

**AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY**

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**October is an exciting month in the Children's Room!**

- Come and look at our display of Halloween books for all ages, just waiting to be borrowed.
- Sign up for our Not-So-Scary Halloween Party on Wednesday, October 27th from 3:30-4:30. We'll be sharing some Halloween stories and songs, making some Halloween crafts, getting a little facepaint, and hosting a photo-shoot in front of our Halloween Bulletin Board—so make sure to come in costume! Space is limited, so come in, call (673-2288) or go online (www.amherst.lib.nh.us) to register, or for more information.
- Come in anytime on Oct. 28, 29, 30th or 31st and make your own simple "Halloween Ghostie" (limit one-per-child, please)
- "Open Playtime" for infants and toddlers and their caregivers---come on in and hang out with our supply of sturdy toys---we'll have music playing, and a chance for caregivers to chat while the children play! From 10:00-11:00, Friday Oct. 15.

As always, you're invited to join us for preschool story hours: infants-2yrs. on Tuesday mornings, 4-6 yr. olds on Wednesdays, and 2 and 3 yr. olds on Thursdays. Programs run through the week of Oct. 18-22, and start up again the week of Nov. 8. For times and more details, call 673-2288 or go to www.amherst.lib.nh.us.

**November - Spanish is Fun!**

Ages 4 - 7  
Join senora Rowley on Tuesdays from 3:30 - 4:15 for an afternoon of fun - learning basic Spanish vocabulary, games, stories and songs.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED, so please drop by the Children's Room, call 673-2288, or go to www.amherst.lib.nh.us

**Coming up****A "Not-so-scary" Halloween party!**

Come join us in the Children's Room on Wednesday, October 27th from 3:30-4:30pm. for an afternoon of

**Amherst Town Library****Outer Landscape / Inner Likeness**

AMHERST - The Amherst Town Library is offering an inspiring, thought provoking four part series that will explore the difference between the environment that nature offers us and the settings we create for ourselves. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 13, October 27, and November 10 from 1-2:30 p.m. as recently retired Souhegan High School teacher Nancy Baker leads this series in the Johnson Meeting Room. You are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions.

This is an interdisciplinary experience, drawing on literature, philosophy, mythology, music and art to look deeper at the ways landscape shapes us. Major elements include Margaret Atwood's short story Death by Landscape, some pastoral



"Halloween-y" activities. We'll start off with some stories and songs, and continue with face-painting, craft projects, and a special photo center, where you can pose in your costume for a holiday portrait.

Limited to 25 children, and registration is required. For more information/registration please call us at 673-2288 or visit our website www.amherst.lib.nh.us.

**Great Stone Face Reviewer's Club**

Come and join Miss Sarah in reading and reviewing books that are under consideration for next year's statewide reading list, the Great Stone Face Award List. Your reviews will help shape the list for middle school readers around the state! We'll be reading the newest books, giving our opinions about what we've read, and snacking while we talk---what could be more fun? The club meets the first Wednesday of every month. Grades 5 and 6. For details and registration, please call Miss Sarah at 673-2288.

**Junior Book Club**

On the second Wednesday of each month, parents and kids gather for our Junior Book Club. In preparation for our next meeting, we are reading a wonderful book by Betty Birney, The Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs. Like the main character in this book, we'll all be looking for the hidden wonders of our own community. Then, club members will forward me photos of their discoveries, and we'll all enjoy a slide show at our next meeting---I'm really looking forward to getting to know my new community of Amherst through the eyes of club members! Grades 2-4. For more details, and registration, please call Miss Sarah at 673-2288.

**Storytimes**

We offer storytimes for children ages newborn to 6yrs.:

**Baby Listeners**  
Tuesday at 10 am  
Lapsit with caregiver.  
From birth - 24 mos.

**Terrific 2's & 3's**  
Thursdays at 10 am  
Caregivers present.  
Includes a simple craft.

**Book Bunch**  
Wednesday at 11:30 am  
Stories for ages 4-6.

Fall storytimes continue through the week of Oct. 18-22, and begin again on Nov. 9th, running until Dec. 16.

**It's About Conservation****Partnering**

By BRUCE B. BECKLEY  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER



Marriage and conservation have at least one commonality. Both work best with partners. I won't go into the marriage side of the equation. I do know the Amherst Conservation Commission would be hurting without its partners. Our wealth of partnerships begins with you and your neighbors. Without you and the support you give at the polls, your Commission would be hard pressed to keep many fields open for scenic beauty, sliding, and as important wildlife habitat. The same goes for maintenance of trail information postings and the Souhegan canoe ports.

The now defunct Open Space Advisory Committee benefitted greatly from its partnerships with the ACC and the Amherst Land Trust. When the OSAC was created, it was not given any operating funds for required appraisals and professionals' fees. The ALT and the ACC joined with funds to support the OSAC.

The Society For The Protection of New Hampshire Forests is another partner whose efforts in support of OSAC now support the ACC and ALT. A representative of the Forest Society secured a grant from the Norwin S. & Elizabeth Bean Foundation (a strong conservation partner itself) to underwrite training and material preparation for OSAC. The Land Protection Specialist also met with Amherst landowners to educate and expedite land protection negotiations.

The ACC would be much the poorer without the support of local merchants and professionals. As an example, outstanding gifts by the Desmarais family and the P.J. Currier Lumber Co. have made many of our trails much more friendly for hikers of all ages. The honor roll of supporters is long. Thank goodness!

When it comes to land protection, I feel we in the conservation community may have fallen short. One way that partnerships could work is like this;

- Let's say, you would like to buy a parcel, 20 acres for talking purposes. The seller will not sell for an amount you feel able to pay.
- The land has conservation attributes that match the Amherst Land Protection Guidelines and has a reasonable appraised value.
- The buyer (you) could agree to sell a conservation easement giving up any further development rights on the balance of the parcel (15-18 acres) at the time of closing to a conservation organization such as the ACC or ALT, thereby reducing the buyer's cash commitment and protecting the bulk of the parcel for conservation.

A win-win partnership - as it should be. A real-life story of several partners working together to preserve 300 acres comes from Wareham, Massachusetts. Included in the partnering are: The Congregation of Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary which sold an easement on 95 acres, the Massachusetts Audubon Society, the Wareham Land trust, abutters who granted easements, and funds from local, state, and federal sources. All put together, the lands become Mass Audubon's newest sanctuary called the Attleboro Springs Wildlife Sanctuary At La Salette making the healing qualities of the natural world available for people who come to find respite.

Aren't partners wonderful to have?

**Fall Fairy Pumpkin House Program**

Make a Fall Fairy Pumpkin House ~ A Special Halloween event at P MEC

There's magic in the air...fairy pumpkin magic. Join other girls & boys ages 7-12 and be inspired & guided by Miss Sierra to make Fall Fairy Pumpkin Houses. This once-a-year special event is not to be missed!!

Ordinary pumpkins will be transformed into delightful glowing fairy houses, complete with tiny fairy furniture made of twigs, shells and milkweed pods---which kids will make & take home (fully furnished) in time for Halloween.

Nature, creativity and FUN are the focus of the afternoon.

Warm cider & pumpkin bread are also included in the celebration.

BYOP (Bring Your Own Pumpkin), no larger than 12-14" round is ideal to carve and scoop out. Work shirt or smock suggested. Short, squat pumpkins work better than tall, skinny ones and so that their hands don't get too cold scooping out pumpkin seeds, consider keeping your child's pumpkin in the house the night before.



Where: Peabody Mill Environmental Center  
When: Sunday, 10/24  
Time: 1:00-4:00pm  
Who: Ages 7-12  
Fee: \$25 Amherst Resident, \$30 Nonresident  
Visit our website at www.pmec.org or call 673-1141 or 673-6248 for more information. Register at www.amherstrec.org. Advanced registration is required.

**10 Questions to Ask When Insuring Your Antique Home**

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4. Do you offer unlimited building code coverage to protect me from paying for new laws & ordinances enacted since my home was built?
5. If there is a claim, do you pay me for the complete damage up front (replacement cost) for both my home & my belongings instead of actual cash value?
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