

Mont Vernon

Daland Memorial Library News

Library hours: Tues. & Thurs. 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; Wed. noon - 8 p.m.; Fri. 2 - 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Closed Sun. & Mon.
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 Library Director: Karen MacDonald; Children's Program Director: Amy White; Library Assistants: Allain Schnable and Samantha Philbrick

January 26, 2009 - Friends of the Library Meeting

The Friends of the Daland Memorial will next meet on Monday, January 26, 2009, at 7:30 p.m.; at the library. (No December meeting.) The Friends' mission is to provide support and funding for several library programs and activities including "Books for Babies", Teen Time, and the children's summer reading program. In addition their funds are used to purchase treats for the hundreds of trick-or-treaters who visit the library on Halloween and the library's museum pass program. January's agenda will include winter/spring activities. The new board will take over at this time. The positions filled are as follows: President-Hillary Sonner; Vice President-Bruce Schmidt; Treasurer-Joan Brogioli

and Secretary-Sally Hogan. Stephanie Lindsey will continue as newsletter editor and Heather Carver will take on publicity duties. New members are always welcome. Returning members are reminded their annual dues (\$15) will be due at the meeting. Some of the dues money is used to cover newsletter publication. Questions about the organization call the library at 673-7888.

BOOK GROUP NEWS

January 5, 2009 - Planning Meeting

The next meeting of the library's adult book discussion group will be on Monday, January 5, at 9:30 a.m. when the book list for 2009 will be put together. Selections may include fiction, non-fiction, a classic, some-

thing regional, and perhaps poetry. The group, active for more than six years, usually meets at the library the first Monday of each month. Sometimes, the group takes a field trip relating to a book or may watch a movie interpretation of a selection. Every attempt is made to get copies of the books through interlibrary loan. Books may also be found in paperback at local bookstores including The Toadstool Bookshop. Participants take turns researching information about the authors and bringing light refreshments to share. There are usually between eight and twelve attendees. Anyone is welcome to help with the planning and/or join in one or more discussion.

Library Director Karen MacDonald purchases a copy of each selection for the library collection. Any title may be borrowed by a library patron, though a book that's to be discussed will be reserved for book group participants the month of the discussion. For a copy of the complete list of books read in 2008, stop

at the library. Questions, please call the library. (NOTE: look for the 2009 book list in an upcoming Amherst Citizen.)

Passes to Four Museums at the Library

Looking for some activities for the holidays? Passes are available to library patrons to four area museums. (Come spring, passes will again be available to the Canterbury Shaker Village which closed for the season on December 7.) Three are free, one has a small co-pay. Call or check the websites for updated information on current exhibits and hours open at the following:

- Currier Museum of Art
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- Millyard Museum
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 Website: see-sciencecenter.org
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Museum of Fine Arts
 465 Huntington Avenue
 Boston, MA
 Tel: 617-267-9300
 Website: <http://www.mfa.org/>

Take away FLEX pass - one pass admits two adults (NOTE: \$5 co-pay for EACH adult) Some special exhibits at the MFA require a ticket which is an additional charge - check the website for details.

Passes may be checked out for one week. (Take away passes are not returned.) Late returns will incur a \$5 penalty. To reserve passes stop in or call the library at 673-7888. All passes made possible through the fundraising efforts of the Friends of the Library.

MOMS Club of Milford / Mont Vernon

The MOMS Club of Milford / Mont Vernon meets every second Friday of each month at the Mont Vernon Congregational Church in Mont Vernon at 9:30am. This is a non-profit organization that supports at-home moms and their children that reside in the towns of Milford, Mont Vernon and Wilton. We

will be planning get togethers, playgroups, special activities and service and community projects. All activities are during the daytime except for a monthly mom's night out. Please contact Michelle Paquette, president @ momsclubofmilfordare@yahoo.com for more information.

FIRST LEGO League Teams Compete

NASHUA, N.H. - Returning New Hampshire State FIRST LEGO League champions, The Inventioneers, found the thoroughness of their research combined with creative, but practical solutions strengthened their advocacy campaign for the use of algae as a bio-fuel.

FIRST LEGO League - For Innovation and Recognition of Science and Technology - seeks to encourage an interest in science, math, and technology among students, ages 9-14, in a compressed, fast-paced program.

The seventh annual state championship at Nashua High School South on Saturday, Dec. 6, had 51 teams from New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts present their findings from this year's challenge, Climate Connections. Climate Connections asked teams to study an issue related to the climate in their communities, create innovative solutions and share their solutions with their respective communities.

Special Judges' Awards (recognize particularly innovative strategies and performance) include

The Judges' FLL Musical Review Award went to Team 4610, Team AtmosFEAR, a neighborhood team sponsored by the Amherst Recreation Department in Amherst, N.H. Team members are Rebecca O'Dowd, Anthony Zeolie, Alex Mendola, Danny O'Dowd, Emmy McGuy, Matt O'Dowd, and Sage Wesenberg. Coaches are Rich Wesenberg and Jim O'Dowd.

Team AtmosFEAR, placed 1st place in the Research project. Every year the FFL sends out a challenge and a research topic for local teams. This year the topic was

Climate Connections. Each team picks a topic to study. Team AtmosFEAR chose to study Sugar Maples. Their project "The Effect of Climate Change on Sugar Maples in NH" won them first place out of 16 teams that competed. They spent many hours researching the topic, speaking to Hillsborough County forestry experts, the NH State Climatologist, local Conservation Commission members (including Amherst Citizen contributing editor Bruce Beckley), and even contacted a professor at University of Illinois currently doing a field experiment on Sugar Maples.

The team also performed well in robot performance, placing 2nd in that category. The teams are to program a robot to perform tasks on a large table with Lego obstacles the kids build. Team AtmosFEAR then went on to compete in the State Competition held on December 6th.

One of the research tasks is to present your findings to a local group if applicable. The team found that lowering our carbon footprint would help prevent the Sugar Maples from migrating north to Canada. The team suggested that as a community many steps can be taken, including encouraging the town to buy open space land as it becomes available. The Selectmen are considering the purchase of 104 acres of open space on Fellows Farm Rd. The team presented their view at the public hearing on why they believe the town should purchase this property.



Team AtmosFEAR members (left to right): Rebecca O'Dowd, Danny O'Dowd, Sage Wesenberg, Emmy McGuy, Alex Mendola, Anthony Zeolie, Matthew O'Dowd. Not pictured: Head Coach: Rich Wesenberg, Head Table Coach: Jim O'Dowd, Head Research Coach: Tara Pompeo

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