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, Christine Chase, Carole Chanasyk, John Clemons, Linda and David Coe, the Davidson Family, Sandra and Russ Davies, Dorothy DeCosta, Chief Rob Dirsa, Scott and Sharmila Faiaia, Heather Fabbri, Jim Faber, Laura Ferrigno, Carol and Jack Fermery, Ellen Fiascone, Beth Forgione, the Gagalis Family, Donna Gandt, Lt. Alexis Garrant, Karen Gulla, Hampton Falls Police and Firefighters, Town of Hampton Falls Staff, Shawn Hanson, Ardith Harvey, Lisa Hayes, Mary Ann Hill, Kathryn Job, Glenn Johnson, Matt Knowlton, George and Padeu Koch, Jodi Kriner, Lincoln Akerman staff, Chief Jay Lord, Amy Magnarelli, the Mah Jong Ladies, Diane Martin, the Master Gardeners of Rockingham County, Karen McDermott, Richard McDermott, Kathy McLaughlin, Jack McMath, Skip Medford, Kim and Paul Michael, Carol Moore, Beverly Mutrie, Robin Nicholas Joseph O’Connor, Donna and Tom Onacki, Tuesday Orluk, Shelley Parish, John W. Parker, Jessica Perlo, Laura, Michael & Ainsley Pouliot, Deborah Regan, Alisha Roberts, the Rogers Family, Town Administrator Lori Ruest, Tim and Anne Marie Samway, Carol and Gregg Sanborn, Hugh Schrier, Jane Shanahan, Janet Sherrod, Building Inspector Mark Sikorski, Bonnie Sheets, Judy Wilson Smith, Larry Smith, Erin Sniderman, Beth Tamagnini, Sheila Tanguay, Traci Thompson, Abby Tonry, Danny and Marc Tosiano, Louise Vance, Lt. Ryan Veno, Cam Wallace, Lisa Wenger, T.J. Wheeler, and the Williams Family.

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!

EGYPT
Thursday, January 9 at 16 6:30 p.m.; Snow date Thursday January 16 at 6:30 p.m.
Hampton Falls resident Scott Faiia will share his experiences and photos of his years working in Egypt for CARE. His talk will focus on ancient Egypt, the desert, and the history and culture of Cairo.

CANDIDATES NIGHT
The Library will host its annual “Meet the Candidates” night on Wednesday, February 26 from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. with a snow date of Thursday, March 5. 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 10.

WHAT WE ARE READING
The adult book group will meet on Thursday, January 30 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss The Library Book by Susan Orlean. In 1986, the Los Angeles Public Library suffered a devastating fire. Orlean chronicles the Los Angeles Public Library fire and its aftermath to showcase the role libraries play in our lives. The author also reexamines the possibility that the fire was set deliberately.

On Thursday, February 27 at 7:00 p.m., we will continue the library theme with The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson. Inspired by the actual blue skinned people of Kentucky and the brave and dedicated Kentucky Pack Horse library service of the 1930’s, The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek is a story of courage, strength and the belief that books can carry us anywhere.

Copies of the books will be available at the Library and new members are always welcome.

COOKBOOK CLUB
The Cookbook Club will be tasting and sharing delicious and soul satisfying soups on Saturday, January 25 at Noon. Instead of working from the same book, participants will prepare a soup of their choice. For inspiration, there will be several soup cookbooks at the front desk. New members are always welcome.

ART EXHIBITS
In past years, the Library has been privileged to display the artwork of local artists. We have received many positive comments regarding the art on display. If there are more artists out there who would like to display artwork on the Library walls in 2020, 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
“As a child, my number-one best friend was the librarian in my grade school. I actually believed that all of those books belonged to her.” Erma Bombeck

Very truly yours,
LIBRARY YOUTH SERVICES

CHECK OUT WHAT’S HAPPENING!

Story Times!

Story Time sign-up begins Thursday, January 9th at 10 AM. You can sign up by stopping in or calling the Library at 926-3682. You can also send an e-mail to Miss Leah at hamptonfalls.librarykids@gmail.com 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 puppets! It is 25 – 30 minutes of a lot of activity! It is held on Tuesdays from 10:30 – 11 AM. It will begin on January 14th. There will be no Story Time on February 25th or April 28th. The Story Times will run through May 19th.

Pre-School 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 15th and Thursday, January 16th and run through May 20th and May 21st. There will be no Story Times on February 26th, February 27th, April 29th and April 30th.

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 15th and run through May 20th. Space is limited. There will be no Kindergarten Club on February 26th and April 29th.

The After School Story Time for 1st – 4th graders is held on Tuesdays. The program will run from 3 – 3:45 PM beginning January 14th. Space is limited. There will be no Story Times on February 25th or April 28th. The last Story Time will be on May 19th.

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 15th (Dry by Neil Schusterman) and February 19th (TBA). New members are always welcome!
Special Programs!

Yoga!
The schedule is as follows:
K – 4th Grade: Thursdays, January 9th and February 6th, from 4 – 4:45 PM
Ages 2 – 5 with a parent or caregiver: Fridays, January 10th and February 7th, from 10:30-11 AM. Please sign up for each class individually in advance as space is limited.

LEGO Club!
LEGO Club will be held on Thursday, January 16th and Thursday, February 20th from 4 – 4:45 PM for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade. The LEGO bricks 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, emailing hamptonfalls.librarykids@gmail.com or stopping in the Library. 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 or your company 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! Here’s to a wonderful New Year!

-Leah Knowlton
Youth Services Librarian