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Children’s Programming at the Amherst Town Library

For over forty years, the Amherst Town Library has offered a summer reading program to help children maintain literacy skills during the summer and to create a love of reading as a leisure activity. The theme of this summer’s reading program is Dream Big, Read!— a celebration of the many ways you can be inspired by the books at your local library. The program will run from June 25 to August 10. There will be a celebratory Ice Cream Social on the Town Green on Thursday, Aug. 9 from 2-4 if we reach our goal of 5,000 hours of reading. This is Miss Sarah and Miss Sue’s summer dream, so we really want to see it come true!!!

For more information, please visit the library website www.amherst.lib.nh.us or call 673-2288. The ‘calendar of events’ link will give you the most up-to-date information on programming. Registration begins June 25.

Elementary

As in the past, participants will keep a reading log. The log will chart the time they spend reading, with stops along the way to earn raffle tickets, free books, and prizes. There is also space to record the favorite books you have read during the summer.

Middle School/High School

Participants will be awarded a “book buck” for each book they read during the program. “Bucks” may be redeemed for instant prizes, entered into weekly raffles, or used to “buy” books. Special programs will be offered for students in middle and high school.

NEW In recognition of the time and effort that our parents put into encouraging their children to participate in the Summer Reading Program, there will be a special raffle for the grownups! Thanks to several area restaurants*, we will be raffling off gift certificates at the end of the summer to some of our lucky parents. So parents, when your children register for the Summer Reading Program, make sure to fill out a raffle ticket for yourselves—you deserve it!
***Thanks to The Copper Door, Shorty’s Grill, Giorgio’s, The Mile Away, The Black Forest, and LaBelle Winery for their generous donation of gift certificates.**

Re-Occurring Programs

Storytimes

Drop in anytime your schedule permits!
Baby Listeners Newborn—age 2: 10:30 am on Fridays, July 6 - August 10
Stories and Songs w/ Miss Sarah—a family storytime geared for kids of all ages 10:00am on Tuesdays, July 3 to Aug. 7



Make-it/Take-it Craft

Materials and instructions will be available all summer long at our Make-it/ Take-it craft table. Each week a different craft will be provided---see if you can make them all!

Storytime at Baboosic Lake with Miss Sue

Pack a lunch and head on down to the town beach for some stories by the water.
Thursdays at 12 noon. From July 5 to Aug 2, weather permitting.

Stories at the Farmer’s Market

Let the kids listen to stories while you shop for fresh local produce!
Thursdays at 3pm. From July 5 to Aug 2, weather permitting.

Read to Jack!

Sign up to come in and read to Jack the dog, our favorite lovable Pomeranian! Jack will be here from 2:00-3:00pm on Mondays, July 2, 9, 16, and 23. Sign up for a 15 minute “reading appointment”—you’ll be glad you did!

Matinee Movies : 2pm on Tuesdays---July 3 to Aug. 7

Drop in to watch a movie on our big screen! The library is dry on a rainy day and cool on a hot day! Bring your water bottle and a pillow, we’ll provide the popcorn! All movies rated either G or PG---check our website for listings.

Whoopie! It’s Wednesday!---Family Event Series from June 27 to Aug. 1

Every Wednesday at 10:30am*(except Aug. 1—see below), come to the Children’s Room for a fun-filled performance. No registration is necessary—come to one, or come to them all! Here’s the line-up:

June 27---“Creatures of the Night” a live animal presentation from the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center—You don’t have to stay up late to learn about elusive nocturnal animals. See some creatures of the night up-close and find out about specific adaptations that make these animals so well-suited for life at night. Recommended for children ages 4 and up.

July 11---Peter Boie— “This Magician for Non-Believers” will make a believer out of you! Come prepared to be amazed by this wonderful, engaging magician! Recommended for children ages 4 and up.

July 18---Judy Pancoast— Come to the library ready to sing and dance!---Award-winning children’s musician Judy Pancoast will get us up and movin’ to her original tunes! Fun for all ages.

July 25---First Annual Amherst Pet Show! Sign up in the Children’s Room to bring your pet, or just come to see everyone else’s---we’ll have materials available to make your pet a nametag, we’ll have a chance for everyone to come up and introduce their pet, and we’ll award ribbons!!! Make your pet’s dream come true---come to the pet show! Fun for all ages, weather permitting.

***Aug. 1 at 1:30pm** (please note time change!!!)---**Toe Jam Puppet Band** --Join the wild and wacky Toe Jam Puppet Band for an afternoon of fun--- a unique combination of original songs, masterful shadow puppetry, storytelling and just plain old good fun. Fun for all ages, grownups included!

It’s About Conservation

Many B-Things

By BRUCE B. BECKLEY
CONTRIBUTING WRITER



Books – Down from the attic, up from the cellar, out of history. Recently we were sorting stuff in preparation for a charity auction this September. Amongst the stuff were many cartons of books. We kids were brought up with books, fictional and non-fiction, books to read, books to be read from, to refer to. Dad maintained (with as much as he carried in his head) that you didn’t have to know everything – just know where to look it up. Our home book shelves were the doors to lives of looking up, learning and leisure.

The legacy of love and lore of books with printed words and pictures was lifted out of those cartons with each volume. A book given to my grandmother in the 1800s; followed by my mother’s first book, given when she was two years old. Then came Dad’s first when he was three and the guide books and Thornton Burgess set I grew up with. With each generation the shelves grew and they still are.

I do hope books, the real ones, never become obsolete. Books to hold, to come back to, to add to our legacies, to be available when wanted or needed, to be warm and friendly companions. Do your young people know this and appreciate the printed word?

3 Bad Bs – when we think of the Three Bs: Bach, Beethoven, and Brahms, good thoughts come to mind. However there are some bad Bs in our neighborhoods to watch out for. Their pictures are shown in the 2011 Edition of the “New Hampshire Guide to Upland Invasive Species”. Copies

are available with excellent color photographs and texts in the Town Hall entry. Bad characters they are, but their photos are in the Town Hall, not the Post Office. Some of those Bad Bs are: Oriental bittersweet, barberries, black swallow-wort, burning bush, buckthorns, and bush honeysuckle. Your help is needed to control the spread of the Bad-B invasives.

Bottles – Headline - Bottle Bill Revisited. Massachusetts enacted a bottle redemption law in 1981 and has recycled 35 billion containers since then. But drinking habits have changed in the meantime. Water, juice, and sports drinks, exempt from the current law, now account for more than a third of the 3.3 billion (3,300,000,000) individual beverages consumed annually in Massachusetts. A proposal before the legislature would update the bill to cover those currently unredeemable containers. The bottle bill is one of the Commonwealth’s most successful environmental programs. Consumers redeem 71 percent of eligible containers, but recycle ineligible containers at half that rate. A redemption program here would certainly help keep our road less littered.

AWB - And to close out this 3Bs’ wanderings, a reminder that the Amherst Walk Book is your guide for a family summer enjoying trails in our beautiful natural settings. It is available from the Amherst Town Clerk, at the Toadstool Bookshop, and one day only, at the ACC table on the Fourth of July. See you there!

E-Book Classes For iPads, Kindles, and Nooks

Have an e-book reader and want to use it to get free library books but don’t know how? Come to the Amherst Town Library this summer and take a hands-on class and learn! As part of our Dream Big! Read! Summer reading program, we’ll have three different classes for three different types of devices. Come with your device, and if you like, a laptop and we will show you how to set up your account and get you ready to read library e-books. For those with Kindles, the class will take place on Tuesday, June 26th at 2:00 PM. For those with iPads and iPhones, the class will be on Thursday, Au-

gust 2nd at 2:00 PM and those with Nooks and other devices, the class will take place on Thursday, August 9th at 2:00 PM. Come ready to learn and we’ll teach you

We invite you to mark your calendars and sign up for the rest of the Dream Big! Read! summer reading events for adults (there are several programs, e-book classes, and weekly raffles!): “E-book Classes” on Tuesday, June 26, Thursday, August 2, and Thursday, August 9 [classes start at 2:00 p.m.]; “Travel to China : From Preparation to Immersion” on Tuesday, July 10 at 6:30 p.m.; “My Grandfather’s Lathe: Basic Wood-

working with Stephen Carey” on Tuesday, July 17 at 7:00 p.m.; and, “The Lighthouses of Seacoast New Hampshire and Southern Maine”, on Tuesday, July 27 at 7:00 p.m. Presentations at the library are free and open to the public. However, registration is REQUIRED for our adult programs due to space limitations. Please register for this event and all the upcoming summer reading 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.”

My Grandfather’s Lathe: Basic Woodworking With Stephen Carey

The Amherst Town Library is celebrating the summer reading program, Dream Big, Read! with the evening presentation for adults, “My Grandfather’s Lathe: Basic Woodworking with Stephen Carey” on Tuesday, July 24 at 7 p.m. in the Johnson Meeting Room. Do you have an interest in wood crafts? Are you curious about how wood bowls, vases, and chess boards are made? Maybe you have a dream of making your own wood project and would like some inspiration to get started? Whether you are a woodworker, hobbyist, or admirer of wood craftsmanship, this program will inspire. Stephen Carey, New Hampshire woodworker, offers a basic introduction to woodworking including what you need to get started, the variety of materials and tools available, project planning, and ways to learn the craft along with a host of woodworking resources.

Visit us before the evening of this event for a sneak preview of Mr. Carey’s beautiful work on exhibit in the Amherst Town Library’s en-

tryway display case! We thank the Friends of the Amherst Town Library for coordinating the display which will be on view beginning in July through the evening of his presentation.

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Lighthouses Of Seacoast New Hampshire & Southern Maine

Interested in lighthouses? Come to the library on Tuesday, July 17th at 7 PM and join us as Jeremy D’Entremont, author, lighthouse historian, and founder of Friends of Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouses, presents an overview of the history of five lighthouses: Boon Island Light, Cape Neddick “Nubble” Light, White Island Light in the Isles of Shoals, Whaleback Light, and Portsmouth Harbor Light. Jeremy will take you through the history of each light and regale you with tales of hardship and heroism -- and ghosts! Jeremy’s presentation will feature past and present images of the lighthouses, as well as video clips of the late Connie Small, author of The Lighthouse Keeper’s Wife.

Jeremy D’Entremont has been called the leading expert on New England’s historic lighthouses. He is the author of nine books, including The Lighthouses of Maine and The Lighthouse Handbook: New England. His website, “New England Lighthouses: A Virtual Guide,” at www.lighthouse.cc, was launched

in 1997. He is the historian and past president of the American Lighthouse Foundation. He has appeared on the History Channel, the Travel Channel, Public Television, and National Public Radio speaking about his favorite subject.

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► Summer Art Exhibit

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mediacy of drawing and producing vibrant color. When using oil, I paint mostly with a palette knife to achieve work that is rich and expressive. My desire to paint comes from observation. It may be the gesture of someone talking on a city street, or the way the late sunlight reflects off a factory window. Sometimes the image becomes abstract during the painting process.”

Bill began drawing at a young age watching Jon Nagy on TV and is

mostly self taught. His formal education was at The Mass College of Art and studies with David Lowery in portrait painting at The Guild of Boston Artists. His work has been shown at several galleries including The Sharon Arts Center in Peterborough NH, The Sage Gallery in Manchester NH, The Whistler House and Loading Dock galleries in Lowell MA. Bill has also illustrated four book covers for Plaid-swede Publishing in Concord.

► China: From Preparation To Immersion

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