

Library News for March-April, 2017

Libraries are no longer the quiet, tomblike institutions of the past. Instead, libraries are vibrant and active community centers. I love the sounds I hear every week at the Hampton Falls Free Library – the click of Mah Jong tiles, the clatter of Legos, the exuberant voices of story time children, the chimes for Yoga, the conversations of knitters, basket-makers, beaders, newspaper readers and visitors, the applause for a presenter and, the chatter of book group participants. I hope to hear these sounds for a long time to come.

PROGRAMS

Back by popular demand, Ramblin' Richard will return on Wednesday, March 8 at 6:30 p.m. for a performance of "***We're All Irish: Songs and Stories of Ireland.***" Richard sings familiar songs and tells the often-unknown stories behind the songs. He accompanies himself on guitar, banjo and ukulele. Of course, audience participation is part of the fun. The Friends of the Library are sponsoring this program.

On Thursday, March 16 we will show a PG- 13 **movie** starting at 2:00 p.m. The title will be announced prior to the movie. Enjoy and movie and popcorn in our living room setting.

Hampton Falls resident Shelley Parish will present "**Successful Online Selling**" on Tuesday, April 4 at 6:30 p.m. Learn the strategies behind successful marketing and selling on eBay and Etsy. Do you have something around the house you've been thinking of selling? We'll cover how to list an item for sale, what photos to take, communicating with buyers and shipping after the sale. Please have both your PayPal and eBay accounts set up and bring a small item you'd like help listing and we'll get you started selling online.

Carol Sanborn will teach a **Needle Felting Program** for adults on Wednesday, April 5 at 5:00 p.m. There will be a materials fee for this program. A sample will be on display in the Library. Please contact Carol Sanborn for further information and sign up.

The Friends of the Library will be hosting a ***Swing into Spring Dance Evening*** on Friday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Hampton Falls resident and dance instructor Antonio Cassetta will teach basic ballroom dancing just in time for wedding season and proms. No partners or experience necessary. This program is free of charge, but donations to the Friends will be welcome.

WHAT WE ARE READING

On Tuesday, March 28, the adult book discussion group will travel to Saudi Arabia for Zoe Ferraris' murder mystery **Finding Nouf**. This novel offers a riveting glimpse into the closed society of the Saudi upper class with its gender-based restrictions.

On Tuesday, April 25, we will return to the United States for Eowyn Ivey's beautiful debut novel, **The Snow Child**. In 1920 Alaska, a childless couple is struggling to make a homestead. On a lark, they build a

snow man (or rather snow girl). Shortly thereafter, a little girl appears in the woods. Enjoy this venture into magical realism and Russian folk tales.

The book discussions meet at 7:00 p.m. New members are always welcome. Copies of the books are available at the Library.

At this time of year, the poet Percy Bysshe Shelley expressed his thoughts much better than I. "If winter comes, can spring be far behind?"

Be well,
Barbara Tosiano
Library Director

LIBRARY YOUTH SERVICES CHECK IT OUT!

In case of inclement weather, please call the Library to check if we will be holding Story Times and other programs on that day. If school is cancelled, the Library may or may not be open but programs will be cancelled.

STORY TIMES!

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 and will run through **May 23rd**. **There will be no Story Time on April 25th**. This program is currently full. Please call 926-3682 if you would like to be placed on the waiting list.

The Pre-School through Kindergarten Story Times will be held on Wednesdays from 1:30 – 2 PM and Thursdays from 10:30 – 11 AM. They will run through **May 24th and 25th**. **There will be no Story Times on March 1st, March 2nd, April 26th and April 27th**. The Thursday 10:30 AM Story Time is full but there is space in the other session. Please call or drop in to sign up.

Kindergarten Club! This program is held on Wednesdays from 3 – 3:45 PM. It includes a snack, stories and a craft and will run through **May 24th**. This program is currently full. **There will be no Kindergarten Club on March 1st or April 26th**.

The After School Story Time for 1st – 4th graders is held on Tuesdays. The program is from 3 – 3:45 PM. It will run through **May 23rd**. This program is currently full. **There will be no Story Time on April 25th**.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS!

The 3rd – 4th Grade Book Group will meet Thursday, March 16th and Thursday, April 20th from 4 – 4:30 PM. Copies of the book are available at the Library and new members are always welcome!

The Novel Ideas 5th – 8th Grade Book Discussion Group will meet Wednesday, March 15th and Wednesday, April 19th from 6:30 – 7:15 PM. New members are always welcome!

SPECIAL PROGRAMS!

Yoga! For Kindergarten through 4th grade Thursday, March 9th and Thursday, April 6th from 4 – 4:45 PM. Please sign up in advance as space is limited. Each class will have its own sign up.

Yoga! For 2 – 5 year olds with Parent/Caregiver Fridays March 10th, March 24th, April 7th and April 21st from 10:30 – 11 AM. Please sign up in advance as space is limited. Each class will have its own sign up.

Lego Club! Thursday, March 23rd and April 27th from 4 – 4:45 PM for children in Kindergarten through 4th 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. The sign up for the March program will begin on Tuesday, February 28th and for the April program on March 28th. **Please note, this is not a program that children should take the bus to the Library.**

High School Panel Discussion for LAS 8th Graders and their parents on Wednesday, March 22nd from 6:30 – 7:30 PM. Lincoln Akerman 8th graders and their parents are invited to a panel discussion. The panel will be comprised of former Lincoln Akerman students who are currently attending Winnacunnet. This should be a helpful forum on what to expect from the academic, extra-curricular and social atmosphere of the school.

February/March Break Programs!

Puppet Show! Tuesday, February 28th 3:30 PM No sign up required!

Afternoon Movie and Popcorn! Wednesday, March 1st, 2 PM Afternoon Movie and Popcorn Please stop in or check the Library web site to find out the title of this PG movie. Please sign up in advance. No sign up is required.

April Vacation Programs!!

Puppet Show! Tuesday, April 25th from 10:30 – 11:15 AM No sign up is required!

The Annual Parent/Child Tea Party (or Grandparent, Nanny, etc.) Wednesday, April 26th from 3 – 4:30 PM This has always been a special event at the Library. This is a chance for everyone to dress up (Moms, Dads, girls and boys) and enjoy a lovely afternoon at the Library!

Big hats for the ladies and girls are optional! As with other special events, there is a sign-up as space is limited.

Lego Club! For children in Kindergarten through 4th grade will be on Thursday, April 27th from 4 – 4:45 PM (see above). Please sign up in advance.

Wish List! I am getting the “Treasure Chest” and raffle prizes ready for the summer reading program. Donations of new items such as new leftover party prizes, crafts, small toys, art supplies etc. are welcome! Feel free to give me a call if you have a question. Thanks in advance!

Sponsoring a Summer Reading Program The planning for the Summer Reading program is well underway. As you know, there are performance/presenter fees for some of the programs. If you would like to sponsor a program (fully or partially – no amount is too small...or too big!) please talk with me. Thank you!

See you in the Library!

Carol Sanborn

Head of Youth Services