Town News

AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

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Mon-Thu, 9:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
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Sun, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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Open Play Time

Tuesday, June 16 from 10-12

Drop in anytime to socialize and play. All ages, no registration required. Good for Moms as well as kids!

Call 673-2288 and sign YOUR act up with Miss Jackie. Even if you are not performing, come support the talent and be part of the audience, which every good talent show needs.

Farmer's Market Storytime

Join Miss Jackie the second Thursday of every month for a fun family storytime. 3:30-4:00 on the Town Green. Weather permitting.

Summer Reading...

is just around the corner! We have a magical summer planned for you and your family. With programs for kids and teens and adults, there is something for everyone. Specific programming details are coming soon. If you want a sneak peek, check out our online calendar of events at www.amherst.lib.nh.us.

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Release the Magic – Read!

"Release the Magic–Read" logo

For over forty years, the Amherst Town Library has offered a summer reading program to help children maintain literacy skills during the summer and to create a love of reading as a leisure activity. Historically, this program has mainly drawn from the students at Clark and Wilkins. However, last year the scope of the program was expanded to include students at all levels and adults. The theme of this year's program is Release the Magic… Read!

Bunny in the hat

The program will run from June 22 to August 14 with a special finale on August 13—an End of Summer Cookout on the Town Green. Below you will find a brief overview of the program offerings. Children at Clark and Wilkins will be sent home with a detailed calendar of events in early June. For more information, please visit the library website www.amherst.lib.nh.us or call 673-2288.

Elementary—Release the Magic…Read!

Participants must register and will be given a game board to log minutes read. Minutes being read-to count as well! This year they have a choice between earning Fairy Wings or graduating Wizard Academy. As the kids read, they will earn books and prizes and chances to win weekly raffles. There are lots and lots of activities planned including storytimes, craft programs, and writing workshops. Visiting performers include a musician, a magician, an educator from the Museum of Science and Wildlife Encounters Zoo.

Middle School/High School—Middle School Magic…Power Up and Read!

The book bucks are back! As in last year's program, participants will be awarded a "book buck" for each book they read during the program (June 22-August 14). "Bucks" may be redeemed for instant prizes, used to purchase books from the summer cart or entered into weekly raffles for prizes such as gift cards from iTunes, Wal-Mart and various other local merchants. Special programs will be offered for students in middle and high school including craft sessions, an ice cream taste off, a Teen Movie Night, and a Guitar hero Tourney.

Magician

Adult—Realize the Magic… Read!

Participants will be asked to complete an entry form for each book they read during the program (June 22- August14). Several programs will be offered including a dance program in the garden, a home staging presentation by Jackie Davis and two cooking programs.

It will be a magical and fun-filled summer at the Amherst Town Library. Please join us!

Calling All Gardeners And Artists

Celebrate summer and the start of the library's 2009 Summer Reading Program for Adults by creating a live floral arrangement inspired by the written word – from works of poetry to classic fairytales. The arrangements and the books that inspired them will be part of a "Books in Bloom" display at the Amherst Town Library from June 22 – June 26.

The arrangements will be judged and awards for "Best Floral Display", "Best Literary Interpretation", and a "People's Choice Award" will be announced at a reception on Wednesday, June 24 at 7pm. The reception is open to entrants, their guests and the public. Light refreshments will be served.

To enter a floral arrangement in the exhibit, submit an entry form to the library by June 17. Forms are available at the library or on the library's web site at http://www.amherst.lib.nh.us.

Nutritious Foods From Cultures Around The World At The Amherst Town Library

On Tuesday, June 23, at 7PM, the Amherst Town Library presents "Nutritious Foods from Cultures Around the World" as part of the 2009 Adult Summer Reading Program.

Gale Carey, Ph. D., is a professor of nutritional science at the University of New Hampshire. Her research interests include effects of environmental chemicals in human health, obesity, diabetes and lactation.

This presentation takes you on a virtual trip around the globe. You'll learn about (and taste!) food from each of five different cultures - their history, lore and health benefits.

This program is made possible by the University of New Hampshire Speakers Bureau which connects faculty and staff speakers with non-profit organizations to share the research and knowledge of the university with the people and communities of New Hampshire.

To register for this special evening, please call the Amherst Town Library at 673-2288, email library@amherst.lib.nh.us , or visit the Library's web site at http://www.amherst.lib.nh.us and click on the calendar icon labeled "Calendar of Events" on the homepage.

Check Out An Amazon Kindle At The Amherst Town Library

The Amherst Town Library is pleased to announce a new addition to the collection. An Amazon Kindle 2 wireless reading device is now available for checkout. The device will circulate for one week. The Kindle is thinner than most magazines and as light as a paperback book. The improved display reads like paper, but has additional functionality, letting you select contrast and font size, or even a "read-to-me" text-to-speech feature. The library's Kindle has been loaded with 14 fiction, nonfiction, youth and teen titles including bestsellers such as Jodi Picoult's "Handle with Care", "American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House" by Jon Meacham, and pop-culture sensation "Twilight" by Stephanie Meyer.

The Library's vision statement includes a commitment to innovation in technology, each year exploring new formats and offerings. Sometimes, as in the case of DVDs or downloadable audiobooks, the technologies take hold and become an ongoing part of the collection. Other experiments, like downloadable video, have failed to have an enduring presence in the library. Former Library Trustee Dave Hallenbeck has a passion for technology's ability to maximize access to information resources. He has been instrumental in keeping the library committed to looking ahead regarding technology. The Board approved the purchase of the Kindle with Dave in mind, and hope that he'll be one of the first users!

To borrow the library's Kindle, call 673-2288, or visit the website at http://www.amherst.lib.nh.us and place a request for "Kindle 2" in the online catalog.

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