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, Carole Chanysk, Phil Chura, John Clemons, Linda and David Coe, Hannah Crooks, the Davidson Family, 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, Eric Holt, Kathryn Job, Glenn Johnson, Stacy Kinnaly, Matt Knowlton, Jodi Kriner, Thomas and Susan Lang, Joan Lenard, Lincoln Akerman 5th graders and parents, Lincoln Akerman staff, Chief Jay Lord, Elizabeth Malone, Amy Magnarelli, the Mah Jong Ladies, the Master Gardeners of Rockingham County, Karen McDermott, Richard McDermott, Kelley McLean, Skip Medford, Joanna Meighan, Kim and Paul Michael, Carol Moore, Beverly Mutrie, Donna and Tom Onacki, Tuesday Orluk, Shelley Parrish, the Pimentel Family, Laura, Michael and Ainsley 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, Sheila Tanguay, Traci Thompson, Abby Tonry, Danny and Marc Tosiano, Fire Marshall John True, Kari Tweeto, Cam Wallace, Cammi Wagner, Lori Ward, T.J. Wheeler, Julie Williams, and Stacy Zaker.

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!

TRAVEL PROGRAM
Images of Nepal
Tuesday, January 9 at 6:30 p.m.; Snowdate Tuesday, January 16 at 6:30 p.m.
Hampton Falls resident, Scott Faiia, spent many years living and working in Nepal. Join Scott as he takes us on photographic journey to this beautiful and exotic county. Ten of Scott’s photos are currently on exhibit in the Library.

**CHOCOLATE PROGRAM**

*Wednesday, February 7 at 6:30 p.m.*; *Snowdate Wednesday, February 28 at 6:30 p.m.*

What is it about chocolate that attracts us? Dr. Michael Cross, Associate Professor of Chemistry at Northern Essex College will explain the chemistry behind chocolate in *“Chocolate: the Secret Indulgence.”* Of course, there will be a chocolate tasting following the presentation.

**WHAT WE ARE READING**

The adult book group will meet on *Tuesday, January 30 at 7:00 p.m.* to discuss Kate Braestrup’s memoir, *Here if you Need Me.* After the untimely death of her husband, Kate Braestrup fulfills his dream of becoming a minister. Ultimately, she becomes chaplain for search and rescue workers. This uplifting memoir offers a rare glimpse into the lives of our first responders.

On *Tuesday, February 27,* we will read a love story, *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson. Major Pettigrew, a widower of a certain age and class in England, falls in love with Mrs. Ali, a widow of similar age, but different in many other ways. This charming love story brings up issues of age, race, class, and religion. Will love prevail?

**CANDIDATES NIGHT**

The Library will host its annual *“Meet the Candidates”* night on *Tuesday, February 20* with a snow date of *Tuesday, March 6* from *6:30 to 7:45 p.m.* This offers the perfect opportunity to talk with the individuals running for office in Hampton Falls so you can make an informed decision at the polls on March 13.

**ART EXHIBITS**

In past years, the Library has been privileged to display the artwork of local artists. We have received many positive comments on the art on display. Currently, the beautiful images of Nepal grace our walls. If there are more artists out there who would like to display artwork on the Library walls in 2018, 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**

One kind word can warm three winter months. ~Japanese Proverb
Very truly yours,
Barbara Tosiano
Library Director

LIBRARY YOUTH SERVICES

CHECK OUT WHAT’S HAPPENING!

Story Times!

Story Time sign-up begins Thursday, January, 11th 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 16th. There will be no Story Time on February 27th or April 24th. The Story Times will run through May 22nd.

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 17th and Thursday, January 18th and run through May 23rd and May 24th. There will be no Story Times on February 28th March 1st, April 25th and April 26th.

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 17th and run through May 23rd. Space is limited. There will be no Kindergarten Club on February 28th and April 25th.

The After School Story Time for 1st – 4th graders is held on Tuesdays. The program will run from 3 – 3:45 PM beginning January 16th. Space is limited. There will be no Story Times on February 27th or April 24th. The last Story time will be on May 22nd.

Book Discussion Group!

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 17th and February 21st. New members are always welcome!

Special Programs!
Yoga!
The schedule is as follows:
**Grades 5 – 8:** Wednesdays, January 3rd and February 7th from 6:30 – 7:30 PM.
**K – 4th Grade:** Thursdays, January 4th and February 1st from 4 – 4:45 PM
**Ages 2 – 5 with a parent or caregiver:** Fridays, January 5th, 19th, February 2nd, 16th 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 25th and Thursday, February 22nd from 4 – 4:45 PM for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade The Legos will be provided (but stay in the Library!) Come ready to use your imagination! Each program has its own sign up. 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.**

**Movie and Craft!** Wednesday, February 28th at 2 PM. Details will be available at the Library. Please sign up in advance.

**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