

# Library News of Note

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### ART APPRECIATION

As you enter the Library these days, you're invited into a quintessential New England scene: a bunting-clad white clapboard meeting house set against a background of fields and forest has been magically rendered on canvas by Meredith artist Steven Hodecker. (In case you don't remember, Steven is the artist who donated "The Raspberry Farm" painting to the preservation effort of the Raspberry Farm last December).

"The Meeting House," a large-scale watercolor reminiscent of paintings by Andrew Wyeth, has been generously loaned to the Library for the month of February and is available for purchase. What a wonderful way to herald our own exhibit of "**Artists in Flight**," which features the art work of Hampton Falls children from toddler through high school! The opening reception is scheduled for Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:30-6:30 p.m. and will be on display through the month of March. We hope that many of you will stop by and witness the talent of our younger members!

### GET OUT AND VOTE!

Before you cast your vote on March 9<sup>th</sup>, be sure to join us at "**Meet the Candidates**" night on Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Once again, volunteers Nick Batista and Kathy Connors have kindly offered to provide the refreshments, so come for a friendly chat with the candidates and enjoy something wonderful to eat!

### SPRING BOOK SALE

Judging by the number of boxes of books we've already amassed, our **April 24th Book Sale** will undoubtedly offer buyers a bonanza of bargains! We'll begin to set up on Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> and are looking for kind-hearted and able-bodied people to help move boxes and organize the tables. Please call if you have some free time to assist us - we'll continue to accept donations through April 17<sup>th</sup>.

### ENERGY SAVINGS AND YOU

Want to save on your electric bill and reduce your carbon footprint? Thanks to the NH State Library and nhsaves, a partnership of New Hampshire electric utility companies, we now have two **Cut the Carbon** kits for you to borrow. Each kit contains a Kill-a-Watt meter, usage instructions, an energy saving brochure, a bookmark and a survey. Kits will check out for two weeks, like all our items available for you to borrow.

### LIBRARIES AND COMMUNITIES

**National Library Week** runs from April 11-17<sup>th</sup>: We invite you to join us each day for a nibble and a free hot drink to celebrate the importance of libraries to their communities! As part of our festivities, the Library will be hosting a program that week with local author-runner-restaurateur KD Mason, who will talk about and sign copies of his book Harbor Ice on Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:00.

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### **LEARNING LUNCHES**

Following an auspicious debut in February, we have two more “**Learning Lunches**” planned for the month of March that will get us ready for the growing season. On Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> Abby Tonry and Bob Blackington will discuss the benefits and methods of “Composting,” while on Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, John Dodge will talk about “Getting the Garden Ready for Spring.” Each session starts at 12:00 noon, so bring a sandwich, soup or salad and we’ll serve you a beverage and dessert. April programs are still in the planning stages, so stay tuned.

### **BEDAZZLING BEADS!**

Carol Sanborn will teach a “Bracelet Making Workshop” on Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 6 p.m. Please sign up in advance as space is limited. Note: children in grades 4 and up are welcome to participate. Please see Carol to get a list of needed supplies.

### **ONGOING PROGRAMS**

“**Knitting Group**” with Pat Sweeney meets Tuesday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. Experienced knitters and newbies are always welcome!

“**Bead Group**” with Carol Sanborn meets on Friday mornings from 10:30 to noon. Enjoy working on a common project, share tips and techniques, not to mention swap beads!

### **BOOK GROUP FOR GROWN-UPS**

On March 30<sup>th</sup>, we’ll be discussing Labor Day by NH author Joyce Maynard. Through a chance encounter with a bleeding man named Frank, 13 year old Henry and his mother will learn unforgettable lessons about jealousy, betrayal and putting a loved one’s needs above one’s own during the course of one Labor Day weekend. April’s title is a non-fiction work: Guns, Germs and Steel by Jared Diamond (once featured on the WHS summer reading list) discusses the rise of Western civilization from the viewpoint of a biologist. Diamond writes “History followed different courses for different peoples because of differences among peoples’ environments, not because of biological differences among peoples themselves.” As a result, those who domesticated plants and animals early got a head start on developing writing, government, technology, weapons of war, and immunity to deadly germs. Want to know what we’ll be reading in May?

Lark and Termite by Jayne Anne Phillips. Our meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. on the last Tuesday of every month. New members are always welcome! Be sure to stop by the Library to pick up a copy of our latest “read”.

### **LIFE ON MOUNT WASHINGTON**

The Hampton Falls Free Library and the Lincoln Akerman School PTO are proud to sponsor science writer and weather observer Eric Pinder at LAS from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. on Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Adults are cordially invited to his presentation, which will include footage of people in hurricane-force winds on Mount Washington. Pinder also likes to

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weave stories of cats, foxes, bears, moose and other animals on the mountain into his narrative, so an entertaining time is guaranteed for all! For more information, please contact 926-3682.

At the risk of being redundant, I will leave you with the words of Malcolm Forbes: "The richest person in the world—in fact all the riches in the world—couldn't provide you with anything like the endless, incredible loot available at your local library"

*We're rich!*  
*Judy Haskell*

### **LIBRARY YOUTH SERVICES** **CHECK IT OUT!**

**Story Times** - In case of inclement weather, please call the Library at 926-3682 to check if we will be holding Story Time on that day. If school is cancelled, there will be no Story Time on that day.

**Baby – Toddler Story Times** continue to run on Tuesdays from 10:30 – 11ish AM. This is a fast paced, fun program for newborns through 2's. **There will be no Story Time on April 27<sup>th</sup>.** The program will run through June 1st. We will begin again in late June. If you are not already signed up for this program and are interested, please give me a call.

**Story Times for pre-schoolers through kindergarten** will continue through June 3<sup>rd</sup>. **There will be no Story Times**

**on April 29<sup>th</sup> and May 13<sup>th</sup>.** Story Times are held on Thursdays, one session running from 10:30 – 11 AM and a second running from 1:30 – 2:15 PM. There is still space in both sessions. Please call or stop in if you would like to sign up.

**The current session of the After-School Story Time for 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Graders** will run through June 3<sup>rd</sup>. This group meets on Thursdays from 3 – 4 PM. There is no space in this program at this time. **There will be no Story Time on April 29<sup>th</sup> and May 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**Tween Time for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Graders** will run through June 1st. This group meets on Tuesdays from 3 – 4 PM. There is still space in this program. Please call or stop in if you would like to sign up. **There will be no Tween Time on March 9<sup>th</sup> and April 27<sup>th</sup>.**

**The Novel ideas 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Book Discussion Group** will meet Wednesday, March 17th and Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30 – 7:15 PM. Books for the discussion are available at the Library. New members are always welcome!

### **Special Programs!**

**The grand opening of the "Artist in Flight" Art Show** is on Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:30 – 6:30 PM. The show features the artwork of children from toddlers through high school. It will be on display for the month of March. Please stop in to "ooh and aah" this wonderful exhibit.

**Guitar Hero!** This will be held on Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 5 PM.

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The program is for grade 3 on up. Please sign up in advance.

**High School Panel Discussion for LAS 8<sup>th</sup> Graders and their parents on** Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 7:30 PM Lincoln Akerman 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents are invited to a panel discussion. The pane will be comprised of former Lincoln Akerman students who are currently attending Winnacunnet. This should be a helpful forum on what to expect from the academic, extra-curricular and social atmosphere of the school.

**Bead Club** – The Bead Club for 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders will meet Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 3 – 4 PM. Each month the group makes a different project. Please sign up in advance as space is limited. There is a \$2 fee per participant each month to help pay for the cost of supplies. Donations of quality beads are always welcome!

**Bracelet Making Workshop** Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 6 PM. Want to make a new bracelet for spring or to wear to the Father-Daughter Dance? Stop in the Library to see the prototype. Sign up in advance as space is limited. Children in grades 4 and up are welcome to participate. Please get the list of supplies you need to purchase from Carol.

### **April Vacation Programs!!**

**Puppet Show!** Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 4:15 PM. Please join “Carol and Crew” for some fun!

**Wild About Turtles! With Mary Doane of Project Nature** Wednesday,

April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Join us for an evening of singing, movement, clay sculpture and live turtles! Please sign up in advance!

**The Annual Mother-Daughter Tea (or Grandmother, Aunt, etc.)** Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 3 – 4:30 PM This has always been a special event at the Library. Fancy dress for all who attend is encouraged, but not required. Big hats are optional! As with other special events, there is a sign up as space is limited. Also, we love the boys, but this is an event for just the ladies.

**Bead Club! For 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders** Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 3 -4 PM Please see already mentioned information.

Happy Reading!

Carol Sanborn  
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