffed animal and/or blanket for fun bedtime stories, crafts, and activities. Run by Coordinated Family Community Engagement, funded by a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care awarded to Peabody Public Schools. No sign up required!

## Dads & Donuts Storytime

Saturday, May 20

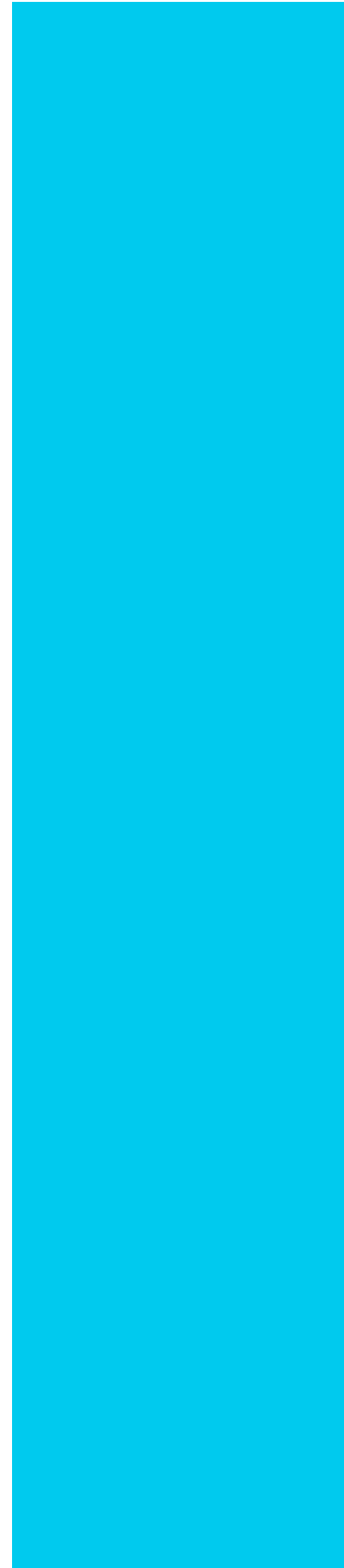
10:30 am

All male caregivers and kids, please join us for donuts, stories, crafts, music, and fun! This program is sponsored Coordinated Family Community Engagement, Lakeshore Learning, and Honeydew Donuts. This program is funded by a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care awarded to Peabody Public Schools. No sign up is required.

## Early Release Craft

Friday, May 26

Grades 4-6 students, stop by after school on your early release day to get creative with us! No sign up required. Just drop on in!





We are pleased to announce our new co-sponsor of our Museum Pass Program, Institution for Savings.

The Museum Pass Program allows Topsfield Library cardholders admission discounts to the

following museums:

The Children's Museum, Boston

deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum

Franklin Park and Stone Zoo (Zoo New England)

Gloucester Maritime Heritage Museum

Institute of Contemporary Art (IAC)

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

Massachusetts State Parks

Merrimack Repertory Theatre

Museum of Fine Arts

Museum of Science

New England Aquarium

Peabody Essex Museum

Salem Witch Museum

Strawberry Banke

USS Constitution Museum

Trustees of Reservations

RESERVE ONLINE:

WWW.TOPSFIELDTOWNLIBRARY.ORG OR BY  
CALLING 978-887- 1528

Here's a glimpse of what's going on now at some of  
the museums:

The Children's Museum - Star Wars Weekend May 5-  
7, check museum website for more details.

deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum - May 3 rd  
ARTful Play - Spring 2017, Engage with art, stories,  
materials and nature. Check museum website for  
more details.

Museum of Science - Popnology, experience a fusion  
of science fiction and science fact in the newest  
temporary exhibition celebrating and exploring the  
greatest works of innovation and imagination in  
history, check museum website for more details.

Peabody Essex Museum - World of Wearable Art,  
now through June 11th , check museum website for  
more details.

New England Aquarium - Discover the Science of  
Sharks or take an expedition to the Amazon  
rainforest without leaving Boston, check museum  
website for more details.

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## Save the Date!!

The Friends of the Library will hold it's annual open  
meeting on Monday, June 19th at 6:00 pm. All  
Friends of the Library Members will be invited to  
attend and will vote on our by-laws and officers.

Please save the date and join us!

The Strawberry Festival will be held on June 10th!  
Once again, we will sponsor three tables to sell books.  
Collections begin on June 7, so start putting your  
books aside to donate! Let us know if you would like  
to volunteer at the sale!

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Best wishes,

**Friends of the Topsfield Town Library**

