

Library News for November-December, 2018

Successful Book Sale

Once again, I would like to thank the Hampton Falls community for supporting our annual book sale. The community support was truly uplifting. The Library is indeed fortunate to have so many people who donated books, sorted books, bought books, set up tables, set up displays, priced the books, baked for the bake sale, sold baked goods, bought baked goods, counted money, bought yard sale items, and donated coffee. We would like to extend a special thanks to the Cub Scouts and their families who worked so hard at the bake sale.

Programs

The Library is pleased to present Katy Kramer, author of Portsmouth Naval Prison. Ms. Kramer will show many rarely seen photographs, recount the actual history, dispel myths, and answer questions about this iconic landmark Portsmouth Harbor. The program will take place on **Tuesday, November 13 at 6:30 p.m.**

On **Saturday, December 8 at 1:00 p.m.**, Ramblin' Richard will return to the Hampton Falls Free Library with a holiday concert. Come enjoy some holiday music and cookies with your neighbors.

Both programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library.

Closings

The Library will close at 5:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, November 21** and close all day **Thursday, November 22** for Thanksgiving Day.

Ho-Ho-Ho!

A holiday tradition for many years, we are looking forward to our annual Santa Party at the Library on Saturday **December 1** from 10:00-12:00. There will be an opportunity to visit with Santa and tell him what you're hoping to find under the tree, have your picture taken with him, and enjoy all kinds of festive snacks while visiting with neighbors and friends. It's a guaranteed good time! If you would like to provide a little deliciousness for the treat table, please call us at 926-3682 or sign up at the Library.

What we are Reading

On **Tuesday, November 27 at 7:00 p.m.**, our Adult Book Group will discuss The Stranger in the Woods: the Extraordinary Story of the Last True Hermit by Michael Finkel. This riveting narrative is the true story of Christopher Knight who disappeared into the Maine woods for nearly three decades.

On **December 18 at 7:00 p.m.**, the group will once again revisit a classic. In honor of the 150th anniversary of publication, the group will discuss Louisa May Alcott's iconic tale of growing up Little Women. Who can forget the lines on the opening page, "Christmas won't be Christmas without any presents, grumbled Jo." Books are available at the Library and new members are always welcome.

"Far away there in the sunshine are my highest aspirations. I may not reach them but I can look up and see their beauty, believe in them and try to follow them." Louisa May Alcott

Best wishes always,

Barbara Tosiano
Library Director

LIBRARY YOUTH SERVICES

I would like to thank the Hampton Falls Cub Scouts and their families for the outstanding bake sale they held to raise money for our Summer Reading Program. Great job! Your hard work and dedication to the Library is very much appreciated! I also want to thank our many patrons who donated delicious baked goods for the sale. The proceeds from the sale will be used to sponsor one of our Summer Reading Wednesday evening programs.

In case of inclement weather, please call the Library to check if we will be holding programs that day. If schools are closed, the Library may or may not be open but programs will be cancelled.

STORY TIMES AND BOOK GROUP

The Baby-Toddler Story Time is designed for newborns through the 2's. There is a lot of activity! It is held Tuesdays from 10:30 – 11ish AM. This session will run through December 4th. It is currently full but you can sign up for the wait list.

The current sessions of Pre-School Story Times will run through December 5th and 6th respectively. They are scheduled for 1:30 – 2 PM on Wednesdays and 10:30 – 11 AM on Thursdays. There is still space in the Wednesday 1:30 PM session so please call or stop in the Library to sign up. **There will be no Story Time on November 21st and 22nd.**

Kindergarten Club! This program is held on Wednesdays from 3 – 3:45 PM and is currently full. It will run through December 5th. **There will be no Kindergarten Club on November 21st.**

The After School Story Time is also full. This Story Time will also run through December 4th.

Sign up for the next Story Time session will begin at 10 AM on Thursday, January 10th at 10 AM with sessions beginning the following week. Please phone or drop in to sign up.

The Novel Ideas 5th – 8th Grade Book Discussion Group “usually” meets on the third Wednesday of the month. Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, November 28th from 6:30 – 7:15 PM (one week later than usual) and Wednesday December 19th from 6:30 – 7:15 PM.** New members are always welcome.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Yoga!

Yoga for ages 2 – 5 with a parent/caregiver is scheduled for Fridays from 10:30 – 11 AM on November 16th, November 30th, December 7th, and December 21st. Please sign up in advance as space is limited.

Yoga for K – 4th grade is scheduled for Thursday, November 15th and Thursday, December 6th from 4 – 4:45 PM. Please sign up in advance for each session individually.

Yoga for 5th – 8th grade is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14th and Wednesday, December 5th from 6:30 – 7:30 PM. Please sign up for each session individually.

Santa Claus contacted us from the North Pole to let us know he will be coming to the Library on **Saturday, December 1st from 10 AM – Noon.** Our Santa Party is always a wonderful event!

Lego Club! Thursday, November 29th and December 13th 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.**

Polar Express Pajama Story Time We will be having a special Story Time on **Wednesday, December 12th at 6:30 PM.** Children are welcome to come in their PJs and bring a favorite snuggly stuffed animal to listen to The Polar Express. This has been great fun! Please sign up in advance.

Puppet Show! Carol and Crew will hold a puppet show at the Library on **Tuesday, December 18th from 3:30 – 4:15 PM.** No sign up is required.

See you at the Library!

Carol Sanborn
Head of Youth Services

