We always start the New Year recognizing those who contributed to the Library in so many ways in the past year. Happily, the list grows each year!

In alphabetical order, they are: David and Elaine Ahearn, Cpt. Larry Anderson, John Ashak, Frank Aurelio, Nancy Axelson, Marilyn and Paul Ayles, all the bakers for the Book Sale and Santa Party, Barbara Busenbark, Antonio Cassetta, Phil Chura, Linda and David Coe, Hannah Crooks, Chief Rob Dirsa, Frank Ferreira, Carol and Jack Fermery, Beth Forgione, Donna Gandt, Karen Gulla, Ann Haggart, Hampton Falls Police and Firefighters, Town of Hampton Falls Staff, Kerri Hanson, Shawn Hanson, Ardith Harvey, Lisa Hayes, Karen Heberle, Sue Herson, Eric Holt, Kathryn Job, Glenn Johnson, Stacy Kinnaly, Matt Knowlton, Lincoln-Akerman staff, Chief Jay Lord, Amy Magnarelli, the Mah Jong Ladies, the Master Gardeners of Rockingham County, Richard McDermott, Kelley McLean, Skip Medford, Joanna Meighan, Kim and Paul Michael, Carol Moore, Beverly Mutrie, Donna and Tom Onacki, Tuesday Orlick, Shelly Parrish, the Pimentel Family, Laura and Michael Pouliot, Deborah Regan, Alisha Roberts, Town Administrator Lori Ruest, Tim and Anne Marie Samway, Gregg Sanborn, Hugh Schrier, Jane Shanahan, Building Inspector Mark Sikorski, Bonnie Sheets, Erin Sniderman, Beth Tamagnini, Shelia Tanguay, Traci Thompson, Danny and Marc Tosiano, Fire Marshall John True, Kari Tweito, Carol Whelan and her art students, Cam Wallace, Cammi Wagner, Lori Ward, T.J. Wheeler, Julie Williams, and Jonathan and Paige Witham.

In addition, we would like to thank the following businesses for their continuing generosity:


We have entered into our coldest and darkest time of year. To entice you out, the Library has planned a variety of events and activities. We hope to see you soon!

MOVIE MATINEE

Come out of winter hibernation and watch a movie and eat popcorn in the Library’s “living room.” On **Thursday, January 19 at 2 p.m.**, we will show a PG-13 rated movie. The title is to be announced. No signups are needed.

WHAT WE ARE READING

The adult book group will meet on **Tuesday, January 24 at 7:00 p.m.** to discuss Suki Kim’s *Without You, There is No Us*. In 2011, all universities in North Korea were shut down for an entire year, and all students sent to construction fields, except the 270 students at the all-male Pyongyang University of Science and Technology. Suki Kim accepted a job teaching English at PUST to her young
charges. The Chicago Tribune calls Kim’s memoir “a rare and disturbing inside glimpse into the strangeness, brutality and claustrophobia of North Korea.”

On Tuesday, **February 28**, we will return to a fiction selection with Philip Roth’s *American Pastoral*. Roth’s protagonist, Seymour Levov, is a former high-school athlete, devoted family man, and prosperous owner of a glove factory in Newark, NJ. In 1968, his world is shattered by the tumultuous events of the 1960s which affect his family, his business, and his life.

**WINE TASTING!**

Please join the Friends of the Library on **Friday, January 27 at 6:30 p.m.** for a Wine Tasting at the Library. Jeanine Hanson of 90+ Cellars will be pouring a variety of wines to sample. Admission is $10 per person and includes a one-year membership to the Friends of the Library. The storm date for this event is **Thursday, February 2**.

**AUTHOR READING—DENIS LIPMAN**

On **Tuesday, January 31 at 6:30 p.m.**, local author Denis Lipman will read from his book: *A YANK BACK TO ENGLAND: The Prodigal Tourist Returns*. Join Denis as he rents quaint cottages, hosts a parade of outrageous relatives, meets quirky locals and discovers what it’s really like in the English countryside. This program is part of *Beyond the Building*, a series of events sponsored by the Seacoast Area Libraries.

**TAKE A BOOK ON A BLIND DATE**

The Library Staff once again invites you to take a book on a blind date. We will wrap some of our favorite books in plain paper. You will not know which book you have selected until you remove the wrapping paper. You might meet a new author, series, or character!

**CANDIDATES NIGHT**

The Library will host its annual “**Meet the Candidates**” night on **Tuesday, February 7** with a snow date of **Wednesday, February 8** from **6:30 to 7:45 p.m.** This offers the perfect opportunity to talk with the people running for office in Hampton Falls so you can make an informed decision at the polls on March 14.

**PIZZA NIGHT**

Come on out for pizza at the Community Oven, 845 Lafayette Rd. in Hampton on **Monday, February 20**. During the hours of **6-9 p.m.**, a percentage of food sales will benefit the Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library.

**MARY TODD LINCOLN: AN UNCONVENTIONAL WOMAN**

The Library is pleased to announce that we will host a visit from “the other Lincoln,” Mary Todd Lincoln, on **Tuesday, February 21 at 6:30 p.m.** Sally Mummey, as Mary Todd Lincoln, will share stories of her life and love, triumph and tragedy in the White House during the Civil War. This storm date for this program is **Tuesday, February 28**. This program is funded by NH Humanities to Go.

**ART EXHIBITS**

During 2016, the Library has been privileged to display the artwork of local artists. We have received many positive comments on the art on display. If there are more artists out there who would like to display artwork on the Library walls in 2017, please let us know.
WEATHER OR NOT

Should the Library need to close due to inclement weather (and we get our share in New England!), you can check WMUR storm closure alert. The station will list closings at 15 and 45 minutes past the hour. In addition, closings are listed on www.wmur.com and the Library’s website www.hamptonfallslibrary.org.

PARTING THOUGHT

“If you don't like the weather in New England now, just wait a few minutes.” By Mark Twain.

Very truly yours,
Barbara Tosiano
Library Director

LIBRARY YOUTH SERVICES
CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING!

Story Times!

Story Time sign-up begins Thursday, January, 12th at 10 AM. You can sign up by stopping in or calling the Library at 926-3682. Also, please do not send an e-mail to sign up for Story Times. Thank you!

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

The Baby-Toddler Story Time is designed for newborns through the 2’s. 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. It will begin on January 17th. There will be no Story Time on February 28th or April 25th. The Story Times will run through May 23rd.

The Pre-School through Kindergarten Story Times will be held on Wednesdays from 1:30 – 2 PM and Thursdays at 10:30 – 11 AM. They will begin on Wednesday, January 18th and Thursday, January 19th and run through May 24th and May 25th. There will be no Story Times on March 1st, March 2nd, April 26th and April 27th.

Kindergarten Club! This program is held on Wednesdays from 3 – 3:45 PM. It includes a snack, stories and a craft. It will begin on Wednesday, January 18th and run through May 24th. Space is limited. There will be no Kindergarten Club on March 1st and April 26th.
The After School Story Time for 1st – 4th graders is held on Tuesdays. The program will run from 3 – 3:45 PM beginning January 17th. Space is limited. There will be no Story Times on February 28th or April 25th. The last Story time will be on May 23rd.

Book Discussion Groups!

The 3rd - 4th Grade Book Discussion Group will meet Thursday, January 12th and February 16th from 4 – 4:30 PM. New members are welcome! Copies of the book are available at the Library. Please note, this is not a program that children should take the bus to the Library.

The Novel Ideas 5th – 8th Grade Book Discussion Group meets (usually) on the third Wednesday of the month from 6:30 – 7:15 PM. Mark your calendars for January 18th and February 15th. New members are always welcome!

Special Programs!

Yoga! The schedule is as follows:
K – 4th Grade: Thursdays, January 5th and February 2nd from 4 – 4:30 PM
Ages 2 – 5 with a parent or caregiver: Fridays, January 6th, 20th, February 3rd, 17th from 10:30 – 11 AM. Please sign up for each class individually in advance as space is limited.

Lego Club will be held on Thursday, January 26th and Thursday, February 23rd from 4 – 4:45 PM for children in Kindergarten through 4th grade. The Legos will be provided (but stay in the Library!) Come ready to use your imagination! Each program has its own sign up. Sign up for the January program begins on Tuesday, December 27th. Sign up for the February program begins Tuesday January 24th. You can sign up by calling or stopping in the Library. Please do not send an e-mail. Please note, this is not a program that children should take the bus to the Library.

Summer Reading Program!

Yes! I have already begun planning for the Summer Reading Program! If you would like to fully or partially sponsor one of the Wednesday evening performance programs or special weekday programs that I am planning, please let me know. No amount is too small (or too large)! All donations to the program are very much appreciated! Please feel free to stop in or call me if you have any questions.

Thanks to all for your support of our many Library activities! It is very much appreciated!

-Carol Sanborn
Youth Services Librarian