

AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

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Children’s Programming at  
the Amherst Town Library  
Fall 2015

STORYTIMES BEGIN!

**SESSION 1**  
Starts Sep. 14 and runs to October 23

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.)

Wed. at 10:00  
Thurs. 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.

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.

ATTENTION CRAFTY FAMILIES!

Make a milk-jug skeleton here at the library!

Saturday, Sep. 26 at 10:00am

Make a Not-too-spooky skeleton to hang on your porch! Please sign-up online at www.amherstlibrary.org. Bring 5 or 6 clean, dry, de-labeled gallon milk jugs with you. All other supplies will be provided, and Miss Sarah will walk you through the process!

This is a PARENT-AND-CHILD-TOGETHER craft—all children must be accompanied by an adult. Ages 5 and up.

No-Carve Pumpkin Workshop

Thursday October 1, 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM  
For kids ages 4 and up with parent/caregiver.

Come to the library to get started with your Halloween preparations. We’ll have several different decorating ‘stations’ set up to get your creative pumpkin decorating ideas flowing! You bring the pumpkins (either real or artificial), and we’ll provide the decorating ideas



and materials! For kids and parents together. Please sign up online at www.amherstlibrary.org .

Come and Build

Friday afternoons: September 18, October 16, November 20, and December 18

3:00 PM to 4:30 PM

Come to the library to build with our collection of legos, blocks, marble runs, mobilos, etc. Build the ‘construction project’ of your dreams! For kids ages 4 and up. No registration necessary.

Paws For Reading

Come and meet our new “Paws for Reading” dog, Brook! Brook is an Australian Shepherd who loves to listen to kids read...would your child like to come and give it a try? Reading aloud to a canine friend is a great confidence and fluency builder for kids who are just learning to read.

Brook’s first visit is Monday, Oct.5 at 3:30. Call (673-2288) or come in to the Children’s Room to sign up for a reading appointment.

Halloween Dance Party!!

Thursday October 29 from 3:30 to 4:30 PM

Everyone’s invited to the Children’s Room for a “way fun” Halloween dance party!!! Miss Sue and Miss Sarah will be spinning some great Halloween tunes that will get you up and dancing. Make sure to wear your costume—we’ll have a picture booth, face-painting, and maybe Miss Sarah will tell a slightly-scary tale...

No need to register, just put on your costume and join us!

Spanish is Fun with Senora Rowley

Tuesdays in November at 3:30pm  
November 3, 10, 17, 24

Senora Rowley is once again generously donating her time and energy to introduce Amherst children to the joys of speaking Spanish. Register online at www.amherstlibrary.org for this 4-week series of Spanish songs, rhymes, activities, and fun!

For children ages 4 and up.

ANIMALS IN WINTER

Thursday, Nov. 12 @ 3:30pm

What do the wild animals in New Hampshire do to prepare for winter? Come and find out! The folks (and some real live animals!) from the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center will be presenting

‘Animals in Winter’ a 45-minute program offering information, fun, and some chances for real-life encounters with New Hampshire wildlife!

For kids ages 5 and up. Registration is required. Come in, call (673-2288), or register online (www.amherstlibrary.org)

Family Gingerbread House Workshop

Thursday, Dec. 10 at 6:30pm and Saturday December 12, at 2:00pm

Come to the Children’s Room for a Holiday Gingerbread-house construction party! We’ll provide the space, the graham crackers, the frosting and the music--you bring a bag of candy to contribute to a pot-luck supply. Then, we’ll build some beautiful houses!

All ages are welcome with a parent who will help to make the gingerbread house. Please register your family at www.amherstlibrary.org . Sign up for one day only.

Holiday Stories/Craft Program

Thursday December 17 from 3:30 PM to 4:15 PM

Come and join Miss Sarah and Miss Sue for a special holiday story time. We’ll share some stories, sing some songs, and complete a simple craft together. Get in the holiday spirit here at the library! No registration necessary.

It’s About Conservation

Too Many Words

By BRUCE B. BECKLEY  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The composer Salieri told his benefactor that Mozart used too many notes. Sometimes, I suspect that conservationists use too many words. Words, whose meanings may not be clear or look too complicated to the intended readers. “Biodiversity”, being used more and more often, could be one of those words. Enhancement of species and habitat diversity within Amherst is a major objective of the Amherst Conservation Commission. Therefore, it is good to have a feel for the term.

The National Wildlife Federation looks at biodiversity as the variety of life on many levels. On the highest level, you can look at all the different species on the entire earth. On a smaller scale, you can look at the diversity within a pond ecosystem or a neighborhood woodlot. Biodiversity includes the full range of species that live in an area.

Diversity within a species, genetic diversity, is of importance too. For instance, all dogs are part of the same species, but their genes can dictate whether they are Chihuahua or Great Danes. The NWF points out the importance of biodiversity to humankind:

- It allows us to live happy healthy lives with an array of food and productive economy
- It makes life livable on earth with oxygen and water purification
- Medical discoveries have evolved from animal and plant research
- Simply for the wonder of it all.



Many factors and human actions have and will affect diversity of life on earth. Pollution of air and water and global warming are most often cited. Land converted to food and bio-fuel production and large-scale hydro projects are two more actions with far-reaching impacts.

A recent study is reported in “Conservation Biology” by researchers at the Environmental Institute and School of Earth and Environmental Sciences at the University of Adelaide, South Australia. The authors looked at sources of energy to meet the burgeoning worldwide demand for energy including: fossil fuels, hydropower, nuclear, biomass, wind and solar. They investigated the effect of each source on global biodiversity conservation.

In summary, the authors stated: “We conclude that large-scale nuclear power – as a route to an electrified oil, gas, and coal-free economy – offers a positive way forward because it provides a low-risk pathway to eliminating fossil-fuel dependencies, global energy poverty, and wealth imbalances that rank among the major forces driving today’s biodiversity crisis. Nuclear power needs to be considered seriously alongside renewable sources of energy such as wind and solar power.”

Amherst Town Library’s 3D Printing Initiative  
Announces 3D Printing Workshops for Fall

AMHERST – The international Space Station uses a 3D Printer to print tools on demand, in China construction firm WinSun Global printed an entire apartment building, at Cornell University they have successfully printed heart valves. Without a doubt, 3D Printing is changing the way we do

many things. Come and experience 3D Printing first hand at a library workshop this fall. Each 4-person session allows every participant an opportunity to digitally create an object to be 3D printed on one of the library’s Cube2 printers.

New workshops will start up the week of September 28 and will run

bi-weekly through early November. Please check the library website www.amherstlibrary.org for details and to sign up.

For more information or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kim Ayers, Library Trustee, at kayers@amherstlibrary.org.

► An Evening with Bob Ryan

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He has spent many nights and afternoons in both the original Boston Garden and the current TD Garden. He began covering the Celtics at age 23 in 1969, handling the assignment for 13 ½ years over a 19-year span. Basketball was his passport, but over the course of time he has covered numerous events in many sports. In addition to having covered the Red Sox, he has compiled a resume that includes 29 Final Fours, 20 NBA Finals, 18 golf majors, six Ryder Cups, and 10 Super Bowls, in addition to innumerable playoff games in all sports, college bowl games, and national championship games. He covered the Dream Team from the first bounce of the ball in Lajolla to

the gold medal game in Barcelona, and that was the first of 11 Olympics (six summer and five winter) he would cover.

He is a member of four Halls of Fame: The Curt Gowdy Award from the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame; the USBWA (college basketball writers) Hall of Fame; the New England Basketball Hall of Fame; and, the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Hall of Fame. Most recently he received the PEN/ESPN Lifetime Achievement Award for Sports Literacy and the Associated Press Red Smith Award for Lifetime Achievement.

He is the author of 12 books, the current one being his autobiography, SCRIBE, My Life in Sports,”

which received the Grand Prize Award at the New England Book Festival. He has collaborated on books with Celtics greats John Havlicek, Bob Cousy, and Larry Bird. There will be a book signing after Mr. Ryan’s presentation.

This program is free and open to the public. However, registration is REQUIRED due to space limitations. 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.”

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Painting  
Party With  
Kevin  
Dadoly

AMHERST – Add a little Autumnal Watercolor to your life at the Amherst Town Library’s program for adults, “Painting Party with Kevin Dadoly,” on Monday, October 19th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Main Reading Room. If you have ever wanted to try watercolor this is the event for you. Join artist Kevin Dadoly for an entertaining hands-on event as he walks you through creating a beautiful Fall painting suitable for framing. All supplies (except for the frame) will be provided. Kevin’s no fail approach to painting combined with his good humor make for an interesting and informative evening. Class size is limited so please sign up early. Kevin is currently teaching for both Amherst and Bedford’s Adult Enrichment Programs and has recently added teaching for the Wild Salamander in Hollis.

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“Summer Blueberries” by Kevin Dadoly

