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Media Room Renovation ~

An Update & A Thank You

In September 2017, the Tracy Memorial Library Media Room underwent a fantastic renovation. The Media Room is home to the Library's patron computers and work spaces as well as the audio-visual collection of movies, TV series, documentaries, lectures and audio books. The room, located across from the circulation desk, is a hub of activity for our Library patrons and visitors. While the updates seemed to take place overnight, in fact, the "facelift" had been years in the making.

The Friends of Tracy Memorial Library and the Library Staff worked with Tucker Library Interiors to design the space for maximum use and to coordinate with other areas of the Library. The renovation includes the following custom-made furnishings in maple with a cherry finish: six computer work stations, four double-faced work carrels, a printer cabinet, and mobile shelving units (expanding our shelving to 100 shelves). The furnishings allowed us to increase the number of work areas and accommodate our growing media collection. The room also benefited from new carpeting and a fresh coat of paint.



This project was made possible by a bequest from the estate of Charmian Byers-Jones to the Friends of Tracy Memorial Library. Charmian was an avid, life-long Tracy Memorial Library patron. The Friends of Tracy Memorial Library gratefully acknowledge her extraordinary gift, and hope that Library patrons and visitors will appreciate her generosity for years to come!



The Friends of Tracy Library and the New London Police Benevolent Association co-sponsored a Winter Carnival magic show with Andrew Pinard of Absolutely Magic. After the standing room only show, kids gathered 'round to get autographed playing cards from the magician.

New Youth Services Assistant

Tracy Memorial Library is happy to welcome Tina Nussbaum Wagler, who recently joined the Children's Library Staff. Tina and her family moved to Andover, NH this summer where her husband is the new Academic Dean at Proctor Academy. Their family relocated from Pittsburgh, PA where Tina taught kindergarten through second grade science and directed a PreK-12th grade school farm program. Tina earned a BA in Biology and Secondary Education. After graduation, she taught high school Biology and Chemistry. She then transitioned to academia, spending 8 years working in a research lab studying evolutionary genetics using maize at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Once she has settled into her new role at the library, Tina is hoping to introduce hands-on STEM projects for elementary students. We are fortunate to have programs such as Lego Club for younger children, and Tina hopes to offer opportunities for students of all ages to tap into their scientific creativity. In her free time, Tina enjoys running, hiking, biking, Nordic skiing, sewing, and creating projects using upcycled materials with her two boys. We are lucky to have her! Please take the time to introduce yourself to her in the Children's Library area. She can be found there Wednesday afternoons, Thursday

evenings and some Saturday mornings. Welcome Tina!



An Evening with David Cleveland

On Monday, November 13th, the Friends of Tracy Memorial Library hosted an evening with David Cleveland. David, a New London native, regaled the standing-room-only crowd with stories of how a local kid from the sticks of New Hampshire made it to the boards of Broadway.

David's first New York acting job, in early 1989, was understudy for the role of Raoul in Andrew Lloyd Webber's "The Phantom of the Opera" on Broadway. Later, he played the part of the phantom in Ken Hill's version of "The Phantom of the Opera" in Florida. For ten years, he performed all the male roles in all four productions of Phantom in North America.



David currently resides in Wilmot with his husband, Robert Jensen, and is a realtor with Coldwell Banker Lifestyles in New London. He also owns Winslow Rollins Home Outfitters on Main Street.

The event was such a success that plans have been made to have David come back in the fall for another presentation, sharing more stories of his experiences locally and on the stage.

Announcing a New Feature for Readers!

Made possible by funding from the Friends of Tracy Memorial Library, we are excited to add enhanced content to our online catalog.



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Happy exploring as you find your next great read!



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



In 2017 the Library received generous donations in memory of the following people: Robert DePorter, Jack Hambly, Margaret Talbot Howe and Carolyn Sweetland.

Our overall circulation in 2017 was within a quarter of a percentage point of the previous year; this despite portions of the youth and media collections being less accessible during renovations. Gains were seen in audios, magazines, youth and downloadables (the latter was up 16%). According to the most recent comparative data from the NH State Library, our per capita rate of circulation was the highest in the state!

Top-Circulating Titles in 2017:

- FICTION: *Origin* by Dan Brown
- NONFICTION: *The American Spirit: Who We Are and What We Stand For* by David McCullough
- MOVIE: *A Man Called Ove* (adapted from the Swedish novel by Fredrik Backman)
- AUDIOBOOKS: *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah (fiction) and *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End* by Atul Gawande (nonfiction)

NEW! Businesses located in New London are now eligible for one free business library card, whether the business owns or rents space. Non-profit organizations are included.

Did you know you can use your smartphone as a library card? It's easy: install a loyalty card app, enter your card into the app, and present the card in the app on your phone at checkout.

Thank you to all the Library patrons who visited and supported us in 2017. Hope your 2018 is off to a great start!

~ Sandra Licks, Director

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

Chess Nights

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



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