MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Like last year this February we want to once again ‘share the love’ and grant amnesty to all of you who have received a bill for a lost or damaged book that is owned by our library (we have no say over bills sent out by other Minerva libraries). Please look around your house one more time and if you can’t find the book, bring in your bill and we will delete it from your record. You will have one whole month!

We are very proud to share with you some of our 2013 statistics: In 2013 we had 20,230 people cross our threshold (up from 19,170 in 2012), 29,015 books, magazines, DVD’s, video’s, e-books, and audio books were borrowed (up from 26,048 in 2012) and we increased our programs by over 50% from 257 to 403 programs a year. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any program ideas you might have.

I hope to see you on February 9th at our yummiest fundraiser of the year.

Fourteenth Annual A TASTE OF LOVELL:
Chocolate Delights, Sweet Treats & Savory Bites
Sunday, February 9 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm

The always popular afternoon of delicious food and beautiful music returns! This 14th annual fundraiser, formerly known as “Death by Chocolate,” will feature a variety of locally prepared desserts, appetizers and fruits, and an opportunity to socialize and enjoy music by local musician Davy Sturtevant, as well as vote for your favorite dish! The cost will be $5 for five servings and $8 for ten servings of the prepared foods. Carry-out boxes will also be available. All proceeds benefit the Library. If you would like to cook or bake for this Valentine’s Day event, please stop by the Library or call (207) 925-3177 to add your name to the list of bakers. The winner of the best dish will receive a prize. Don’t miss this lovely afternoon of food and music.

Need Assistance with Health Care Enrollment?

If you have questions about your options under the Affordable Care Act or would like some assistance with the on-line enrollment process, please call 925-2022. Dan Ouellette is a Maine certified health care Navigator and can schedule an appointment to discuss your needs.
Preschool Storytime with Miss Liz
Mondays at 10 AM
February 3  Penguin Parade
February 10  Holiday Hugs!
February 17  Ice is Nice!
(During School Vacation!)
February 24  Tropical Treat

Mouse Paint Storytime for K, 1, 2
Mondays from 2:45-4:00 PM
February 3  Gifts from the Heart
February 10  Sled Dogs
February 17  Ice Dreams
(During School Vacation!)
February 24  Hawaiian Holiday

Youth Book Discussion Group
Thursday, Febr. 13 & 27th 2:30 - 4 PM
Grade 3/4/5 with Miss Liz & Julie
Come join us as this month we’ll have fun learning about the Olympics! On February 13th from 2:30 - 4:00 PM we’ll meet to enjoy some traditional foods, talk about the history of the games and the different types of winter events. Then on February 27th we’ll discover more about wonderful Russian Folktales. Please stop by the library to sign up and check out your book!

Adult Book Discussion Series
‘Destruction or Redemption: Images of Romantic Love’
Monday, February 10 at 12:30 PM
We will continue our Maine Humanities Series with a discussion of ‘The French Lieutenant’s Woman’ by John Fowles. This novel, published in 1969, was very popular and noted as one of the one hundred best English language novels published between 1923 and 2005 by Time Magazine.
All books are available now, free of charge, at the library.

Writing Group
Thurs, Febr.13 & 27 at 12:30 PM
New writers are always welcome in this group. Our time is spent writing, discussing the craft of writing and sharing our thoughts and opinions.

Cribbage every Wednesday
9 AM to 12 PM
The adult cribbage group the “Skunk Den” meets every week. All level players are welcome. Coffee, doughnuts and other home made treats are available to sustain you.

Mask making with artist Sue Sidwell for teenagers (age 13 and up)
Wednesdays 3 - 4:30 PM
February 19, 26 and March 5, 12
The object of the four week workshop is to create a unique sculptured, 3D, paper maché mask. Animals, people, aliens: collect some ideas and come express yourself. Wear old clothes and please sign up at the library before February 14. Material fee $10. Scholarships available.

First Thursday Book Chat
February 6 at 12 PM
Bring your lunch for this informal gathering of book lovers. We chat about current favorite books, books we want to read, and items the library should order for its collection.
Art Course Offerings with Margaret Nomentana

Introductory sessions for both these courses were held in December & January.

BEGINNING PAINTING SCHEDULE
This class meets on Saturday mornings from 10:00-12:30 on February 1, March 1 and 29, April 5 and 26, and May 24.

ART SHARE
This class will meet on Saturday afternoons from 1:00-2:30 PM on the dates listed above.

If you make two dimensional art in any media (oil, acrylic, photography, drawing, digital, etc.) this may be the group for you! In a supportive environment, we will explore and share out artistic journeys. It is hoped that artists will feel free to join this group as their schedule permits.

For more information, contact Rosie at the library at 925-3177 or Margaret at 925-6575.

YOGA @ YOUR LIBRARY
with Suzanne Silvermoon, visit her website at: www.indigolotusyoga.com for fees and up to date schedule:

Mondays
7:30 to 9 AM Gentle Vinyasa Flow
5:30 to 6:45 PM Restorative Yoga

Wednesdays
5:30 to 6:50 PM Vinyasa Flow
7 to 7:30 PM Meditation

Saturdays
8 to 9:30 AM Ashtanga Flow

Food Donations For The Sweden Food Pantry
The Sweden Food Pantry is held at the Sweden Community Church the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 11:00-1:00. It has been serving people from Stoneham, Stowe, Lovell, Fryeburg, Sweden, and Waterford since November 2008. Almost 100 families visited the food pantry each month in 2013.

The Food Pantry welcomes donations of canned foods or non-perishable dry goods. The following are especially needed: canned meats, canned fish, and peanut butter. It also welcomes donations of other canned goods, rice, pasta and soups.

Starting February 1st the Hobbs library will have a box for donations near the circulation desk.

If you are interested in making a monetary donation, you may make a check out to the Sweden Community Church with Sweden Food Pantry in the “memo line”. For every dollar that is donated, the food pantry receives $10.00 worth of food from Good Sheppard in Auburn. This is a charitable donation. Send any donation to Sweden Community Church, 137 Bridgton Rd., Sweden, ME 04040. If you would like further information or to volunteer, please contact Shirley Crowe at 207-647-4429.

Indoor Winter Farmer’s Market
Saturday February 8, 10 - 1 PM

Every second Saturday of the month the Ward family from Fly Away Farm in Stow, ME will sell their root vegetables, jams, honey, herbal products and much more. This month they will be joined by other vendors and various local artists. Looking for a yummy Valentine gift or unique handmade card? This is the place to shop locally. If you would like to join them and be a vendor please contact Anna Römer at 925-3177

Gardening Group
Thursday, February 20 @ 12:00
As we dream of spring, this group will meet over lunch to discuss our seed ordering and plans for our next garden. Everyone is welcome from beginner to master gardener.

It can snow, sleet or rain! Please check hobbslibrary.org for library closings and program cancellations.
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Library Hours

Open:
Monday: 9 am - 8 pm
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday:
9 am - 4 pm
Saturday: 9 am - 1 pm
Closed: Tuesday & Sunday

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2014 Closed Holidays:
New Year’s Day
Independence Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day