

LIBRARY NEWS OF NOTE FOR NOVEMBER-DECEMBER, 2011

HAMPTON FALLS JOYRIDE

I love Nason Road! From start to finish, in any season, there's something to catch my eye on both sides of the road. Heading south, I first come to the Fermery flower farm, where red, orange and yellow zinnias vie for brightest color with blue salvia and hot pink impatiens for a cheerful stretch, then there are the old and new Westview cemeteries quietly abiding in peaceful slumber. Several horses are stabled along the way, sometimes shaking their manes or flicking their tale as I drive by, and I see a fenced-in field amid a stand of trees that overarch the road in a green-gold tunnel of leaves. As I crest the hill to Kensington Road, I am often rewarded with the sight of a white horse framed against a white barn – a quintessential view of New Hampshire country. Life is at its picturesque best in Hampton Falls.

HFFL HAPPENINGS

So many good things happening at the Library, so little space to elaborate on them! In order of sequence, we have an expanded knitting opportunity for adults. In addition to the Tuesday afternoon program at 3:30 p.m., expert knitter Pat Sweeney will welcome knitters on **Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m.** If you are a beginner, bring a set of size 7 or 8 needles (10 inches long), and a worsted weight yarn in a light color to get you started.

Meanwhile, Bead Group for Adults continues to meet at **10:30 a.m. Friday mornings.** Some weeks members work on a project of their own, other weeks feature a group project. Beginners are welcome; need help with a project? Join them!

We hope your after-Thanksgiving plans include a woven “Star”-making workshop with Nancy Brown Duffie on **Friday, November 25th** from 10:30-12:30. There is a \$1 materials fee per person; wait until you see what her pasta maker can do! Other gift-making and decorating projects on the calendar for December include one with Judy Deshaies, who will be teaching a crystal clay pendant or earring workshop on **Wednesday, December 7th from 5-7 p.m.** for adults and children in 5th grade and up (children must be accompanied by an adult). The second class is for adults only and scheduled for **Tuesday, December 13th from 10:30-12:30 p.m.** There is a \$25 fee per person for supplies. A sample of the project will be on display at the Library; please sign up in advance as space is limited. Nancy Brown Duffie will return for a Christmas basket-making workshop on **Wednesday, December 14th from 5-7 p.m.** A sample of this clever basket is on display at the Library. The cost for this project is \$15 per person. Please sign up and pay in advance to secure your spot as space is limited. We suggest you arrive at least 10 minutes early as the class will begin promptly at 5 p.m.

SHOPPING AND SANTA

And, interspersed between these lovely craft programs, we have two holiday events that you won't want to miss: on **Saturday, November 26th from 12 to 4 p.m.**, our Library is having a bookfair at Barnes & Noble in Newington! We will be distributing bookfair vouchers that you can use in-store or online for your holiday shopping. In addition to books for children, young adults and adults,

food from the café, music cds, stationery and calendars are all eligible items with a percentage of the sales going directly to our Library. Children's author/illustrator Jeannie Brett will be signing copies of her book My Cat, Coon Cat, there will be face painting; children can make holiday cards for soldiers with the Pease Greeters; Carol Sanborn will perform a puppet show while our favorite blues man TJ Wheeler will sing and play a couple of sets – you can enjoy an afternoon's entertainment while shopping for friends and family while helping the library...a win-win-win situation! A week later and a bit closer to home, Santa will be shaking his sleigh bells on Saturday morning, **December 3rd** as he joins us at the Library for a party in his honor from **10 a.m. 'til noon**. We hope you'll don your festive apparel for this annual event – it's a perfect opportunity to have a family picture taken with Santa, greet old friends and new, nibble on holiday treats, and welcome the season. There will be a sign-up sheet if you'd like to provide a baked good or a (somewhat) healthy snack.

WHATCHA READIN'?

Join us on **Tuesday, November 29th at 7 p.m.** when we'll discuss Day After Night by Anita Diamant. The compelling Amazon.com description states that "*Day After Night* is based on the extraordinary true story of the October 1945 rescue of more than two hundred prisoners from the Atlit internment camp, a prison for 'illegal' immigrants run by the British military near the Mediterranean coast south of Haifa. The story is told through the eyes of four young women at the camp with profoundly different stories. All of them survived the Holocaust: Shayndel, a

Polish Zionist; Leonie, a Parisian beauty; Tedi, a hidden Dutch Jew; and Zorah, a concentration camp survivor. Haunted by unspeakable memories and losses, afraid to begin to hope, Shayndel, Leonie, Tedi, and Zorah find salvation in the bonds of friendship and shared experience even as they confront the challenge of re-creating themselves in a strange new country." Our December title is a lighthearted collection of essays by the inimitable and irreverent David Sedaris, author of Holidays on Ice, which we'll discuss on **Tuesday, December 27th**. 'Tis the season to be jolly, right? All grownup book lovers are invited to our monthly meetings which are held on the **last Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.**

CLOSINGS

The Library will be closed:

Friday, Nov. 11th for Veterans' Day,
Thursday, Nov. 24th for Thanksgiving
Saturday, Dec. 24th for Christmas

The Library staff and I offer our best wishes for joyful holidays and a prosperous New Year. And, in the words of Scottish poet Robert Burns, "Be blest with health, and peace, and sweet content."

See you at the Library,
Judy Haskell
Library Director

LIBRARY YOUTH SERVICES WHAT'S HAPPENING?

I would like to thank the Webelos and their families for the outstanding bake sale they held to raise money for our Summer Reading Program. Great job! Your hard work and dedication to the Library is very much appreciated!

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

STORY TIMES AND BOOK GROUP

The Baby-Toddler Story Time is designed for newborns through the 2's. There is a lot of activity! It is held Tuesdays from 10:30 – 11ish AM. This session will run through December 6th. If you have not already signed up in the past, please contact the Library to do so.

The current sessions of Pre-School through Kindergarten Story Times will run through December 8th. There is still space in these sessions so please contact the Library if you would like to sign up. They are scheduled for 10:30 – 11 AM and 1:30 – 2:15 PM. **There will be no Story Time on November 24th.**

The After School Story Time is full. There will be no Story Times for this group on November 10th and November 24th. This Story Time will also run through December 8th.

Sign ups for the next session will begin on January 3rd.

The Novel Ideas 5th – 8th Grade Book Discussion Group “usually” meets on the third Wednesday of the month. Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, November 16^h from 6:30 – 7:15 PM.** **The December discussion will be held on Wednesday December 21st from 6:30 – 7:15 PM.** New members are always welcome and copies of the book are available to pick up at the Library.

“Kids Can” Make a Difference Program will be held on Tuesday, December 6th from 3:30 – 4:15PM.

Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade can sign up to do a project to “Make a Difference”. In December we will be making Christmas Centerpieces to deliver to a Nursing Home. Please sign up in advance.

Trading Card Program for grade 2 through High School! Tuesday, November 22nd, December 6th and December 20th from 4:30 – 5:30 PM Trade, play, learn Yu Gi Oh, Poke Mon, Magic! Please sign up in advance. Lots of fun!

Woven Star-Making Program for Parents and children Friday, November 25th 10:30 – 12:30 Need something to do the day after Thanksgiving? Come to the Library to make a beautiful woven star! This will be taught by Nancy Brown Duffle. You may have seen her woven baskets at our craft fair. Drop in any time between 10:30 AM and 12:30 PM. Children must be accompanied by adult to help them with the project. There is a \$1 fee per person for the cost of the supplies. Please sign up in advance.

Beading Program for 3rd – 5th graders will meet **Friday December 2nd from 3 – 4 PM**. There is a \$2.00 fee per person to help with the cost of supplies. Please sign up at least two days in advance as space is limited. Donations of quality beads, toggle clasps, lobster claw clasps, beading wire, etc. are always welcome!

Santa Claus contacted us from the North Pole to let us know he will be coming to the Library on **Saturday, December 3rd from 10 AM – Noon**. Our Santa Party is always a wonderful event! We assured him the Library's Christmas Trees will be decorated by the Girl Scouts before the party!

Polar Express Pajama Story Time

We will be having a special Story Time on **Wednesday, December 14th at 6:30 PM**. Children are welcome to come in their PJ's and bring a favorite snuggly stuffed animal to listen to The Polar Express. This has been great fun! Please sign up in advance.

Puppet Show! Carol and Crew will hold a puppet show at the Library on **Tuesday, December 20th from 3:30 – 4:15 PM**. No sign up is required.

See you at the Library!

Carol Sanborn
Head of Youth Services