

## Town News

### AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

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Sun, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

### Children's Programming at the Amherst Town Library

#### Storytimes

All of our traditional Storytimes are drop in, we love to see you when you are able to attend. Storytimes are held the following days and times:

**Baby Listeners** lapsit storytime (from birth to 24 mos.) is on Friday mornings at 10:30. Current session meets: April 11.

**Toddler Time** for 2 and 3 year olds and their caregivers meet Tuesdays at 10:00. Current session meets: April 8.

**Book Bunch** for 3-6 yr. olds is on Thursday mornings at 10:00am, and Thursday afternoons at 1:00pm. Current session meets: April 10.

#### Book Clubs

**The Great Stone Face Reviewer's Club** (for 5th and 6th graders) gets together on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 to talk about the newest fiction titles that we've all been reading—then Miss Sarah passes these opinions on to the Great Stone Face Committee at the state level. We're an opinionated group that loves to read---and loves to talk about what we're reading! If you'd like to join us, come in and talk to Miss Sarah.

**The Popcorn-Eating Monsters Club** (for 7th and 8th graders) gather on the 4th Wednesday of each month to share opinions about the newest YA fiction titles we're reading. If you love to read, and love to talk about what you're reading, come and join us! Talk to Miss Sarah if you're interested.

#### Coming up in April:

**Monday, April 14** at 3:30---Bonjour, Les Kids w/ Madam Thenin. We're so lucky to have another visit from Madam Thenin, who shares songs, games and activities with our kids—all in the beautiful French language. For kids ages 3-8. Space is limited, so please register online.

#### April Vacation Week Activities:

Don't sit around bored during school vacation week. The children's room at the library has a lot planned!



(For those events requiring registration, please call 673-2288 or go online to [www.amherstlibrary.org](http://www.amherstlibrary.org))

**Monday April 21** at 2:00pm: AFTERNOON MOVIE MATINEE. Bring a water bottle and a pillow, and we'll provide the popcorn and the big screen! Come and join us!

**Tuesday April 22** at 10:00: Matchbox Mania! We had so much fun last vacation, we've decided to try it again! So drive on down to the Children's Room, where we'll have everything set up to enjoy our collection of matchbox vehicles---roads, tracks, blocks,etc. If you have some favorites that you want to try out on our tracks, bring them along, but make sure to label them with your name.

Space is limited, so please register your child. For children ages 3 and up.

**Tuesday April 22** at 2:00pm: WINGMASTERS: The World of Owls This program shows how owls use their specialized powers of sight, hearing and flight to survive and thrive. A wealth of fact and folklore about these masters of the dark explains the natural and unnatural history of owls. A variety of live owls provides the focus of the presentation.

For children 6 and up.  
Space is limited, so registration is required. Registration opens on March 25.

**Tuesday April 22** at 3:30pm READ TO LEO Do you have a beginning reader? Why not sign them up for a "reading appointment" with our certified therapy dog, Leo?

Reading aloud to a canine friend is a great confidence and fluency builder for kids who are just learning to read. Sign up in the Children's Room for a 15-min. appointment.

**Thursday April 24** at 10:30: Miss Lindsay and her PUPPET PALS--- Miss Lindsay brings a huge collection of lovingly handcrafted, life sized hand puppets and marionettes to child and family audiences across New England. Filled with silly humor, crowd participation, and unique, memorable characters, this series of charming, positive short stories will delight the young and the young at heart! Ideal for ages 3-8. Show is an hour long.

**Friday, April 25** at 2pm: LEGO MY LIBRARY Bring your Lego creativity to the library, and see what you can build with the Legos we provide!

ALL WEEK LONG: MAKE-IT/ TAKE-IT CRAFT--- Come in anytime, all week, and make your own craft!

### It's About Conservation

## Quietude

By BRUCE B. BECKLEY  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Matt Kowalsky asks Dr. Ryan Stone what she likes best about floating miles above the earth. Stone replies, "The quiet".

Does a day go by when you don't wish for quiet - reprieve from the noises of traffic, kids, motorized things, the radio? We can't join Stone in space; however, we can distance ourselves for moments from the invasive noises assaulting our ears. The sounds from the neighbors, highways, and the world are hard to duck. Solitude and quietude are hard-to-find commodities as much as we need some every day.

The paths kept by the Conservation Commission and other others lead to places out of sight of the noise generators, if not totally beyond their hearing. There are places in town where even the sound of Route 101 truck tires is diminished. Here's a sampler of places we choose:

- The Reflecting Place over Beaver Brook behind the Congregational Church.
- Along the Hammond Brook Trail in Joe English Reservation where the music of falling water negates the man-made intrusions.



• Also in JER are the benches set along Joe English Brook and ponds for resting the body with the ears. Other benches you may choose to find are beside the Souhegan River off Fairway Drive, on the B&M Trail, and on the Bragdon Farm north of Rt. 101.

• A bench on the long bridge over the beaver pond in Pond Parish Town Forest is a special place.

• My premiere escape route is the Grater Woods Trail, passing under century-old pines to reach the bluff where bird calls (and an occasional South-west bird) prevail.

Someone visiting the country for the first time asked, "What's that strange sound?" The host answered, "It's called Quiet". Find your own place of quiet. Books, pads, and pencils (non-electronic) are acceptable companions. Nature has been bountiful to Amherst. Take your feet and join her for an hour of quiet(er) refreshment and re-creation.

### Amherst Town Library

## Pianist Deborah Wyndham Plays Ragtime Through The Ages

AMHERST – In the final program of the very popular Sundays at 4 Music Series, the Amherst Town Library presents, "Pianist Deborah Wyndham Plays Ragtime through the Ages" on Sunday, April 13th from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Main Reading Room of the Library. The Amherst Town Library is appreciative for the funding provided by the Friends of the Amherst Town Library for this 2014 music series.

Pianist and composer Deborah Wyndham has given over 3000 past performances and plays a wide variety of music from ragtime and other early jazz styles to original contemporary music. In this ragtime concert, audience members can expect to hear a whole assortment of rags and related styles of pieces by various American composers from the ragtime era and beyond. With different ethnic musical influences and at first rejected by society for its unusual, syncopated rhythm and venues where it was played, ragtime later on received wide acclaim and its popularity spread fast. Ragtime is an important part of our American musical heritage.

Deborah Wyndham, whose playing is often described as sounding "like four hands," has appeared on FOX, NBC, and ABC. She opens a new world of timeless, hauntingly beautiful music. As Dr. Frank Corbett, Jr. of CNET Review says, "An artist like Deborah only comes along once in a lifetime..."

All presentations are free and open to the public. However, registration is REQUIRED for each performance due to space limitations. To register for any or all of the Sundays at 4 concerts, please call 673-2288,



Deborah Wyndham

email [library@amherstlibrary.org](mailto:library@amherstlibrary.org) or visit our website at [www.amherstlibrary.org](http://www.amherstlibrary.org) and select the "Community Services" tab, then click on drop down "Sign-Up for Programs."

## It's Coming: 2014 Student Art Show!

The Friends of the Amherst Town Library will be show casing selected artworks from the SAU-39 schools in the 2014 Student Art Show during the month of May at the Amherst Town Library. Artists reception to be held on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11, 2014 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Again this year, in addition to students receiving participation ribbons, 15 art awards will be given to selected artworks juried by five local artists.

Awards will take the form of framing two-dimensional artworks or a plaque for three-dimensional

artworks.

Award ceremony for selected juried artwork will be at 3:00 p.m. on Mother's Day. Artists selected for awards will be notified prior to award ceremony.

A special thank you goes out to the local businessesand an anonymous sponsor that made these awards possible:

Amherst Orthodontics, Black Forest Cafe, Boyd & Boufford Insurance Agency, Casual Cats, Davis & Towle Walnut Hill Insurance Agency, Eco Stoneworks, First Colebrook Bank, Jacqueline Shima O'Dowd, Koehler Landscapes Con-

struction Services, Inc., Lake Sunapee Bank, Maine Cernota & Rardin, and Stephanie Wales Photography

In appreciation of our sponsors, artworks that received awards will be hung at the local businesses that sponsored awards in the month of June followed by a group showing at the SAU-39 administrative offices for the month of July.

The Friends of the Amherst Town Library would also like to thank the following businesses that made contributions to the Student Art Show reception: Shaws of Milford and Hannaford of Bedford

### ► "Go Green" With Julie!

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living, organic foods, and holistic medicine; along with devoting countless hours to reading blogs, watching documentaries, taking courses, attending seminars and conventions, and educating herself on all things healthy! You can find out more about Julie at [www.happyveghead.com](http://www.happyveghead.com)

All programs in the April month long series for adults are free and

open to the public. However, registration is REQUIRED for each program due to space limitations. Other upcoming programs for adults in the Ah! Get Ready for the Days of Summer series include: "Finding My Muse: Getting from the Ordinary to the Extraordinary in Writing...Writing Workshop with author Lisa C. Taylor," on Saturday, April 26 at 2 p.m.; and, "Longfellow:

The Poet and His Songs," a living history presentation on Tuesday, April 29 at 7 p.m. You can register for all these events by calling 673-2288, emailing [library@amherstlibrary.org](mailto:library@amherstlibrary.org) or by visiting our website at [www.amherstlibrary.org](http://www.amherstlibrary.org) and selecting the "Community Services" tab, then click on drop down "Sign-Up for Programs."



## Children's Book Publishing Workshop by Author Maryann Cocca-Leffler

MILFORD – Do you have an idea for a Children's Book? Come to: THE PATH TO CHILDREN'S BOOK PUBLISHING.

Local Author-Illustrator, Maryann Cocca-Leffler will share what it takes to get a children's book published. Topics include: The Publishing process from idea to printed book, The Business of Publishing from queries, submissions, and contracts, and Tips and Industry Re-

sources to help you navigate the competitive world of Children's Book Publishing. Saturday, April 12. 9:30am- 1pm. \$45.00.

Location: ART HAPPENS 37 Wilton Rd. Milford.

For more Information and to register, visit: [www.MaryannCoccaLeffler.com](http://www.MaryannCoccaLeffler.com) or contact Maryann at [MCLeffler@aol.com](mailto:MCLeffler@aol.com) or 672-8991.

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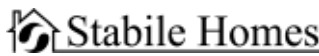
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#### Services:

- Regular health screenings and clinics
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#### Come Visit Us!

From Wal-Mart in Amherst, head west on 101A (Amherst St) 1 mile. Take right on Veterans Rd. 1/4 mile on right.



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