

Library News for March-April, 2020

The first day of spring is March 19, but we know that in New England, that day is a fallacy. While you are waiting for spring to arrive, visit your local Library. Take the children to story time, join a book discussion, attend a program, use a museum pass, interact with your neighbors, and most important of all, read.

PROGRAMS

Songs of Emigration: Storytelling through Traditional Irish Music

Wednesday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m. Renowned singer and fiddler Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki will relay adventures, misadventures, and emotions of Irish immigrants through song. This program is sponsored by NH Humanities to Go.

Zero Waste

Thursday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. Environmental professional Sarah Atkinson will explore the current state of waste in the U.S., what it means to be low waste, and how to embrace a “zero waste” world. The Library gratefully acknowledging the Friends of the Library for sponsoring this program.

Earth Day Fair

Wednesday, April 22 from 5-7 p.m. In honor of the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, the Library has invited representatives from a dozen organizations concerned with the environment. Learn about solar energy, well water testing, beach cleanup, marine mammal rescue, pollinators, and organic gardening, to name a few. There will also be demonstrations of crafts repurposing common materials, door prizes, and activities for children.

COMING SOON- NEW MUSEUM PASSES

The Friends of the Library have generously funded two additional museum passes – The Portland Museum of Art in Portland, Maine and the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston. The pass to the Portland Museum of Art will admit two adults for free and people under 21 are always free. The pass to the Gardner will admit up to four people for \$5 each. Persons under 18 are free. The Friends have continued to sponsor passes to the Currier Museum of Art, the Wright Museum of World War II in Wolfeboro, Strawberry Banke, NH State Parks, and Historic New England. The Library also offers passes to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston and the American Independence Museum in Exeter.

WHAT WE ARE COOKING

The Cookbook Club will next meet on **Saturday, April 25 at Noon**. The theme of this meeting is a garden party with finger foods, hors d’oeuvres and, of course, punch. New members are always welcome.

WHAT WE ARE READING

March is Women’s History Month. On **Thursday, March 26**, the adult book discussion group will read and discuss a book about a woman whose name never appeared in the history books. [A Woman of No Importance](#) by Sonia Purnell tells the gripping story of Virginia Hall, an American woman who organized and assisted the French resistance during World War II.

On **Thursday, April 30**, the group will welcome back baseball with [Last Days of Summer](#) by Steve Kluger.

Set in Brooklyn in the 1940's, Last Days of Summer is the story of Joey Margolis, neighborhood punching bag, growing up goofy and mostly fatherless. A boy looking for a hero, Joey decides to latch on to Charlie Banks, the all-star third basemen for the New York Giants. But Joey's chosen champion doesn't exactly welcome the extreme attention of a persistent young fan with an overactive imagination.

The book discussions meet at 7:00 p.m. New members are always welcome. Copies of the books are available at the Library.

BRIDGE, ANYONE?

If anyone is interested in forming a bridge group at the Library, please contact the Library with your availability and playing level.

Be well and we hope to see you soon.
Barbara Tosiano, Library Director

LIBRARY YOUTH SERVICES CHECK IT OUT!

In case of inclement weather, please call the Library to check if we will be holding Story Times and other programs on that day. If school is cancelled, the Library may or may not be open but programs will be cancelled.

STORY TIMES!

The Baby-Toddler Story Time is designed for newborns through the 2s. It consists of short stories, nursery rhymes, fingerplays, music, and, of course, puppets! It is 25 – 30 minutes of a lot of activity! It is held on Tuesdays from 10:30 – 10:55ish AM and will run through **May 19th**. **There will be no Story Time on February 25th and April 28th**. This program is nearly full. Please call 926-3682 or email hamptonfalls.librarykids@gmail.com if you would like to join.

The Pre-School Story Times will be held on Wednesdays from 1:30 – 2 PM and Thursdays from 10:30 – 11 AM. They will run through **May 20th and 21st**. **There will be no Story Times on February 26th, February 27th, April 29th and April 30th**. Please call, email, or drop in to sign up.

Kindergarten Club! This program is held on Wednesdays from 3 – 3:45 PM. It includes a snack, stories and a craft and will run through **May 20th**. This program is currently full. **There will be no Kindergarten Club on February 26th, March 4th, and April 29th**.

The After School Story Time for 1st – 4th graders is held on Tuesdays. The program is from 3 – 3:45 PM. It will run through **May 19th**. This program is currently full. **There will be no Story Time on February 25th, March 10th, and April 28th**.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS!

Vote for Summer Reading! Tuesday, February 11th and Tuesday, March 10th from 10 AM to 5 PM. Drop by on your way to or from the polls! Children ages 3 and up are invited to vote for which critters to invite to the Library this summer, what kind of food to eat at our kickoff party, and more! Absentee ballots will be available from February 12th through March 7th for those unable to make it to either event.

Yoga! For Kindergarten through 4th grade Thursday, March 5th and Thursday, April 2nd from 4 – 4:45 PM. Please sign up in advance as space is limited. Each class will have its own sign up.

Yoga! For 2 – 5 year olds with Parent/Caregiver Friday, March 6th and Friday, April 3rd from 10:30 – 11 AM. Please sign up in advance as space is limited. Each class will have its own sign up.

LEGO Club! Thursday, March 19th and April 16th from 4 – 4:45 PM for children in Kindergarten and up. The LEGO will be provided (but stay in the Library so we'll have them for the next program!). Come ready to use your imagination! Please sign up for each program individually in advance. **Please note, this is not a program that children should take the bus to the Library.**

The Novel Ideas 5th – 8th Grade Book Discussion Group will meet Wednesday, March 18th and Wednesday, April 15th from 6:30 – 7:15 PM. New members are always welcome!

April Vacation Program!!

The Annual Parent/Child Tea Party (or Grandparent, Nanny, etc.) Wednesday, April 29th from 3 – 4:30 PM This has always been a special event at the Library. This is a chance for everyone to dress up (Moms, Dads, girls and boys) and enjoy a lovely afternoon at the Library! Big hats for the ladies and girls are optional! As with other special events, there is a sign-up as space is limited.

Wish List! In advance of our Earth Day fair, I am planning a craft for the after school story times using colorful lids from plastic bottles and baby food/applesauce/yogurt pouches. If you could set these aside for me (clean, please!) it would be much appreciated. Feel free to give me a call if you have a question. Thanks in advance!

Sponsoring a Summer Reading Program The planning for the Summer Reading program is well underway. As you know, there are performance/presenter fees for some of the programs. If you or your company would like to sponsor a program (fully or partially – no amount is too small...or too big!) please talk with me. Thank you!

See you in the Library!

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