

Town News

AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

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Mon-Thu, 9:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Fri & Sat, 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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: March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10 and 17.

Toddler Time for 2 and 3 year olds and their caregivers meet Tuesdays at 10:00. Current session meets: March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31, April 7 and 14.

Book Bunch for 3-6 yr. olds is on: Wednesday mornings at 10:00am—March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1, 8 and 15. and Thursday afternoons at 1:00pm—March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9 and 16.
Pajama Time for 3-6 yr. olds is on Monday evenings at 6:30—March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, April 6 and 13.

Coming up in April:

SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR PARENTS:

COME AND BUILD
Friday, April 17, 3-4:30pm

iPads and apps are great, but sometimes, children just need to build something with their own hands! Come on down to the Children's Room, and let your child explore our collection of building materials. We have plastic tubes, marble racers, blocks, cars, magnetic shapes, mobilos, and lots of Legos! Let's see what we can build!

For kids ages 4 and up. No registration is necessary.
Friday, April 24 at 10:30am

TODDLER TANTRUMS—Why they happen, and what to do about them. With special guest Thom Linehan from UNH Extension Family Services.

Part of our "PARENTING MATTERS" series—addressing parenting concerns in an informal, "morning coffee" get-together. Toys will be available to help entertain our young children while we chat and listen... Please register online.



MINECRAFT CLUB

On Wednesday afternoons, you'll find a group of local Minecraft aficionados here at the library. They come to play, discuss strategy, and have fun! If you're interested in joining them, please contact Miss Kate at KateMcCoy@mail.com.

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)

Tuesday April 28 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.

No registration required.
Wednesday April 29 at 2:00pm INDOOR TIDE-POOLING w/ The Seacoast Science Center How does a sea star eat? Where do urchins live? How do crabs crawl? Why do snails have "trap doors"? During this program, children will observe and touch several different intertidal animals. Games, activities and role-playing will reinforce learning. Ages 5 and up. Space is limited, so registration is required.

Thursday April 30 at 10:00am: MATCHBOX MANIA 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.

Thursday, April 30 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!

Friday, May 1 from 2:00-4:00: DRESS-UP PHOTO SHOOT! Come and use our supply of costumes and props, and/or decorate a mask—create your own look, and pose for the camera...CLICK!! Everyone brings home a portrait!

No registration required.
ALL WEEK LONG: MAKE-IT/ TAKE-IT CRAFT—Come in anytime, all week, and make your own craft!

It's About Conservation

ACC Assesses Pipeline Environmental Impact

By BRUCE B. BECKLEY
CONTRIBUTING WRITER



The Amherst Conservation Commission has assessed the environmental impacts of the Kinder-Morgan (KM) gas pipeline construction. The Commission's study and recommendations pertain to many facets of construction and operation including: noise, pollutants, right of way restoration, and continued cooperation with town authorities. The findings and recommendations of the Commission are included in the Commission's report titled Preliminary Environmental Assessment Northeast Energy Direct Pipeline. The report is considered to be preliminary since, as conversations are held with town officials and licensing authorities, KM may choose to modify its route and therefore the possible impacts construction may have. A copy of the ACC report may be read on the Town of Amherst web-page.

The following are excerpts from the assessment report.

Based on current knowledge, the installation of the natural gas pipeline proposed by Kinder Morgan appears to be intersecting 2,600 linear feet of wetlands in Amherst including 1,600 linear feet of the Ponemah Bog Sanctuary. The Ponemah Bog Sanctuary is a unique physical feature and one of the most visited natural areas in the Town of Amherst. Kinder Morgan should exercise a large degree of discretion in proposing to traverse and interact with this highly regarded natural resource.

The alignment for the pipeline is proposed to cross the Souhegan River in four locations. Despite the impacts that may occur during construction of the 4.1 miles within Amherst, and the potential for additional cleared pathways notwithstanding, the Commission has concluded that there will be only limited long-term impacts on the natural systems affected by the pipeline construction provided concerns for the impacts on the pipeline from the acidic conditions in the subsurface of Ponemah Bog Sanctuary and from issues related to river channel meandering potentially impacting the crossings of the Souhegan River are addressed adequately.

The Commission recognizes that during construction there may be some impacts caused by the selected pipeline alignment or by the construction procedures that will or should be offset by mitigating steps that should include the ACC as party to any such deliberations. Commissioners agreed and explained after hearing expressions of residents' positions that "The Town should be diligent in requiring that any impacts are properly mitigated. Further, the Town should take full advantage of compensation programs as have been required of Kinder Morgan on pipeline projects elsewhere to benefit the Town's natural resources."

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Jet Setting 101: You Can See The World On A Budget!

Marcy Yeager, coordinator of International Studies at Northern Essex Community College and an adventure travel junkie, presents "Jet Setting 101: You Can See The World on a Budget" at the Amherst Town Library on Thursday, April 16 at 7 p.m. The program is part of Field of Dreams: Baseball, Travel, and Anything Chocolate April series for adults at the Amherst Town Library. Do you dream about taking a hiatus from your everyday life to reconnect with yourself through exploration and travel? Do you have a list of countries you long to see and no idea how to make your travel dreams a reality? Whether solo or as a group there is a trip that is just right for you! Marcy will share her own travel triumphs and woes and help make international travel a reality for you.

Marcy is a graduate of Northeastern University (B.S.) and the University of New Hampshire (M.S.). She joined the Northern Essex Community College's Natural Sciences Department in 2003 and soon after was named chair of the department, a position she held until 2010. Working with employers from across the Merrimack Valley and faculty within her department,

she created an associate degree program in lab science which leads to immediate employment in one of three emerging fields—biotechnology, environmental sciences, and chemical analysis. Believing that community service is an important part of student learning, she has spearheaded volunteer community projects including an assessment of trees in downtown Newburyport for the Newburyport Tree Commission and an energy audit of Lawrence city buildings. She serves as co-chair of the college's Environmental Impact & Sustainability Committee which was formed to integrate the economic, social, and environmental principles of sustainability through the curriculum and operations of the college. Her love of the South American rainforest (she teaches an NECC course there every other year with one of her colleagues) led to a month spent in the summer of 2009 volunteering on a small farm/eco-tourism center in Ecuador.

Please also join us for the final program of the Field of Dreams: Baseball, Travel and Anything Chocolate April series for adults: "Cooking with Chocolate" on Tuesday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m.



Marcy Yeager

All programs in the Field of Dreams series 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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NEXT ISSUE: April 28
DEADLINE: April 22

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Kids - time for our Annual Poetry contest!!
Deadline for entries is April 24th
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Good luck!

KATINA MAKRIS & DR. JEFF SULLENDER
Sat, May 9, 2 PM

Lyme Disease: Awareness, Prevention, and Treatment, will be discussed by Lyme survivor, Classic Homeopath, and author Katina Makris (*Out of the Woods*). Joining her will be nutritionist Dr. Sullender

BOB MANKOFF
Bedford Public Library

Thu, May 14, 7 pm.

The Cartoon Editor of *The New Yorker* magazine speaks on his life in cartoons, *HOW ABOUT NEVER - IS NEVER GOOD FOR YOU?* Books available for purchase and signing. Call the library (472-2300) for details.

JOHN ROCKWOOD
Thu, May 28, 6:30 pm

The 'Loon Man' presents an educational and entertaining multi-media show on the state bird of Minnesota! His book about an orphaned chick, *ADVENTURES WITH GRAPENUT*, will be available.

Visit our website for all the details and more!
www.toadbooks.com

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C/O JENNIFER WIERWILLE NORTON,
MILFORD HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION GRANTS CONSULTANT

DEADLINE FOR FULL PROPOSALS:
MAY 15, 2015 AT 5P.M.

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CLICK ON STUDENT AID AND LOOK FOR THE ADULT STUDENT AID APPLICATION. HERE IS A DIRECT LINK TO THE ADULT STUDENT AID PROGRAM:
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