

Mont Vernon

Daland Memorial Library News

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Hours:
Tuesday 10-5:30
Wednesday 12-8
Thursday 10-5:30
Friday 2-6
Saturday 10-1
Sunday Closed
Monday Closed

Super Saturday

It's your lucky day! Come to the St. Patrick's themed Super Saturday on Sat., March 7th at 1:00pm. Children ages 6 & up are encouraged to sign up. Registration required, space is limited. Call 673-7888.

Junior Book Clubs

Bankers For Books junior book club for 3rd and 4th graders will be reading "Rabbit Hill" by Robert Lawson. Group will meet on Wednesday, March 4th from 4-5pm.

The Page Turners junior book club for 5th and 6th graders will be reading "Doll Bones" by Holly Black. Group will meet on Wednesday, March 11th from 4-5pm.

The Just Because We Are Awesome junior book club for 7th and 8th graders will be reading "Every Soul a Star" by Wendy Mass. Group will meet on Wednesday, March 18th from 4-5pm.

Books for all three groups are available to borrow @ the library. New members always welcome!

The Bibliophiles Adult Book Group

The evening adult book club will be reading "West with the Night" by Beryl Markham for their February title. Group will meet on Wed., March 11th at 7pm to discuss the book. New members are always welcome. Books available to borrow @ the library.

TAG: Teen Advisory Group

The library is excited to announce the formation of a new teen activity group@ the library TAG! Mont Vernon teens in grades 9-12 are invited to join this young adult activity group and have their voices heard. Members will be involved in book collection development for the Young Adult section and teen programming. TAG will meet the last Wed. of every month from 6-7pm. Meeting dates: Wed., Feb 25th, March 25th, April 29th. SHS volunteer hours will be awarded to members. Pizza will be served!!

Read to Teddy, the Paws for Reading Dog!

Teddy the Paws for Reading Dog will be coming to the Daland Memorial Library on the first Saturday of each month from Noon-1:00pm. He would love to have children come and read to him! Space is limited. Call 673-7888 today or stop into the Library to sign up for one of the four 15-minute time slots.

Calling All New Readers!

Just starting to read? Sign up to read to a librarian on Wednesday anytime from 3-5pm as part of our All Star Reader Program. Bring a favorite book from home or select a title from our shelves to proudly read out loud. Children grades K-3 are encouraged to make a 15 minute

reading appointment so we can look forward to your visit.

Morning Book Discussion Program

"The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry" by Rachel Joyce is the next selection in the Daland Memorial Library's Morning Book Discussion Program. The book will be discussed on March 2 at 10 a.m. Harold Fry, recently retired and living in a small English village, begins a 600 mile walk north to see an old friend he hasn't seen in many years who is in hospice care. On his journey he meets many interesting characters as he reflects on his own life. Published in 2012 the book was a national bestseller.

The April 6 discussion will be a non-fiction selection "Gulp: Adventures on the Alimentary Canal" by Mary Roach. Exploding stomachs, engorged colons, and an hypothesis on where the idea of fire eating dragons comes from are a few of the humorous and curious stories the author writes about as we travel down the alimentary canal. Published in 2013, it received critical acclaim.

The group usually meets the first Monday each month. The meetings last an hour and a half to two hours. Participants take turns bringing a light refreshment. No attendance requirement - attend discussions that are of interest. The library purchases a copy of each selection that may be checked out by library patrons when the book is not reserved for the discussion. Copies of both books now at the library are made available through inter-library loan.

The dates and list of books for the year are as follows:

March 2 - fiction - "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry" by Rachel Joyce

April 6 - non-fiction - "Gulp: Adventures on the Alimentary Canal" by Mary Roach

May 4 - historical fiction - "Orphan Train" by Christine Baker Kline

June 1 - NH poetry - "Be That Empty" by Alice B. Fogel

June 29 - fiction - "The Bluest Eye" by Toni Morrison

NO MEETING IN JULY

August 3 - non-fiction - "The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration" by Isabel Wilkerson

September 14 - fiction - "The Daring Ladies of Lowell" by Kate Alcott

October 5 - fiction - "The Burgess Boys" by Elizabeth Strout

November 2 - fiction - "Emily, Alone" by Stewart O'Nan

December 7 - fiction - "Wishin' and Hopin': A Christmas Story" by Wally Lamb

The program is suitable for adults and open to Mont Vernon residents at no charge. For bookkeeping purposes, non-residents wanting to borrow a book will need to join the library, annual fee is \$15. Questions call the library at 673-7888.

Friends of the Library to Meet March 23

The next Friends of the Library meeting will be held on Monday, March 23, at 7:30 p.m., at the Daland Memorial Library. The agenda will include planning for the book, plant, and "junkie jewels" sales to be held at the library on Spring Gala Day scheduled for Saturday, May 16. Updates on children and adult activities and programs will also be discussed. Because of weather and scheduling conflicts, the last two meetings have been canceled, so members are encouraged to attend this meeting. Vice President Lori Meader will be presiding. New members are always welcome. Questions call the library at 673-7888.

Museum Passes

Passes to three museums are available at the library to library patrons. Two museums are free and one has a small co-pay. Two are in NH and one is in Boston.

Check the websites listed below for further details including locations, days and hours open.

Currier Museum of Art

www.currier.org
Two passes - each pass admits two (no co-pay)
Current special exhibit: "Still Life: 1970s Photorealism" through May 3, 2015

SEE Science Center

www.see-sciencecenter.org
Three family passes (no co-pay)

Museum of Fine Arts

www.mfa.org
Take away FLEX pass - one pass admits two adults
NOTE - there is a \$10 co-pay for EACH adult. Some special exhibits require a ticket with an additional charge. (Without the library pass, the ticket price is \$25 (\$23 for seniors).)

Passes may be checked out for one week. (Take away and FLEX passes are not returned.) Late returns will incur a \$5 fine. Please call the library at 673-7888, or stop by to reserve a pass. Passes are made possible through the fund raising efforts of the Friends of the Daland Memorial Library.

Mont Vernon Democrats to Caucus March 15

Will Elect Delegates to New Hampshire State Convention

MONT VERNON - Mont Vernon Democrats will meet Sunday, March 15, 3 PM to 5 PM at the Daland Memorial Library, to elect town Democratic officers and delegates to the New Hampshire Democratic Party state convention. Local Democratic Committee officers and delegates have a vote at annu-

al state Democratic Party conventions.

There is no cost to attend the caucus, and it is open to all members of the public. Any registered Democrat, regardless of past political experience, can run for an officer or delegate position.

Snow Date: March 22, 2015

Mont Vernon Start-up Company Selected to Accelerate NH 2015 Inaugural Class



PickUp Patrol, LLC of Mont Vernon will participate in the 2015 Accelerate NH program

MONT VERNON - Local startup company, PickUp Patrol, LLC, has been selected to participate in the 2015 Accelerate NH startup accelerator program. The Accelerate NH program, developed by Alpha Loft, New Hampshire's own business incubator, was created "with one simple goal in mind: help great people with great ideas build great companies".

Alpha Loft provides support and resources for local entrepreneurs and has a mission to foster a thriving environment for creating and growing companies in New Hampshire. As one of only seven companies selected to Accelerate NH 2015, PickUp Patrol will participate in an intensive three-month process geared towards rapidly developing and growing the company. The team will be mentored by NHHTC Entrepreneur of the Year, Bob Batcheler of NewForma. Joshua Cyr, Director of Education and Acceleration at Alpha Loft, said "PickUp Patrol sent a compelling application and have done a great job so far. Not only do they have a great product, but they already have customers. Schools in New Hampshire should certainly be taking a look." He went on to add, "They join six other exciting startups to form our inaugural class. We are excited

to have them as part of our accelerator program and look forward to accelerating them over the next three months."

PickUp Patrol, LLC, founded in 2014 by Eric and Maria Edvalson, Candee Noorda and Daniel Brackett, provides a cloud-based software platform that simplifies the school dismissal process. The idea for the product grew out of an award-winning STEM team project, led by Mr. and Mrs. Edvalson and featuring four Mont Vernon students, Anthony Edvalson, Brian Apple, Rylee Noorda and Bryan Rose, then still in elementary school. The team was very successful, winning many competitions and ultimately earning, out of 20,000 teams, the 1st Place Programming Award at the 2012 FIRST World Championships. It was through one of these competitions that the idea for the school dismissal web application (PickUp Patrol) came about.

Mr. Edvalson, a software engineer, spent months teaching the students to code and developed the first generation of PickUp Patrol. A few months later the system was up and running at the Mont Vernon Village School, with fantastic reviews from the school and parents. During this time the project

was entered into the Christopher Columbus Awards (a National STEM Competition), where the project took home the Gold Medal. This was followed by an invitation to the White House, as an honoree at the 2012 White House Science Fair. Other elementary schools in the district, including Clark and Wilkins Schools in Amherst, NH, soon heard about the system and asked to implement it too. PickUp Patrol has been operational throughout SAU #39 since 2012.

PickUp Patrol, LLC was officially founded April 9, 2014, with a single vision - "to simplify student dismissals for all schools". With assistance from Mr. Brackett the software has been re-written on a cloud computing platform, using the latest software technologies, to make it easy to deploy for schools across the country. The original four students have also joined as interns, continuing to help develop the software and learning valuable skills in entrepreneurship, technology, business development, sales and marketing. The company will soon be unveiling the new cloud version of PickUp Patrol to current customers and is now accepting new schools.



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