

Friends of the Library Book Sale

Saturday, September 17
8:30-3:00 at the Amherst
Congregational Church

AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

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LIBRARY HOURS
Monday-Thursday 9:30-8:30 p.m.
Friday-Saturday 9:30-5:00 p.m.
Sunday 1:00-5:00 p.m.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW STORY-TIMES!

In an effort to accommodate as many of our young patrons as possible, we have re-scheduled our groups to the following times----make sure to mark your calendars!

Baby Listeners
Lapsit storytime (from birth to 24 mos.)
Fridays at 10:30am.
Caregivers present

Our "baby" group meets on Tuesday mornings and offers an opportunity for babies and their caregivers to gather for rhymes, songs and puppets. Emphasis is on traditional rhymes that reinforce language patterns and provide for parent/child interaction. A simple book or two intended for this age is generally highlighted.

Toddler Time
Stories for 2 and 3-yr.-olds
Tuesdays at 10:00am.
Caregivers present

For our 2 and 3 year olds who are just beginning to discover the joy of books and stories! We mix it up with simple rhymes, songs, and puppets to appeal to a toddler's attention span. Each session concludes with a simple craft for the caregiver and child to create together. Come and join us, we have lots of fun!

Book Bunch
Stories for children ages 3 – 6



Wednesdays at 1:00pm
Thursdays at 10:00am

Our Wednesday storytime is designed for the longer attention span of the preschool-kindergarten set. These action-packed 45 minute programs include a wide variety of books, finger plays, and songs. At the conclusion of each session, caretakers are invited to come in and assist their children with a simple craft.

Our fall storyhour session begins the week of September 12 and runs for six weeks, until the week of October 17th. Session 2 will begin the week of November 7, and run through December 16.

First-Quarter Moon Skywatch

AMHERST - In case you missed it in this February, the New Hampshire Astronomical Society will put on a fall skywatch at the Amherst Town Library on Tuesday, October 4th at 7:30 PM (weather permitting.) NHAS members will be on hand with their telescopes to show the first-quarter moon and other objects in the night sky. The skywatch will be preceded by an "Introduction to Astronomy" indoor talk given by Amherst resident and amateur astronomer, Ed Ting. The talk will begin at 7 pm in the Johnson Meeting Room.

The New Hampshire Astronomical Society has generously donated a telescope to the Amherst Town Library earlier this year which is available for checkout. Through the Library Telescope Program, NHAS donates telescopes to local New Hampshire Libraries. There are currently telescopes in 27 New Hampshire libraries and the list is growing all the time.

The event is free and open to the public. You can register by calling 673.2288, emailing library@amherst.lib.nh.us or by visiting our website at www.amherst.lib.nh.us and selecting "Calendar of Events."

The rain date for the skywatch is Thursday, October 6th.

Amherst Town Library

Readers Traveled The Globe

Readers of all ages had a, Trip Traveling The Globe this summer at the Amherst Town Library!

Each week, visitors to the children's room library were welcomed in languages from countries around the world- from Mexico, China, Italy, Australia, Japan, Kenya, and India. The children participated in craft projects, storytimes and welcomed a variety of performers including musicians, storytellers, and even a magician! The hours that Amherst children spent reading this summer not only earned them fun prizes and raffle tickets, they

also earned money from our sponsors to support the work of Heifer Project all over the world. With 5,858 hours of reading, the children earned enough to send 6 flocks of chickens, 5 beehives, a sheep, a goat, and 2 alpacas to needy families in other parts of the globe!

Teens also joined in the summer fun, engaging in lively Wii competitions, completing creative craft projects, watching movies, and earning, "book bucks", for each title they read. By the end of the summer, 101 Amherst teens read 510 books.

Attendees at this summer, evening and afternoon programs for adults enjoyed international films, drumming demonstrations and decorating lessons. Adults in town read 453 books.

Our third annual BBQ was held on the village green on August 18. In addition to great food and camaraderie, this year, AOs event also featured a fun-filled performance by, T-Bone Shankus. Approximately 200 people joined in the festivities.

Thank you to all our readers who made the summer a trip to remember.

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The Amherst Friends of the Library Book Sale will be held on Saturday, September 17 at the Amherst Congregational Church from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m with a special members' preview from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Anyone wishing to join the Friends may do so at the door. At 1:30, the Bag of Books for \$5.00 will begin and continue until the end of the sale.

The book sale is made possible by the generosity of area residents who donate their used books to the library. About 95% of the twelve thousand or so books available at the sale are donated; library discard books do not make it into the sale unless they are in good condition or of special interest. Although the money from the sale of the books allows the Friends to make a significant contribution to the library each year, there are additional advantages to books donated for the sale. They provide the library with replacements for worn-out books, keep good reading material in circulation inexpensively, and provide free reading for members of charitable organizations.

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Thanks in large part to the proceeds from the Friends of the Library Book Sale, the Friends in the past have been able to give thousands of dollars for such projects as shelving, refurbishing of the children's room, a circulation desk counter, shelves and books for a Parent Resource Center, children's books, a DVD collection, talking books, an LCD and new library carpeting. On-going projects that make use of the proceeds include free museum passes, financial support for adult and children's programs, and holiday decorations.

Book sale books are inexpensive and often in good enough condition to make them suitable for gifts. Hardcover sell for \$1.00, paperbacks for \$.50, and children's books for \$.50. Special adult and children's books as are priced slightly higher. At the end of the sale, teachers in the Amherst schools and charitable organizations will be given the opportunity to take books free of charge.

Much of the success of the book sale is due to the hard work of Vick and Nancy Bennison who, for many, many years have collected the books from the library each week, sorted them, and stored them. Without these extraordinary volunteers, the Friends would find it difficult to present a sale of the same quality as is now possible.

Volunteers are needed for the sale. Although inmates of the Hillsborough County House of Correction will be doing the lifting of the boxes of books on Thursday afternoon, September 15, volunteers with trucks and vans will be needed to transport the books and oversee the process of getting them into place in the church. On Friday, volunteers will move the books from the large storage boxes to the smaller display boxes and help with organizing the children's books. Jobs needing to be filled on Saturday include cashiering, bagging, and helping to keep the books in order. Anyone interested in volunteering on any of these days should call Nancy Head, 673-1389 .

Town News

It's About Conservation

Fantastically Fortunate

By Bruce B. Beckley
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Sometimes, I'm afraid, we may not recognize how truly fortunate we are to be living here. I start with our schools and the students in them whose minds are primed with the curiosity and desire to seek understanding and solutions to questions arising in both the indoor and natural-space classrooms. Minds are being prepped for life in a world of unanswered questions. Beside the schools, I place the resources of the town libraries that enable all of us to stay mentally broadened for the day as vital components of the community.

We are fortunate in having town employees and volunteers whose own pride in the town shows in their work. Two gentlemen stand out this month: Perry Day in the Public Works Department who, in cooperation with ACC commissioners, is hell-bent on removing invasive species, especially Japanese Knotweed, from town rights of way. And Dr. Jack Gleason, an ACC Commissioner, who was named by NH Audubon as volunteer of the year for his efforts to keep Ponemah Bog a safe place to walk and learn.

So many of our points of pride have links to the natural setting around us:

- Tucked-away benches beside streams for moments of solitude,
- Scenic woodlots and fields supporting an interwoven community of wildlife and human visitors,
- Trails, 25 miles of them, open and welcoming walkers of all ages into the natural world.

Here's an assignment: take 5 photographs, mentally or with a real camera, of your favorite places in town. Then take 5 more (if different) that would form a photo essay titled something like, "How Fortunate We Are". Makes you think, I hope.



I heard a preacher once talking about stewardship of the earth. He said, "The earth is not a hotel room you can leave for someone else to clean up." That strikes home – we are so fortunate to live in a community with so many other stewards of the earth.

Aldo Leopold, forester, naturalist, and author wrote about the community concept:

All ethics so far evolved rest upon a single premise: that the individual is a member of a community of interdependent parts. His instincts prompt him to compete for his place in the community, but his ethics prompt him also to co-operate (perhaps in order that there may be a place to compete for.) The land ethic simply enlarges the boundaries of the community to include soils, waters, plants, and animals, or collectively: the land.

In short, a land ethic changes the role of Homo sapiens from conqueror of the land-community to plain member and citizen of it. It implies respect for his fellow-members, and also respect for the community as such.

Pulpit Area Walk Scheduled

ACC members will lead a family-oriented walk at 1:30 PM Sunday October 9. We will leave the parking area at the Educational Farm at Joppa Hill on Joppa Hill Road. The walk will follow the ACC Joppa Hill and Pulpit Brook Trails to Pulpit Rock Reservation and return, a walk of about 5 miles. Cars may be spotted at Pulpit Rock Parking if a shorter return is desired. Please call 673-5075 if more information is desired.

\$UPER \$AVVY \$HOPPING \$ECRETS: Discover Coupon Shopping and MORE!

AMHERST - The Amherst Town Library begins its September Savings series of programs for adults with "Super Savvy Shopping Secrets: Discover Coupon Shopping and MORE!" on Tuesday, September 20 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Johnson Meeting Room. Learn how to \$AVE on everything from groceries to home appliances and clothing with presenter Julie Koitzsch.

If you struggle to stay within your shopping budget or just want to save up a little "fun" money, come and discover lots of ways to make your hard earned dollars stretch even further. Saving money does not have to be hard or time consuming; it just requires some knowledge

and effort to make shopping more of a reward than a chore. Included in the program will be the WHERE and WHEN to shop, the "deciphering" of a sales flyer, how to recognize what really IS a good deal, the benefits of "coupon stacking," coupon secrets retailers do not want you to know, using the internet for savings, store rewards, how to create your own pantry stockpile with plenty to share with others, and MORE.

Julie Koitzsch is a wife and stay at home mom of an active 1st grader in Amherst. Born with the "frugal gene" she was raised a savvy shopper and began advanced couponing about 3 years ago. Couponing

and savvy shopping have helped to stretch her family's budget to fill her own pantry and still be able to help those in need. A notebook and willingness to shop is recommended.

The event is free and open to the public. Space is limited in our Johnson Meeting Room, though, so a reserved spot is only guaranteed by registering for the event. You can register for this event and all the upcoming adult program events for adults by calling 673-2288, emailing library@amherst.lib.nh.us or by visiting our website at www.amherst.lib.nh.us and selecting "Calendar of Events."

September is Library Card Sign Up Month

During the month of September, new patrons who register for a card at the Amherst Town Library will receive a free gift to celebrate the smartest card you'll every own.

Getting a library card is easy. Just visit the library (children under age 12 should come with a parent) and present your student ID. Non-residents attending Amherst schools are also eligible for a student card, valid year-round until graduation.

Library cards are available to anyone living, working or owning property in Amherst. Residents and property owners should present a photo ID and printed verification of address when applying for a card. Employees working in Amherst should bring a letter verifying employment signed by their employer. For more information on how to sign up for a library card, visit the library, call 673-2288 or visit the library website at www.amherst.lib.nh.us.

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