Message from the Director

Our 41st Arts and Artisans Fair, our biggest fundraiser of the year, was a great success. Thanks to over 60 volunteers under the leadership of Rondi Stearns, our library made over $11,000 to help with our 2016 operating budget. We truly appreciate the efforts of each and every one of you.

Our regular children’s programs will start up again after the Fryeburg Fair. We are very excited to welcome back Deanna Wilson as our children’s librarian. Deanna will also start working as a desk librarian on Thursdays and Irene St.Germain will move to Monday.

Last month we shared with you the good news that we were chosen by the Maine Community Foundation to receive a dollar-for-dollar matching grant for preserving our historic building and reducing our carbon footprint. We needed to raise $12,000 in one year to receive the full $12,000 grant. In 3 weeks you helped us raise $11,000! We are deeply grateful for this amazing response. We only have a little way to go. If we raise more than our goal the monies will be used for other building upgrades on our list.

Thank you all for a great summer.

Anna Römer

ART CLASS:

READING HISTORY, MAKING ART:
A Look at Portraits, Self and Otherwise

In this class with artist Margaret Nomentana, we will look at, learn about, and make portraits. The class will have a two-pronged approach; on Thursday nights, through reading, we will learn about and discuss some of the ways that artists throughout history have approached portraiture. On Saturday mornings, we will create our own portraits, using a variety of art media including painting and photography. We will study artists such as Lucian Freud, Alice Neel, Diane Arbus, and others. The class is open to artists of beginner and intermediate ability levels. To find out more about this class, please join Margaret for an introduction at the library on September 29, at 7pm. The class will begin on Thursday, October 6, with a studio session on Saturday, October 8, from 10 – 1 pm. Classes will take place monthly on first Thursday and Saturday of the month. Please register at the library, if you are interested, by September 26. Minimum: 6 students.
The World In Your Library
A Foreign Policy Speaking Series

Charlotte Hobbs Memorial Library

Tuesday, August 30 - 7:00 PM
Robert W. Glover | Immigration in the 21st Century: How Immigration is Changing the American and the Global Political Landscape
This talk examines the changing political demographics of the United States, the role that diaspora and immigrants play in sustaining developing economies globally, and the role that migrants can play in shaping the political trajectories of their home countries from abroad.

Tuesday, September 13 - 7:00 PM
Nick Milli | Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Syria: Failed Interventions and the Rise of ISIS

Tuesday, September 20 - 7:00 PM
Robert Morrison | Thinking About Islam
Islam challenges many people's understanding of how religion works. This presentation will investigate how cultural context, including that of the Middle East, is extremely important for understanding how Islam functions within a given country, region, or scenario.

Contact Charlotte Hobbs Memorial Library: 925-3177

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For the second time in three years, we are 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.

We are one of six libraries in Maine to have the opportunity to connect with Maine-based foreign policy experts who will give presentations on critical foreign policy issues.

We are very fortunate to present the following three programs:

'Immigration in the 21st Century: How Immigration is Changing the American and the Global Political Landscape' with Dr. Robert Glover
Tuesday, August 30 at 7 pm

We live in a “world in motion.” There are roughly 232 million international migrants living in a place other than their country of origin today. Since 1990, the number of immigrants living in the developed world has grown by over 65%. Yet these immigrants do not exist in a social and political vacuum. This talk examines this dynamic in three respects: 1) the changing political demographics of the United States, 2) the role that diaspora and immigrants play in sustaining developing economies globally, and 3) the role of immigrants in relation to demographic challenges in the state of Maine.

Dr. Robert W. Glover is an Assistant Professor of Honors and Political Science. His research focuses generally on democratic theory, political engagement, and the politics of immigration and he has published widely on these topics. In particular, he is interested in how immigrants push for political change and impact the policy process in their destination countries.

'America’s Failed Interventions and the Rise of ISIS' with Nick B. Mills
Tuesday, September 13 at 7 pm

Since the end of World War II, the United States has fought wars in Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan and Iraq and has undertaken military interventions in Syria and Libya.

In 2001, after the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the U.S. invaded Afghanistan to oust the Taliban, who had given sanctuary to the Saudi terrorist leader Osama bin Laden. Nearly 16 years after U.S. forces drove the Taliban from power, American troops remain in Afghanistan and the Taliban are stronger than ever. While the Bush Administration’s focus should have remained on Afghanistan, it immediately shifted to Iraq, which had played no role in the 9/11 attacks and harbored no terrorist groups. The precedent-setting 2003 invasion of Iraq, a country that had not attacked the U.S., left Iraq a sectarian battleground, destabilized the Middle East, and gave rise to the group that calls itself the Islamic State.

A Boston University professor for 26 years, Nick B. Mills taught a generation of undergrad and graduate journalism students, and was named the College of Communication Teacher of the Year in 2014. He was a broadcast journalist, News Director, reporter and morning news anchor at major Boston stations and at the ABC Radio Network in New York. He served as an officer in the U.S. Army and led a combat photography team in Vietnam. In Afghanistan Mr. Mills served as an advisor in President Hamid Karzai’s administration.

'Thinking About Islam' with Robert Morrison
Tuesday, September 20 at 7 pm

This presentation seeks to explain how Islam challenges many peoples’ understanding of how religion works and will investigate how cultural context, including that of the Middle East, is extremely important for understanding how Islam functions within a given country, region, or scenario.

Robert Morrison came to Bowdoin College in August, 2008. His courses lie in the academic study of both Islam and Judaism. His research has focused on the role of science in Islamic and Jewish texts. Robert has contributed the chapters on Islamic astronomy to the New Cambridge History of Islam and the Cambridge History of Science.
The Poetry of Music
with Elliot Lilien
Monday, September 12 at 1 PM
We are, once again fortunate to have Elliot Lilien join us for a fascinating presentation.
This year his topic is *The Poetry of Music*. He will be speaking of the creative process, have valuable insights, and share his unique knowledge of some of our favorite composers.
To be able to fully enjoy his talk, he urges those attending to read an article by Igor Stravinsky. This article is now available, free of charge, at the library.

Hobbs Library supports
“One Book, One Valley”
October 17 & 27
This will be our seventh year as participating sponsors. This year’s book is *The Finest Hours: The True Story of the U.S. Coast Guard’s Most Amazing Sea Rescue* by Mike Togias and Casey Sherman (Casey Sherman is an alumnus of the Fryeburg Academy class of 1988). This book vividly describes the rescue mission for two oil tankers, each of which split in two during a violent storm off Cape Cod. We will be discussing this book on Monday, Oct. 17 @ 1 pm. There will be an author presentation at Kennett High School in North Conway on Thursday, Oct. 27. Copies of this book will be available, free of charge, at the library shortly after Labor Day.

'Iran Unveiled’ with Moira Yip
Thursday, September 1 at 7 pm
Professor Moira Yip will share with us her stunning pictures of her latest trip to Iran. She travelled over 2500 kilometers across the desert and into the mountains. She will talk about the land, its people, and its architecture.
Moira has lived in Lovell part-time for 32 years. She is a retired professor of linguistics, and spends the rest of the year in London.

Fibromyalgia & Myofascial Pain Syndrome Support Group
Monday September 19, 4 – 5:30 pm
This monthly support group is for those living with Fibromyalgia and Myofascial Pain Syndrome. Family members and/or caretakers are also welcome with an understanding of non-

Tai Ji Quan
Moving for Better Balance (TJQMBB)
Starting Tuesday, Sept. 20, 4-5 pm
This 24-week program is sponsored by the Population Health Program of Maine Med through Memorial Hospital in North Conway.
The TJQMBB program is designed to reduce the risk of falls by improving muscle strength, balance, flexibility, and mobility. It is especially designed for adults who have a history of falls, and/or difficulty with balance or walking. The training focuses on an 8-form routine adapted from the contemporary 24-form Tai Ji Quan routine.
The class will meet twice a week: on Tuesdays at the Hobbs Library from 4-5 pm and on Thursdays in Bridgton (location TBD) from 4-5 pm. No previous experience with Tai Chi classes is necessary. Fee will be by donation.
Program will be led by volunteer Kevin Freeman. You can sign up for this class at the library.

ALTERNATE CENTER OF GRAVITY:
A Potluck of Food and Song
Will return on October 13 at 5 pm

'Alone We Stand' with Moira Yip
Friday, Sept. 16, noon-1:30 pm
(‘Bring a brown-bag lunch’)
Monthly storytelling meetings for adults at the library resume in September on the theme “Starting Over.” So many things cycle again in the fall – school, harvest, Rosh Hashanah, back-to work (if we’ve been lucky enough to be on vacation).... Or perhaps you have a story about another kind of re-starting: a business? a relationship? A project? a balky truck?
We welcome everyone! If you wish, bring a story (under 5 minutes long!) to tell, and put your name in the hat, or simply come to listen and enjoy the marvelous variety.
Yoga @ Your Library

Yin & Restorative Yoga
Mondays 5:30 - 6:45 pm
NO CLASS on September 19

Blend of Iyengar style and Yin style Restorative Yoga. These styles use a variety of props to support the student while they are guided into the postures linking the use of breath to discover a sense of relaxation while releasing tension in the body.

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Writing Group
Thursday September 8 & 22 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.

9/11 Remembered
Thursday, September 8 @ 7 pm

Members of our library’s writing group invite the community to join them in sharing memories of September 11, 2001. Members of the group will share their written recollections and will invite members of the audience to share theirs also, either orally or in written form. Light refreshments will be served following this program.

Gardening Group
Thursday, September 15 at 12 pm

This group of gardening enthusiasts will meet over lunch to discuss our summer’s successes, failures, and some plans for the next growing season. We will then join Jen Ward for her Tomato Taste Party.

Brown Bag Book Chat
On First Thursday’s

This monthly lunch group of readers will begin meeting again in October. So put Thursday, October 6 @ 12:00 on your calendar.

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.

Farmers Market
Every Saturday morning 9 - 12 pm

Fresh baked bread, organic eggs, herbs, vegetables, flowers, mushrooms and much more you can find every Saturday at the library.

Did you know that the Wards at Fly Away Farm have successfully grown 15+ varieties of tomatoes this year? Jenn Ward is willing to have us share in this bounty and taste many of these tomato varieties. It’s an excellent opportunity to learn those that are the best, according to your own taste buds, for future planting and buying. Is your mouth already watering? A five dollar donation is requested to help defray the cost to the Wards.
PLEASE NOTE:
Starting September 6 we will be closed on Tuesdays again; we WILL BE OPEN on Monday, September 5, Labor Day.

Library Hours

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

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

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