

## SUMMER READING SUCCESS

You've probably heard pundits and surveys bemoaning the decline in reading in the United States, but you wouldn't know it by the habits of Hampton Falls residents: our Adult Summer Reading Program had 76 teens and grownups registered who read/listened to a total of 284 books over a 5 week period! Meanwhile, our Youth Summer Reading Program statistics are very impressive: with a total of 99 children registered, 41 of the younger kids read 540 books, 32 older kids read a total of 25,141 pages, and 83 kids attended at least 1 program! Congratulations to all of our prize winners, and oceans of appreciation to our friends at Ace Hardware, Applecrest Farm Orchards, Dodge's Agway, Elizabeth Grady, Hampton Rotary Club, Village Market, WalMart and You're Invited for donating funds and prizes. Your generous support is truly valued!

## FUN AND GAMES

We love to be your "go-to" place for free time and fun in Hampton Falls and there's something going on every day of the week! For example, you can head over for "**Knitworking**" with Pat Sweeney on **Tuesday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:00**. New and expert knitters welcome. Or you could drop in on **Wednesday and Friday afternoons at 1:00** to play **Mah Jong**...newcomers and experienced players are invited. If you've got time on **Thursday afternoon**, stop by for a drop-in game of **Rummikub** or **Scrabble** (or choose from our selection of board games) between **1:00 and 3:00**. On Friday mornings, you can join the "**Beading Group for Grownups**" that meets

weekly from **10:00 to 12:00**, and our **TGIF** celebration continues to draw folks for coffee and conversation between **3:00 and 4:30**. Plus, there's almost always a **jigsaw puzzle** waiting for someone to put in the next piece anytime we're open...

## HOW'S TRICKS?

Larry Cheetham has agreed to teach another **Bridge for Beginners** class on 5 Tuesday evenings in September and October from **6:30 to 8:30** for the low price of \$20 (which includes the cost of the book Bridge for Dummies if you don't already have a copy). Class will meet on **September 7, 14, 21, October 12 and 19**. Please call the Library at 926-3682 or stop by to reserve your space.

## BLING BLING

Carol is offering a Mother-Daughter Beading workshop on **Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>** from **6:00-7:30**. Check her portion of the newsletter for more details!

## COFFEE WITH THE CHIEFS

We're hosting another "**Coffee with the Chiefs**" on **Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>** at **6:30 p.m.** Police Chief Rob Dirsa and Fire Chief Jay Lord will be available to answer your questions and provide current information on what's happening in Hampton Falls. As the title indicates, coffee will be served (as well as cookies and cider).

## BOOK GROUP SELECTIONS

The Book Group for Grownups meets on the **last Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.** We're expanding our horizons with the evocative graphic novel Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood by Marjane Satrapi, which is the account of her childhood growing up in war-torn Iran. Lots of copies should be available for our **September 28<sup>th</sup>** discussion.

Moving from the genre of memoir to YA science fiction, we'll be reading The Hunger Games, an award-winning dystopian novel by Suzanne Collins for our meeting on **October 26<sup>th</sup>**. New members are always encouraged to join in the conversation...just stop by the library to pick up a copy.

## MEETING ROOM REGISTRATION CONTINUES

Although we've begun filling requests for use of the Meeting Room, there are still times available for non-profit groups and programs open to the public. Call us at 926-3682 for more information.

## BOOK SALE REMINDER

Our Fall Book Sale will start on **Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**, 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 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!)

## CRAFT FAIR!

Local crafters Kristin Miranda and Lori Ward volunteered to organize a Craft Fair to be held on the Library Grounds rain or shine from 9 to 2 on Saturday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> on the same day as the Library Book Sale! If you're a crafter who'd like to exhibit your work, check the library web site [www.hamptonfallslibrary.org](http://www.hamptonfallslibrary.org) to download an application or call the Library at 926-3682 for further information.

Here's a DVD statistic: According to a "survey, released this year by OCLC...public libraries in the United States lend an average 2.1 million videos every day, slightly more than the 2 million that Netflix ships. The other top two competitors, Redbox and Blockbuster, come in at 1.4 million and 1.2 million respectively, according to daily averages provided by company representatives." Smart people know that borrowing a DVD from the Hampton Falls Free Library is a lot cheaper than renting one from Blockbuster, Netflix, and Redbox – and there are no late fees!

A parting thought:

“God gave us two ends. One to sit on and one to think with. Success depends on which one you use; heads, you win—tails, you lose.”

*ANONYMOUS*

*See you at the Library,  
Judy Haskell*



**We love our shed...thank you,  
Calvin!**

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

**The “Make a Splash..Read” and “Make Waves At Your Library” Summer Reading Program was a great success!** Congratulations to all who participated and thank you for a fun-filled summer! Also, thanks to all who volunteered their time and to the different organizations and businesses for financial and other donations.

### **What’s on tap for the fall?**

**The 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Book Discussion Group welcomes new members!** The dates for the up-coming meetings are Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. The discussion runs from 6:30 – 7:15 PM. Copies of the book are available at the Library.

### **Story Times!**

**Sing up for all Story Times begin Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. You can sign up by coming into the Library or giving us a call.**

**The Baby-Toddler Story Time** is for newborns through age 2. It is held on Tuesdays from 10:30 – 11 AM. **It will begin on September 7<sup>th</sup> and run through December 7<sup>th</sup>.** Siblings are welcome!

**Story Times will be held on Thursdays with two different sessions.** The first session runs from 10:30 – 11 AM and the second runs from 1:30 – 2:15 PM. They begin on September 9<sup>th</sup> and run until December 9<sup>th</sup>. **There will be no Story Times on November 11<sup>th</sup> and November 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**The After School Story Time for 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> graders** will be held on Thursdays. The program will run from 3 – 4 PM. It will begin on September 9<sup>th</sup> and run through December 9<sup>th</sup>. **Space is limited. There will be no Story Time on November 11<sup>th</sup> and November 25<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Special Programs**

**Puppet Show! Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> from 3:30 – 4:15 PM** Please join “Carol and Crew” for some fun. No sign up required.

**Bead Club for 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders** We will meet Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 3 – 4 PM. Each month will have its own sign up sheet. There is a \$2 fee per person for each month they participate to help with the cost of beads and supplies. Space is limited.

**Reading to Therapy Dogs** Stay tuned! We are hoping to start up this program again. Please call the Library or stop in for details.

**Guitar Hero and/or Wii Games** will be held on Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 3:30 – 4:30 PM. Please sign up in advance. It's worth just coming to see Mrs. Sanborn and Mrs. Haskell challenge each other!

**Pajama Story Times! On Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday October 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 7 PM** Due to the popularity of our December PJ Story Time we'd like to do a few more. These will consist of stories and songs. Please sign up in advance!

**Mother-Daughter Beading Workshop Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 7:30 PM.** This workshop is for Mothers and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders on up. Please sign up in advance as space is limited and see Carol for a list of supplies you need to purchase before the workshop. A sample of the project will be on display at the Library.

**Duplo Legos! Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 4:30 PM** This program is for grades K and older.

At the writing of this article we have a great supply of Duplos to build a lot of cool things with. Should we get enough donations of the regular Legos then we will use them as well. Participants will create then do a show and tell! Please sign up in advance.

**Art Program for 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Graders**

Stay tuned! At the end of October or beginning of November we will be offering a 6 week Art Class for 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>

graders. The class will be taught by Phyllis Marsh and will be held on Tuesdays from 3 to 4:15 PM. Space will be limited. If interested, please check with us as to the exact dates will be running this class. Please note, *this will be a 6 week commitment* as projects will be on-going.

**Donations!** We always welcome donations for the many crafts we do at the library and/or snacks for our programs. Craft ideas include construction paper, glue sticks, tacky glue, paper plates, water colors, finger paints, colored tissue paper, tube socks (new), scrap booking supplies, quality beads, fabric markers, etc. Donations of Legos are also welcome!! If there is something you don't see on the list that you would like to donate, please ask! Also donations for next summer's "Treasure Chest" are welcome too, such as left over party favors, etc. Thank you!

*Carol Sanborn  
Director of Youth Services*