

## FEEDING FRENZY

One of the few things that can jolt me from relative complacency about my home is hosting a dinner party – suddenly I realize that the silver is tarnished, the rugs should have been steam cleaned a month ago, the ceramic tile floors and grout look grimy – so I’m propelled into action, moving at faster-than-usual rpms to attend to what I had cheerfully neglected before issuing the invitation. So what was the first order of action? Buying 3 flats of pansies to plant in my earthenware pots and place on my doorstep! The menu is the easy part; food and friends go together like salt and pepper, or books and librarians, or whatever partnership suits your fancy...what’s the hard part? Trying not to compete with Martha Stewart! I guess it’s time for me to start doing some yoga breathing and let the good times roll, which they always do.

## LEARNING LUNCHESES

Do you ever wonder how to best care for the furniture you inherited or collected over the years? Our **May 13th** “Learning Lunch” will feature local antiques expert Elizabeth Rhoades Aykroyd who will share her extensive knowledge on how to preserve these special items. And Hampton Falls’ pastry chef Melissa Carter will be offering tips on cake decoration for our season finale on **June 17<sup>th</sup>**...I do hope she brings samples! Each program begins at **twelve o’clock** and runs for approximately one hour.

Bring your lunch, and we’ll supply a drink and dessert.

## BOOK DONATIONS ON HOLD

By the time you read this, our Spring Book Sale will be a hazy, happy and profitable memory as our focus will have shifted to our Summer Reading Programs. In consideration of the increased activity and traffic we experience in June and July, **we will not be accepting book donations until August 2nd**, after the dust from the Summer Reading Program has begun to settle. For those of you who like to plan ahead, our **Fall Book Sale will be on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 1!**

## BOOK GROUP FOR GROWNUPS

You can tell that I’ve got summer on the brain, because we’ve selected a beach read for discussion on **Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m.**: The Three Weissmanns of Wesport by Cathleen Schine is “a clever and warmhearted tale about love, life, and the true meaning of family. Schine’s story captures the essence of Austen’s classics, with pages filled with vibrant characters and insightful social commentary.” (Think of it as a 21<sup>st</sup> century Sense and Sensibility!) Then we’ll formally usher summer in on **Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>** with Julia Child’s charming memoir, My Life in France. In her own words, Julia relates the story of her years in France, how she fell in love with French food and found “her true calling.” Stop by the Library for copies of the books; new members welcome!

### NEW AND IMPROVED!

We've got the same address, but a better, more user-friendly website. Check us out at [www.hamptonfallslibrary.org](http://www.hamptonfallslibrary.org) and let us know what you think! Friend us on Facebook, too! It's the best way to keep current with what's happening at the Library.

### KUMIHEMO BRACELET

Carol will be teaching a class **Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m.** on making a bracelet with the Kumihemo technique (Japanese braiding). Please see Carol for a list of supplies. For the workshop, you will need to set up your Kumihemo wheel before the class; please arrange a time with Carol before June 9<sup>th</sup> to come in and learn how to prepare for the class.

### SUMMER READING PROGRAM FOR GROWNUPS!

Our theme for 2011 is "Novel Destinations" and the kick-off will happen the same time as the Summer Reading Program begins for youth on **Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**...if you're here from 5:30 to 7:00, you'll have a chance to learn how to dance the merengue with Antonio Cassetta! You can sign up and begin to earn tickets for every book and magazine you read for your choice of prizes donated by local businesses. Write a brief review and double your chances of winning! We'll also have a display of "Novel Destinations" that you may wish to visit via armchair, beach chair or hammock if you are in the mood for suggested reading.

### MUSEUM PASS

Have you been to the new Art of the Americas wing of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts? I'm looking forward to viewing the "Chihuly: Through the Looking Glass" exhibit that will run through August 7<sup>th</sup>. Our membership to the MFA is available to multiple users 360 days of the year...enjoy the world's timeless treasures that are housed only an hour away! Call 926-3682 or stop by the Library to pick up a pass.

### LONG WEEKEND

The Library will be closed on **Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> and Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>** to celebrate the first long weekend of the summer season and commemorate Memorial Day. We offer our deepest thanks to members of the armed services present and past who have protected us so faithfully and well.

### PARTING THOUGHT

"If you don't know where you're going, you will probably end up somewhere else." --Laurence J. Peter

Make it easy on yourself – just go to the Library!

Enjoy,  
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 8<sup>th</sup> grade Lincoln Akerman students about the transition from LAS to Winnacunnet. Thank you to Cassie Brouillard, Morgan Kennedy, Kirsten Nelson, Mark Caunter, Collin Ward, Gunnar Nelson, and Mark Caunter.

**Exciting News!** The Hampton Falls Free Library was awarded a Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) grant! As a result of this grant we will be receiving 100 – 110 hardcover children's books worth \$2,000! We will also have a storytelling presentation given by New Hampshire author Marty Kelley. He will be coming to the Lincoln Akerman School to give a presentation to the K – 6<sup>th</sup> Graders. This grant also enabled us to nominate the Hampton Falls Head Start Program to receive books as well.

**Baby-Toddler Story Times** held on Tuesdays at 10:30 AM will run through June 7<sup>th</sup>. We will take a short break and begin again on June 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**The Novel Ideas 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Book Discussion Group** will meet Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 7:15 PM. New members are always welcome!

**Special Programs for May and June!**

**April Showers Bring May Flowers! Bracelet/Necklace Making Workshop**  
**Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 6 – 7:30 PM**

We'll be making a beautiful flower bracelet! 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 and must be accompanied by an adult. A sample of the bracelet is on display at the Library.

**Kid's Can! Make a Difference!!**  
**Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> 3:30 – 4:30 PM**

This is a new program for children in K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade! Each month there will be a different program where "Kid's Can! Make a Difference!" This month the SPCA will be coming to talk about what they do. They will be bringing one or two friends, and rabbit and possibly a

dog. Please sign up in advance as space is limited. A snack will be served. Please note, this is not a program that children should take to the bus to the Library. How can you make a difference at this program? Those attending are asked to bring an item on the SPCA wish list which will be provided when you sign up!

Coming in June (date TBA) the Pease Greeters!

**Pajama Story Time – Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 7 PM** Please sign up in advance. Feel free to bring your favorite stuffed animal to listen to the stories as well!

**Puppet Show with “Carol and Crew”**  
Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 4:15 PM. No sign up required!

**Summer Reading Kick-Off Party!**  
**Wed., June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30-7 PM**

Come into the Library for dessert, face painting and to sign up for “One World, Many Stories” and “You Are Here” Summer Reading Program. We also have a special guest!! Award Winning Ballroom Dance Teacher and Hampton Falls resident, Antonio Cassetta will be here teaching the Merengue, a Caribbean Dance! Parents and children, please come join the fun and learn to Merengue!

The final schedule for the summer is still in the works. We have some great things planned such as Wayne from Maine, Magician Norman Ng, 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.

**Wish List!** I am getting the “Treasure Chest” ready for the summer reading program. Donations of new items such as left over party prizes, crafts, small toys, etc. are welcome! Feel free to give me a call if you have a question. Thanks in advance!

Looking forward to seeing you at the Library!

-Carol Sanborn  
Director of Youth Services