

## Library News for November-December, 2019

### 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 local musicians **Curt Bessette** and **Jenn Kurtz** for a moving performance of songs and stories honoring veterans on **Thursday, November 7 at 6:30 p.m.** The program entitled, **A Few Seconds with Our Fathers... Songs and Stories of WWII**, will include original music, audience interaction, and a table with memorabilia such as photos and military regalia. The Library gratefully acknowledges the Friends of the Library for sponsoring this program.

On **Saturday, December 14 from Noon until 1:00 p.m.**, the Library will be hosting a **Cookie Exchange**. Come and enjoy some holiday music and cookies with your neighbors. Details to follow.

### Closings

The Library will close at 5:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, November 27** and remain closed all day **Thursday, November 28** for **Thanksgiving Day**. The Library will be open on **Friday, November 29**.

### What we are Reading

On **Thursday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m.**, our Adult Book Group will discuss The Samurai's Garden by Gail Tsukiyama. This moving novel is a story of love and spiritual insight in a cruel and arbitrary world.

On Thursday, **December 19 at 7:00 p.m.**, the group will once again revisit a children's classic. This year's selection is Heidi by Johanna Spyri. Books are available at the Library and new members are always welcome.

It is always a pleasure to be surrounded by book lovers who want to read, discuss, and express their opinions about books. To quote Louisa May Alcott, "She is too fond of books, and it has turned her brain."

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.**

### **NEW PROGRAM!**

The Library is excited to introduce **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten**, a program designed to encourage early literacy skills in our youngest patrons. A thousand books sounds like a lot, but if you read just one book to your child every day, you will finish in less than three years. If you read three a day, you will finish in just a year! Please stop by to sign up. Any children who have not yet entered Kindergarten are eligible to participate.

### **STORY TIMES!**

**Sign up for story time in person at the Library, over the phone at 926-3682, or via email at [hamptonfalls.librarykids@gmail.com](mailto:hamptonfalls.librarykids@gmail.com).**

**The Baby-Toddler Story Time** is for newborns through age 2. It is held on **Tuesdays from 10:30 – 11 AM**. It will run through **December 17<sup>th</sup>**. Siblings are welcome!

**The After School Story Time for 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> graders** is held on **Tuesdays**. The program runs from 3 – 3:45 PM and will run through **December 10<sup>th</sup>**. It will consist of snack, stories and a craft. **This program currently has a waitlist.**

**Preschool Story Times are held on Wednesdays from 1:30 – 2 PM and on Thursdays from 10:30 – 11 AM and will run until December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be no Story Times on November 27<sup>th</sup> and November 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**Kindergarten Club!** This is a Story Time JUST for those in Kindergarten. It will be held on Wednesdays from 3 – 3:45 PM. **This program will run through December 11<sup>th</sup>.** It will consist of snack, stories and a craft. **Space is limited. There will be no Kindergarten Club on November 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.**

### **SPECIAL PROGRAMS!**

**LEGO Club! Thursdays, November 21<sup>st</sup> and December 12<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 4:45 PM for children in Kindergarten on up.** The Legos will be provided (but they 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.**

**“The Novel Ideas” 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Book Discussion Group welcomes new members! The dates for the upcoming meetings are Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.** This group generally meets on the third Wednesday of the month. The discussion runs from 6:30 – 7:15 PM. The title for the November meeting is Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins. December's selection is TBA.

**Yoga!** The schedule is as follows:

**K – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Thursdays, November 14<sup>th</sup> and December 5<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 4:45 PM**

**Grades 5 – 8: Thursdays, November 14<sup>th</sup> and December 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 7:30 PM**

**Ages 2 – 5 with a parent or caregiver: Fridays, November 15<sup>th</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 – 11 AM.**

Please sign up for each class individually in advance as space is limited.

### **Ho-Ho-Ho!**

A holiday tradition for many years, we are looking forward to our annual **Santa Party** at the Library on **Saturday, December 7** 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.

**Polar Express Pajama Story Time! Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.** Put on your favorite holiday jammies and come to listen to Chris Van Dusen's classic story The Polar Express and Clement C. Moore's The Night Before Christmas.

**Donations!** We always welcome donations for the many crafts we do at the library and/or snacks for our programs. Craft ideas include glue sticks, water colors, finger paints, colored tissue paper, pipe cleaners, Play-Doh etc. Snacks such as crackers, pretzels, and juice boxes are always appreciated. If there is something you don't see on the list that you would like to donate, please ask!

If you have any ideas for new programming, please don't hesitate to let me know!

Thank you!

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