Message from the Director

In this last newsletter of 2017 I want to share with you my plans for the coming year. After 20 years as story-time volunteer, board member, and your director, I have decided to join my husband in early retirement. It has been an honor to serve you in all these capacities and it has also been a great privilege to work with so many wonderful, dedicated staff members, board trustees and volunteers. This library will always be my second home, as it is for many of you. It is my hope that you will welcome my successor with open arms. The board and I will try our utmost best to make the transition as smooth as possible.

I wish you a wonderful holiday season and a new year full of love, laughter and good books!

Anna Römer

Annual Tree Lighting with Santa and Mrs. Claus
Friday, Dec. 1 at 6:00 pm

Join your neighbors on December 1st for the annual treelighting party. We will serve hot chocolate, coffee and cookies while the children can visit with Santa and receive a small literary gift. We still need bakers so please call the library and sign up.

Brown Bag Book Chat
Thursday December 7 at 12 PM

Bring your ideas for great gift books, books you have loved, books you want to read, and books the library should order for our shelves. Bring your lunch and share your love of reading.

Martha's Knitting Group
Every Wednesday at 1 PM

Need some ideas for homemade Christmas gifts or already deep into gift projects? Join this group of fiber artists for friendship, ideas and encouragement.

CRIBBAGE
Every Wednesday 9 AM - 12 PM

All level players, including beginners, are welcome. Coffee and home made treats are available to sustain you.

Writing Group
Thursday, Dec. 14 & 28 @ 12:30 PM

This group of dedicated writers meets twice a month to share, listen, and improve their writing skills. Bring your favorite writing implement and join them. New members or guests are always welcome.

Indoor Winter Farmer's Market
Saturday Dec. 9 & 23, 10 - 12 pm

The Ward family from Fly Away Farm in Stow will sell their root vegetables, garlic, jams, honey, eggs, herbal products and many homemade gift items from our community room. Hillie Lutter will also be there with whole food plant based baked goods. Their winter schedule will be every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month.
HOBBS STORY SWAP celebrates with special show Friday, Dec. 15, noon till 2:15 pm

On Friday, Dec. 15, from noon till 2:15 pm, the Hobbs Story Swap will celebrate its second anniversary with stories, refreshments, and a special concert by Albany, NH storyteller Andy Davis.

Everyone is invited to the party! Come and hear or tell stories on the theme of “THE WEATHER OUTSIDE...,” and listen to Andy Davis telling some of the best tales from his repertoire. Included will be a tale born out of his father’s World War II experience, a dream sequence about the New Hampshire primary, the story of a ghostly librarian, a smattering of poetry -- and perhaps something canine and shaggy.

Come and put your name in the hat to share your memory of “The Weather Outside” in a 5-minute story, or just come to listen. Bring a brown-bag lunch if you wish; we’ll provide beverages and party foods! For more information contact Jo Radner at jradner@american.edu.

YOGA @ YOUR LIBRARY

Yin & Restorative Yoga Mondays 5:30 – 6:45 pm (no yoga on Dec. 25)

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.

Vinyasa Flow Yoga Saturdays 8-9 am (no yoga on Dec. 30)

A great way to start the weekend! Join Kathleen for an offering of gentle to moderate vinyasa flow poses. This class will include modifications for you to practice at your own pace.

Adult Book Discussion New ‘Let’s Talk About It’ series “Family and Self: Readings In 20th Century Japanese Fiction” starts on January 8 at 1pm

In Japan, with its strong legacy of Confucian values and traditional emphasis of group over the individual, the family plays an exceptionally important role. This series explores five novels—two authored by women and three by men—each engaged with issues of both family and self in a changing Japan, but from widely differing perspectives. The first book we will discuss, Enchi Fumiko’s The Waiting Years, was published in 1957 but is set in the Meiji Period (1868-1912) during the years of Japan’s rapid growth as a modern nation state.

The other four books are:
- The Makioka Sisters by Tanizaki Junichirō
- The Setting Sun by Dazai Osamu
- A Personal Matter by Nobel laureate Ōe Kenzaburō
- Good-bye Tsugumi by Yoshimoto Banana

All books in the series are available, free of charge, at our library.

What We Wear and What We Don’t: Reading Clothes, Making Art New Interdisciplinary Art Class coming in January

An Interdisciplinary/Multimedia exploration of the multiple meanings of our clothing choices. Join Margaret Nomentana for reading, discussion and art making, as we explore some of the issues surrounding the clothes we wear. No experience necessary.

Introduction Thursday January 4 at 7 pm
First Class Saturday January 6, 10 -12pm

No Gardening Group meeting in December. Next meeting January 18

No Book Discussion Group meeting in December. Next meeting January 8
Preschool Storytime with Miss Deanna
Mondays 10-11AM
(no storytime on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1)

Our weekly hour long program of funny stories, silly songs and simple crafts for the preschool set!

Mousepaint with Miss Deanna
For grade K, 1 & 2
Mondays 2:30-4 PM
(no mousepaint on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1)

This fun program starts off with a healthy snack and outdoor play time, weather permitting. Then we fill the rest of the afternoon with silly stories, great games and a crazy craft project! If you would like to be part of this program, please bring a note to school Monday morning giving you permission to attend.

First Friday Family Game Night
Friday January 5, 5-7 PM

Game Night is for game lovers of all ages! We ask that children under the age of 12 be accompanied by a parent or guardian. We own many different board games but you may also bring your own. We serve free pizza and you may bring your own beverages. We will have a voluntary donation jar out for those who would like to help pay for the refreshments. If you are planning on coming please let us know by calling 925-3177 so we can make sure there is pizza for all!

Book Cellar News

Our Book Cellar is well stocked with great books for all ages. We invite you to come see for yourself and shop for the Holidays. Gift certificates are available at the desk. The library is grateful for your many book donations and the many volunteers who make our secondhand bookstore such a success.

Exhibit News

Come visit the library and admire all the nativity scenes from around the world on display in the adult book area. This beautiful collection is on loan from Stefi Reed Hastings from Fryeburg. If you have a nativity scene yourself that you want to share with the community don’t hesitate to bring it by.

We also need your help for an upcoming exhibit on scrapbooking. Do you have one and don’t mind displaying it? We would love to consider adding it to next month’s exhibit.

Upcoming programs in the New Year

Our community is home to many small businesses. In 2018 our plan is to invite every month a small business owner to come talk about their business. We already have the following people lined up: Thursday January 11 at 6:30 pm – Brent Legere from Lovell Box Company and on February 8 we will host Jenn and Justin Ward from Fly Away Farm.

Come learn from people with experience what hard work and dedication can achieve.

If you would like to be part of this series or know a good candidate please contact the library.

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

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Independence Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day

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