

Town News

AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

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Mon-Thu, 9:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Fri & Sat, 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sun, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Summer Hours June 13-Labor Day
Monday-Thursday 9:30-8:30 p.m.
Friday, 9:30-5:00 p.m.
Saturday, 9:30-12:30 p.m.
Sunday, Closed

2014 Summer Reading Program ...and MORE

Readers of all ages are invited to “Fizz, Boom, READ!” with us this summer at the Amherst Town Library. The 2014 Summer Reading Program will kick off on Monday, June 23 and will provide a variety of outstanding activities and events. The program will run for seven weeks, and will culminate on Thursday, August 7th with an Ice Cream Social at the Congregational Church.

SUMMER READING ACTIVITIES for kids and teens

SUMMER STORYTIMES:

Baby Listeners (newborn—age 2) 10:30 AM on Fridays to August 8

Family Storytime in the Garden (all ages welcome, with stories geared to kids ages 3 to 8)

10:00 AM on Tuesdays to August 5 (held on the side lawn at the library-- indoors if it rains)

3:00 PM on Thursdays to July 31 (held on the side lawn at the library-- indoors if it rains)

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. To July 31, weather permitting.

SUMMER CRAFTS:

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

OTHER PROGRAMS:

Fizz, Boom, ...Spanish! Our beloved Senora Rowley, will be here on Monday mornings in July to share her love of all things Spanish with Amherst Children. Class begins at 11:00 am on July 7, 14, 21, and 28. Space is limited, so please go online to register. For kids ages 4 and up.

Matinee Movies Drop in to watch a movie on our big screen. All movies are rated either G or PG. Tuesdays at 2 PM. From July 1 to August 5.



Whoopie—it's Wednesday!

July 30—1st Annual Talent Show (all ages welcome to come and cheer--sign up in the Children's Room to perform)

Ice Cream Social!

On Thursday, August 7th, from 3:30-4:30 pm, there will be a celebratory Ice Cream Social on the Town Green. Rumor has it that in keeping with our “Fizz, Boom, Read” theme, there may be some special things to sprinkle on your ice cream—yum!! There will also be face painting and other activities. Don't miss this final farewell to summer. It will be an afternoon that you won't soon forget!

Teen Summer Reading – “Spark a Reaction!”

Teens are invited to join the summer reading fun. We'll offer “book bucks” for every book read and program attended, which may be redeemed for books-to-own or entered into weekly raffles. A variety of programs will be offered throughout the summer for our “crafty” teens--make sure to sign up!

Wednesday Afternoon Craft Programs 1:00 pm Space is limited, so please register online.

Wednesday, July 30--- “Sneaky Art” Workshop Join Miss Sarah for a “sneaky art” craft session--the art we create is meant to be shared with others by “hiding” it in plain sight. We'll use some of our creations to “decorate” here at the library, and there will be plenty to take out into the community to share...

TEEN MOVIES---Summer in Dystopia...

(For kids ages 12 and up—space is limited, and we need a head-count for pizza, so please register online.) All movies are rated PG-13. For movie titles please visit or call the library. (673-2288)

Wednesday, August 13, at 5pm – We'll be gathering to watch the first of the films based on Virginia Roth's dystopic series. We start the movie at 5pm, take a break at 6:30 for some pizza, and finish up before the library closes. Don't miss it! A free ticket to the Merrimack Cinemagic will be raffled off to those in attendance.

Summer can be a busy time with vacation and activities but reading can be a great addition to the schedule. Get started on the road to fun by visiting the Amherst Town Library and joining the library-wide Summer Reading Program!

Visit our website www.amherstlibrary.org or call the library (673-2288) to sign up for programs or for more information.

Amherst Garden Club Donates Passes to the Amherst Town Library

One way to enjoy the long summer days is to take an hour's drive to either Newbury, NH to visit the Fells Historic Estate & Gardens or to Boylston, Massachusetts to visit Tower Hill Botanic Garden. Thanks to the Amherst Garden Club, passes to both places are now available at the Amherst Town Library.

The Fells, one of New England's finest examples of an early 20th century summer estate, is located on 83.5 acres on Lake Sunapee, Route 103A. It was once the home of diplomat and statesman John Milton Hay who was the private secretary and assistant to Abraham Lincoln and United States Secretary of State under Presidents William McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt. Visitors to the Fells can tour the 22-

room Colonial Revival home, walk woodland trails, and enjoy the renowned gardens. The gardens and trails are open daily year round; the shop and main house are open 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Wednesdays through Sundays through September 1, weekends and Monday holidays from September 6 through October 13, and then closed in the winter.

Tower Hill Botanic Garden is a “garden paradise on 132 acres” in Boylston, Massachusetts. The first and only comprehensive botanic garden in New England, it has several distinct gardens dedicated to woody plants, vegetables, plant systematic, winter interest, fruits, perennials and wildlife, all accessible by trails that wind through the gardens. The Secret Garden is en-

tered through a double pergola and leads into a secluded area overlooking the orchard. The Orangerie and Limonaia house non-hardy plants from around the world. Tower Hill is open year round, Tuesday through Sunday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. and includes a café which serves lunch from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

The Amherst Garden Club has made passes to both places available to the public through the Amherst Town Library. Each Fells pass admits up to two adults; each Tower Hill pass admits two people at half price. Passes may be reserved by phone, fax, email, or online as well as in person. For more information, visit the library website at www.amherstlibrary.org and look under “Museum Passes.”

It's About Conservation

Fawns & Fiddlers; Tablets & Trails

By BRUCE B. BECKLEY
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Sunday night's conversations were varied at the July Conservation Commission meeting. The ACC does stand for Amherst Conservation Commission despite a sometimes appearance that it means conversation commission. Converse we do and fit in useful work as well.

Historic District Sanctuary: Within a few hours Sunday, two pairs of fawns were spotted in the District. One pair was spotted. The other was spotted. Even though it rained a little between sightings, I don't think the spots washed off pair one. Hence, two pairs. Then there's the account in Secomb's History of The Town of Amherst in 1883 of wolves and a fiddler. The story was refreshed in the ACC meeting when Fiddler's Rock showed up on a plan being reviewed. Secomb wrote about the varied wildlife around the Village and town, including the following account:

Wolves abounded, and were a source of some trouble to early settlers. On one occasion a young man, from the west part of town, who was returning from some merry-making on the plain, where he had furnished the music, found that a pack of these animals was following him. As they were coming uncomfortably near, he climbed a large rock, near the roadside, where he was out of reach, and spent the remainder of the night. To while away the time he played on his fiddle to his yelping audience, who assembled around the rock, and remained there until daylight, when they left him to pursue his journey.



Trail ID

From wolves and a fiddler the agenda moved on to improving trailhead identification and trail descriptions. Large standard hiker trailhead identification signs will be placed where hiking trails meet town roads. The signs, purchased by the ACC, will be placed by the DPW after utility company approvals are received.

Information on trail conditions is being collected in support of a regional recreation documentation project by the Nashua Regional Planning Commission. Providing a central repository for trail data probably has some merit for those who may go to a Nashua web-site to locate trails in Amherst and the region. The data being recorded does not allow the use of any but a half-dozen standardized descriptors.

At this point the NRPC product will be far less descriptive and hence less useful in my eyes than the trail guides for our area published by the ACC, the Appalachian Mountain Club, The Piscataquog Watershed Association, and private writers.

A concern was also raised that the increased focus on digital presentation of trail data will foster more electronic viewing and less nature viewing by visitors into Nature's realm. I fear young people especially may miss exploring and discovering for themselves the pines and pollywogs when walking with eyes on the pixels. We have some pretty nice places to visit on good well-maintained paths. Take care not to miss the forest for the trees as you go.

No wolves, but certainly fawns and flowers.

► Ted Reinstein Presents *New England Notebook*

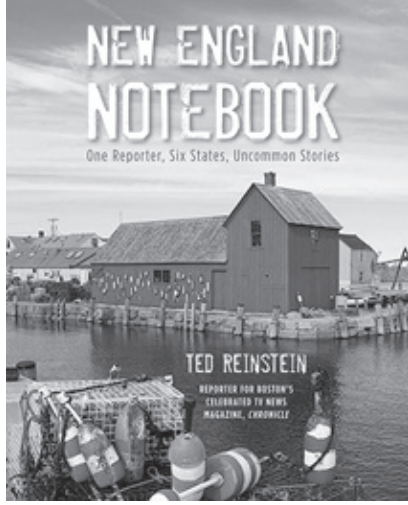
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If you are looking for places to go, people to meet and good eats, New England Notebook is your travel guide and Ted your storyteller at the Amherst Town Library on July 30th. The TV Chronicle reporter will share his tales of his travel throughout the six New England states in this “collection of colorful facts, stories, and anecdotes.” Former Chronicle reporter and award-winning journalist Mike Barnicle says this about Ted's book: “New England Notebook is like having Norman Rockwell as your neighbor. Every page, each story and everyone you meet while reading is both a vacation and an education focusing on a region Ted has covered for decades.” Following Ted's presentation, there will also be book signing.

Ted Reinstein is best known around New England as a longtime correspondent for “Chronicle,” the equally longtime and celebrated nightly newsmagazine which airs

on Boston's ABC affiliate, WCVB-TV. In 2012, “Chronicle” marked its thirtieth year on television. Having won most major U.S. broadcasting awards, it remains the nation's longest-running locally-produced TV newsmagazine. Ted joined the show in 1995 as a reporter and producer. Politics is also a passion and he's a weekly contributor for WCVB's political roundtable show, “On The Record.” Ted received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Brandeis University, where he was valedictorian on graduation in 1984.

All programs in the summer long series for adults are free and open to the public. However, registration is REQUIRED for each program due to space limitations. The final program for adults in the New England Staycation series is “Introduction to Zen (a mini-immersion),” on Wednesday, August 6th at 6:30 p.m. You can register for these events by calling 673-2288, emailing library@



amherstlibrary.org or by visiting our website at www.amherstlibrary.org and selecting the “Community Services” tab, then click on drop down “Sign-Up for Programs.”

Girls: Be Anything & Do Everything!

BEDFORD—Did you know that Barbie has had almost 150 careers since 1959? Girl Scouts and Mattel want girls to know they can be anything and do everything! Come to Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains' Bedford Service Center, One Commerce Drive, on Saturday, August 9 from 10 am -1:30 pm to learn more about Girl Scouting and meet women from different careers that were once girls with dreams just like you! Discover Barbie's newest career adventure!

This Barbie “I can be” event is geared toward girls in grades K-3 and costs \$10 per girl at the door. Bring a friend, and she gets in free. Girls can participate in dance and fitness classes, and meet a marine biologist, a doctor, a pilot, a children's book author, an engineer, and more! Receive a free Barbie booklet, patch and tote bag, and enter a drawing to win a Barbie-themed door prize. Refreshments will be served.

This is a “drop-in” event and you don't have to be a Girl Scout. Adult supervision is required; there is no charge for adults. Call Nicole Nolan at 627-4158 x4142 or email nnolan@girlscoutsgwm.org.

Girl Scouting inspires girls to think big and try new and exciting experiences they couldn't have anywhere else. Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains serves New Hampshire and Vermont. Call 888-474-9686 to register or go to www.girlscoutsgwm.org to learn more.



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