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Children's Programming at the Amherst Town Library

Storytimes

All of our traditional Storytimes are drop in, we love to see you when you are able to attend. Storytimes are held the following days and times:

Baby Listeners lapsit storytime (from birth to 24 mos.) is on Friday mornings at 10:30. Next session meets: March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5 and 12.

Toddler Time for 2 and 3 year olds and their caregivers meet Tuesdays at 10:00. Next session meets: March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2 and 9.

Book Bunch for 3-6 yr. olds is on Thursday mornings at 10:00am, and Thursday afternoons at 1:00pm. Next session meets: March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4 and 11.

Book Clubs

We have book clubs for all ages—

Jr. Bookclub 1 (for kids in grades 2-3 and parents) meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm. On March 13, club members will discuss Roxie and the Hooligans by Phyllis Naylor. Come in and talk to Miss Sarah if you're interested in joining.

Jr. Bookclub 2 (for kids in grades 3-4 and parents) meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm. On March 20, club members will discuss Poppy by Avi. Come in and talk to Miss Sarah if you're interested in joining.

The Great Stone Face Reviewer's Club (for 5th and 6th graders) gets together on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 to talk about the newest fiction titles that we've all been reading—then Miss Sarah passes these opinions on to the Great Stone Face Committee at the state level. We're an opinionated group that loves to read---and loves to talk about what we're reading! If you'd like to join us, come in and talk to Miss Sarah.

The Popcorn-Eating Monsters Club (for 7th and 8th graders) gather on the 4th Wednesday of each month to share opinions about the newest YA fiction titles we're reading. Right now we're planning a movie night to coincide with the DVD release of The Hobbit. If you love to read, and love to talk about what you're reading, come and join us! Talk to Miss Sarah if you're interested.

School Vacation Week Activities:

Don't sit around bored during school vacation week. The children's room at the library has a lot planned! We'll be having our 3rd annual Winter Vacation in the Tropics, featuring the following activities. (For those events requiring registration, please call 673-2288 or go online to www.amherst.lib.nh.us.)

Tuesday February 26 at 10:30: DANCE PARTY! Learn the Limbo! Do the Hula!! We provide the grass skirts, the refreshing water, and the Island Music---- You come and dance! For all ages.

Wednesday February 27at 2:00pm: AFTERNOON MOVIE MATINEE. Bring a water bottle and a pillow, and we'll provide the popcorn and the big screen! We'll be showing one of our all-time favorite ocean films--- Finding Nemo. Come and join us!

Thursday Feb. 28 at 10:30: BEACH PARTY---STORIES, SONGS AND SMOOTHIES W/ MISS SUE AND MISS SARAH. Bring a beach towel to sit on, and wear whatever it takes to put you in the island mood---flip flops, sunglasses, shorts?? We'll provide the delicious fruit smoothies and lots of fun!

Thursday Feb. 28 at 1:30: LEGO FREE-FOR-ALL Bring your Lego creativity to the library, and see what you can build with the Legos we provide! Registration required, (space is limited).

ALL WEEK LONG: MAKE-IT/ TAKE-IT CRAFT—Come in anytime and make your own Jiggling Jellyfish.

It's About Conservation

Palomino Woods

By Bruce B. Beckley
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I'm writing this while looking out on a yard and woods spotted with snow here and there and green grass or last fall's leaves elsewhere. Maybe thinking a Dalmatian firehouse dog is a better analogy than a Bev Doolittle painting of a palomino pony. The woods are so open that the deer come only occasionally to nibble on the tips of the apple tree spring prunings. Many are their scuffings along the trails where they are finding acorns from last fall.

This is a good time while the leaves are off for doing forest forensics, seeing and interpreting (guessing) what happened in these woods 100 or 200 years ago. The Conservation Commission, in preserving open natural spaces, is preserving some historical home sites as a by-product. Along several of our trails cellar holes and small quarries can be found. Try your feet and eyes by finding the cellar holes in Pond Parish Town Forest (1), Grater Woods (2), as well as quarries in the Haseltine Preserve and along the Patch Hill Trail.

Compressor House Foundation Patch Hill

Many more old farm and mill sites have been meticulously recorded and protected within the 2600-acre New Boston Tracking Station. Hopefully, the bulk of the station area not required for national security may be opened for hiking some day when the Congress acts.

Tell-tale stonewalls have stories too. Walls that once encircled hard-scrabble sheep pastures now lie through mature wood lots. Think of the back-breaking work that went into wall building, even the small ones around the Fuller home in Grater Woods. Then as you walk trails like the one from Mountain Road to the top of North Pack Monadnock, notice the wall running from the road all the way up the spine of the mountain. Tree stumps are another chapter in deciphering a forest's life history: how decayed is it, what is growing on it now, was it cut when the snow was deep, were there fires in its lifetime?

To take this further look at *Forest Forensics* by Tom Wessels or *Stone By Stone* by Robert M. Thorson. In the latter volume an estimate is reported, based on USDA data, that there are 240,000 miles of stonewalls in New England. Take a look. A stonewall is a micro-habitat in itself.

Shakespeare's Sonnets:
Let Me Not… Admit Impediments

As part of the February programs for adults entitled Speaking of Love, the Amherst Town Library is offering a two part series, "Shakespeare's Sonnets: Let Me Not…Admit Impediments," on Friday, February 15, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in the Johnson Meeting Room. Presented by the very popular Harvard Professor Theoharis C. Theoharis, the series will include a close reading of chosen sonnets and concentrate on love as an experience and love as an idea. Using a lecture and discussion format, the Elizabethan literary conventions and Elizabethan ideas of love, along with Shakespeare's personal transformation of these things, will all be on the menu for an engaging enlightening set of programs. Theoharis will provide a wonderful background to this creative time in English Literature! Although the series is connected in content, you are welcome to attend one or both parts. There is no required reading, yet you are welcome to check out one of the many collections of Shakespeare's Sonnets that will be on display at the Library beginning January 18.

Theoharis has taught at Berkeley, MIT, and since 1985, at Harvard, where he is now an Associate in the Department of Comparative Literature. All three universities have honored him with their highest undergraduate teaching awards. He has lectured widely in the United States and Europe. As Norma Fink of the Amaranth Society says, "Theo has led our literature group for 20 years. To every meeting he has brought great intelligence and breadth of knowledge, along with wit and charm. Anyone having the good fortune to study with him will find riches galore."

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 registering online by selecting "Calendar of Events."

Perspectives on Arab Culture and the Influence of Islam

As part of the Amherst Town Library's adult program series Looking at the World: Connections and Differences, New Hampshire Humanities scholar Nabil Migalli presents, "Perspectives on Arab Culture and the Influence of Islam" on Tuesday, March 19 at 7 p.m. in the Johnson Meeting Room. We are grateful for the grant provided by the New Hampshire Humanities Council that makes this program possible.

It is an understatement to say that current events have sparked curiosity about Arab culture and renewed interest in Arab-American relations. Migalli, originally from Egypt, discusses the cultures of the Middle East, especially the influence of Islam on various nations and people, with an emphasis on the developments in Egypt. Learn more about the status of Arab-American relations both at home and abroad, and explore the impact of the Arab Spring.

Presenter Nabil Migalli is a graduate of Cairo University, National Center for Social and Criminological Research and the Institute of National Planning; President of the Arab-American Forum in New Hampshire; and recipient of the Martin Luther King Award for New Hampshire. His scholarly interests include diversity, immigration, Arab and Islamic cultures.

This presentation is free and open to the public. However, registration is REQUIRED for this program due to space limitations. You can register for this event and all the programs of the Library's Looking at the World: Connections and Differences series 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."

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Seeking Sponsors for Art Awards

The Friends of the Amherst Town Library is looking for tax-deductible donations of $100 to sponsor awards for exceptional pieces of art at the 20th annual Student Art Show held at the Amherst Town Library.

The Student Art Show displays works from Amherst and for the first time Mont Vernon students (grades 1st - 12th) at the Amherst Town Library for the entire month of May. Typically there are 500 pieces of art displayed. Families of featured students are invited to a reception on Mother's Day hosted by the Friends of the Library. The reception is well attended with 700 visitors and 9,300 library patrons are estimated to view the show throughout the month of May.

New this year we would like to have 5 local artists jury student artwork submissions and select 15 pieces to receive awards. The awards would take the form of framing the artwork for 2-dimensional media or creating a plaque for 3-dimensional artwork. Businesses and local citizens sponsoring a piece of student artwork would have the opportunity to display the student's artwork they sponsored at their business during the month of June. Followed by a group show of awarded pieces at SAU-39 Superintendent's office in July.

If you are able to donate or have questions, please contact Christine Farris, Friends of the Amherst Town Library Student Art Show Coordinator at Christine.Farris@mac.com

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