



Friends of the Burnham Library

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Friends of the Burnham Library 2024 Annual Appeal

This year's theme at the Burnham Memorial Library is **"Adventure Begins at Your Library"** – and it's so true! Your donations make the adventures possible by allowing us to bring so many exciting programs to the library to be enjoyed by hundreds of children and adults each year.

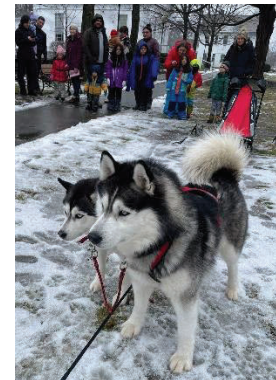
What kind of programs? **Dinoman** – One of our most popular events this year included Dinoman and his huge inflatable creatures. 60 happy patrons enjoyed learning about dinos and getting up close to these massive inflatables.

Escape Rooms - Our subscription to breakout.edu continues to be worth the cost. Already in 2024, we have hosted 12 themed Escape Rooms for kids, teens and adults.



Escape Room Participants "We Broke Out!"

Siber Sled Dogs – and puppies! Milagro Turner again brought her team of dogs in January and kids got to try out the dog sled and spend time with the adult dogs and puppies.



Bus Trips to the Library – Students from Porters Point enjoyed bus trips to the library, introducing many of them to the library for the first time, and providing them with a key to the world of books, adventure, and learning that a library card opens. (Shared funding by the FOBL & PTO) Union Memorial students are lucky enough to walk to the library every year!



Rainbow Fish, the Musical - By far, our most popular program was Rainbow Fish presented by the Lyric Theater. We actually lost count, but the Meeting House was packed, and it was an absolutely wonderful performance! With a bubbly, energetic score and a script that invites wonderful creativity and flexibility, the universal message at the heart of this delightful musical becomes much more than just a simple children's story.

For adults, the biggest cost is program supplies. Our adult craft programs are very popular, and we are always adding new types of programs to satisfy the demand. Adult craft programs include needle felting, Zentangle, and Cyanotypes. All supplies for these crafts are funded by the Friends of the Library.



Adult Crafts – Zentangle, Cyanotypes, Needle Felting

What else? Over the summer, 256 children and teens signed up to be Summer Readers and in August celebrated all the books they had read with a visit from the Palmer Lane ice cream truck.

Other summer activities included: Lawn Games ---- Puppet Kabob ---- Musician Tom Sieling
The Arts Bus ---- Big Blue Express

Planning for the future --- The Library Board of Trustees is in the earliest phase of a project to assess the library's projected physical space needs through the next 30 years. The FOBL looks forward to providing input and support to ensure that the plan that develops meets the needs of Colchester residents well into the future – Your support will help!

Your generous support is instrumental in continuing our mission to enrich our community through the Burnham Memorial Library. The Friends of the Burnham Library funds 90 percent of activities at the library. Together we can make a lasting impact, provide more programs, resources, and opportunities for everyone.

Donations can be made using the enclosed envelope, via PayPal by scanning the QR code below, or by visiting the Friends page of the library website (<https://www.colchestervt.gov/3100/Library>). If you have any questions or need help, please don't hesitate to contact us at FOBLVT@gmail.com.

Thank you so much for being a vital part of our library community and for your support.

With gratitude,

Sue-Rae Glinka, President
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