

GIFTS, GLORIOUS GIFTS!

One recent Friday morning, a gentleman knocked on my office door, introduced himself and, extending a piece of fabric fashioned into a fitted arm chair cover, asked “Would you be interested in a pair of wing back chairs upholstered in this fabric?” (Picture an ivory background with floral blooming vines in shades of green and rose with accents of dark blue and tan...a palate that matched the existing color scheme of the library) “I also have a matching rug that used to be in our living room. Everything is in the garage and I’d like to get them out of there...I’d even drop them off for you.” Once I lifted my jaw from the ground as I struggled to regain my composure, I asked if I might stop by to see them. “Sure. You can come by this afternoon!” Long story short, the chairs and area rug (which also could be mistaken as having been custom-ordered for the Library) now form a handsome addition to our seating area near the magazines. Note to all visitors: comfortable reading, conversation and the occasional nap are encouraged. Many thanks to Jack and Lee McMath for their generosity and exquisite taste!

As if our cup didn’t already runneth over, Calvin Lord will have completed a storage shed (this Librarian’s dream come true!) by the time this newsletter reaches your mailbox. Display and seasonal items that are currently housed in the mezzanine and maintenance closet will be able to take up residence in a more appropriate place. We are most grateful to Calvin and the Boy Scouts of Hampton Falls for supporting this Eagle Scout project!

TECHNOLOGY SURVEY

One of Library’s goals this year is to update our technology plan. With the valuable assistance of John Ashak, Shawn Hanson, Mark Ordnung and Hugh Schrier, we have put together a brief technology survey for you to fill out so we can better assess our needs and plan accordingly. It will be available at the checkout desk in the Library and at the Town Clerk’s office, so please complete the

form while you’re here or drop it in the book return at your convenience. Many thanks in advance!

WATER YOUR MIND – READ!

This summer, we want all adults and high school students to dive into pleasure reading and have the opportunity to win gift certificates from our friends at *Ace Hardware*, *Applecrest Farm Orchards*, *Dodge’s Agway*, *Village Market*, and *You’re Invited* in Hampton Falls, and from *Elizabeth Grady* in North Hampton! After you register, each book, audio book, or two magazines checked out will earn you one raffle ticket, which you can then distribute in the display bag for the gift certificate(s) of your choice. Want to increase your chance of winning? Write a brief review about a title you liked and earn two additional raffle tickets! “Water Your Mind – Read” will begin on Wednesday, June 23rd, the same day as the Children’s Summer Reading Program, and conclude on Friday, July 30th with a special TGIF social and raffle prize drawing at 3 p.m. We hope that lots of you decide to take the plunge!

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

The Library’s Book Group for Grownups will continue to meet and converse during the summer. On **Tuesday, July 27th** we’ll be talking about the [Mennonite in a Little Black Dress](#) by Rhoda Janzen, summarized by *Booking Mama* as “a hilarious and moving moving memoir—in the spirit of Anne Lamott and Nora Ephron—about a woman who returns home to her close-knit Mennonite family after a personal crisis.” We’ll foray into fiction on **Tuesday, August 31st** to discuss New Hampshire author Nancy Clark’s comedy of manners [The Hills at Home](#) that the *Christian Science Monitor* describes as “the wittiest family portrait in years.” Shades of Jane Austen? I can’t wait! Meetings start at 7 p.m.; extra copies of each book will be available, and newcomers are welcome.

NEW FACE AT THE LIBRARY

As we wish our Library Assistant Tina Kinsman a speedy recovery as she recuperates from surgery over the next few weeks, please join us in welcoming long-term substitute Katie McDonough. Katie was a consultant with the New Hampshire State Library and has extensive public library experience in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, so we feel very fortunate to have her assistance this summer!

GAMES PEOPLE PLAY

The Mah Jong group that used to meet on Fridays and then met on Wednesdays decided to create the best of both worlds and will now gather together on alternate Wednesdays and Fridays. Players and those wishing to learn the game can call or stop by the Library for all the July and August dates.

MEETING ROOM REGISTRATION

We are anticipating lots of meeting room requests once summer is on the wane and the school year beckons. To insure fairness for all interested groups who wish to reserve the meeting room, we will begin to schedule meeting days and times on **Tuesday, August 3rd**. At that time, all previous and prospective “tenants” (town-affiliated, non-profit groups) can register **in person** at the library on a first-come-first-served basis.

BOOK SALE REMINDER

Our Fall Book Sale will start on Saturday, September 18th, so we invite you to drop off your gently used books, DVDs, audio and video cassettes **when the Library is open for business**. Items left outside may be rained on, which renders them unusable. We’d also be pleased to give you a receipt for the number of books you’re donating for when you bring them in. If you’d like to be one of the wonderful people on the set-up team for the days leading up to the event, please give us a call at 926-3682 – one of the perks of being a Book Sale

volunteer is getting to preview the best deals and setting them aside!

Parting Thought: “Humankind. Be both.”
-Rex Wilder

May each day feel like a gift,

Judy Haskell,
Library Director

LIBRARY YOUTH SERVICES A LOT GOING ON!

Our summer reading program “Make A Splash...Read!” and “Make Waves At Your Library” is well underway. It is not too late for anyone to sign up for this great program designed to encourage reading for pleasure in a relaxed environment.

During the course of the program, **for every five books read (or read to them) the children in pre-school through 2nd grade** can choose a prize from the Treasure Chest. Once they have read (or been read to) fifteen books **during the June 23rd – July 28th period**, they will be eligible for the grand prize raffle – bicycles donated by Wal-Mart of Seabrook, one for boys and one for girls.

For every 175 pages (equivalent to 5 picture books) the 3rd and 4th graders read, they too can choose a prize from the Treasure Chest. What do they have to read? What do they enjoy??!! Picture Books, Early Readers, Chapter Books, Graphic Novels, Magazines, all are fine! Once they have read 525 pages **during the time period from June 23rd – July 28th**, they will be eligible for the bicycle raffle as well.

Those children in Grades 5 and up have a “log” to keep track of the number of pages read. For every 175 pages read, they can fill out a coupon to enter a weekly drawing. The more pages read, the more

times they are entered! Those children who read 525 pages during the time period running from **June 23rd – July 28th** will be eligible for the final raffle of a \$20 gift certificate from Barnes and Noble. We also have an **Extra-Special Raffle!** Those children who read 525 pages, write a one page book review to be displayed in the Library, attend at least one Summer Reading Program and submit a creative piece (poetry, a story, an essay, artwork, etc.) during the June 23rd – July 28th time period will be entered in a drawing for a SURFING LESSON with Cinnamon Rainbows!

This year we have our usual exciting line-up of programs. Children do not need to be signed up for the reading part of the summer program to attend these events, although we do encourage it! On **Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 7:30 PM** please join us for:

July 7– Martha Dana and Friends Puppeteer Martha Dana loves the Hampton Falls Free Library and we are happy to have her back!

July 14- Annual Talent Show! Please sign up to share your talent. This is a wonderful evening showcasing the talent in the community – singing, dancing, hula hooping, musical instruments, jokes, you name it!

July 21 – Wildlife Encounters! You will meet up close and learn more about a variety of wildlife. What animals will be visiting the library this summer? You will have to come and find out! Thanks to the Hampton Falls Webelos Scout Troop for helping to make this program possible!

July 28 –Magician Norman Ng Norman is sure to amaze you with his magic! We have been fortunate to have wonderful magicians come to the Library. Come in and enjoy!

The Baby-Toddler Story Times continue this summer. This program is designed for newborns and toddlers through age 2 and consists of stories, songs, nursery rhymes and movement. The sessions run on **Tuesdays from 10:30 – 11 AM**. They are scheduled for **July 6th, July 13th, July 20th and**

July 27th. We will then take a break and the next session start up time will be announced.

We also have a number of **Special Programs:**

Friday, July 2nd, 3:30 - 4:30 PM Make a knotted water bottle holder for 5th – 8th Graders Stop in to see what it looks like. It's easy to make and fun to do! Please sign up in advance.

Thursday, July 8th, 4 – 5 PM Yoga for 5th – 8th Graders! This will be taught by either Heather Warr or Lisa Burk-McCoy of ChildLight Yoga. **It will be held at The Farm Yoga and Wellness Center, 69 Drinkwater Road** In this one hour class, children will explore the ancient practice of yoga. The obvious benefits of yoga will be discussed such as strength and flexibility as well as the more subtle mind body connection. Through breathing exercises, yoga poses, partner poses, flowing sequences and relaxation, children will enjoy this taste of yoga together! Thanks to owner Kim Pihl for working this out for us! We need at least 5 participants for this program up to a maximum of 16. Please sign up in advance. This is going to be great!

Friday, July 9th, 3 – 4 PM Ocean Party for 1st – 4th graders! We'll have stories, games, food and a craft. Casual dress (but no bathing suits!). Please sign up in advance.

Tuesday, July 13th, 2:45 – 3:30 PM and Wednesday, July 14th 6:30 PM Puppet Camp! On Tuesday we will learn puppetry techniques and practice the story to be performed in the Talent Show. Then on Wednesday at 6:30 PM, the "Troupe" will be the opening act in the Talent Show. Space is limited to five children ages 8 and up. Please sign up in advance. On Tuesday a snack will be served at 3:30 for those participants who want to stay for the Boston Museum of Science Program.

Tuesday, July 13th, 4 – 4:30 PM – The Boston Museum of Science Animal Invaders Traveling

Program We are lucky to have the Boston Museum of Science return to the Library! This show is best suited for children ages 7 and older.

Thursday, July 15th 1:30 – 2:15 PM Beach Party for Pre-school through Kindergarten

Stories, games, food and a craft. Casual dress for this one, too, but no bathing suits!

Please sign up in advance as space is limited.

Friday, July 16th 10:30 – 11:15 AM 5th – 8th Grade Novel Ideas Book Discussion

Group Books, Bagels, Doughnuts and Deep Thoughts! Join us for a lively book discussion while we enjoy bagels and doughnuts. New members are always welcome. Copies of the book are available at the Library.

Tuesday, July 20th 3:30 – 4:30 PM Legos!! For 1st grade and older We'll supply the legos. A project will be announced that everyone will make followed by a show and tell! (The Legos stay here for future programs!) Please sign up in advance.

Tuesday, July 27th Noon – 1 PM Talking Books and a Pizza Party for 5th – 8th Graders Come in to talk about your favorite books and/or what you've been reading while we enjoy PIZZA! Please sign up in advance.

Wednesday, August 18th 6:30 – 7:15 PM Novel Ideas 5th – 8th Book Discussion Group

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Happy Reading and Happy Summer!

Carol Sanborn
Director of Youth Services