

# Library News for March-April, 2019

All winter, I have been feeding a small flock of Eastern Bluebirds in my backyard. They perch on my back fence and wait for me to run outside with dried mealworms. The birds have disappeared with the last blast of zero degree weather. But I am not deterred; I have ordered another bag of mealworms, a bird house, and nesting material. I am looking forward to the return of sun and my new feathered friends.

## PROGRAMS

### Researching Your Old House

On **Thursday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m.**, Andrew Cushing from NH Preservation Alliance will explore tools, tips, and tricks for researching your old house. Using a combination of sources - common and uncommon - anyone can start to assemble a fuller picture of their house's history. The snow date for this program is Thursday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m.

### Organic Gardening & Companion Planting

Rita Wollmering from The HERB FARMacy will return on **Thursday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m.** Explore practical ways of transitioning to organic practices in your gardens and lawns. Learn the principles and benefits of organic gardening including the use of companion planting to mix the right plants together in the garden to unleash their natural ability to help each other in repelling pests or enhancing healthy plant growth.

## COMING SOON-NEW MUSEUM PASSES

The Friends of the Library have very generously sponsored three additional museum passes – Historic New England, NH Parks, and the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center in Concord. The pass for Historic New England will offer free admission to dozens of historical sites throughout New England. The NH Parks Pass will admit a family to most of the state parks in New Hampshire. The McAuliffe-Shepard Discover Center is open weekends and school vacations during the school year and daily from June 15<sup>th</sup> through September 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Library currently offers passes to the Museum of Fine Arts, the Currier Museum, the American Independence Museum, the Wright Museum of World War II in Wolfeboro, and Strawberry Banke. Call or visit to reserve a pass.

## WHAT WE ARE COOKING

The Cookbook Club will meet and taste on **Saturday, April 6 at Noon**. We will prepare for Cinco de Mayo by cooking and tasting dishes from Rick Bayles' Everyday Mexican. Interested participants will select a recipe from the book, prepare the dish and come together for a potluck of good food, company and conversation. Copies of the book will be available at the Library. Call or visit the Library to sign up.

## WHAT WE ARE READING

On **Thursday, March 28**, the adult book discussion group will discuss The Girls of Atomic City by Denise Kiernan. Thousands of civilians, many of them young women, worked in Oak Ridge, Tennessee at the height of World War II at a secret city which was part of the Manhattan Project.

On **Thursday, April 25**, we will discuss The Art of Hearing Heartbeats by Jan-Philipp Sendker. Set in Burma, this beautiful work of fiction is the story of a father who disappeared and an unmailed love letter to a mysterious woman named Mi Mi.

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

Looking at the snow, I would like to share a quote from Hal Borland, "No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn. April is a promise that May is bound to keep, and we know it."

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 2s. 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 21<sup>st</sup>**. **There will be no Story Time on February 26<sup>th</sup> and April 23<sup>rd</sup>**. There is still room in this program. Please call 926-3682 or stop in if you would like to sign up.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>**. **There will be no Story Times on February 27<sup>th</sup>, February 28<sup>th</sup>, April 24<sup>th</sup> and April 25<sup>th</sup>**. 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 22<sup>nd</sup>**. This program is currently full. **There will be no Kindergarten Club on February 27<sup>th</sup>, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, and April 24<sup>th</sup>**.

**The After School Story Time for 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> graders** is held on Tuesdays. The program is from 3 – 3:45 PM. It will run through **May 21<sup>st</sup>**. This program is currently full. **There will be no Story Time on February 26<sup>th</sup> and April 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

### **SPECIAL PROGRAMS!**

**The Novel Ideas 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Book Discussion Group** will meet Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> (one week earlier than usual) and Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 7:15 PM. New members are always welcome!

**Yoga! For 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade** Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30 – 7:30 PM. Please sign up in advance. Each class will have its own sign up.

**Yoga! For Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade** Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, April 5<sup>th</sup> and April 19<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> and April 18<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 4:45 PM for children in Kindergarten on up. 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.**

### **April Vacation Program!!**

**The Annual Parent/Child Tea Party (or Grandparent, Nanny, etc.)** Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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

Head of Youth Services

