

## Library News for May-June, 2017

"In the spring I have counted one hundred and thirty-six different kinds of weather inside of four and twenty hours." Mark Twain must have been referring to New Hampshire when he penned those words. In fewer than 12 days, we have gone from a snowstorm to summer-like weather! But there is no doubt that spring is here. The peepers are echoing their calls into the twilight hours. Animals are waking up from their hibernation. Crocuses are waving their colorful blossoms like old friends. And the surest sign of spring, kids are wearing shorts and flip flops!

### Programs:

If you cannot get to Las Vegas, you are invited to an evening of entertainment with **NH Mentalist Preston Heller on Tuesday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m.** Preston's show will amaze and entertain you. He does not tell you what a mentalist does; he will show you. This program is recommend for audiences aged 12 and up. The program is free and open to the public; however, in the interest of public service, the presenter asks attendees to bring a non-perishable food donation or personal care item such as soap, toothpaste, or laundry detergent for a local food pantry. A bin will be provided.

Join us for **Coffee with the Chiefs on Tuesday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m.** Hampton Falls Police Chief Robbie Dirsra and Fire Chief Jay Lord will be on hand at the library to answer any questions Hampton Falls residents may have about public safety. This great opportunity to meet our first responders in a casual setting. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Library.

### More Crafts:

#### Beginning Basket Making Workshop

Wednesday, May 10 at 5:00 p.m.

Participants will make a doorknob basket. A sample is on display at the Library. The cost is \$10 per person. Please sign up as space is limited.

### Book Group for Grownups:

On **Tuesday, May 30**, the adult book group will be discussing Fredrik Backman's very popular novel, [A Man Called Ove](#). For anyone who has not yet read this heartwarming book, local curmudgeon Ove is broken hearted over the loss of his beloved wife, his job, and his way of life. When a boisterous young family moves in next door, he is challenged to rejoin the human race. You will laugh and you will cry.

The group will return to a nonfiction choice on **June 27** with Diane Ackerman's [The Zookeepers Wife: A War Story](#). Now a major motion picture, this book describes the heroic story of the keepers of the Warsaw Zoo who risked their own lives to hide Jewish refugees during the Nazi era.

The group meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Copies of the books are available at the Library and new members are always welcome.

## **Fabulous Friends:**

The Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library are feeding foodies with a **Flatbread Fundraiser** on Tuesday, June 6 from 4 p.m. until closing at the Hampton Flatbread location on High Street. Dine in or take out, a good meal will be had by those who come out and support the Friends.

## **Holiday Closing:**

The Library will be closed from **Saturday, May 27 through Monday, May 29** to observe the Memorial Day weekend. We will re-open on Tuesday, May 30 at 10 a.m. Please remember that we will be open shorter Saturday hours starting June 3. 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 at the Youth Summer Reading Program and kick off the season on **Wednesday, June 28**. The adult program will once again feature a chance to win prizes donated by local merchants and the Friends of the Library. Last year, 92 adults read 412 books. Can we reach 100 participants this summer?

## **In Closing:**

Best wishes from your local Library! You are always welcome to check out the new books and movies, attend a program, try a new craft, do a puzzle, use the computers, borrow a museum pass, join a book discussion, or have a cup of coffee and visit with your neighbors.

Barbara Tosiano  
Library Director

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

I would like to thank the group of Hampton Falls students attending Winnacunnet High School who gave their time to participate in the panel discussion held in March. They did an outstanding job relating to 8<sup>th</sup> grade Lincoln Akerman students and their parents about the transition from LAS to Winnacunnet. Thank you to Hannah Michael, Grace Baker, Mac Baker, Tommy Baker, Josh Roberts, Mark Fagan, and Connor Lennox.

## **Story Times:**

**Baby-Toddler Story Times held on Tuesdays at 10:30 AM** will run through May 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will take a short break and start again on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

**The current Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade After-School Story Time, the Wednesday (1:30 and Kindergarten Club) and Thursday Story Time (10:30 AM) Sessions** will end on **May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>** respectively. There is still space in the Wednesday, 1:30 PM Story Time. Please call to sign up.

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Book Discussion Group** will meet Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 4:30 PM. New members are always welcome. Copies of the book are available at the Library.

**The Novel Ideas 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Book Discussion Group** will meet Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 7:15 PM and Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> (one week earlier than usual)

### **Special Programs!**

**Lego Club! Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 4:45 PM for children in Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**Yoga!** The schedule is as follows: **K – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> from 4 – 4:45 PM **Ages 2 – 5 with a parent or caregiver:** Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Friday, June 16<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.

**Puppet Show with “Carol and Crew” Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 4:15 PM**

No sign up required!

### **Summer Reading!**

Planning has already begun for the Summer Reading Program, “Build a Better World.” **Mark your calendar for Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7 PM for the Summer Reading Kick-off Party!** Some of the events already scheduled include Magic by George (sponsored by the Pimentel family), the SPCA, the Boston Museum of Science “Reptiles!” program, Hampstead Stage Company, the Annual Talent Show, drop-in craft programs, Wildlife Encounters (sponsored in part by the Hampton Falls Boy Scouts), and Juggler Bryson Lang. 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 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 leftover party prizes, crafts, small toys, etc. are welcome! Feel free to give me a call if you have any questions. Thank you in advance!

Looking forward to seeing you at the Library!

-Carol Sanborn  
Head of Youth Services