

## Library News for May-June, 2019

Spring is always a good time to remind everyone of the varied resources that your Library has to offer. Yes, the Library has very nice books, magazines, movies, and books on CD. The Library also provides free access to eBooks and audiobooks through the Overdrive platform. We offer quality educational and cultural programs for adults and children. Would you like to view the night skies this summer? Check out a telescope from the Library! Are you traveling abroad this summer? Ask about a free language lesson service. Looking for someplace to take the kids or out-of-town visitors? We have passes to local museums for free or reduced rates. Planning a hike? Check out our new backpacks!

### Fond Farewell

Please join us on **Wednesday, May 29** to extend best wishes to Youth Services Librarian Carol Sanborn on her retirement after 17 years of story times, summer reading programs, Santa Parties, and children's programs! There will be an open house at the Library from **3:00 to 7:30 p.m.** to bid Carol the best in her retirement.

### Programs:

The month of May will be a very busy month at the Library! Darryl Thompson will present **The Shaker Legacy** on **Saturday, May 4 at 1:00 p.m.** The Shakers made ingenious contributions to diverse fields such as agriculture, medicine, music, and furniture design. Darryl will explore these contributions as well as share his personal stories of the Canterbury Shakers. This program is sponsored by NH Humanities.

On **Thursday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m.** Professor of Art and Design Lance Hidy will discuss the famed photographer and environmentalist **Ansel Adams**. This program is sponsored by The Friends of the Library.

The Hampton Falls Conservation Commission will present an informational session on **Invasive Plants** on **Thursday, May 16 at 6:30 p.m.** Learn how to identify and control invasive plants.

Looking ahead to June, Stephen Hale of Open World Explorers will be here on **Thursday, June 6 at 6:30 p.m.** for a presentation on **Backyard Birds**. Again, the Friends of the Library have sponsored this event.

### Museum Passes:

The Library offers passes for free or reduced admission to the following museums: The Currier Museum in Manchester, the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, Strawberry Banke in Portsmouth, the American Independence Museum in Exeter, and the Wright Museum of World War II in Wolfeboro. This year, the Friends of the Library have added passes to the McAuliffe-Shepard

Discovery Center in Concord, and to the many facilities in Historic New England and NH State Parks. Call or visit the Library to reserve a pass.

### **Book Group for Grownups:**

On **Thursday, May 30**, the adult book group will be discussing The Widows of Malabar Hill by Sujata Massey. This book is a murder mystery set in India in 1921. Perveen Mistry, the daughter of a respected Zoroastrian family, has just joined her father's law firm. She finds herself in a unique position to investigate a murder in a household where females live in strict seclusion.

On **Thursday, June 27**, the group will discuss The Library Book by acclaimed author Susan Orlean. In 1986, a disastrous fire struck the Los Angeles Public Library. Did someone deliberately set fire to the library? In addition to following the suspected arson case, the author depicts the roles that public libraries have played in American communities.

### **New Backpacks:**

Besides funding museum passes, the Friends and Trustees of the Hampton Falls Free Library have created three backpacks. These backpacks contain everything you need for a day in nature, such as binoculars, compasses, and trail maps. There is a backpack for the Seacoast, the mountains, and a shoulder bag for birding. Check out a backpack just like a book and enjoy the great outdoors!

### **New Feature:**

Check our new **Instagram** link on the Library website. The staff has been posting photos of new books, displays, events and other offerings. Follow us on Instagram!

### **Holiday Closing:**

The Library will be closed from **Saturday, May 25 through Monday, May 27** to observe the Memorial Day weekend. We will re-open on **Tuesday, May 28 at 10 a.m.** Please remember that we will be open shorter Saturday hours starting June 2. During the summer months, we will be open from 10-1 on Saturdays.

### **Summer Reading for Adults:**

We are finalizing plans for the program, but we will begin the same day as the Youth Summer Reading Program and kick off the season on **Wednesday, June 19**. The adult program will once again feature a chance to win prizes donated by local merchants and the Friends of the Library. Last year, a record-setting 105 adults read 595 books. Can we exceed that number this summer?

## **In Closing:**

"I would be most content if my children grew up to be the kind of people who think decorating consists mostly of building enough bookshelves." Anna Quindlen.

Barbara Tosiano  
Library Director

## **LIBRARY YOUTH SERVICES CHECK IT OUT!**

As many of you know I will be retiring at the end of May. I have loved being a part of this wonderful community and working with the great staff at the library in my position as Head of Youth Services. I leave with so many fond memories of the children, youths and adults I have been so fortunate to get to know. It has been a real privilege. Thank you for making my time at the library so special in so many ways, for embracing me in your community and showing me so much kindness.

I am looking forward to spending time with family, enjoying the many crafts and athletic endeavors I love to do and trying some new things (yes, I have a list made up!). Thank you again for so many wonderful years!

## **Story Times:**

**Baby-Toddler Story Times held on Tuesdays at 10:30 AM** will run through May 21<sup>st</sup>. There will be a short break and the program will start again on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

**The current Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade After-School Story Time, the Wednesday (1:30 PM and Kindergarten Club) and Thursday 10:30 AM Story Time Sessions** will end on **May 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>** respectively. There is still space in the Wednesday 1:30 PM Story Time. Please call to sign up.

**The Novel ideas 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Book Discussion Group** will meet Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 7:15 PM. New members are always welcome. Books are available at the Library. Dates and times of future discussions are still to be determined.

## **Special Programs!**

**Lego Club! Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 4:45 PM for children in Kindergarten on up.** Dates and times of future Lego Clubs are still to be determined. 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 as space is limited. **Please note, this is not a program that children should take the bus to the Library.**

**Yoga!** The schedule is as follows: **5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Wednesday, May 1st from 6:30 -7:30 PM.  
**K – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4 – 4:45 PM **Ages 2 – 5 with a parent or caregiver:**  
Fridays, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 – 11 AM. Please sign up for each class individually in advance as space is limited. Each class will have its own sign up.

### **Summer Reading!**

Planning has already begun for the Summer Reading Program, “A Universe of Stories”. **Please mark your calendar for Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7 PM for the Summer Reading Kick-off Party!** Some of the events already scheduled include Wildlife Encounters (sponsored in part by the Hampton Falls Boy Scouts), the SPCA, the Boston Museum of Science “Science Magic!, Magician Peter Boie, Hampstead Stage Company, the Annual Talent Show and musician Mr. Aaron. There is more to come! A full schedule will be available in early June.

**Like to help sponsor a summer reading program?** Please see Carol or Barbara if you are interested in fully or partially sponsoring a Summer Reading Program. Everything helps!

**Wish List!** I am getting the “Treasure Chest” ready for the summer reading program. Donations of new items such as left-over party prizes, crafts, small toys, etc. are welcome! Feel free to give me a call if you have any questions. Thank you in advance!

Parting Thoughts:

“How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.”

-Attributed to “Winnie the Pooh” by A. A. Milne

Carol Sanborn  
Head of Youth Services

