

Dorothy Alling Memorial Library

Upcoming Events



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LIBRARY HOURS

Monday 10-8
Tuesday 10-6
Wednesday 10-8
Thursday 10-6
Friday 10-6
Saturday 10-3

LIBRARY CLOSED

Monday, February 18

WHAT'S NEW?

Sign up for the DAML Wowbrary Newsletter at <http://www.wowbrary.org> to get a weekly e-mail of all new materials added to our collections

DAML Corrects Inaccurate News

It seems the library is the topic of some fake news! Over the last month, the library staff has heard some questions and concerns about the future of the library. Some people think that the library is soon moving to Taft Corners and the Library Trustees were voting to do so at their February meeting. Facebook and word-of-mouth are great for passing things along quickly but what is passed along is not always correct. Please remember to go to the source for accurate information. In this case, ask the library!

Here is the real news.

On February 11, the Library Board of Trustees approved the library's strategic plan for the next five years. Within that plan is this paragraph...

"As Williston continues to grow, space for a COMMONS environment will be at a premium. The library needs to plan for an increase in the size of its facilities. Possible ways to accomplish this include: an expansion in the current location, a branch library, a new dedicated library building at a different location, or partnering with the Recreation Department to build and staff a multi-use municipal building which could include a community center, library, and recreational department. An expansion or new building will require a substantial investment in time, energy, and resources to ensure solutions that will preserve the unique place the library holds in the hearts and minds of the community. We strongly encourage the process to begin very soon with the goal of completion within 10 years."

You will notice that no preferred location is mentioned and that we expect that this will take several years.

A future expansion of the library will depend upon a location being able to accommodate a larger building and increased parking. We cannot guess at this point where that will be available. The library staff, trustees and town officials are all very aware of the excellent location of the current building. We all see very high value in being within easy walking distance for students who are old enough to come to the library on their own after school. We do need to weigh that against a denser population which also needs and deserves easy access to library services as well. An available location, however, is the crux of the problem. It is too early for us to know the answers to this. This is why it will take time and the conversation needs to begin now. We want to hear from residents throughout the process and will have many opportunities for you to be involved.

You may read the library's complete strategic plan at <http://www.williston.lib.vt.us/images/stories/FINAL-STRATEGIC-PLAN-2019-2023.pdf>. It is a quick read, only five pages without appendices. I



would be very happy to speak with anyone with questions or ideas in-person, by email or by telephone. I may be reached at 878-4918 or marti@williston.lib.vt.us.

Your friendly local library can help you get the facts for any situation. How can we help you?

Marti Fiske, Director

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Take Heart. Spring is Coming

Winter can be challenging. At this time of year, many people complain of cabin fever, Seasonal Affective Disorder or that they are just plain tired of winter and heading south for a while. Traditional names for this month's full moon in the northern hemisphere include the Snow Moon, Storm Moon and Moon of Ice. There are also several variations on old moon names which remind us that by February the winter food stores were running low; Bony Moon, Starvation Moon, Little Famine Moon and Hunger Moon.

For me, February is when winter turns the corner toward spring. My home is surrounded by several hundred acres of hardwood forest. For the last several years, I have noticed that I don't need to have a calendar to mark the beginning of February. Many people watch Punxutawney Phil's actions on Groundhog Day. I listen to the birds. This year, exactly on the morning of February 1st, I stepped out of my house and heard amazingly loud songbird calls. I was not able to identify the particular species of birds, but they were louder and very different from the calls I heard earlier in the winter. On February 4th, as I was sorting my vegetable seeds for the early starts, I noticed woodpeckers' mating displays echoing around my home. Soon I will hear the mating calls of the cardinals who nest around the library.

The medieval holidays of Candlemas, Imbolc and the predecessor of Groundhog Day all marked the returning light and nature's first signs of spring. At this point in northern Vermont, daylight hours are noticeably longer and birds are beginning their mating overtures. I overheard one fellow say he already was gathering sap in the warm days of this month. If we were in Seattle we'd notice snowdrops beginning to bloom. In the United Kingdom the ewes are in gestation and hazel catkins are opening.

Listen and watch nature's signs and take heart. Spring is coming.

<https://www.lunarphasepro.com/full-moon-names/>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Imbolc>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Groundhog_Day

<http://www.bannockburnhouse.scot/lambs-tails-for-candlemas/>



Upcoming Programs

*** Pre-registration required.**

Note: To register for programs you may sign up at the library, call us at 878-4918 or email daml@williston.lib.vt.us. Early registration is encouraged. Space is limited in some programs.

Children must be in third grade and at least 8 years of age to be in the library without an adult.

Youth Programs:

After-School Tuesdays:

- **Game Day:** February 19, 2-3 pm. Cards and board games. Gr. 3 + up.

Story Time: Tuesdays, 10:30 am. **(Except February 26)**. Includes a simple craft activity. February 19: Snow! All ages.

Preschool Yoga with Danielle: Friday, February 15, 10:30 am. Simple yoga poses, stories and songs for children birth to age 5 and their caregivers.

Preschool Music: Mondays, 11 am **(Except Monday, February 18-Library Closed)** & Thursdays, 10:30 am. Up to age 5 with a caregiver. No pre-registration. Limit: one session per week per family.

Thursday Playtime: Thursdays, 11 am-12 noon. Preschoolers and their caregivers are invited for an informal playtime following our Preschool Music program. For children birth to age 5.

Teen Movie Night: Wednesday, February 20, 4:30-7:30 pm. "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" PG-13. 2 h 15 m. Costumes, snacks and origami creatures! Gr. 7-12.

Drop-In LEGO Day: Tuesday, February 26, 10:30-12 pm. All ages.

Multi-Age Programs:

***Read to a Dog:** Thursday, February 14 & 21, 3:30-4:30 pm. Bring a book and read to one of our registered Therapy Dogs of Vermont. All ages. Pre-register for individual sessions.

Adult Programs:

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***Tech Tutor:** Friday, February 15, 4-6 pm. Stop by anytime during tech hours for one-on-one technology help from a teen. Guarantee a time by making a 30-minute appointment at 878-4918.

Brown Bag Book Club: Tuesday, February 19, 12:30-1:30 pm. Meet others who love to discuss books. This month: "Little Fires Everywhere" by Celeste Ng. Books available at the front desk. Beverages and dessert provided.

Current Events Conversation: Wednesday, February 20, 10:30 -12 pm. Gather with others interested in informal discussion on current newsworthy topics.

***Williston Library's Writing Series:**

- Thursday, February 21, 1-2:30 pm. **Session Three: Tools of the Trade:** Explore the software, hardware, and other tools that make writing easier, effective, and efficient.
- Thursday, February 28, 1-2:30 pm. **Session Four: Open Forum (Bring Your Questions!), Work Review:** At the mid-way point, this is an opportunity to bring any issue, challenge, opportunity, question, or discussion point to the workshop for resolution.

These workshops will help those who wish to build their stories and find an audience. Join us for one or all sessions. Presented by Dr. Steven Shepard, a professional author, photographer, audio producer, and educator. Please pre-register.

Mah Jongg: Wednesday, February 27, 1-3:30 pm. Learn how to play, revisit the game or just enjoy the game of Mah Jongg. Come alone or bring a friend and play with members of our community. All experience levels are welcome.

Movie: Wednesday, February 27, 6 pm. **"Ocean 8"** 2018 New Release. Sandra Bullock leads a heist caper that's clever enough to get by and sly enough to treat its female cast as a natural spin on the 'Ocean's' brand. Snacks provided. Rated PG-13, 111 minutes.

Community News:

Your non-profit event can appear here. Send a description to marti@williston.lib.vt.us.

Diaper Drive

The Junior League of Champlain Valley (JLCV) is sponsoring a diaper drive. Your donation of diapers and diaper wipes may be dropped off in

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the library lobby February 4 through February 19. The JLCV Diaper Drive supplies five area food shelves, distributing about 100,000 diapers each year. JLCV is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

Fundraiser for Heating Fuel Assistance

The Williston- Richmond Rotary Club is hosting the 25th Annual Rotary Ski Challenge on March 15 at Bolton Valley. The Ski Challenge is the Williston-Richmond Rotary Club's principal way to raise funds to assist Vermonters who need assistance in heating their homes this winter. The funds raised are distributed by the Vermont Fuel Dealer Association to benefit our community. A portion of the funds raised also support college scholarships, Thanksgiving food baskets, a Senior Christmas dinner, building wheelchair ramps and other club services projects throughout the year. The Club has been able to donate in excess of \$150,000 toward these worthy endeavors. Donations are tax deductible and may be sent to Williston-Richmond Rotary Charities, P.O. Box 114, Williston, VT 05495