

Library News of Note

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WINTERTIME, AND THE LIVING IS...(you can fill in the blank)

While writing this column on a recent February afternoon I was watching an icicle melt outside my bedroom window at a speed of an IV drip, giving new meaning to the phrase "glacial rapidity". The weather we've experienced over the last few weeks can be described as bracing or brutal depending on your frame of reference...the snow-clad branches form a lacy filigree against the sky...or jagged swords of ice hang poised to run through the ground below...I don't know about you, but I'm ready for a major thaw and the early Spring prognosticated by Punxsutawney Phil. In the meantime, we've got some programs and classes scheduled to help you pass the time between thundersnow and blizzards!

LEARNING LUNCHES

On **Friday, March 4th**, Hampton Falls horticulturist Bob Blackington will give us some ideas on flower arrangements that are sure to brighten our homes. Find out how best to display supermarket bouquets! Our other March Learning Lunch is scheduled for **Friday, March 18th**, when Hampton Falls writer Deborah Regan will talk about how to form and/or join a "Writing Group". Join us at 12 noon, bring a sandwich or a snack, and we'll provide a drink and dessert.

MAKE A NECKLACE

Pendant Making Workshop on **Wednesday, April 6th at 6 p.m.** for adults and children in grade 4 + who are accompanied by a grownup. Space is

limited, so be sure to sign up in advance and ask Carol for the list of supplies you'll need to purchase. Thanks!

D-I-Y FELTED SCARF

Artist Phyllis Marsh is offering a 3-hour Nuno felted silk scarf workshop on **Friday, March 11th from 10 until 1 p.m.** *Nuno* felting is a Japanese wet fabric felting technique, and Phyllis will help you create a beautiful one-of-a-kind scarf. The \$35 fee includes materials, silk scarf and wool fibers. Note: bring two bath towels to soak up excess water, and a snack if you wish.

BOOK SALE DONATIONS RESUME

I'm happy to announce that the Library is now accepting donations for the April 16th book sale. **Please bring your donated items when the Library is open** – we are often unable to use books that have been left outside and they end up in the recycling bin. We're also happy to provide you with a receipt for tax purposes when you accompany your donation.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

We're planning to celebrate this annual event from April 12th to 16th, culminating with our Spring Book Sale on **April 16th from 9 to 1** (Volunteers wanted!!). Stay tuned for further developments!

e-BOOK READERS AND OVERDRIVE

Do you have an e-book reader? Do you know about the e-books available to you

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through your library at no charge? If you have a Nook, a Kobo, a Sony Reader or an iPad, you can make an appointment with a librarian to show you how to access and download an e-book! Unfortunately, Kindles aren't compatible with OverDrive technology. For further information, call us at 926-3682.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS FOR MARCH AND APRIL

As writers today are crafting stories about our soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan, many of us who grew up during the Vietnam War are still trying to make sense of that conflict. Author Karl Marlantes has earned high praise for Matterhorn: A Novel of the Vietnam War, as he created an epic portrayal of Marine Lt. Waino Mellas and the men of Bravo Company as they fight in the jungle-clad mountains near the border of Laos. Pulitzer prize winning author Christina Robb describes Matterhorn as “Unforgettable . . . A beautifully crafted novel of unrivaled authenticity and power, filled with jungle heroism, crackerjack inventiveness, mud, blood, brotherhood, hatred, healing, terror, bureaucracy, politics, unfathomable waste, and unfathomable love.” Our Library Book Discussion group will ponder the lessons of Matterhorn on **Tuesday, March 29th** at 7 p.m. April's selection is small in size but large in meaning as we read about the close relationship between Boston-based book reviewer Gail Caldwell and writer Caroline Knapp. I was pulled in by the opening line of Let's Take the Long Way Home: A Memoir of Friendship by Gail Caldwell and knew I had to read further: “*It's an old, old story: I had a friend and we shared everything, and*

then she died and so we shared that, too.” Time magazine reviewed it as “A near-perfect memoir: beautiful, humble, intimate and filled with piercing insights. Meant to be savored and shared.” Our group will savor and share the details on **Tuesday, April 26th at 7 p.m.** Copies of the books will be available and new members are always welcome.

MUSEUM PASS

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 at a significant savings. Call 926-3682 or stop by the Library to pick up a pass which is good 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 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, please make safety your highest priority and stay home until conditions improve.

PARTING THOUGHT

“The difference between the right word and almost the right word is the difference between lightning and the lightning bug.”—Mark Twain

All I want is the last word! Be well,
Judy Haskell

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LIBRARY YOUTH SERVICES CHECK IT OUT!

Story Times

In case of inclement weather, please call the Library to check if we will be holding Story Time on that day. If school is cancelled, there will be no Story Time on that day.

Baby – Toddler Story Times continue to run on Tuesdays from 10:30 – 11ish AM. This is a fast paced, fun program for newborns through 2's. **There will be no Story Time on April 26th.** The program will run through June 7th. We will begin again in late June. If you are not already signed up for this program and are interested, please give me a call.

Story Times for pre-schoolers through kindergarten will continue through June 2nd. **There will be no Story Times on April 28th and May 5th.** Story Times are held on Thursdays, one session running from 10:30 – 11 AM and a second running from 1:30 – 2:15 PM. There is still space in both sessions. Please call or stop in if you would like to sign up.

The current session of the After-School Story Time for 1st – 4th Graders will run through June 2nd. This group meets on Thursdays from 3 – 4 PM. There is no space in this program at this time. **There will be no Story Time on April 28th and May 5th.**

The Novel ideas 5th – 8th Grade Book Discussion Group will meet Wednesday, March 16th and Wednesday, April 20th from 6:30 – 7:15 PM. Books for the discussion are

available at the Library. New members are always welcome!

Special Programs!

The grand opening of the “Artist in Flight” Art Show is on Wednesday, March 2rd from 4 – 6 PM. The show features the artwork of children from toddlers through high school. It will be on display for the month of March. Please stop in to “ooh and aah” this wonderful exhibit.

Tape Collage Art Workshop with artist “Danny O” – Daniel O’Connor! This will be held on Wednesday, March 16th from 3 – 4:40 PM for youth ages 10 and up and adults. Mrs. Sanborn participated in one of his workshops and loved it! We are VERY FORTUNATE to have him coming to the Library for this program. Please sign up in advance as space is limited.

High School Panel Discussion for LAS 8th Graders and their parents on Wednesday, March 23rd from 6:30 – 7:30 PM Lincoln Akerman 8th graders and their parents are invited to a panel discussion. The panel will be comprised of former Lincoln Akerman students who are currently attending Winnacunnet. This should be a helpful forum on what to expect from the academic, extra-curricular and social atmosphere of the school.

Bead Club – The Bead Club for 5th – 8th graders will meet Friday, March 25th and Tuesday, April 26th from 3 – 4 PM. Each month the group makes a different project. Please sign up in advance as space is limited. There is a \$2 fee per participant each month to help pay for

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the cost of supplies. Donations of quality beads are always welcome!

Pendant Making Workshop

Wednesday, April 6th at 6 PM. Stop in the Library to see the prototype. Sign up in advance as space is limited. Children in grades 4 and up are welcome to participate but must be accompanied by an adult. Please get the list of supplies you need to purchase from Carol.

Guitar Hero! This will be held on Tuesday, April 12th from 4 – 5 PM. The program is for grade 3 on up. Come in for a snack and a lot of fun! Feel free to challenge Mrs. Sanborn and Mrs. Haskell! Please sign up in advance.

April Vacation Programs!!

Puppet Show! Tuesday, April 26th from 10:30 – 11 AM. Please join “Carol and Crew” for some fun!

Bead Club! For 5th – 8th graders Tuesday, April 26th from 3 -4 PM Please see already mentioned information.

The Annual Mother-Daughter Tea (or Grandmother, Aunt, etc.) Wednesday, April 27th from 3 – 4:30 PM. This has always been a special event at the Library. Fancy dress for all who attend is encouraged, but not required. Big hats are optional! As with other special events, there is a sign up as space is limited. Also, we love the boys, but this is an event for just the ladies.

Happy Reading!

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