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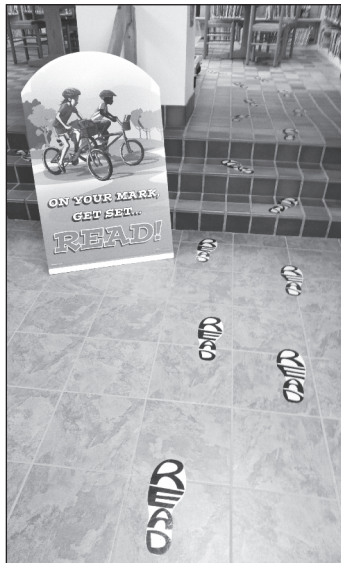
Summer Issue

2016

## Summer Reading Programs for Youth and Teens

*by Lorreen Keating, Head of Youth Services*

This summer Tracy Memorial Library was the place for reading programs for youth, from toddlers to teens. Young readers through middle school participated in the exercise-themed program: “On your mark, get set...READ!” The Tomie dePaola Room was decorated with colorful flags, and blue footprints on the floor created a path to the youth nonfiction area. All were invited to add their paper sport jersey to the “Readers’ Wall.” Reading logs and charts were provided to record progress



over the seven-week program. One seventh grader (Luke, pictured at right) set a goal to read 100 books this summer!



Events for youth included Wednesday morning story time, Thursday evening book club, Wildlife Encounters, The Hampstead Stage Company, and Toe Jam Puppet Band.

“Lights, Camera...READ!” was the teen theme featuring books made into popular films. The Teenspace was decked out in movie décor including LED lights. Teen readers in grades 6 -12 entered a prize drawing for every 50 pages read. Prizes included movie theatre gifts cards, gift certificates to Morgan Hill Bookstore, and movie snacks.

Thank you to amazing youth department assistants Lisa Dawn Glidewell and Emma Davis, our Library staff, and the Friends of Tracy Memorial Library for partnering to make our summer reading programs so successful!

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## Adult Summer Reading Program

*by Jo-Ann Roy, Assistant Director*

During Betsy Black's "Happiness Is a Muscle" presentation, audience members learned tips for practicing positive thinking and saw how thinking positively affects health and longevity. Additional programs for adults included learning about tiny-house living and movie matinees featuring sports-related films.

This year adults participated in the “Exercise Your Mind” BINGO challenge. Prizes included Fitbit Zips and gift certificates to Morgan Hill Bookstore and Spring Ledge Farm (eat those healthy vegetables!). Each entrant with at least one completed Bingo row received free ice cream at Arctic Dreams.

Did you miss the Adult Summer Reading Program fun this year? Next June look for the 2017 contest and programs!

## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

I am happy to note the five-year anniversaries of two indispensable staff members. Jo-Ann Roy and Beth West both began working at Tracy Memorial Library in mid-2011, and both have made fantastic contributions in serving our patrons, Jo-Ann as assistant director and Beth at the circulation desk.

A new group of book menders has formed, trained by Missy Carroll who manages our circulation desk. Welcome aboard volunteers Laura Carle, Betsey Pensgen, Frannie Terwilliger, and Sally Wilkins.

We recently completed the final phase of the mechanical upgrades we began during the bond project five years ago. The 25-year old air handler and condenser serving the meeting room wing was replaced in May.

Our downloadable audiobook and eBook service continues to be very successful and cost-effective. The cost-per-circ is only \$0.24! Through a statewide consortium our patrons have access to 7,868 audiobooks in the collection, with 4500 available now; and 10,677 eBooks with 6,000 available now. Download is via our website 24/7, convenient for busy families and professionals!

Find us on Facebook! Our Library page, set up by Assistant Director Jo-Ann Roy, is another way to find info about events, resources, and displays. Check us out at <https://www.facebook.com/tracylibrary/>

Are you (or someone you know) unable to visit the Library? Our delivery service is for patrons who are temporarily or permanently homebound. Ask us for more information.

What is the top book among our patrons this summer? For fiction it is *Everybody's Fool* by Richard Russo; for nonfiction it is *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi. The top movie is *In the Heart of the Sea*, based on the book by Nathaniel Philbrick, recounting the maritime disaster that inspired *Moby Dick*. Top summer audiobooks are *Breaking Wild* by Diane Les Becquets (fiction) and *The Road to Little Dribbling* by Bill Bryson (nonfiction).

Best wishes for the remainder of the busy season!

~ Sandra Licks, Director

### Staff Spotlight: *Emma Davis*

Emma Davis (pictured here to the right of her mother) started working as a student page at Tracy Memorial Library in 2013 after completing 9<sup>th</sup> grade. This June, she graduated from Merrimack Valley High School and will be attending Colby-Sawyer College in the fall.

You may have met Emma working at the circulation desk on Saturdays during the school year. This summer you can find Emma in the youth department, helping with the summer reading program. She is assisting with the summer book club and special events such as the Fairy Tale and Superhero Tea Party. Also, if you are looking for a good book in the Teen Room, Emma has some great suggestions.



Emma has been a terrific member of the Library staff for three years, and we are thrilled that she will continue working here while attending college!

## The Friends Are Proud to Support:

### Freegal

The Friends are happy to announce their support of Freegal. Freegal allows each active Tracy Library card holder to download three songs per week and listen to three hours of streaming music per day! During the first three weeks of the service, Tracy Memorial Library patrons have streamed 462 songs!

### Special Project

The Friends are pleased to announce our 2016 Special Project. We have purchased a conference table and six chairs to complete our update to the furnishings in the Stack Room. The

addition of the conference table and chairs will provide more space for our patrons to work, use laptops, and read. We hope you will stop by, take a seat and enjoy!

### Museum Passes

Did you know that the Library has free museum passes that you can borrow? The Friends purchase museum passes each year for Library patrons to use. We have passes to the Currier Museum of Art, Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum, The Fells, VINS, and The Christa McAuliffe Center. Stop by the circulation desk to inquire about borrowing our museum passes.

### Friends Corner

Be sure to stop by the Friends Corner the next time you visit the Library. You can learn more about the Friends of Tracy Memorial Library, and how we help the Library provide outstanding programs and services for the community. Take a moment to view pictures on our photo frame of Library projects and programs funded by the Friends. Purchase Library note cards, tiles, coasters or perhaps a tote bag for transporting your library books. All proceeds support the Friends in our support of the Library!

## Get to Know our New Tracy Memorial Library Board Members

NANCY MAHAR (PICTURED ON THE RIGHT IN THE PHOTO)

- **Board position** – Trustee, Liaison to Garden at Tracy Library
- **Brief educational history & current occupation**
  - Associates Degree in Accounting
  - Retired after 27 years of accounting/payroll and benefits manager for the State of NH and Concord School District
- **Why did you want to serve on our board?**
  - I've enjoyed the staff and have always thought it would be good to help out in any way.
- **What is your favorite library memory?**
  - A small three room library and a very friendly librarian.
- **What early life lesson do you still live by today?**
  - Never give up. Things do work out.
- **If you could visit anywhere in the world, where would it be and why?**
  - I would go back to Holland. My grandparents are from Amsterdam. I loved it there.
- **What would surprise people to know about you?**
  - I've hiked in the Swiss Alps.
- **What is your all-time favorite book?**
  - *Far From the Madding Crowd* by Thomas Hardy



ANNIE BECK (PICTURED ON THE LEFT IN THE PHOTO)

- **Board position** – Trustee, Liaison to Friends of Tracy Library, Facilities Committee
- **Brief educational history & current occupation**
  - B.A. Business Administration, University of New Hampshire
  - Owner, Maisey Mae Designs & Sales Rep with the Curtis Group
- **Why did you want to serve on our board?**
  - I wanted to be involved and help to be a voice for the young families in town.
- **What is your favorite library memory?**
  - Participating in the summer reading program at our small town library in Bonita, CA.
- **What early life lesson do you still live by today?**
  - Always be kind.
- **If you could visit anywhere in the world, where would it be and why?**
  - I would really like to go to Australia to scuba dive on the Great Barrier Reef.
- **What would surprise people to know about you?**
  - I am really stubborn!
- **What is your all-time favorite book?**
  - *Sea Change* by Karen White



### Staff Picks

Are you looking for a good summer read? Check out the "Summer Reads" binder near the circulation desk to see some of TML staff members' favorites, including:

Classics of science fiction and fantasy: Frank Herbert's *Dune*, Ray Bradbury's *The Illustrated Man*, and J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Hobbit*

Children's favorites: Jeanne Birdsall's *The Penderwicks* and Terry Pratchett's *A Hat Full of Sky*

Memoirs of Africa: aviatrix Beryl Markham's *West with the Night*, and conservationist Daphne Sheldrick's *Love, Life, and Elephants*

Historical fiction: Maria Duenas' *The Time in Between*, and Mary Ann Shaffer's *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*

Mystery, spies, and suspense: S. J. Bolton's *Now You See Me*, and Ken Follett's *Eye of the Needle*

And a selection of books made into movies, including *The Monuments Men* and *The Martian*



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