

AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

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Children's Programming at the Amherst Town Library

Come To Storytime At The Library!

SESSION 1 • Starts Sep. 8 and runs to October 17
SESSION 2 • Starts Nov. 3 and runs to Dec. 12 • (no storytimes Nov. 27 and 28)

Baby Listeners (newborn-2yrs.) Fridays at 10:30, Caregivers present

Our "baby" group 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 (2 and 3-yr. olds) Tuesdays at 10:00, Caregivers present

Toddler Time is 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 (3-6 yrs.) Wednesdays at 10:00, Thursdays at 1:00pm

Our "Book Bunch" storytime is designed for the longer attention span of the preschool-kindergarten set. These action-packed 40 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.

NEW THIS FALL! Pajama Storytime! (ages 3-6 yrs.) Mondays at 6:30pm

This is a 'Book Bunch' for the after-hours set! Put on your 'jammies' and head on down to the library for some stories and fun. Then it's home to brush your teeth and hop into bed. The perfect program for working families, or for those kids who like a little 'nightlife'! All groups meet once per week for six-week sessions which run from September until June. No registration is required. For more information, please call 603-673-2288 and ask for Miss Sarah or Miss Sue. For up-to-date information concerning library programs and events, please visit our website, www.amherstlibrary.org • and click on Calendar of Events.

COMING SOON:

Come-and-Build, Friday, October 17, 3-4:30pm

iPads and apps are great, but sometimes, children just need to build something with their own hands! Come on down to the Children's Room, and let your child explore our collection of building materials. We have plastic tubes, marble racers, blocks, cars, magnetic shapes, mobilos, and lots of Legos! Let's see what we can build!

For kids ages 4 and up. No registration is necessary.

Make-it/Take-it Craft

Come to the Children's Room any time during the week of October 20-26 and create a HALLOWEEN SPIDER.

STEVE BLUNT IN CONCERT!

On Thursday, October 30, at 4:00, Steve Blunt will perform in the Children's Room for our annual Not-So-Scary Halloween Party. We'll be singing and dancing and having fun! Costumes are encouraged. No registration necessary.

Minecraft Club at the Amherst Town Library

Come and join fellow Minecraft players on Wednesday afternoons 4 - 5:30pm starting November 5th. Meetings will be in the Johnson room. Space is limited to 15, so registration is required.

This will be an adult moderated, child centric club. All ages are welcome, as long as they are willing to cooperate with older and younger members.

Club members will engage in structured and unstructured collaborative play, sharing tips and tricks on different topics (to be decide by the group) each week. For example, learn how to:

- Jump super high, or run super-fast.
- Build booby-trapped temples.
- Build Redstone based devices.
- Make a tesla tower.

What secrets will you share with the group?

Players are requested to bring their own laptops with an active Minecraft license. The library has 3 laptops available for player use but these must be reserved in advance. Please indicate if you would like to borrow a library laptop when registering. Please direct any questions to Kim Ayers at 249-9108, kimberlyayers@com-cast.net

It's About Conservation

Appalachian Autumn

By BRUCE B. BECKLEY
CONTRIBUTING WRITER



Two weeks ago and six hundred miles down the Appalachian mountain chain from New Hampshire autumn, was creeping down from the mountain ridges into the Shenandoah Valley. In the broad flat farm fields, hay was being cut and rolled up. The harvesting of field corn was just beginning and the acres of soybean vines had turned to gold, almost as bright as the flowering goldenrod along the roadsides.

On the mountains, rising two thousand feet on either side of the valley floor, the predominant color was still the green of the red oaks. In a random forest patchwork, areas of quaking aspen and yellow poplar had begun to sport yellow. Singular maples and gum trees punctuated the green slopes with their red spires.

Under this canopy, we walked the trails constructed by the CCC in the 1930s. What a job these Civilian Conservation Corps men and boys undertook for a Depression Era meal and thirty dollars a week! The trail up Signal Knob, wrested from the talus-covered Massanutten mountainside stands, or should I say, lies as it did 80 years ago. The flowers of white boneset, white and purple asters, and goldenrod bordered the trail.

Oak trees, two-feet in diameter rise beside and over reach the trail. In openings where one of

these 100-foot tall giants had fallen, sunlight has released an understory of brilliant red black gum, yellow chestnut and black birch, deep maroon dogwood and blueberry bushes.

Here, the American chestnuts rise, still in their healthy youth, forty feet and gum trees grow to eighty plus feet out of the dry talus slopes. In Amherst, we expect to find the rather infrequent black gum trees growing in swamp-like places such as in Joe English Reservation where the largest is over 400 years old. Although most are found in wet locations, the writer has gum trees up to twelve inches in diameter growing high and dry in our back-yard sanctuary.

A recently published book features hikes to see big trees here in our own state. This is a family-friendly guide for having fun while seeing these big daddies of their species. "Big Trees in New Hampshire - Short hikes From the Seacoast to the North Country" is available at the local Bookshop. These walks are another way for families to enjoy and focus on the diverse habitats of outdoors New Hampshire without a six-hundred mile excursion..

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October Art Exhibit – Oils and Watercolors by Roxanne O'Brien

The Friends of the Amherst Town Library would like to welcome Roxanne O'Brien and her oils and watercolors to the Amherst Library during the month of October. Roxanne has been painting most of her life, taking lessons as young as ten. As an adult, she has attended various art school in both Massachusetts and New Hampshire as well as being a member of the Keys Art Group. She paints with a contemporary realist style with subjects ranging from portraits and still-lives to beautiful landscapes and panoramic views in both oil and watercolors.

Roxanne has a love for learning art which has fostered a love to teach art and creativity to others. As she "polishes" her own skills as an artist in her home studio in Mont Vernon, she conducts art lessons to people of all ages. "Encouraging others to be creative is a passion next to painting itself." In addition to lessons, Roxanne has found teaching art classes in a local Nursing Home to be very rewarding.

Roxanne "endeavors to capture the extraordinary beauty of our surroundings with light and color, working mostly from her own photos." Her exhibit will be up the en-



tire month of October on the main floor of the library.

Amherst Town Library – Information Session:

The Health Insurance Marketplace

Health Insurance Marketplace Information and Open Enrollment Assistance at the Amherst Town Library is being provided through a certified Marketplace Assister from the Servicelink Resource Center for Hillsborough County. The sessions are scheduled for Tuesdays, beginning November 11, and continuing through Tuesday, February 10 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Archives Room of the Library. These sessions will begin with a formal presentation from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. by Bokyoung Mun, a certified Marketplace Assister, and follow up with

a Q & A session from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. If you are planning to attend the formal educational session, please register. During the Q & A time, "drop-ins" are welcome.

Bokyoung holds a Bachelor's degree in Health Care Management and a Master's degree in Business Administration with a Certificate in Health Care Administration from Plymouth State University. During these scheduled sessions Bokyoung will assist people in completing and submitting an eligibility application for health coverage; assist people with enrollment; re-

view eligibility determinations for enrollment in health coverage; educate people about eligibility and enrollment through the Marketplace; and, assist consumers in applying for exemptions or appeals.

All sessions at the Library are free and open to the public. To register, please sign up 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."

Map Thief

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Journalism at Brandeis University and a staff writer at Harvard Business School. His work has appeared in The Nation, The New Republic, Slate, Salon, Consumers Digest, The Boston Globe Magazine, and Boston Magazine. His first book, The Coke Machine: The Dirty Truth Behind the World's Favorite Soft Drink, was published by Avery/Penguin in 2010. His latest, The Map Thief: The Gripping Story of an

Esteemed Rare-Map Dealer Who Made Millions Stealing Priceless Maps, was published by Gotham Books in June 2014 and named a New England Indie Bestseller by the New England Independent Booksellers Association. He has won multiple awards for his writing and has three times been named a finalist for the Livingston Awards for Young Journalists.

This Library program for adults is free and open to the public. However, registration is REQUIRED due to space limitations. You can register for this event 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."

TAXED ENOUGH ALREADY?

Not according to NH Democrats

- In 2013-14 legislature NH House Democrats and State Representative Shannon Chandley voted to:
- Increase the gas tax by 12 cents per gallon (HB 617)
- Increase the cigarette tax by 20 cents per pack (HB 659)
- Create a new paint tax of 75 cents per gallon (HB 1570)
- Increase the state budget by more than 10% (HB 2)
- Expand Medicaid to support Obamacare (HB 544)

These are not the votes of a fiscally responsible representative for the Town of Amherst!

REPUBLICANS WILL PROVIDE GOOD GOVERNMENT WITHOUT NEW TAXES

Controlling spending is the key

For State Rep:

- Laurie Sanborn
- Robert Rowe
- Stephen Stepanek
- Peter Hansen

For State Senator:

Gary Daniels

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