

LIBRARY NEWS OF NOTE FOR SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER, 2011

10th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Thanks to all the people who contributed to the fun and festivities on Aug. 17th at “Hampton Falls Party Central” – Musician TJ Wheeler, Puppeteer Carol Sanborn, Pastry Chef Melissa Carter, Photo Editor Sheila Tanguay, the Library Trustees, the Library Staff, our local poets, and all 100+ attendees – your cards and good wishes were appreciated and reaffirm what a fine community we serve. We plan to gather the poems we received for this occasion in a little booklet and shelve it for posterity...here’s looking to a fifteen year celebration in August, 2016!

A BANNER YEAR FOR READING!

Librarians Carol Sanborn, Martha Jones, and Joan Deveney outdid themselves in planning and producing spectacular Summer Reading Programs, and our readers did us proud! I’m delighted to report that 102 adults signed up for the Adult SRP and read/listened to 509 books, magazines and audio books over a six week period! (Last year we had 76 registered and 284 books). In the Youth category, 40 preschool through second graders read 625 books, while 47 third through eighth graders read a combined 24,776 pages, and 63 children who signed up attended one or more programs...Reading is definitely alive and well in Hampton Falls! Congratulations to all of our prize winners, and oceans of appreciation to our friends at Ace /Coastal Living Paint and Hardware, Dodge’s Agway, Drinkwater Flowers, Fiddlesticks, the Hampton Rotary Club, Philbrick’s Fresh Market, the Village Market, WalMart and You’re Invited for donating funds and prizes. Your generous support makes all the difference!

BOOK SALE AND CRAFT FAIR

Our *Fall Book Sale* will begin on **Saturday, September 17th from 9 to 1** 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!) We’ve also scheduled a Preview Day on **Friday, September 16th from 11:00 to 4:00**, featuring the widest selection of items at double the price. Plus we’re thrilled that crafters Kristin Miranda and Lori Ward have agreed to co-chair our 2nd *Annual Craft Fair* in conjunction with the Book Sale on **September 17th from 9 to 2**. It will be held, rain or shine, on the Library grounds. If you’re a crafter who’d like to exhibit your work, check the library web site www.hamptonfallslibrary.org to download an application or call the Library at 926-3682 for further information.

ONLINE NEWSSTAND

Imagine – you’ve just been given a subscription to 36 magazines like *Bloomberg Business Week*, *Consumer Reports*, *The New Yorker*, *People*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, *the Harvard Business Review*, *Scientific American*, and *Real Simple* to name a few...no strings attached, nothing to pay for. Well, consider yourself gifted! The Hampton Falls Free Library is now an active participant in the Online Newsstand project (created by Steve Butzel, Assistant Director of the Portsmouth Public Library). Go to www.hamptonfallslibrary.org. Mouse over to the **Resources** tab and scroll down to *Online Newsstand*. Click on a magazine

cover, and choose the full-text article you want to read. It will bring you to the Login page. Type in User ID **HamptonFF** and use the Hampton Falls zip code as your password. You'll be brought directly to the selected article. Amazingly cool! And free!

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.

ADULT BOOK GROUP

Our **Tuesday, September 27th** discussion will focus on Mr. Chartwell by British author Rebecca Hunt. *Publishers' Weekly* writes that "in her sad, hopeful, and very original debut, Hunt examines two battles with depression, one that has already been lost and one where there is still a possibility of winning. The story follows the parallel lives of a lonely young London librarian, Esther Hammerhans, and the celebrated statesman, Winston Churchill, during the days before he retires in July of 1964." Our choice for **Tuesday, October 25th** is the highly controversial Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother by Amy Chua. *Bookmarks Magazine* says "*Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother* is an entertaining read—lively and humorous, written with the intent to shock. More controversial is Chua's stereotyping of Chinese and Western cultures, not to mention her authoritarian parenting methods. Critics judged the book largely by asking the following questions: Should self-esteem come before accomplishment, or accomplishment before self-esteem?" You can anticipate a lively conversation! Extra copies of Adult Book Group titles are generally available to check out. Our meetings are on the last Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. and new members are always welcome.

"BRUSH AND PEN" PROGRAM

We hope you'll join us on **Sunday, September 25th at 2 p.m.** as we feature a screening of the documentary *Brush and Pen: Artists and Writers of the White Mountains* by Hampton Falls' native daughter and producer Andrea Melville at the Hampton Falls Historical Society, a joint presentation with the Hampton Falls Free Library. This one hour program brings together beautiful paintings and literature created by some of America's finest artists and writers of the 1800s and bridges a gap in the art and literature worlds by combining significant, meaningful, and historic White Mountain art and literature in one format. Please call the Library at 926-3682 for more information.

LEARNING LUNCHES

Although the dates are not yet finalized, we have some top notch programs planned for Fridays this fall – we look forward to hosting Salem Witch Trial authority and Peabody Institute archivist Richard Trask; a representative from the Pease Greeters will join us on a different Friday. Stay tuned – we'll send an e-mail alert, post it on Facebook, and list it on our web site www.hamptonfallslibrary.org.

PARTING THOUGHTS

I wanted to share a haiku that was submitted by Hattie Wagner in honor of our 10th Birthday Celebration – it perfectly summarizes the way many of our Library users feel:

"The shelves are filled with books
I would like to read them all
Too bad book bag too small.

See you at the Library,
Judy Haskell
Library Director

**LIBRARY YOUTH SERVICES
CHECK IT OUT!**

The “One World, Many Stories” and “You Are Here” 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 5th – 8th Grade Book Discussion Group welcomes new members! The dates for the upcoming meetings are Wednesday, September 21st and Wednesday, October 19th. The discussion runs from 6:30 – 7:15 PM. Copies of the book are available at the Library.

Story Times!

Sign up for all Story Times begin Tuesday, September 6th. 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 13th and run through December 6th.** 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 15th and run until December 8th. **There will be no Story Times on November 24th.**

The After School Story Time for 1st to 4th graders will be held on Thursdays. The program will run from 3 – 4 PM. It will begin on September 15th and run through December 8th. **Space is limited. There will be no Story Time on November 10th and November 24th.**

Special Programs

Puppet Show! Thursday, September 8th from 3:30 – 4:15 PM Please join “Carol and Crew” for some fun. No sign up required.

Kid’s Can! Make a Difference!! Wednesday, September 21st 3:30 – 4:30 PM

This is a relatively new program for children in K – 5th grade! Each month there will be a different program where “Kid’s Can! Make a Difference!” This month we will be making table decorations for a local nursing home. 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.

Bead Club for 5th – 8th graders Friday, September 30th and Friday, October 21st 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.

Pajama Story Times! On Wednesday, September 14th and Wednesday October 26th from 6:30 – 7 PM These will consist of stories and songs. Please sign up in advance! Feel free to bring a favorite stuffed animal to enjoy the stories as well.

Parent/Child Beading Workshop
Friday, September 23rd from 2 – 3:30 PM. Need something to do on an LAS early release day? This workshop is for adults and 3rd 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.

Re-Cycle your Halloween Costumes!
Bring in gently used, clean Halloween costumes between Wednesday, September 21st and through Tuesday, September 27th. Come into the Library on **Wednesday, September 28th from 3:30 – 7:30 PM** to look over the costumes donated to see if any fits the bill for this year! Hopefully we will have plenty for everyone to choose from! Any leftovers will be donated to Goodwill.

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 October 4th, October 11th, October 18th and October 25th. Sign up is required in advance as space is limited. It will run from 3 – 4:15 PM.

Chinese Calligraphy for 5th – 8th Graders **Wednesday, October 5th 6:30 – 7:30 PM** This program was so popular this summer – time to have it again! Come in for dessert and to practice Chinese Calligraphy. Sign up in advance as space is limited.

Magic Facechanging for Halloween
Wednesday, October 12th from 6 – 7:15 PM for children ages 10 and up.
Taught by Martha Jones' husband, Roy,

a master of Halloween make-up! Prepare in advance for Halloween! We will have fun using non-toxic kitchen ingredients and washable colors for this year's creation of pretend faces! Please bring a large used shirt or towel for each child attending. The other materials will be provided. Ingredients will be washable. Due to limited time, the children will need to wash off at home but, this way, parents can see the transformations! Please sign up in advance as space is limited.

Kids Can make a Difference! October Date and Program TBA! Program TBA! We have several awesome programs in the works at the time of printing the newsletter. As soon as details are confirmed we will have the information on our web site – make sure to check!

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, fabric 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
Head of Youth Services