Message from the Director

The Arts and Artisans Fair is our biggest fundraiser of the year and its dedicated committee, under the leadership of Rondi Stearns, deserves our deepest gratitude. So many hands and brains are involved in pulling off a successful day that we can’t begin to mention everyone by name. But you know who you are and you helped generate more than $12,000 of income for your library. Our hats off to you.

Last Friday our new board elected its officers for the coming year. The list is as follows: Dell Foss – President, Dick Lyman – Vice-President, Al St. Germain – Treasurer, and Fran Pollitt – Recording Secretary.

In the coming months we will conduct a survey among our patrons about our newsletter: many libraries have moved to emailed and/or online newsletters to save money and energy. We want to hear from you how you would feel if we went that route. Please email me at aromer@hobbslibrary.org or fill out a questionnaire at the library. Thank you for your input.

ART AT THE LIBRARY with Margaret Nomentana
Introductory Session Tuesday, Sept. 23 at 6:30 PM

Beginning in September, Margaret Nomentana will lead a two-part art class at the Charlotte Hobbs Library. The class will meet on Tuesday Nights, from 6-9, and Saturday mornings, from 10-1, approximately once a month. The Tuesday night class will focus on drawing and design, providing a strong art foundation for artists at all ability levels. Saturdays will be devoted to acrylic painting; though more advanced painters may work in other media. Both segments of the class will emphasize creativity. Though the focus of the two segments will be different, projects will often overlap; Tuesday’s drawing project may become a painting on Saturday. Students will be responsible for purchasing their own art materials; students who have been in some of Margaret’s previous classes are probably already well supplied! A complete list of art materials will be handed out at the introductory session on Tuesday, September 23, at the library at 6:30 pm; come to this introductory session to find out if the class is right for you! Fall schedule of classes will be discussed as well. Both old and new art students should attend the introductory session. For students who have NEVER painted before, there will be an Introduction to Acrylic Painting workshop on September 27, from 10 to 1.

Warning: Students will be expected to do six hours a month of art outside of class! There will be a $5.00 materials fee per student towards common supplies.
Modern Anti-Semitism  
with Elliot Lilien 
Monday, September 8 at 1 PM

This presentation inspects why anti-semitism became such a vital issue in European politics. It centers on Germany and Austria but also looks at the record of each European nation occupied by the Nazis in WWII. The Nazis found supporters everywhere they went.

Other aspects to be considered are whether it is possible to apportion blame on individual nations. Karl Jaspers has argued that anti-semitism was never a popular movement in Germany, for example. Also important are the extent of knowledge of what was going on, the reaction of outsiders and several military questions, including whether to bomb the camps.

There is a very short reading available at the library. It would be helpful if those who attend read it. Mr. Lilien, a former teacher on German history, is very knowledgeable about this topic and gets his audience involved.

The World in Your Library  
a Foreign Policy Speakers Series  
September 16, 7-8 PM
“Challenges and Opportunities on the Korean Peninsula”

The Charlotte Hobbs Memorial Library is partnering with the Maine Humanities Council, the Margaret Chase Smith Foundation, and the Mid-Coast Forum on Foreign Relations to present a foreign policy speakers series: ‘The World in Your Library’. We are one of six libraries in Maine to have the opportunity to connect with Maine-based foreign policy experts, scholars, and practitioners who will give presentations on critical foreign policy issues.

The second talk in this series will be ‘Challenges and Opportunities on the Korean Peninsula’ by Bradley Babson.

This presentation provides a historical overview of the division of Korea and the dynamics of change that are creating new opportunities for engagement.

Bradley O. Babson is a consultant on Asian affairs with a present concentration on Myanmar and North Korea. He worked for the World Bank for 26 years before retiring in 2000. He presently is Chair of the DPRK Economic Forum at the U.S.-Korea Institute, John Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, and serves on the Advisory Council of the Korea Economic Institute of America, and on the Executive Committee of the National Committee for North Korea. In Maine, he is President of the Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust and a Director of the World Affairs Council of Maine. Mr. Babson received his BA degree from Williams College in 1972, and MPA degree from the Woodrow Wilson School of International and Public Affairs at Princeton University in 1974. He lives in Brunswick, Maine.

After a busy summer all Children’s Programs will resume after the Fryeburg Fair. Summer Reading Club participants celebrated their many hours of reading with a great ‘Bubble’ party. You can turn in your last reading log for a free book until September 15.

Book Sale and Book Cellar News

A HUGE thank you to Liz and John McCann and their many volunteers for making this year’s annual book sale at the Arts and Artisans Fair a big success.

The Book Cellar is open again and re-stocked with the many summer donations. We are so grateful for all you book donations and the income generated through the Book Cellar and the annual ‘road show’ is now an integral part of our yearly operating budget.

The last talk in this three part series will be on Tuesday October 21, 7-8 PM
Scott Erb: “Still Allies? The U.S. and Europe”
Successful Gardening from SEED TO PRESERVATION with Barbara Murphy of the Oxford Extension Service
Thursday, Sept. 18 at 10 AM
FOOD PRESERVATION

Make sure to come and check out the Hobbs Community Garden. Our gardeners are hard at work maintaining it and we have been able to provide the Sweden Food Pantry with lots of fresh vegetables. Barbara Murphy joins us once a month and gives valuable advice and suggestions to all in attendance. This month’s program will be a ‘Food Preservation Workshop’ led by Eat Well Volunteers and a Master Food Preserver.

For those interested: after gardening course Rosie will host luncheon for gardening group.
Schedule of remaining classes:
October 23 - Getting ready for next year and wrap up session.

YOGA @ YOUR LIBRARY
with Suzanne Silvermoon, visit her website at: www.indigolotusyoga.com for up to date schedule:
Mondays
8 to 9:30 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

Farmers Market
Every Saturday morning 9 - 12 PM
Eggs, flowers, organic vegetables and herbs, maple syrup, bread and other baked goods are for sale every Saturday. Come support your neighbors by buying local or sell your own products. If you are interested in selling your goods call Anna at 925-5177 for more info.

Writing Group
Thursday September 11 & 25 at 12:30 PM
The Thursday afternoon writing group continues to meet twice a month to share writing and discuss ways of improving. We welcome new members who love putting pen to paper or fingers to the computer.

Brown Bag Book Chat
Thursday, Sept. 4 at 12 pm
Bring your lunch and share your recent discoveries, desires, and items that you think the library should order. Everyone is welcome.

Martha’s Knitting Group
Wednesdays at 1 PM
This is a great place to bring your latest fiber project for friendly conversation, sharing, and ideas for new projects. Come make friends and get help when needed.

Hobbs Library supports “One Book, One Valley”
October 20 & 23
Once again our library will be participating in the ‘One Book, One Valley’ program. This will be our fifth year as participants. This year’s book is Flight of the Sparrow, a novel of Early America by Amy Belding Brown. The author tells the real-life story of Mary Rolleston (1637-1718). She was taken in an Indian raid and eventually restored to English society. Brown has written an engaging and enjoyable novel based on solid research. Our adult discussion group will feature this book on Monday, October 20th at 1:00 PM in our program room. The author will speak in North Conway at White Birch Books on Thursday, October 23 at 7 pm. Books will be available, free of charge, at our library after September 8.
PLEASE NOTE:
We will be open Monday, September 1 (Labor Day), however Tuesday, September 2, we will be closed since we are back to our regular open hours in September.

Library Hours

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

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

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