

IT COULD HAVE BEEN WORSE!

You've heard the saying, "When it rains, it pours." After walking into the Library on the morning of December 1st, I also learned that "When it leaks, it pours..." A pressure valve on a hot water tank malfunctioned and spewed hot water all over the mezzanine tile floor, which then traveled the paths of least resistance and soaked insulation, sheet rock and ceiling tiles above the circulation desk, foyer, ladies' room, and meeting room, resulting in a sodden mess. However, Fire Chief Jay Lord and Building Inspector Kevin Kelley immediately responded to my phone call of distress and thus began the process of mopping up, throwing away, taking photographs, contacting the AM-PM janitorial team for water extraction, notifying our insurance carrier, while we began canceling programs and letting the Trustees and our patrons know what was happening, posting signs, meeting with the plumber, contractor, insurance adjustor, and recovery team while checking books in and doing library chores amid the noise of a half-dozen blowers... but we only lost **6 books!** The good news is that we're open, the rug is clean, repairs are underway, the Santa Party was a rousing success, and soon our facility will be better than ever. Although our current appearance may be a bit rustic, our friendly service is still a thing of beauty!

BEND AND STRETCH

Ready to put those New Year's resolutions to work and begin an exercise program? Stop by the Library on **Thursday, January 6th at 6 p.m.** for an hour-long "**Introduction to Yoga**" with local Kripalu Certified Yoga teacher Cynde Denson. Cynde will provide mats for us to use – just dress in loose-fitting, comfortable clothes and prepare to feel relaxed and rejuvenated!

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

We'll be meeting on **Tuesday, January 25th at 7 p.m.** to discuss The Surrendered by Chang-Rae Lee. In its review, the *Boston Globe* writes: "'[*The Surrendered*] is epic in scope, masterful in execution, heart stopping at times, and heartbreaking at others. The meticulous narrative unfolds over 52 years and across three continents...Lee understands that in art and in stories what is perhaps most valuable is not what can be explained but what can be felt." Turning to nonfiction and space travel, our **February 22nd** title is Packing for Mars: the Curious Science of Life in the Void by Mary Roach. *Booklist* reviewer Donna Seaman describes it this way: "Roach explores the organic aspects of the space program, such as the dangerous bane of space motion sickness and the challenges of space hygiene ... She devotes one chapter to space food and another to zero-gravity elimination, which is a serious matter, even with a term like 'fecal popcorn'... Roach celebrates human ingenuity (the odder the better), and calls for us to marshal our resources, unchain our imaginations, and start packing for Mars." Sign me up! Copies of each book are available at the desk; new members are encouraged to join our conversation.

DEMOCRACY IN ACTION

The Library will sponsor its 5th annual "**Meet the Candidates**" night on **Tuesday, February 15th from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.** This is the perfect time to talk with the people running for town offices and put names and faces together. The 4Cs will be there, too - cookies, cocoa, coffee and cider!

LEARNING LUNCHES

In case you can't make the Thursday evening yoga class with Cynde Denson, join us on **Friday, January 21st** at noon time when local Yoga instructor Cynde Denson will present a program on the benefits of yoga and show us some poses that can be done in a chair. On **Friday, February 18th**, art maven Anne Antippas will do another of her artist programs – as of this writing, the topic is yet to be announced, but experience tells me it's bound to be good! Bring a lunch, and the Library will provide a dessert and beverage.

DID YOU KNOW

That we now subscribe to "Astronomy", "The Atlantic", "Health" and "ShopSmart"? One great thing our library does is allow you to borrow the newest issues immediately, rather than wait a month like most libraries. So save some money and check out our magazines!

OPTELEK READER

Thanks to our friends at the Exeter Public Library, we now have an Optelek low vision reader magnifier available for use at the Library, perfect for people with limited vision to spend time here during the day reading a newspaper, magazine or book.

BOOK SALE DONATIONS

Due to ongoing repairs and repainting, we're planning for Book Sale donations to resume March 1, 2011 in anticipation of the **April 16th Book Sale**. Please make sure your gently used books, CDs, DVDs, puzzles, and videos are in boxes or bags; if you'd like a receipt for your donation, **just provide us with the number and type of items, your name and address**, and we'll be happy to supply a receipt for your tax records.

MUSEUM PASS

Have you been to the new Art of the Americas Wing at the MFA? Our membership to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts is available to multiple users at a time. It's a wonderful way to enjoy the world's timeless treasures and only an hour away. Call 926-3682 to reserve a pass for just about any day you wish!

SNOW CLOSURE

When bad weather strikes, the library may close or delay opening depending upon local conditions. All library **programs** are automatically cancelled if schools in SAU 21 are closed, but the library itself may be open. We encourage you to call 926-3682 before you leave home to make sure we're operating. If road conditions are poor, make safety your ultimate concern and please stay home until conditions improve.

FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

Want to be among the first to know what's happening at HFFL? Just "Friend" us on Facebook and share the good news with your neighbors. Want to know what books and DVDs we've added to our collection in the last month? Become a member of our g-mail list by sending an e-mail to hamptonfalls.library@gmail.com to be included in **all** our postings.

PARTING THOUGHT

"In spite of the cost of living, it's still popular."—Kathleen Norris

See you at the Library, where we're always happy to help you save on the cost of living!

Be well,
Judy Haskell

LIBRARY YOUTH SERVICES
CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING!

Story Times!

Story Time sign up begins Tuesday, January, 4th. You can sign up by coming into the Library or calling 926-3682.

In case of inclement weather, please call the Library to check if we will be holding Story Time that day. If schools are closed, the Library may or may not be open but programs will be cancelled.

The Baby-Toddler Story Time is designed for newborns through the 2's. It consists of short stories, nursery rhymes, finger plays, music, and, of course, puppets! It is 25 – 30 minutes of a lot of activity! It is held on Tuesdays from 10:30 – 10:55ish AM. **It will begin on January 11th. There will be no Story Time on February 22rd or April 26th.**

Story Times will be held on Thursdays with two different sessions, 10:30 – 11 AM and 1:30 – 2:15 PM. **They will begin on Thursday, January 13th** and run through May 26th with the annual picnic being held on June 2nd. **There will be no Story Times on February 24th, April 28th or May 5th.**

The After School Story Time for 1st – 4th graders will also be held on Thursdays. The program will run from 3 – 4 PM **beginning January 14th**. Space is limited. **There will be no Story Times on February 24th, April 28th or May 5th.** The last Story time will be on June 2nd.

Special Programs!

The Novel Ideas 5th – 8th Grade Book Discussion Group meets (usually) on the third Wednesday of the month from 6: 30 – 7:15 PM. Mark your calendars for January 19th and February 16th. Copies of the book are available at the Library and new members are always welcome!

Art Program for 3rd and 4th Graders

We will be holding 4 weeks of Art Classes taught by Phyllis Marsh. This program is designed for children who are truly interested in art classes and is a FOUR WEEK commitment. It will be held on Tuesday January 18th, 25th, February 1st and 8th. Sign up is required in advance as space is limited. It will run from 3 – 4:15 PM.

Pajama Story Times! Put on your cozy PJ's and feel free to bring a favorite stuffed animal friend. These will be held on Wednesday, January 26th and Wednesday, February 23rd from 6:30 – 7 PM (weather permitting!). Please sign up in advance.

Read to Twinkle the Dog! Twinkle will be at the Library on **Tuesday, January 11th, Friday, January 28th, Friday, February 11th and Friday, February 18th**. She loves to listen to stories! Sign up in advance to read at 3:30 PM or 3:50 PM on any of these days!

Mother/Father – Child - Good Friend Bracelet making workshop will be held on Wednesday, February 9th from 6 – 7:30 PM. This workshop is for adults and children who are in 3rd grade and older. Please sign up in advance and see Carol for a list of supplies you need to purchase before the workshop. Space is limited. Copies of the bracelet will be on display at the Library.

Bead Club for 5th – 8th Graders will meet on Wednesday, January 12th and Friday, February 25th from 3 – 4 PM. There is a \$2 fee per person to help with the cost of the beads and supplies. Please sign up as space is limited.

The Artist in Flight Annual Art Show- During the month of February I will be collecting art work from the children in pre-school through High School to display in the Library during the month of March. Please drop off your masterpieces with a sticky note on back with your name, age and phone number. One masterpiece per person, please! **The Opening Reception will be Wednesday, March 2nd from 4 – 6 PM.**

The Winnacunnet High School Panel Discussion for Lincoln Akerman 8th Graders will be held once again this year. The date is still to be determined. We will announce it as soon as we have scheduled it. Feel free to give us a call if you have any questions.

February Vacation Activities:

Puppet show! Tuesday, February 22nd from 3:30 – 4:15 PM Carol will have a “Crew” of her puppets! Please come and join the fun. No sign up is required.

Needle Felting Program Wednesday, February 23rd 3:30 – 5 PM Sign up to make a needle felted animal! Ages 11 and older. There is a \$4 fee for the cost of supplies.

PJ Story Time Please see information above.

Artist in Flight Masterpiece Creation Craft Time Thursday, February 24th 10:30 – 11:15 AM or 3 – 4 PM

Artists can come to the Library during either time to create a masterpiece for the “Artist in Flight” Show at the Library which will be held during the month of March. We will have water colors, finger paints, poster paints, colored pencils and crayons available. One creation per participant please! Please sign up in advance.

Bead Club! See information above.

Thanks to all for your support of our many Library activities!

It is very much appreciated!

*-Carol Sanborn
Youth Services Librarian*