

Town News

Amherst Town Library

“An Evening With Frost” Presentation with Discussion of His Poems

AMHERST – The Amherst Town Library announces “An Evening With Frost” with actor and teacher Stephen Collins on Thursday, March 12 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Main Reading Room of the Amherst Town Library. The program is part of the March Library series of programs called It’s All About the Words.

This presentation is a unique, interactive performance that begins with a short biographical introduction into the poet’s life. Robert Frost is greatly misunderstood. Certain people, some academics and politicians included, have tried to pigeonhole him, however the man is far more complicated than the surface indicates. This is, after all, a man who voted for Eugene Debs, one of the best known Socialists of the United States, but was vehemently opposed to Franklin Roosevelt and “The New Deal.” It is this man that is seen in his poems that are often dialectic between chaos and order. As part of the performance, an open discussion of the following poems will occur: “A Tuft of Flowers,” “The Mending Wall,” “Birches,” “After Apple Picking,” “Acquainted with the Night,” and “Desert Places.” Stephen is hoping people will come having



Stephen Collins conducts an interactive presentation of Robert Frost, March 12 at the Amherst Town Library

read these poems and ready to engage in conversation about them. Copies will be provided at the Library. The performance closes with a dramatic reading of Frost’s masterful use of blank prose in the hauntingly memorable “The Death of the Hired Man.”

Stephen Collins grew up in Cambridge, MA and received his BA in Literature from UMass

Boston. He is a performer and a teacher which a special focus on Walt Whitman, Thomas Hardy, Shakespeare, along with Robert Frost. He also works as a professionally licensed tour guide doing narrated historical tours of Boston.

Please also join us for the rest of the It’s All About the Words March series which includes: “Words: the Choicest 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.”

Amherst Town Library 3D Printing Initiative



Collage of 3D Systems examples

AMHERST – The Amherst Town Library is proud to announce that it has been awarded two competitive grants in order to bring 3D printing technology and training to the Amherst library, schools and community clubs and organizations. Thanks to generous funding by The Norwin

S. and Elizabeth N. Bean Foundation, the Amherst Town Library will be offering hands-on training on this innovative technology.

In addition to regular classes at the library there will be a travelling printer with six laptop computers available to travel to local schools, after school clubs and local civic organizations that would like to learn more about 3D printing through hands-on experience. 3DSystems has donated two Cube2 printers to assist with the project. The Cube2 only prints plastic, but its low cost

makes it ideal for iterative design. A 3D sketch can be drawn, printed, refined, and then printed again. Final designs can be sent out to companies with high end machines that can print in a wide array of materi-



3D Systems necklace

als, such as nylon, acrylic, gypsum, carbon fiber, precious metals, ceramics, and even leather and wood.

The library is in immediate need of:

- Volunteers interested in becoming proficient in the technology to lead a few classes a month

In a world where doctors are printing new organs or prosthetics and fashion designers are printing avant-garde dresses and shoes, the impact that 3D printers are already having in our day-to-day lives cannot be ignored. People who understand this technology will be better prepared to bring to life their own unique solutions to daily challenges.

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Team Earley Announces 4th Annual Leprechaun Leap 5K Road Race, March 8th

Nashua’s only Irish-themed road race right in the heart of downtown Nashua with awards ceremony and after-race party sponsored by O’Brien’s Sports Bar.

AMHERST — TEAM EARLEY, a New Hampshire-based fundraising team dedicated to raising funds for community awareness, and national research that will ultimately find a cure for melanoma, today announced that it would hold its 4th annual Leprechaun Leap 5K road race in downtown Nashua, New Hampshire on Sunday, March 8th at 10:30AM.

Leprechaun Leap is one of TEAM EARLEY’s premier events to help raise funds for the patients and families of melanoma victims. Last year, hundreds of area runners, walkers, and WMUR sports anchor Jamie Staton joined the pack in a USATA certified 5K race in early morning race that was cheered by fans along Main Street in downtown Nashua. Dozens of prizes were handed out to the fastest runners in a variety of age groups including a special award for the best dressed Leprechaun runner. Team Earley is also happy to announce the newest prize -- our first Leprechaun Leap 5K Trophy for the fastest High School Team. This event will allow the local students to participate in a race for a good cause and join in some spirited local competition.

“This year we are looking to double our attendance,” said Greg Earley, Co-Founder of TEAMEARLEY. “We have been working with Nashua City officials to have our annual road race right in the heart of downtown Nashua again. . . This event is an Irish-themed health-conscious venue that brings hundreds of people together into the downtown community.” The race will begin with a traditional runner’s parade lead by our Leprechaun Leap bag-

pipe player Chief Mike Mansfield from the Andover MA Fire Department. Runners will gather behind O’Brien’s Sports Bar and progress to the starting line at 100 Main Street. This is a unique out and back 5K course heading north on Main Street towards Greeley Park and returning back down Main Street to the finish line. The celebration continues with an after-race party sponsored by O’Brien’s Sports Bar where runners and families join for refreshments, raffle prizes, and entertainment by DJ Porter Dodge.

The race will begin with a traditional runner’s parade lead by our Leprechaun Leap bagpipe player from the Nashua public library down to the starting line at 100 Main Street. This is a unique out and back 5K course heading north on Main Street towards Greeley Park and returning back down Main Street to the finish line. The Irish celebration continues with an after-race party sponsored by O’Brien’s Sports Bar where runners and families join for drinks, raffle prizes, and entertainment by DJ Porter Dodge. And special appearance by bagpiper, Chief Mike Mansfield, Andover, MA Fire Dept.

Registrations for the race will be conducted at the Nashua Public Library entrance O’Brien’s Sports Bar starting at 8:30 AM. All of the proceeds from this event benefit the Melanoma Foundation of New England dedicated to educating the public about the importance of early detection and prevention of skin cancer. For more information on TEAM EARLEY’s 5K Leprechaun Leap or to pre-register for the race please visit www.teamearley.org.

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