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Youth Summer Reading Program

“A Universe of Stories” was the theme for our youth summer reading program this year. We certainly enjoyed many wonderful stories! Great attendance marked our weekly story times, with special guest readers, and our other big events as well. We were entertained by Jim Nepaletano’s shadow puppet stories, Mike Bent’s space-themed magic and jokes, and The ScienceTellers’ space story featuring science-based special effects. We entered a float in the Hospital Days Parade, for the first time in many years, with the motto, “A good book is always in season at Tracy Memorial Library.” The float featured the cover artwork of Tomie dePaola to represent the four seasons and a life-sized Strega Nona. The finale for our summer reading program was a very special storytime and book signing with Tomie dePaola himself.



Photo courtesy of Bob Hechtel. Pictured left to right: Bill Bastille, Ben Cote, Missy Carroll, Tomie dePaola, Sandra Licks, Kristine Hussey, Rachel Ensign

Adult Summer Reading Program

We had a great summer of adult programming with stories about history, dogs, and cats!

Audience members were riveted by a screening of the film *The Hello Girls* followed by a question and answer session with the granddaughter of a Hello Girl.

History buffs learned about New Hampshire’s roadside historical markers through a presentation by author Michael Bruno from his book *Cruising New Hampshire History*.

Author Thomas Farmen, his wife Ashley, and Bessie came to share the inspiring story found in their book *Bessie’s Story: Watching the Lights Go Out*. Audience members were impressed with the patience and love the Farmens showed for their dog as she went blind.

Crazy Cat People Night was a fun time to meet fellow cat lovers, share cat stories, and make cat toys. Conversation ranged from stories about trying to get cats in costumes to losing beloved cats. We hope to hold another Cat Night in the future!



Children, the Internet and Library Computers

Parents and/or guardians are expected to monitor and supervise their children's use of the internet at the Library. The Library is not in a position to provide this monitoring and supervision, and there are no filters on any Library computers. At a recent meeting, the Library's Board of Trustees voted to uphold the existing policy of no filters for many reasons:

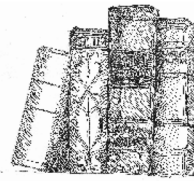
- Filtering, as it exists now, is too limiting or not limiting enough. Software either over filters or under filters, and there are ways to get around the filters.
- Filters are expensive.
- None of the 22 public libraries in our cooperative uses filtering software.
- Filters threaten access to constitutionally protected speech.
- Filters violate privacy by monitoring and logging patrons' internet activity.

Tracy Little Free Library at Bucklin Beach

Tracy Little Free Library is at Bucklin Beach now through October! Its design was inspired by Tracy Memorial Library's historic building; it was constructed by Bill Bastille and painted by



Sonia Garre, both library employees. Funding is thanks to Friends of Tracy Library. A Little Free Library is a "take a book, return a book" free book exchange. Please visit Tracy Little Free Library when you are at Bucklin Beach!



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

What are the hottest library items according to our patrons this summer? For fiction it is *The 18th Abduction* by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro; for nonfiction it is *D-Day Girls* by Sarah Rose. The top movie is *Green Book*. Top summer audiobooks are *The American Agent* by Jacqueline Winspear (fiction) and *Fascism: A Warning* by Madeleine Albright (nonfiction). Top magazine is *People*.

End of summer is the perfect time to start planning a winter trip! Did you know that we have over 200 travel guides in the Reading Room? Books on Italy have been flying off the shelf. Check out our collection and let the destinations inspire you.

It was so heartwarming to see the amazing turnout of spectators and float entries during the Hospital Days parade. Best wishes to all for a safe and happy remainder of the busy season!

New Library Trustee

Kim Bonin has been a New London resident and business owner for over ten years. Along with her husband, Jeremy Bonin, they own Bonin Architects, with offices on Main Street in New London & Meredith, NH.

Kim is an active community volunteer, most recently serving two terms on the Board of Directors for the New London Barn Playhouse as well as being a member of Cupola at Cougar Court.

As a child, Kim spent many hours reading and doing homework in her local library. Reading is an integral part of Kim's life, and she appreciates the community's support in electing her to a Trustee position.



New Friends of Tracy Memorial Library Board Member

The Friends of Tracy Memorial Library would like to welcome Amy Drummond to The Board of Directors. Amy, Drew and their children Addison and William moved to town last June from Sutton, NH where they lived for 12 years. Amy and Drew are no strangers to New London. They met on the Alpine Ski Team during their time attending Colby-Sawyer College; New London holds a very special place in their hearts. "Our Library is so special and is our little sanctuary. We are very fortunate to



have such a wonderful offering of activities through our Library. It is the heart of our town," and Amy is excited to be a part of this dynamic group. In her free time, you can find Amy enjoying the beautiful landscape of the Lake Sunapee Region, skiing, hiking, swimming and of course reading!

The Barn at the Library

The Tracy Memorial Library has a long history of partnering with other town organizations to sponsor events and programs, both fun and educational. Be it Pumpkin People in October, the Hospital Days parade in August, or the installation of the Little Free Library at Bucklin Beach in collaboration with the town's Recreation Department (see accompanying article), Library staff are always eager and willing to partner with others. This summer has seen the Library partnering with other groups in our community for the first time. On Saturday, July 20, the Library welcomed the New London Barn Playhouse's Junior Intern Company to the garden, where the teenagers put on two performances of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Although the day was a hot one, both performances were well attended, and many commented on what a lovely setting the garden was for the company's annual free Shakespeare performances. Next, on August 14, the Library partnered with the New London Historical Society and Morgan Hill Bookstore to sponsor a special book reading and picnic with Tomie dePaola. Going forward, the Library hopes to forge more relationships with the many organizations that make our community such a special place.



An Evening with Local Authors

The Friends of Tracy Memorial Library are looking forward to the return of a popular event from years past. The event, "An Evening with Local Authors," will showcase recently published authors with close ties to the Kearsarge area. The evening will kick off with authors briefly presenting their books to the group. Following the presentations, attendees will be able to have further discussions with the authors, and have the option to purchase each book. Light refreshments will be served. Join the Friends in supporting our local authors at this exciting event on September 30th at 7pm. Keep an eye on the Shopper for a list of participating authors!



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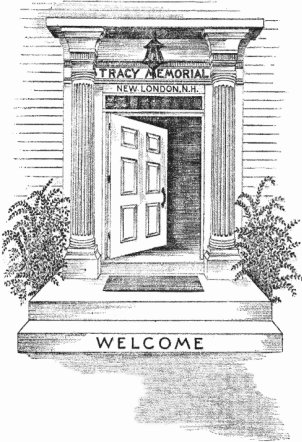
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