

## Town News

### AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

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Sun, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

### Children's Programming at the Amherst Town Library

#### COME TO STORYTIME AT THE LIBRARY!

**SESSION 3**  
Starts Jan. 5 and runs through Feb. 13

**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.)**  
Thurs. at 10:00

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.

**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:

#### ELLA FITZGERALD FOR KIDS

Tuesday, Feb. 3 at 4pm

Sing along with the Queen of Swing: Ella Fitzgerald! Hear her story in images and video and dance to the swinging sounds of her Big Band! Come dance along to the jazzy movement, singing and storytelling by vocalist and educator, Nanette Perrotte. This program will get us all dancing and singing, and while we're at it, we'll learn a lot about one of our greatest Jazz musicians!

**For kids ages 4 and up.**

Space is limited, so please register online at [www.amherstlibrary.org](http://www.amherstlibrary.org) or call 673-2288

Nanette will present a program for adults on Tuesday evening—see our website for more information.

#### Come-and-Build

Friday, January 16  
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 January 20-26 to make a "snowman mobile".

#### "Paws for Reading" with Weezie

Thursday, Jan. 15 from 3:45 to 4:45.

Come to the Children's Room to read to our canine friend, Weezie. "Paws for Reading" is a therapy-dog program to encourage emerging readers, and/or to help more experienced readers consolidate their skills. It's great for building confidence in your beginning reader.

Please call or come in to sign up for a 15-minute reading appointment.

### NEW AT THE LIBRARY!

#### MUSIC IN THE AFTERNOON with Amherst piano students.

Thursday afternoons at 3:45--January 15, and 22

We're trying something new this winter! Our talented Amherst piano students will be putting the piano in the hallway to use, polishing their performance pieces, and we'll get to listen in! Drop by the Children's Room on Thursday afternoons and hear some great piano music in a very informal space—appreciate it as background music while you look at books and the kids play, or take a seat in the meeting room and give it your full attention. Either way is fine, but do come and listen—this is a great opportunity for these kids to get some low-key performance experience!

### It's About Conservation

## Never Obsolete

By BRUCE B. BECKLEY  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

#### Never Obsolete

The chain saw carburetor failed after 10 years. Of course, that part model is no longer available and the old carburetor would have to be rebuilt. For one-third more of the cost to rebuild, a new saw could be purchased complete with all new parts and chain.

The back of the chunk stove burned out after 20 years. You guessed it, no repair parts are cast anymore. Now we burn wood pellets in a new stove. And so it goes in an economy where planned obsolescence seems to rule.

How rich we all are with the gifts of protected lands right here in town. Rich are the opportunities we enjoy to get out amidst the woods and wildlife with whom we share the natural world. This is a world that will never become obsolete as long as we care for it. Generations from now (not just 10 or 20 years) people will walk the same trails and hear the same brooks singing that we find respite beside today.

We wish you a peace-filled 2015 with time to enjoy the lasting gifts of Nature that surround us.



## Sponsors Needed for 2015 Student 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 22nd Annual Student Art Show held at the Amherst Town Library in May.

If you are a local business or a patron of youth art and would like to sponsor one of the 15 art awards or have question please e-mail: [Christine.farris@mac.com](mailto:Christine.farris@mac.com) for more information.

### Amherst Town Library – Information Session:

## The Health Insurance Marketplace

AMHERST – 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 Amherst Town Library. These sessions will begin with a formal presentation from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. by Bokyoung Mun, a certified Market-

place 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 Amherst Town Library are free and open to the public. To register, please sign up by calling 673-2288, emailing [library@amherstlibrary.org](mailto:library@amherstlibrary.org) or by visiting the library website at [www.amherstlibrary.org](http://www.amherstlibrary.org) and selecting the "Community Services" tab, then click on drop down "Sign-Up for Programs."

## Minecraft At The Library - Session 2 Starts January 9th - Sign Up Now

Minecraft at the library is a smashing success! Session 2 starts Wednesday January 7th from 4:00pm to 5:30pm and will run for six weeks, ending February 11th. Registration is REQUIRED, so please contact Kim Ayers at 249-9108 or [kimberlyayers@comcast.net](mailto:kimberlyayers@comcast.net) to reserve your spot.

Kids currently on the waiting list are guaranteed a spot in Session 2.

If you plan to participate this session, please sign up as soon as possible as Session 2 is already nearly full. We will also start a waiting list for Session 3 (starting March 4th).

The library laptops are a bit underpowered for the Minecraft application, so participants are asked to bring a laptop from home if at all possible. There is also an iPad/iPod table for kids who prefer to play on

those devices.

I am looking for parents of participants who would be willing to help moderate at least one meeting. The only requirements are (1) be able to help trouble shoot computer issues such as WiFi not connecting, (2) keep players interacting appropriately. Most of the kids are quite knowledgeable and can help out with any game related problems

## Exploring The iPad

It is a New Year and time to get up to speed with all those technology online wonders! The Amherst Town Library is pleased to help you with that goal by offering our three part January series for adults called Tackling Technology... and Winning. "Exploring the iPad" kicks off the series and is followed by "Succeeding on Craigslist," and "Facebook Workshop: Going Beyond Getting Started." Mark your calendars for these Winning Wednesdays scheduled for Wednesday, January 14th, 21st, and 28th from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

If you are an iPad owner, or want to become one, come and learn about all the things an iPad can do in the "Exploring your iPad" presentation with Marjorie Wein and Carol Wein, technology professionals and owners of WizeGuides—a company that helps people get comfortable with all types of technology. A short time ago, only a few people had even held an iPad in their hands and now millions of people own them. It is surprisingly fun and easy to use as you hold it in your hands and interact with it by touch. This course will introduce you to all the basic iPad functions—

from settings, organizing, surfing the Web, checking email, texting messages, making FaceTime calls, and exploring Apps.

This Library program for adults is free and open to the public. However, registration for this program and all programs in the series is REQUIRED due to space limitations. You can register for this event, and all events, by calling 673-2288, emailing [library@amherstlibrary.org](mailto:library@amherstlibrary.org), or by visiting our website at [www.amherstlibrary.org](http://www.amherstlibrary.org) and selecting the "Community Services" tab, then click on drop down "Sign-Up for Programs."

### ► Ella Fitzgerald, Queen Of Swing continued from page 1

She would go on to perform around the world for another 58 years.

Nanette Perrotte tells Ella's extraordinary story of traveling from being homeless in Harlem to the Queen of Swing. Along the way she had great mentors: Chuck Webb, Duke Ellington, Marilyn Monroe, Dizzy Gillespie, Louis Armstrong, and Frank Sinatra. Then there is the Battle of the Bands—the Cutting Contest at the Savoy Ballroom where she wins the battle over Billie Holiday. All of this is played out in the context of the Harlem Renaissance, the Great Depression, Segregation, and World War II: the critical years, 1935-1955. Through singing her signature songs and telling her story, this presentation illuminates the Social History of that time. The Man I Love, It Don't Mean a Thing, It's Only a Paper Moon and Azure among others. The multimedia presentation allows Perrotte to combine her singing, storytelling, and teaching tal-

ents to showcase Ella Fitzgerald's masterful work and complex life story.

Born to an Ecuadorian mother and a French father, Perrotte was raised in Amsterdam, Holland and Orlando, Florida before attending Boston's Berklee College of Music where she received her BA in Jazz Composition and Arranging with a principal instrument of Voice. This course of study was the fulfillment of a childhood spent singing and performing that continues on as a professional vocalist. Perrotte's Master's Degree in Education from Lesley University in Cambridge, MA focused her work on Arts as a tool to learn and experience cultural diversity. With her college teaching career, private coaching and voice students, college choir and acting/improve troupe, Perrotte has now evolved a new lecture/presentation form that combines social history, musicology, and storytelling in her program on

Ella Fitzgerald.

Perrotte will also be performing in our Children's Room at 4 p.m. on the same day, Tuesday, February 3, to the younger set (ages 4 and up) in a specially created program on Ella for their age group.

Coordinating with the Hail to the Harlem Renaissance series is an exhibit, "Walk Thru Harlem," on loan from the Seacoast African American Cultural Center in Portsmouth. From Billie Holiday to Zora Neale Hurston, to the Savoy Ballroom and Rent Parties, visual items of interest grace the Amherst Town Library walls from mid-January throughout the month of February. We invite you to take a "Walk Thru Harlem" during our regular library hours.

Please join us for the other February programs in the Hail to the Harlem Renaissance series that celebrate National Black History Month: "Boston Saxophone Quartet performs Duke Ellington: Be-

yond Category Concert," on Sunday, February 8 at 4:00 p.m.; "The Pleasure of Our Company: Harlem and the Origins of its Renaissance, 1910-1940," on Tuesday, February 10 at 7:00 p.m.; "Poets of the Harlem Renaissance," on Tuesday, February 17 at 7:00 p.m.; "Miss Anne of Harlem: The White Women of the Black Renaissance," on Thursday, February 19 at 7:00 p.m.; and, "Every Man's Wish On Board: The Art of the Harlem Renaissance.

All programs in the Hail to the Harlem Renaissance series for adults are free and open to the public. However, registration is REQUIRED for each program due to space limitations. You can register for all these events by calling 673-2288, emailing [library@amherstlibrary.org](mailto:library@amherstlibrary.org) or by visiting our website at [www.amherstlibrary.org](http://www.amherstlibrary.org) and selecting the "Community Services" tab, then click on drop down "Sign-Up for Programs."

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