MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Congratulations to Amy Doiron and Jordan Smith for sharing the honor of ‘Tastiest Dish’ at our recent Taste of Lovell event. They both won a signed Stephen King book. Thank you to all bakers, volunteers, and of course all tasters for a very successful fundraiser. Talking about fundraisers: a special thank you to Dan Cousins for personally delivering a very generous check for the Family Fun Day fundraiser we held at Pietree Orchards back in October. We look forward to collaborating on many more.

To all Lovell residents: we hope we can count on your support on Saturday March 5 at our town’s 216th town meeting held at our historical town hall. Our library is requesting $43,000 from the Town of Lovell towards our $126,565 budget. With your help we can continue to offer our services and programs free of charge.

Anna Römer

Bylaws Amendment 2016

The board of the Charlotte Hobbs library carefully reviewed our bylaws and are now proposing several amendments. The amended bylaws are available on our website: www.hobbslibrary.org/bylaws-amendment2016/. We will have a short meeting to discuss and approve the new bylaws on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 6:45 pm. This meeting will be followed at 7 pm by our monthly speaker Brian Marcaurelle.

Please bring any comments or questions regarding the updated bylaws to the meeting on April 5th.

Monthly Speaker Program:

Brian Marcaurelle from the Maine Island Trail Association
Tuesday, April 5 at 7 pm (right after Bylaws meeting)

Since 1988, the Maine Island Trail Association (MITA) has managed the nation’s first recreational water trail for small boats. A grassroots effort started by Dave Getchell, Sr. -- former editor of Small Boat Journal and National Fisherman -- the association now has over 4,000 members that include boaters of all kinds who pledge to practice responsible, low-impact recreation on the Maine coast. The Trail has grown from an initial 30 islands to over 200 coastal properties spanning some 375 miles from the New Hampshire border to Canada. In recent years it has been dubbed the “Best Trail in Maine,” the “Best Sea Kayaking Trail in America,” and “One of the 50 Best American Adventures” by national publications.

MITA’s Program Director Brian Marcaurelle will take folks on a photographic journey along the Maine Island Trail that includes a look back at MITA’s unique story as well as a look ahead to exciting opportunities on the horizon.

Brian began volunteering for MITA in 2004 and was hired as Stewardship Manager the following year. In 2009 he was named Program Director and now oversees MITA’s program activities. He has a Masters in Environmental Management from the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies and a BA in biology and environmental studies from Bowdoin College.
Adult Book Discussion Series:
Monday, March 7 at 1 pm
We will continue our new Maine Humanities Series, with the 1949 Pulitzer Prize winning play, The Professor’s House, by Willa Cather. It is the chronicle of Godfrey St. Peter’s 52nd year at a western university where he is faced with various conflicts. April’s book will be Powder: Writing by Women in the Ranks, from Vietnam to Iraq. All books are available free of charge at our library.

First Thursday Book Chat
March 3 at 12 pm
Bring your ideas for books you’d like us to add to our collection, share great reads you’ve enjoyed, and interesting reviews you’ve seen. Bring your bag lunch and enjoy an hour of informal “book talk.”

Writing Group
Thurs, March 10 & 24 at 12:30 pm
This group is in their fifth year of Thursday meetings. They spend their time on free writing, sharing of writing and discussing ways to improve their craft. New members are always welcome.

Liars’ Club explores Madness in March
Friday, March 18, noon - 1:30 pm
At the March meeting of the Liars’ Club, our informal storytelling get-together, the theme will be Madness in March. We’ll tell wacky stories, tales about unexpected happenings, perhaps tales simply about being mad! It’s the season when cows dance in the new spring fields, cars and wagons stick fast in the pudding roads of mud season, and we’re all itchy for the arrival of dry, warm weather.

If you wish, bring a story (under 5 minutes long!) to tell. “Everyone is welcome,” says Jo Radner, host of the group, “whether or not they plan to tell a story.”

Pack a lunch and join the Liars Club from 12-1:30 on Friday, March 18, 2016, for a brown-bag storytelling adventure. Beverages will be provided.
Preschool Storytime with Miss Deanna
Mondays, March 7,14,21,28, 10-11am
For Children Ages 3 and Up
Our weekly hour long program of funny stories, silly songs and simple crafts for the preschool set.

Mouse Paint Storytime with Miss Kerry
Mondays, March 7,14,21,28, 2:45-4 pm
Come play with other Kindergarteners, 1st and 2nd graders as we start with a healthy snack and fill the afternoon with stories, games and crafts.
With a note you can ride the schoolbus straight to the library.

Youth Book Group
For boys and girls in grades 3,4 & 5 with Mr. Chaz and Ms. Liz
Thurs. March 10, 2:30 - 4 pm
We have the pleasure of welcoming local author Mary Atkinson to our library to share her novel ‘Owl Girl’ with us.
Come get your book at the library or you can buy your own copy at the office of the Greater Lovell Land Trust.

‘Owl Girl’ is about Holly, who is stuck at the lake for summer vacation. Usually, she loves the lake. But not this year. This year, Mom and Dad aren’t staying. Her older brother Nick won’t play with her, and Gram never lets her do anything. When Holly hears the ancient and mysterious call of an owl, she’s certain he’s calling just to her.

Middle School Book Discussion Group with Miss Julie & Miss Liz
Wednesday, March 2, 5:30-7 pm
Attention all middle school students: you are invited to dinner and discussion of the book “The Witch at Blackbird Pond” by Elizabeth George Speare. Sign up at the library and pick up a copy of the book! Any questions, please call Julie Frum at 207-647-4510.

YOGA @ YOUR LIBRARY
Yin & Restorative Yoga
Mondays 5:30 - 6:45 pm
Including both restorative and yin yoga poses, in this class students release muscle tension, increase range of motion and balance the body’s energetic system. All poses are done seated or lying down and are usually held for 3-5 minutes.
This class is designed for all levels of yoga experience, including beginners.
Fees for Anna’s classes:
8 classes/$88, drop-in/$14
If the price of yoga classes is a barrier for you, please contact Anna at annainmaine@gmail.com.

Cup of Joe Flow...
Mild or Medium Blend
Tuesdays 7:30-8:45 am
Please note: no class on Monday March 1

Kathleen Moulton LMT, CYT is offering a gentle to moderate vinyasa flow class. This class will include modifications for you to practice at your own pace. Classes are offered by donation.
If you would like to be notified of cancellations you may sign up at: lovellbrooksidayoga@gmail.com.

Indoor Winter Farmer’s Market
Sat. March 12, 10 - 12 pm
Once a month the Ward family from Fly Away Farm in Stow, ME sell their root vegetables, bread, eggs, jams, honey, herbal products and much more.

Gardening Course Update
As of today we do not have the required amount of participants to start the Gardening Course on March 1. All who signed up can join the same course in South Paris. For more info call or email Barbara Murphy: 207- 890-1626 or bmurphy1454@gmail.com. If enough people sign up in the next three days at gardenersgrowinghealthycommunities.org we will still start on Tuesday March 1 as scheduled.

Bad weather? Please check hobbslibrary.org for library closings and program cancellations.
PYSANKA with Jodi Smith
Saturday, March 12, 10 to 1
Sign up required

Jodi Smith has led this popular egg decorating workshop since 2012!

Come get in the mood for Easter and decorate an egg using the Ukrainian traditional wax-resist method ("pysanka"). We will draw on a real egg with melted wax, using the traditional wax tool, and then dip the egg into a succession of dyes. After the decorating is done, the wax is removed, and the egg varnished and emptied, leaving a sturdy and festive ornament.

Our instructor Jodi Smith lives in Lovell. Her ancestors came to America from Lusatia (now in Germany) in 1854, on the sailing ship Ben Nevis, hoping to protect their Slavic language, culture, and religion. Jodi’s mother, the second generation born in America, also makes pysanky. Jodi’s daughter made her first pysanka egg when she was 5.

You may have seen some of Jody’s beautiful eggs for sale at the Arts and Artisans Fair.

Please call the library to sign up.

Food For Thought
Film Series April 1-29
Save the Dates!

The Food for Thought film series will run for five Friday nights in April (April 1-29) in community locations around our region - Brownfield, Denmark, Sweden, Lovell and Fryeburg. Curated by Spice and Grain, Friends of Fryeburg Water District and the Fryeburg Academy PAC, this series of screenings is designed to open discussion among neighbors and friends about the values and connections among local agriculture, health, community and our natural environment.

The Charlotte Hobbs Memorial Library will be hosting a screening of Bottled Life: Nestlé’s Business with Water, on April 15th. The Friends of the Fryeburg Water District will be on hand to provide updates and join the conversation about this significant local, national and global issue. Keli Ryan, owner of Spice and Grain, will introduce the movie and lead discussion afterwards.

For a full schedule of all five movies please see our April newsletter and watch for announcements in your community.

From BottledLifeFilm.com:
While the world’s population continues to grow at an alarming rate, water is becoming an increasingly scarce commodity. The Swiss film “Bottled Life” documents the booming business with bottled water, by focusing on the global leader in this lucrative multi-billion dollar market – namely, the Nestlé Corporation in Switzerland.
Fryeburg Academy and Charlotte Hobbs Library present:

**BOUNCE:**
**HOW THE BALL TAUGHT THE WORLD TO PLAY**

Wednesday, March 30 at 7 pm

At the Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center

We are very excited to host the screening of the documentary BOUNCE at the Fryeburg Academy. From Brazilian favelas to dusty Congolese villages, from neolithic Scottish isles to modern soccer pitches, BOUNCE explores the little-known origins of our favorite sports. The film crosses time, languages and continents to discover how the ball has staked its claim on our lives and fueled our passion to compete. Equal parts science, history and cultural essay, BOUNCE removes us from the scandals and commercialism of today’s sports world to uncover the true reasons we play ball, helping us reclaim our universal connection to the games we love.

Cinematographer and producer David McLain will join us for a Q&A after the movie. David McLain is a world-renowned National Geographic photographer and co-founder of Merge. His work has appeared in editorial publications around the world including National Geographic, Smithsonian, Time, and Traveler. As a cinematographer David has broken new ground for clients including Sony, GE, and National Geographic TV. David and his family live on an old farm near Portland, Maine.

Inspired by the book *The Ball: Discovering the Object of the Game* by John Fox, which is of course available at our library.

Admission is free, donations are welcome. Suitable for all ages. Screening is made possible with the support of Ski Sundries and Roger Williams Fine Art.
Don't miss the movie:

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**Library Hours**

**Open:**
Monday & Thursday: 9 am - 8 pm
Wednesday & Friday: 9 am - 4 pm
Saturday: 9 am - 1 pm

Closed: Tuesday & Sunday

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**2016 Closed Holidays:**
New Year’s Day
Independence Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day