

## Town News

### AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

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### COME TO STORYTIME AT THE LIBRARY!

**Children's Programming at the Amherst Town Library**  
SESSION 3  
Starts Jan. 5 and runs through Feb. 13

#### Baby Listeners (newborn-2yrs.)

**Fridays at 10:30**  
Caregivers present  
Our "baby" group offers an opportunity for babies and their caregivers to gather for rhymes, songs and puppets. Emphasis is on traditional rhymes that reinforce language patterns and provide for parent/child interaction. A simple book or two intended for this age is generally highlighted.

#### Toddler Time (2 and 3-yr. olds)

**Tuesdays at 10:00**  
Caregivers present  
Toddler Time is for our 2 and 3 year olds who are just beginning to discover the joy of books and stories!



We mix it up with simple rhymes, songs, and puppets to appeal to a toddler's attention span. Each session concludes with a simple craft for the caregiver and child to create together. Come and join us, we have lots of fun!

#### Book Bunch (3-6 yrs.)

**Thurs. at 10:00 Thurs. at 1:00pm**  
Our "Book Bunch" storytime is designed for the longer attention span of the preschool-kindergarten set. These action-packed 40 minute programs include a wide variety of books, finger plays, and songs. At the conclusion of each session, caretakers are invited to come in and assist their children with a simple craft.

#### Pajama Storytime! (ages 3-6 yrs.)

**Mondays at 6:30pm**  
This is a 'Book Bunch' for the after-hours set! Put on your 'jammies' and head on down to the library for some stories and fun. Then it's home to brush your teeth and hop into bed. The perfect program for working families, or for those kids who like a little 'nightlife'! All groups meet once per week for six-week sessions which run from September until June. No registration is required. For more information, please call 603-673-2288 and ask for Miss Sarah or Miss Sue. For up-to-date information concerning library programs and events, please visit our website, www.amherstlibrary.org and click on Calendar of Events.

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## Evolving English: From Beowulf and Chaucer To Texts and Tweets

AMHERST – The Amherst Town Library welcomes Karolyn Kinane, PhD, for the presentation, "Evolving English: From Beowulf & Chaucer to Texts and Tweets," on Tuesday, March 3rd at 7:00 p.m. as part of the Library's series for adults entitled, "It's All About the Words." We thank the New Hampshire Humanities Council for the funding to bring this program to our community.

In this special program, Karolyn Kinane presents a lively, interactive crash course in the medieval English language, specifically the poetry of Chaucer's The Canterbury Tales. Participants will have the opportunity to read and recite medieval poetry aloud in a fun, relaxed environment. The program includes a brief, illustrated historical overview of the events that sparked linguistic transitions from the Anglo-Saxon and Anglo-Norman eras to the Middle English era,

including the Norman Invasion, the Black Death, and the invention of the printing press. Kinane closes by exploring how these medieval events are still embedded in the English we speak today and how modern inventions and events continue to shape language.

Kinane has been teaching, lecturing, and publishing on medieval English literature and culture for fourteen years. She has won awards for her work on female saints and she is the author of End of Days: Essays on the Apocalypse from Antiquity to Modernity. She is a Professor of English at Plymouth State University and specializes in Arthurian legends, Chaucer, and how the "medieval" is recycled and repackaged into our contemporary culture.

Please also join us for the rest of the It's All About the Words March series which includes: "An Evening with Frost" on Thursday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m.; "Words: the Choic-

est of Relics—a Word Play Event" on Monday, March 16 at 1:00 p.m.; "Book-Play" on Thursday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m.; "Family Stories: How and Why to Remember and Tell Them" on Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m.; "Stand Up, Inspire, Include and Invite" on Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m.; and, "Do-it-yourself Self-Publishing" on Thursday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m.

All programs in the It's All About the Words series for adults are free and open to the public. However, registration is REQUIRED for each program due to space limitations. You can register for all 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."

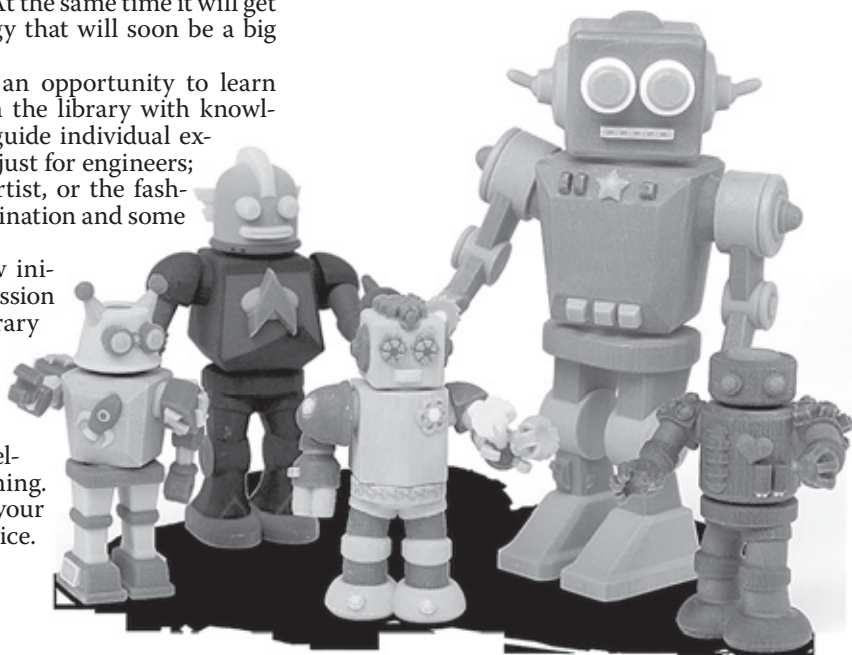
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For youth, 3D printers offer a unique way to capture the interest of the digitally obsessed with something that has physical, real-world applications. At the same time it will get them comfortable with technology that will soon be a big part of their lives.

For adults, 3D printing offers an opportunity to learn about an emerging technology in the library with knowledgeable staff and volunteers to guide individual exploration. This technology is not just for engineers; it is great for the hobbyist, the artist, or the fashion diva. All that is needed is imagination and some time.

To be part of this exciting new initiative or to schedule a training session for your group please contact Library Trustee Kim Ayers at 249-9108 or kimberlyayers@comcast.net.

While the library printers only print plastic, designs such as these can be created on the modeling software patrons will be learning. Third party companies can print your designs in the material of your choice.



Cubify robots from a 3D printer

### The Gateway Trio: Music As Language continued from page 1

after performing and teaching in the Netherlands for 20 years among others with Trio Aleotti, the Kurios Klarinet Quartet, and MusicaLeren. Karen has served for years as Solo Clarinet for the Singapore Symphony Orchestra and currently performs regularly in the New England area with groups such as the Boston Modern Orchestral Project, Cape Cod Symphony, Symphony NH, Granite State Symphony, Aliento Chamber Players, and the Longfellow Festival Orchestra. Karen also teaches at the Nashua Community Music School, The Brimmer and May School, and at her own private studio. Karen's musical studies took her to Manhattan School of Music, New York, the Royal Conservatory of Music in the Hague, and the Sweelinck Conservatory of Music in Amsterdam.

Pianist Molly Lozeau performs and teaches all over New Hampshire and the greater Boston area. Molly serves as adjunct faculty member teaching piano at Southern New Hampshire University, St. Anselm College, and Nashua Community Music School. She is the Music Director at First Church

Unitarian in Littleton, Massachusetts, providing solo piano and organ music as well as directing the mixed choir. For nearly six years she played piano and organ at Arlington Street Church in Boston for the chorus and weekly services. In the fall of 2009 she participated with soprano Rebekah Alexander in the Oxford Lieder Mastercourse in England. During the summers of 2007 and 2008 she served as a staff pianist and vocal coach at the Boston University Tanglewood Institute. Molly earned her Master of Music degree in collaborative piano from Boston University in 2008.

Soprano Lindsay Rinaldi is an active performer throughout the greater Boston area on the operatic stage. Before coming to Boston to complete her Masters in Opera Performance at the Longy School of Music, Lindsay studied and performed in Milan, Italy at the Accademia Internazionale della Musica, Università Cattolica and Scoula Politecnica di Design. Lindsay holds a Bachelors in Music in Music Performance from the University of Maine, where she graduated Summa Cum Laude with

High Honors. This academic background serves as an inspiration for her ongoing project to publish her research on the works of the forgotten Italian composer, Saverio Mercadante. Lindsay currently serves as the Executive Director of the Nashua Community Music School in addition to her position as adjunct Instructor of Voice and Music Education at Southern New Hampshire University.

We invite you to also join us for the final 2 of the Sundays at 4 music series: "The Klezwoods Quintet" on April 12th and "The Boston Saxophone Quartet: Duke Ellington Beyond Category Concert" on April 26th.

All events are free and open to the public. However, registration is REQUIRED for each performance due to space limitations. To register for any of these Sundays at 4 concerts, call 673-2288, email library@amherstlibrary.org or visit our website at www.amherstlibrary.org and select the "Community Services" tab, then click on drop down "Sign-Up for Programs."

### It's About Conservation

## Feel The Wind Blow

By BRUCE B. BECKLEY  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER



Can anyone climb or drive beside hills and mountains without feeling; without wanting to record their impressions in words, with a camera, or on canvas? Songs must have been written in every language expressing the grandeur and beauty of the hills with words like "For purple mountains majesty". Or in the ditty "The Bear Went Over the Mountain...", we could be that bear.

Every hill has a partner valley running beside it and a song to sing with it like this one, has been translated in several tongues:

**En bas dans la vallee, si basse vallee  
Courbe la tete, laisse passer l'orage,  
Laisse passer l'orage, Cherie, laisse passer l'orage  
Courbe la tete, laisse passer l'orage.**

John Muir wrote about the mountains following a visit to an oval-shaped valley dubbed "Twenty Hill Hollow" after the 20 hemispherical hills surrounding it: "It may be asked, 'What have mountains fifty miles or a hundred miles away to do with Twenty Hill Hollow? To lovers of the wild, these mountains are not one hundred miles away. Their spiritual power and the goodness of the sky make them near, as a circle of friends.'"

Muir concluded: "You cannot feel yourself out of doors; plain, sky, and mountains ray beauty which you feel. You bathe in these spirit beams, turning round and round, as if warming at a camp-fire... you blend with the landscape, and become part and parcel of nature."

New Hampshire author, Henry van Dyke was hiking in Franconia with a boy who asked "Who owns the mountains?" To which van Dyke re-

sponded, "You and I are very rich. We own the mountains. But we can never sell them."

He could have been writing this to us standing in the winds on Grater Bluff or the bare ledges of Joe English or sitting beside the Souhegan flowing past. Who owns all these? We do and they are ours to love and respect.

#### Amherst Conservation Commission News

The Amherst and Merrimack Conservation Commissions held a joint public meeting on January 11th. Together the two commissions manage over 500 acres of biologically diverse woods and wetlands in the area known as Grater Woods. The commissioners discussed each group's plans for management of the area.

Both commissions have plans to connect existing land with adjoining parcels when willing sellers surface. These additions will increase the ecological integrity of the greater area and offer more opportunities for passive recreation. Members from each town will be cooperating in planning new trails to connect the two trail systems, especially in the Grater Bluff and Three Ponds section. The ACC will be considering doing a natural resources inventory of the Amherst land similar to the one the MCC performed and is using as a stewardship plan for Grater Woods in Merrimack.

The commissioners also discussed jointly studying the conservation impacts and responding to the Kinder Morgan gas pipeline plan. Winds of change...

### Amherst Town Library

## Trivia Night "Fun Raiser" is Back!

AMHERST – Get those teams formed and registered as the Friends of the Amherst Town Library Annual Trivia Night fundraiser is on Saturday, March 28. The Friends of the Amherst Town Library is excited to share that Trivia Night has been moved to a bigger venue at Hampshire Hills Athletic Club in Milford so that 15 teams of ten can play! Cost is just \$12.00 per player. A night of fun is in-store, filled with raffle prizes donated by local businesses, a dinner menu of Hampshire Hills fine cuisine, beverages and desserts available for purchase along with laughter to be shared as teams compete for those bragging rights and cash prize!

Registration forms for teams are available now at the Amherst Library and at Hampshire Hills or can be downloaded at <http://www.amherstlibrary.org>. Registration deadline is Friday, March 13. All proceeds directly support the Friends of the Amherst Town Library. If you have any questions or are a local business that would like to donate a raffle prize please contact: Christine Farris at [trivianight@icloud.com](mailto:trivianight@icloud.com) or 667-3160.

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### THE TOADSTOOL BOOKSHOPS



**TIM DORSEY!**  
Mon., March 2, 5 p.m.



Attention Serge's Disciples, join us, and Coleman for an evening of laughs when the former NH resident visits for a book reading and signing in support of his latest madcap adventure, "SHARK SKIN SUITE".

**GAYLE LAURADUNN**  
Sun., March 8, 1 p.m.

Please join the visiting Albuquerque poet for a reading featuring selections from her debut collection, "REACHING FOR AIR".

**MARYANN COCCA-LEFFLER & DAUGHTER JANINE**  
Sat., March 28, 2 p.m.

Mother and daughter have teamed up to create a wondrously powerful picture book for children celebrating the unique-ness in each of us with, "JANINE". We'll have a reading and signing, followed by cake! Can't make it? We'll reserve a signed copy for you – give us a call or drop by.

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# TRIVIA NIGHT

**Saturday  
March 28<sup>th</sup>**  
@ Hampshire Hills

**Doors Open / Team check-in @ 5:30**  
**Dinner & Raffle Bids begin @ 5:30**  
Trivia begins @ 7:00 p.m.

Event Hosted by

Putting the **FUN** in fundraising!

**WINNING TEAM WILL BE AWARDED \$150.00 IN ADDITION TO BRAGGING RIGHTS!**

**TRIVIA NIGHT TEAMS: Consist of 10 adults 21 and older. (Maximum seating for 150 players. Open seats may be filled.)**

What can be better than a night out to dinner with friends & Trivia???

Raffle prizes sponsored by:

**THE MILE AWAY RESTAURANT**

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**LaBelle Winery**

**THE TOADSTOOL BOOKSHOPS**

**FRIDAYS**

**Innovations THE SALON & SPA**

**LONGHORN STEAKHOUSE**

Just to name a few...

**REGISTER TODAY!**

Download or e-mail for registration form at [www.amherstlibrary.org](http://www.amherstlibrary.org) or [Trivianight@icloud.com](mailto:Trivianight@icloud.com). Please complete and return registration form, along with your payment by Fri., March 13th to the Amherst Town Library, 14 Main Street, Amherst NH 03031. Cost is just \$12.00 per player! **Please make checks payable to Friends of the Amherst Town Library.** Raffle tickets will be available for purchase the night of event, cost \$1.00 per ticket or \$10.00 for 15 tickets. All proceeds directly support the Friends of the Amherst Town Library. **Dinners & Beverages are available for purchase the night of this event.** Please contact Christine Farris with any questions or to register your team or if you would like to preview dinner menu for this event by e-mail at [Trivianight@icloud.com](mailto:Trivianight@icloud.com).