

Library News for March-April, 2018

Mud season is a New England tradition. Rather than looking at mud season as a messy interlude between winter and spring, think of it as a time of transition, when nature is getting ready for rebirth. Here at the Library, we are adding some new programs and transitioning some others.

PROGRAMS

Back by popular demand, living historian Sally Mummey returns to the Hampton Falls Free Library in the persona of Queen Victoria on **Tuesday, March 20** at 6:30 p.m. Her presentation, in full 19th century costume, is entitled **A Visit with Queen Victoria**. With passion, charm and wit, Sally Mummey dispels the myths and fables that obscure Queen Victoria. The snow date for this program is Tuesday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m. The Library gratefully acknowledges NH Humanities for sponsoring this program.

The Friends of the Library have invited best-selling author **Jessica Shattuck** on **Tuesday, April 10** at 6:30 p.m. Shattuck is the author of The Women in the Castle, an historical novel about three widows who are survivors of the German resistance during the Second World War.

CRAFT PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Carol Sanborn will teach Beginning **Basket Weaving** for adults on **Friday, March 2** at 11:30 a.m. There will be a \$5 per person materials fee for this program. A sample of the basket will be on display in the Library. Please sign up in advance as space is limited.

Carol Sanborn will also be teaching a **Needle Felting Program** for adults on **Friday, March 30** at 10:30 a.m. There is a \$5 materials fee for this program. A sample will be on display in the Library. Please call or stop in the Library to sign up.

COMING SOON-NEW MUSEUM PASSES

The Friends of the Library have very generously sponsored two additional museum passes for The Children's Museum in Dover and the Wright Museum of World War II in Wolfeboro. The Children's Museum pass offers reduced-price admission for up to four people per day. The Wright Museum, which is open seasonally from May 1 through October 31, offers free admission for two adults and four children. The Library currently offers passes to the Museum of Fine Arts, the Currier Museum, the American Independence Museum, the Peabody-Essex Museum, and Strawberry Banke.

COMING SOON-NEW BOOK GROUP

The Library is offering a new cookbook club. The Library will obtain multiple copies of a particular cookbook. Interested participants will select a recipe from the book, prepare the dish and come together for a potluck of good food, company and conversation. The first cookbook will be Ruth Reichl's My Kitchen Year. Copies of the book will be available at the Library. The first meeting will be **Saturday, March 24** at 12 Noon. Call or visit the Library to sign up.

TGIF – A NEW LOOK

For many years, the Library sponsored TGIF, at 3 p.m. on Fridays as a time to converse with your neighbors and share coffee and cookies. In order to refresh this program and generate additional interest, the program will now be a time for coffee, cookies and board games. The Library will set up card tables with games such as cribbage, chess, checkers, dominoes, Scrabble, Trivial Pursuit, Rummikub, puzzles, and Keva blocks. Please drop in and share cookies and conversation with your neighbors.

WHAT WE ARE READING

On **Tuesday, March 27**, the adult book discussion group will discuss [The Women in the Castle](#) in preparation for author Jessica Shattuck's visit on April 10.

On **Tuesday, April 24**, we will discuss [A Piece of the World](#) by Christina Baker Kline. Andrew Wyeth's painting *Christina's World* is arguably one of the most famous paintings of the 20th century. Christina Baker Kline, author of [Orphan Train](#), captures the life of Christina Olson, the woman in Wyeth's painting in this work of historical fiction.

The book discussions meet at 7:00 p.m. New members are always welcome. Copies of the books are available at the Library.

A friend sent me this wonderful quote about libraries, "Ever since we had arrived in the United States, my classmates kept asking me about magic carpets. They don't exist, I always said. I was wrong. Magic carpets do exist. But they are called library cards." *Firoozeh Duman, Laughing Without an Accent, 2008.*

Be well,
Barbara Tosiano
Library Director

LIBRARY YOUTH SERVICES CHECK IT OUT!

In case of inclement weather, please call the Library to check if we will be holding Story Times and other programs on that day. If school is cancelled, the Library may or may not be open but programs will be cancelled.

STORY TIMES!

The Baby-Toddler Story Time is designed for newborns through the 2's. It consists of short stories, nursery rhymes, fingerplays, music, and, of course, puppets! It is 25 – 30 minutes of a lot of activity! It is held on Tuesdays from 10:30 – 10:55ish AM and will run through **May 22nd**. **There will be no Story Time on February 27th and April 24th**. This program is currently full. Please call 926-3682 if you would like to be placed on the waiting list.

The Pre-School through Kindergarten Story Times will be held on Wednesdays from 1:30 – 2 PM and Thursdays from 10:30 – 11 AM. They will run through **May 23rd and 24th**. **There will be no Story Times on February 28th, March 1st, April 25th and April 26th**. The Thursday 10:30 AM Story Time is full but there is space in the other session. Please call or drop in to sign up.

Kindergarten Club! This program is held on Wednesdays from 3 – 3:45 PM. It includes a snack, stories and a craft and will run through **May 23rd**. This program is currently full. **There will be no Kindergarten Club on February 28th and April 25th**.

The After School Story Time for 1st – 4th graders is held on Tuesdays. The program is from 3 – 3:45 PM. It will run through **May 22nd**. This program is currently full. **There will be no Story Time on February 27th and April 24th**.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS!

The Novel Ideas 5th – 8th Grade Book Discussion Group will meet Wednesday, March 21st and Wednesday, April 18th from 6:30 – 7:15 PM. New members are always welcome!

Yoga! For 5th – 8th grade Wednesday, March 7th and April 4th from 6:30 – 7:30 PM. Please sign up in advance. Each class will have its own sign up.

Yoga! For Kindergarten through 4th grade Thursday, March 8th and Thursday, April 5th from 4 – 4:45 PM. Please sign up in advance as space is limited. Each class will have its own sign up.

Yoga! For 2 – 5 year olds with Parent/Caregiver Fridays March 9^t, March 23rd, April 6th and April 20th from 10:30 – 11 AM. Please sign up in advance as space is limited. Each class will have its own sign up.

Lego Club! Thursday, March 29th and April 12th from 4 – 4:45 PM for children in Kindergarten through 4th grade The Legos will be provided (but stay in the Library so we'll have them for the next program!). Come ready to use your imagination! Please sign up for each program individually in advance. **Please note, this is not a program that children should take the bus to the Library.**

High School Panel Discussion for LAS 8th Graders and their parents on Wednesday, March 14th from 6:30 – 7:30 PM. Lincoln Akerman 8th graders and their parents are invited to a panel discussion. The panel will be comprised of former Lincoln Akerman students who are currently attending Winnacunnet. This should be a helpful forum on what to expect from the academic, extra-curricular and social atmosphere of the school

April Vacation Program!!

The Annual Parent/Child Tea Party (or Grandparent, Nanny, etc.) Wednesday, April 25th from 3 – 4:30 PM This has always been a special event at the Library. This is a chance for everyone to dress up (Moms, Dads, girls and boys) and enjoy a lovely afternoon at the Library! Big hats for the ladies and girls are optional! As with other special events, there is a sign-up as space is limited.

Wish List! I am getting the “Treasure Chest” and raffle prizes ready for the summer reading program. Donations of new items such as new leftover party prizes, crafts, small toys, art supplies etc. are welcome! Feel free to give me a call if you have a question. Thanks in advance!

Sponsoring a Summer Reading Program The planning for the Summer Reading program is well underway. As you know, there are performance/presenter fees for some of the programs. If you would like to sponsor a program (fully or partially – no amount is too small...or too big!) please talk with me. Thank you!

See you in the Library!

Carol Sanborn

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