



TRACINGS

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The Friends of Tracy Memorial Library

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AN EVENING WITH LOCAL AUTHORS

The Friends of Tracy Memorial Library are well on their way to establishing a new community tradition. The Evening with Local Authors on October 7 marked the third time we've offered such an event. Once again, a diverse and talented group of authors, along with an enthusiastic audience filled the Community Room.

We followed our now established format of placing local ads asking area authors to submit their most recent work for review and a juried selection by a panel of board members. Time constraints and a balanced selection of fiction and nonfiction guided our choices this time around. After many hours of reading, reviewing and sharing opinions, we settled on eight books, which we listed in reverse alphabetical order of the authors' names:

Captain Don Wright

Life Is a Piece of Cake: A Whisper from the Silent Generation
(Memoir)

Tom Vaughn

The Other Side of Loss (Fiction)

Lyn Elizabeth Ujlaky

*She'll Be Home in the Springtime: The Story of a Mother,
a Daughter and Asperger's* (Memoir)

Stephen L. Priest

Outdoor Play: Fun for 4 Seasons (Recreation)

Patricia Peters Martin

The Other Couch: Discovering Women's Wisdom in Therapy
(Self-Help)

Connie Johnson Hambley

The Troubles: A Story of Terrorism and Identity Found (Suspense)

Bonnie J. Fladung

*When Eagles Roar: The Amazing Journey of an African Wildlife
Adventurer* (Nature/Memoir)

Susan Cunningham

The Kingdom of Belamour (Fantasy)

Each of the authors made a fascinating presentation of his/her work, with several leaving the audience dangling in suspense . . . just what did that lion do? Once the formal presentations concluded, each author had a space to present his or her books for sale. Conversations throughout the room were lively as community members lingered to chat with the authors and enjoy the homemade refreshments.



Friends Board Member, Connie Appel, welcomes a full house to an Evening with Local Authors

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

I am pleased to welcome our new Head of Youth Services, Lorreen Keating. With lots of energy and fresh ideas, she is a fantastic addition to our staff. In just three months, Lorreen has made her department's physical space more inviting, expanded the book collection and offered more flexible programs.

Recently, staff hosted an appreciation luncheon in honor of our volunteers who donate their time to the Library, making it a special and vital place. The Library could not succeed in its mission without dozens of talented, enthusiastic volunteers.

What were the top-circulating adult items at the Library in 2015? For fiction it was *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr; for nonfiction it was *The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Olympics* by Daniel Brown. The top movie was *St. Vincent* starring Bill Murray and Melissa McCarthy. The top audiobooks were *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins (fiction) and *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End* by Atul Gawande (nonfiction).

Thank you to all the Library patrons who visited and supported us in 2015. Best wishes for a Happy New Year!

~ Sandra Licks, Director

SAVE THE DATE

The Friends are excited to welcome authors Helen Brody and Leslie Tuttle to Tracy Memorial Library on Tuesday, February 16. At 7:00 PM, Helen and Leslie will present a lecture and visual presentation on their recent book, *New Hampshire Women Farmers*. It is sure to be an interesting and informative evening. The authors will be available following their presentation for book purchases, signings and questions. The Friends will provide refreshments. We hope that you can join us on Tuesday, February 16th at 7:00 PM (snow date 2/17th at 7:00 PM).

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

The Tracy Memorial Library Youth Services Department is proud to announce the launch of the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program. This early literacy initiative encourages families to read to young children using the resources of their public library. Participants who sign up for the program will receive a free book bag courtesy of The Friends. For more information, visit the Library's children's department or the "Kids" page of our website.

New Head of Youth Services

Tracy Memorial Library would like to welcome Lorreen Keating as the new Head of Youth Services.

Lorreen has more than 17 years of experience working as a youth services librarian and comes to us from the North Hampton Public Library in North Hampton, New Hampshire.

Originally from Vermont, Lorreen spent her childhood in Ohio. Her parents came to the area to build their dream home in the late 1980s and she called New London home from 1991 to 2000. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Kansas and furthered her studies at DePaul University in Chicago.

Besides reading, Lorreen enjoys arts and crafts, photography, writing, film, world culture, current events and the great outdoors.



New Head of Youth Services, Lorreen Keating

Halloween at The Library

Fright Night

On October 29th, local storyteller, Simon Brooks, hosted Fright Night--a spooky Halloween treat for kids 11 and up. Fifty brave souls enjoyed Simon's retelling of several stories, including: The Black Bubble Gum, The Other Mother, Mr. Fox, Tales From Aloft, and Hansel and Gretel. Simon travels all over New England sharing his craft. His new CD, *Moonlit Stories*, can be borrowed from the Library or purchased at DiamondScree.com.



Tomie DePaola reads over Strega Nona's shoulder



ONGOING EVENTS

TML Book Discussion Group

1st Tues. of each month
@ 7 PM

Morning Book Discussion Group @COA

2nd Tues. of each month
@ 9:30 AM

Mystery Readers Group

Last Fri. of each month
@ 1 PM

Fiber Arts Group

3rd Thurs. of each month
@ 10 AM

Chess Nights

1st and 3rd Thurs. of each month
@ 6 PM

PUMPKIN PEOPLE

The streets of New London were lined with fantastic displays during the month of October for New London Recreation's second annual Pumpkin People contest. Over 30 local businesses, organizations and residents participated and came up with creative ways to turn pumpkins into interesting works of art. Tracy Memorial Library's staff and volunteers worked hard to present Story Time with Strega Nona and were awarded first place in the Town Department Category. Judging was conducted by a group of five impartial town residents.

IndieFlix: Unlimited Streaming Video

Too cold to go outside and there's nothing on TV? Want to unwind at the end of the day with a movie? Kids are bored and you don't have time to go to the Library? We can help! Thanks to funding from The Friends, the Library's website gives you access to IndieFlix, a streaming movie service with 7,000 award-winning shorts, feature films, and documentaries. There are even films for kids! All you need is an internet-connected device and a Tracy Library card.





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