

BOOKS, GLORIOUS BOOKS

We have a lot going on in May and June, so I'll begin at a gallop! Our semi-annual book sale will have begun the last week of April, but if you still want to score some good reading materials at bargain prices, make sure you get here before **Thursday, May 6th** because Got Books will be arriving that day to pack up the remaining boxes and transport them to their warehouse in Massachusetts...and I respectfully request that you wait until August 1st before bringing us more book donations. In the meantime, we'll be clearing a place to store them and should be ready for their arrival once the Summer Reading Program winds down!

FUNDRAISING PASTABILITY

Speaking as someone who enjoys pasta in all shapes, sizes and preparations, I can't wait to head to the Hampton Falls Safety Complex on **Friday, May 7th** for a fabulous Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser from 5 to 7:30. The cost is \$7 per person/ \$25 for a family of 4 or more. Sweet! What's even sweeter is that Eagle Scout Calvin Lord is sponsoring this event to help fundraise for materials to build a storage shed at the Library over a couple of weekends in June. How lucky are we?? Tickets will be available for purchase ahead of time at the Library and at the door.

GAME CHANGE

The Mah-Jongg group has changed its meeting day to **Wednesdays at 1 p.m.** From the whooshing sound of tiles to the peals of laughter that occasionally emanate from the table, a good time is regularly had by all. New players are

always welcome to join in! As far as our other daytime groups go, "Knitworking" with Pat Sweeney continues to draw both beginner and expert knitters on **Tuesdays from 3:30 to 5**, while "Adult Beading" at the Library happens on **Fridays from 10:00-11:30**.

LAST LUNCH OF THE SEASON

Our "Learning Lunches" have been both educational and enjoyable, with programs on topics such as artifacts found in Hampton Falls, gardening, bird-watching, composting, and how to hire a qualified contractor. We have one more program that we're excited to offer: John Dodge will give a talk on **Friday, May 21st** on raising chickens! I view this as an outstanding opportunity for folks in Hampton Falls because John Dodge is regarded as an expert in all things poultry, drawing good-sized crowds to his presentations. "Learning Lunches" will take a break for the summer and return on particular Fridays this fall. If you have a suggestion for a topic that you'd like to learn more about, please let us know!

NIGHT TIME IS THE RIGHT TIME

What about evening programs? Glad you asked! Lawrence Cheetham, our instructor for Introductory Bridge during the past two months, has agreed to lead a 7-week introductory and continuing education class this fall. We'll begin to schedule programs the first week in August, so stay tuned and let us know if you're interested.

Our Adult Book Discussion Group will meet on **Tuesday, May 25th at 7:00** to ponder the mysteries of Lark and

Termite by Jayne Ann Phillips, a story set in West Virginia and Korea. One Amazon reviewer stated that “Lark and Termite is full of rich symbolism, character, and most of all - story...a well paced read with big pay-off, and will be sure to please those seeking a great literary escape.” To tie in with our Adult Summer Reading Program theme of “Water Your Mind – READ”, we’ll be talking about Time Is A River by Mary Alice Monroe on **Tuesday, June 29th at 7 p.m.** Booklist magazine says that author “Monroe ... treats her readers to lush descriptions of nature in this exquisite, many-layered novel of an unsolved mystery, an obsession, a reconciliation, and a little romance.” Doesn’t that sound perfect for summer? Copies of our discussion books are available at the check-out desk, and all are invited to participate in these conversations the last Tuesday of each month. Hope you’ll join us!

WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE

Speaking of our Adult Summer Reading Program, “Water Your Mind – READ”, we want to invite all teens and grownups to our combined Youth SRP kick-off event with festive cake and beverages on **Wednesday, June 23rd from 6-7 p.m.**

Participants who sign up will earn one ticket for each book they check out, and can earn a bonus ticket with each written book review submitted. The grand prize drawing will coincide with the end of the

Summer Reading Program on **Wednesday, July 28th**. How many books will you be able to keep afloat for five weeks?

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We hope to launch our new and improved web site **May 1st**, courtesy of former Hampton Falls resident/UNH Whittemore School graduate Steve Castle, who volunteered many hours of time to update our look and allow for easy change of content. In addition to our calendar and information pages, you’ll be able to access the Mango Languages database, Global Road Warrior, A-to-Z Maps, LearningExpress, Overdrive, EbscoHOST, plus our library catalog. I’ll send an e-mail to our mailing list when lift-off takes place!

HOLIDAY

The Library will be closed on **Saturday, May 29th** for Memorial Day Weekend, and Saturday Summer Hours (9 to 12) will be effective June through August.

CLOSING THOUGHT:

“Whether you think you can or whether you think you can't, you're right.”

Henry Ford

I think we can!

*Be well,
Judy Haskell*

**LIBRARY YOUTH SERVICES
CHECK IT OUT!**

I would like to thank the group of Hampton Falls students attending Winnacunnet who gave their time to participate in the panel discussion held in February. They did an outstanding job relating to 8th grade Lincoln Akerman students about the transition from LAS to Winnacunnet. Thank you to Brianna O'Brien, Kirsten Nelson, Brad Fagan, Joey Brouillard, Danielle Brouillard, Gunnar Nelson, Ben Wentworth, Paige Fagan, and Andrew Webster.

Baby-Toddler Story Times held on Tuesdays at 10:30 AM will run through June 8th. We will take a short break and begin again on June 29th. If you are not signed up and would like more information, please give us a call.

The Current Thursday Story Time Sessions (10:30 AM, 1:30 PM and After-School) will end on **June 3rd**. This will also be the day for the annual Preschool through Kindergarten Story Time Picnic and stuffed animal pet show. We'll supply the beverage and dessert. **There will be no Story Times on May 13th.**

The Novel Ideas 5th – 8th Grade Book Discussion Group will meet Wednesday, May 19th and Wednesday, June 16th from 6:30 – 7:15 PM. New members are always welcome!

Special Programs for May and June!

Make a Mother's Day Gift!
Tuesday, May 4th, 3 – 3:45 PM

What is it? Can't tell because we want your mother to be surprised! This program is for ages 6 and up. Please sign up in advance as space is limited.

Wii Games and/or Guitar Hero!
Wednesday, May 25th, 4 – 5 PM

Come in for a snack and a lot of fun! Please sign up in advance

Bracelet/Necklace Making Workshop
Wednesday, June 9th 6 – 7:30 PM

The design taught in this workshop can be made into either a bracelet or a necklace (or both). Please sign up in advance as space is limited. Also, please see Carol for a list of supplies you need to bring to the workshop. Children in grades 4 and up are welcome to sign up.

We won't forget Dad either! Make a Father's Day Gift Tuesday, June 15th, 3 – 3:45 PM. This program is also for children ages 6 and up. Please sign up in advance as space is limited.

Puppet Show with "Carol and Crew"
Thursday, June 17th from 3:30 – 4:15 PM.
No sign up required!

Summer Reading Kick-Off Party!
Wednesday, June 23rd from 5 – 7 PM

Come into the Library for a costume pageant, dessert and to sign up for "Make a Splash, Read!" and "Make Waves at Your Library" Summer Reading Program. Children are urged to come at 5 PM dressed in a costume that represents who they are or would like to be (such as someone from Star Wars? A Princess? A Pirate? A Ballerina?). Prizes will be awarded! Please sign up to let us know who to expect! The pageant will be followed by dessert!

The final schedule for the Summer Reading Program is still in the works. We have some great things planned such as the Toe Jam Puppet Band (guaranteed to make you howl!), Wildlife Encounters, the Boston Museum of Science and the annual Hampton Falls Free Library Talent Show. The schedules for the summer will be available for pickup at the Library in early June.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Library!

-Carol Sanborn
Director of Youth Services

Hampton Falls Free Library

LOOK WHAT WE HAVE FOR YOU!

The Library provides these free services for the community:

- **Books, magazines, newspapers, videos, DVDs, audio books and jigsaw puzzles.** NO FINES FOR LATE RETURN!
- **Large-print books**
- **Interlibrary Loan.** IF WE DON'T OWN IT, WE'LL BORROW IT!
- **Reference service.** ASK US IN PERSON, BY PHONE OR E-MAIL.
- **Story Times for children.** SIGN-UPS GENERALLY REQUIRED.
- **Summer Reading Programs.** FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS!
- **Workshops and programs for children and adults.** YEAR ROUND!
- **Museum Pass to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts**
- **Computers for Internet access and word processing**
- **WiFi access**
- **Computer instruction.** INDIVIDUAL OR SMALL CLASS LESSONS.
- **Fax service.** \$1.00 AND UP.
- **Photocopier.** 10 CENTS PER PAGE.
- **Meeting Room.** AVAILABLE FOR USE BY NON-PROFIT GROUPS.
- **Monthly adult and youth book discussion groups**
- **Community bulletin board**
- **Home delivery.** WE'LL DROP OFF BOOKS TO THE HOMEBOUND.
- **Bimonthly newsletter.** WE'LL KEEP YOU UP TO DATE!
- **Friendly staff to help you every step of the way!**

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LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesday	10 to 8
Wednesday	1 to 8
Thursday	10 to 6
Friday	10 to 5
Saturday*	9 to 1
	*9 to 12 June-August