

Town News

AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

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Storytime

Here at the Amherst town Library, children and their families are very important to us...we know that early introduction to libraries helps to develop lifelong readers! We offer story programs for children from the time they're born right up until they enter first grade.

Toddler Time

Tuesdays at 10:00am, 2 and 3 year olds, Caregivers present

The Tuesday story time offers a variety of books, songs, finger plays and felt board activities for our young preschooler. Two or three stories geared to the younger child will be presented, and every 45-minute session concludes with a simple craft for child and caregiver to complete together.

Book Bunch

Wednesdays at 10:00am and 1:00pm, 3 to 6 year olds

Our Book Bunch storytime is designed with the longer attention span of the older child in mind. These action-packed 45 minute programs include a wide variety of books, fingerplays, songs, and conclude with a theme-related craft.

Baby Listeners

Lapsit Storytime, Fridays at 10:30am, birth to 24 months, Caregivers present

Our "baby" group meets on Friday mornings and offers an opportunity for babies and their caregivers to gather for rhymes, songs and puppets. This 30-minute program emphasizes traditional rhymes that reinforce language patterns and provide for parent/child interaction. A simple book or two intended for this age is generally highlighted.

Book Clubs

Junior Book Club (grades 2-4), for parents and kids, 3rd Wednesday of each month @ 6:30pm

We talk about the books we read, do fun activities - and eat snacks!



The Great Stone Face Club (grades 5-6), 1st Wednesday of each month @ 6:30pm

Come read books from a "master list" of the newest kids' fiction. You can choose any book you'd like from the list—we don't all read the same thing at the same time. Then we "score" the books we read on a scale of 1-10. We meet to talk, talk about our books, and to share the scores we've given. We can be very opinionated! Oh, and we snack while we talk! You can read one book a month, or you can read as many as you'd like.

Popcorn Eating Monsters Club (grades 7-8), 2nd Wednesday of each month @ 6:30pm

We do more than just eat popcorn! Members get together to talk about the latest young adult fiction, host parties, help out with a few library chores, and eat snacks! Call Miss Sarah at 673-2288 or click here to email for more information.

Fairy Houses Event

Tuesday September 23, 2014

3:45 PM to 5:15 PM

Johnson Meeting Rm

We think the library garden is just the place for some fairy houses--if you think so, too, come to the library for a fairy house event! We'll listen to the book Fairy Houses by Tracy Kane to get some inspiration, then we'll go out into the garden for the construction phase--surely, some fairies will move in once they see the houses we build!

Hopefully, every child will leave the library inspired to create a fairy house or two at home...

Space is limited, so please register your child.

For children ages 5 and up.

Museum Passes

The Amherst Town Library offers free museum passes and discount coupons for local and Boston-area museums to Amherst Town Library cardholders. Passes are generously funded by the Friends of the Amherst Town Library.

It's About Conservation

Fall Flyers

By BRUCE B. BECKLEY
CONTRIBUTING WRITER



Katy-Dids began their distinctive late-summer recitatives about a month ago, signaling six weeks to frost – so the saying goes. And here we are under the Full Corn Moon recognizing fall's advent. This is the moon whose name is attributed to Native Americans because it marked when corn was supposed to be harvested.

With this season, Nature's helicopters seem to congregate over the backyard and gardens. Imagining a virtual line over the lawn, two dozen dragon and damselflies crisscrossed the line a few days ago, flying from ground level to 50 feet above. Exchanging air space, the insects and humming birds kept up their busy interweaving paces.

The National Laboratory website known as 'Newton' provides nature bulletins on about 300 subjects. The following material is extracted from Nature Bulletin 299-A. These bulletins may be found at <http://www.newton.dep.anl.gov/>.

"Few creatures are more fascinating to watch than those graceful airplane-like insects which patrol ponds and streams – the Dragonflies. In the world of insects they excel in speed, aerial acrobatics and ability to hover seemingly motionless in

mid-air. Zooming and darting like fighter planes, the four long wings of the dragonfly move so fast that they blur and buzz like miniature propellers. Dragonflies have been clocked at 32 mph.

"About 2700 species of these sun-loving insects are known, mostly in warmer climates where their young grow up in freshwater lakes, ponds and streams. The adults eat enormous amounts of mosquitos, gnats and other insects which they scoop out of the air in a "basket" formed by their legs and chest, like a boy catching a football. They chew and swallow their prey, either while on the wing or as they sit alert for another victim."

Tom Young of the Audubon Society of NH has photographed numerous dragonflies and damselflies along the Souhegan River. He lists the section of Route 122 in Amherst as one of the premiere observation locations for dragonflies in the state. He emphasizes that the critical habitat extends the entire stretch of the river and that dragonflies are not very tolerant of poor water quality conditions. Hence, dragonflies are an indicator species of a stream's water quality.

REMINDER: Amherst Town Library

Friends of the Library Book Sale September 13

AMHERST – Booklovers are urged to save a few hours on Saturday, September 13, to attend the Amherst Friends of the Library Book Sale. One of the largest book sales in the state, the Amherst sale boasts almost 14,000 books, 95% of which have been donated by a book loving and generous community. The quality of the books is known to be excellent. Many books, especially the children's books, are like new and make excellent Christmas gifts. Wise parents get there early!

The sale is held at the Amherst Congregational Church across from the village common where the Historical Society is holding their Antiques on the Green at the same time. The doors open at 8:00 AM for members and at 8:30 AM for the general public. For ten dollars new members may join at the door beginning at 7:30 AM. Prices are \$1.00 for most adult books and \$.50 for children's books.

Shoppers should come early to get the best selection. At 1:00 pm the doors are closed for fifteen minutes. When the doors reopen, books are priced at \$5.00 for a brown bag full. Empty bags are provided at the

door. At 2:30, charities are invited to take the books they would like for no charge.

The book sale raises funds for special projects at the library including special collections, furnishings, and children's room projects. It also puts good books back into circulation and makes them available to people at minimal cost. It is a good situation all around!



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The Social Bear: What Bears Have Taught Me About Being Human

The Amherst Town Library presents Wildlife Biologist Ben Kilham's fascinating program, "The Social Bear: What Bears Have Taught Me About Being Human," on Thursday, September 25th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Ben's love of and devotion to black bears has enabled him to study their habits and interact with them for more than two decades. He and his wife, Debra, have accepted orphan bears into their home and enabled them to successfully return to the wild. Ben, who is based in Lyme, New Hampshire, has been the focus of several news articles and documentaries, including National Geographic's A Man Among Bears and Animal Planet's Papa Bear. He co-authored *Among the Bears: Raising Orphaned Cubs in the Wild*. His new book, *Out on a Limb: What Black Bears Taught Me About Intelligence and Intuition*, presents his intriguing studies of black bear behavior. Black bears, thought to be solitary, have a different type of social behavior that possibly parallels early human behavior. They show evidence of reciprocal altruism, food sharing, and early group formation of unrelated individuals. Bears can live for



Wildlife Biologist Ben Kilham

as many as forty years, which allow them long-term benefits from forming relationships with fellow cooperators. There will also be a book signing after Ben's presentation.

Ben's program kicks off a series of programs for adults at the Amherst Town Library called, Into the Wild. Other programs in this series include, "An Alaska Wilderness Canoe Journey," on Tuesday, October 14 at 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.; and "Ansel Adams as an Environmentalist,"

on Wednesday, October 29 at 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. All programs are free and open to the public. However, registration is REQUIRED for each program due to space limitations. You can register for these events by calling 673-2288, emailing library@amherstlibrary.org or by visiting our website at www.amherstlibrary.org and selecting the "Community Services" tab, then click on drop down "Sign-Up for Programs."

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Friends of the Library Art Exhibit

September Art Show by Josefina Clouse

The Friends of the Amherst Town Library welcomes Josefina Clouse to exhibit her self entitled art show during the month of September at the Amherst Town Library. Josefina's oil paintings capture the Soul of local Villages and Main Streets, bring life to the character of antique vehicles, and fill the room with the beauty of her still lifes. The show will hang from September 3rd to September 29th. There will also be an Artist Reception for Josefina on Sunday September 14th from 2 to 4pm on the main floor of the library.

Josefina has been a New Hampshire resident since 2001 and is currently living in Milford. She has been teaching the last twelve years here and in her home land, Mexico. She received her art training at the University of Chihuahua and studied many years with renowned Mexican painter, Jose Lucero. For many years, her work appeared in exhibition throughout Northern Mexico. In September of 2000 she



held her first personal exhibition at the Julieta Fine Art Gallery in the state capital of Chihuahua, Mexico. Josefina has also shown two of her

fall themed pieces at the Amherst Town Library during "Celebrating the Harvest" Show in 2012.



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