

Library Closed: Thanksgiving Day & the Friday following; Christmas Eve & Day & New Year's Day

Emily Dickinson

Emily Elizabeth Dickinson was born in Amherst, MA in 1830. After graduating from a local academy, Dickinson attended Mount Holyoke Female Seminary in South Hadley, MA. Although an excellent student, Dickinson suffered from acute homesickness. She returned to her family domicile, after only a year at Mount Holyoke, and remained there for the rest of her life.

Although a life-long recluse, Dickinson was an active correspondent who often wrote letters to friends and relatives. Many contained her poems. Dickinson met with failure, however, when she attempted to have the poems published. It was only after her death that the nature and scope of Dickinson's writing became evident. Now her considerable talent can be admired by poets, political scientists, physicians, physicists, philosophers, psychiatrists, playwrights, novelists, logicians, mathematicians, historians, and filmmakers. Everyone. Even computer geeks.

Consider:

I'm nobody! Who are you?
Are you nobody, too?
Then there's a pair of us – don't tell!
They'd banish us, you know.

How dreary to be somebody!
How public, like a frog
To tell your name the lifelong day
To an admiring bog!

Along with Walt Whitman, Dickinson created a distinctive American voice. Her poems reflect her abject loneliness, however, as well as her strong Puritan values. They show a devout love of nature, and are reminiscent of England's 17th century metaphysical poets (a term used by Samuel Johnson to identify his talented countrymen). The 'Belle of Amherst' died at her home in 1886.

Essay by Bill Lounsbury

KRL has many of Dickinson's poems and writings, as well as biographies of her life.

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Reading Recommendation from Carol Campbell:

Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger.

Summer 1961 in small town Minnesota, where death visits more than once. Told 40 years later from the perspective of a 13-year-old, who sought to find reasons and a way through grief and family turmoil. A mystery, written with extraordinary skill and grace; within the first few pages, I knew I loved this book.



Thanksgiving Issue, 23 November 2019

Plant sale WINTER BREAK

The Sidewalk Sale will resume in the Spring.

BOOK WORMS (monthly, 7 pm)

*On December 16, **The Wide Sargasso Sea** by Jean Rhys.*

Learn Local: Intention Setting for a New Year

Saturday, December 14th: *Tips for organization to help you get where you want to be. Lots of great ideas to help you start the new year right.* 10:30 am - Noon

Winter INSPIRE Library Events Catalog Now Available

Check out the many events planned at Manchester
... including a 5-week
Art In Residence: Mixed Media Art class

Open Positions with the Friends

Friends Board Member - Director
Salmon Bake leaders (and Co-Chairperson)

Interested? Email Thomas Uemoto progress2012@gmail.com

**Annual Membership Meeting, and
Election of Officers and Directors**

To be held
December 4, 2014, 7 pm
At Manchester Library

Nominees for office are:

President:	Eric Cisney
Vice President:	Carol Kowalski
Secretary:	John Winslow
Treasurer:	Theresa McBride
Director, Position #2:	TBD (3 year term)

Additional nominations may be made at the meeting.

Come join the FOML and support our community library!

ONGOING BOOK SALE: Pre-owned books are
ON SALE every day during normal library hours.

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