MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Hello and thank you! Thank you, residents of Lovell, Sweden, Stow, Chatham, and Stoneham, for supporting the library at your town meeting. We have big plans for the coming year, plans that wouldn’t be possible without your support.

A library is a reflection of its community, and nowhere is that more true than at the Charlotte Hobbs Memorial Library. From our Book Cellar, to our arts and crafts programs, to special events, to our Board of Trustees, to the volunteers who fold this newsletter each month, there is a vast and incredible network of dedicated people behind this great library every step of the way.

There are so many ways to support the library. The easiest way is to take advantage of our services! That’s right—check out a book or an audiobook. Sign your child up for a library card—it’s free! If you read the newsletter regularly, you know we have a lot of fun programs. Try something new. Bring a friend! And please join us at one of our fundraisers, where you are sure to enjoy yourself and help support the library. We hope to see you soon.

Thank you!  
Shelby Monroe

Raising Dairy Goats
Monday, April 16, 1:30 - 3:00 PM
Marina Legere will share tips and answer questions for those interested in raising healthy, happy dairy goats.

This program is suitable for ages 8 up to adults

KIDS! Make Your Own BATH CRAYONS!
April 27th 2:30-3:30 pm

SMALL BUSINESS SPEAKER SERIES:
THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 6:30 PM

Furniture & Boat Upholstery
Martha Livingston will talk about a day in the life of a small town upholstery business. Learn all about this specialized craft and building a business around it.

COMING SOON:
SUNDAY, MAY 13th
MOTHER’S DAY BRUNCH
SATURDAY, MAY 26th
PLANT SALE - BAKE SALE
SATURDAY, JUNE 9th
1st ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
Indoor Farmer’s Market  
Saturday, April 14 & 28, 10-1 pm  
Get a taste of spring! Find tasty organic eggs, potatoes, sweet potatoes, maple syrup & more! Sample the goodies from Fly Away Farm, or set up a table and become a vendor!

Adult Book Discussion  
Monday, April 9, 1 pm  
Sponsored by the Maine Humanities Council.  
The fourth book in the series will be “A Personal Matter,” by Kenzaburo Oe, winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1994. “A Personal Matter” depicts a young father’s conflicted response to the birth of a child with a pronounced cranial abnormality. It is a moving story whose inspiration comes from the author’s own experience; he had a child born with a congenital abnormality of the skull.  
All books in this series are available, free of charge, at the library. For more information concerning this series, contact Rosie White at the library, 925-3177.

Gardening Group  
Thursday, April 19, 12:00 pm  
Ali Reagan of Lemon and Tulips flower shop in Fryeburg will talk about her training and experience, and how she chose Fryeburg for her shop. This program is open to all.

Story Swap Friday, April 20, noon-1:30  
Join us for a session of “WHATSIT??” stories. This Story Swap will present a gallery of mysterious objects! You are invited to bring an item that is connected to some story from your life--a story that wouldn’t be obvious to the casual observer of the object. We’ll put our “Whatsits” on display, stroll around and take them in, and then listen to each other as we reveal the hidden stories.  
What might you bring? Anything portable! Or a photo of something not so easily transported. A keepsake from a friend or relative whose story you can tell; a historical object or photo connected to some past event; a tool you have used for some interesting purpose; something you have made.  
We all live among “storiied” things! They make a house feel like a home. Notice the stories your surroundings tell.  
Come and put your name in the hat to share a 5-minute story, or just come to listen. Bring a lunch if you wish; we’ll provide beverages.
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**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE LIBRARY**

Sponsor a hole for $100.

INTERESTED IN PROMOTING YOUR BUSINESS?
FOR OUR 1st ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT?
TAKE FEZER'S COUNTRY CLUB ON THE 9TH.
TAKE YOUR MOM TO MOTHER'S DAY ON MAY 13TH.

Please sign up at the library. Call 925-3177 or visit hobbslibrary.org for more information.
Library Hours

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

Closed:
Tuesday & Sunday

Visit www.hobbslibrary.org to view your patron record, search the catalog, renew and request items!

CALL FOR PLANTS !!!

We will be holding our annual plant sale on Saturday, May 26th. If you have a green thumb, think of us while you prepare your garden, and set aside any extra plants you may have for the sale.

Thank you!