

FALL INTO WINTER

When the leaves exchange colors in the fall, I am of two minds as to whether they make a more striking contrast against a bright blue sky or one filled with storm clouds. Other observations I'd like to make is that when lawns are carpeted with fallen leaves, they resembles yards of calico waiting for an ambitious quilter to sew them into an autumnal coverlet; that if October's leaves were fruit, maples would provide us with lemons, persimmons and tangerines, oak trees with bosc pears, and sumacs would be laden with cherries; that it should be illegal for the aroma of cider donuts to permeate the atmosphere at Applecrest when one is trying to lose weight; and that the harvest season is a most fitting time to count blessings, of which we have many! Our Halloween Happening at Churchill's hasn't happened as of this writing, but there are a number of individuals and businesses who have helped underwrite the event or provided prizes for the festivities. In alphabetical order, they are David and Elaine Ahearn, Alternative Energy Hearth & Patio Shop, Bladz & Nail It, The Butcher Shop, Coastal Living Paint & Hardware, Color Notes Art Gallery, Dirty Dog Spa & Grooming, Elysium Health & Wellness Spa, Gennie Grady, Hampton Falls Deli Barn, Hampton Falls Village Market, In Tune Auto, Jackson Fireplace & Patio, Kay Jewelers, Lindt & Sprungli, Luis SeaFresh Seafood Market, Maurice's Clothing Store, MMS NE, Prim Fashion Boutique, Rico's Italian Cucina, Sweet Snips, and an Anonymous Donor. Thank you so much for your generous support! I also want to thank the Trustees and the Friends of the Library who have invested a great deal of time and energy into insuring the success of this event – you are personified blessings!

AUTHOR EVENT!

On **Monday, November 3rd at 7 pm.**, the Library is excited to host author Michael Tougias in a discussion of his book **The Finest Hours: The True Story Behind the U.S. Coast Guard's Most Daring Sea Rescue**. In a nutshell, a ferocious nor'easter split in half two oil tankers off the coast of Cape Cod in February, 1952. Thus began a life and death drama of survival, heroism, and a series of tragic mistakes. (NOTE: Disney is scheduled to release a feature film about this incredible story in 2015!) This program is funded by the New Hampshire Humanities Council and the public is invited. For more information, call the Library at 926-3682.

BOOK TALK

Our Book Group selection for November, to be discussed on **Tuesday, November 25th at 7 pm** is **In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin** by Erik Larson, of which the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* writes: ““Larson's strengths as a storyteller have never been stronger than they are here, and this story is far more important than either "The Devil in the White City" or "Thunderstruck." How the United States dithered as Hitler rose to power is a cautionary tale that bears repeating, and Larson has told it masterfully.” For our **December 30th** meeting, our attention will turn to experiments in self-improvement as we discuss **Happier at Home : Kiss More, Jump More, Abandon a Project, Read Samuel Johnson, and My Other Experiments in the Practice of Everyday Life** by Gretchen Rubin. As popular author Harlan Coben writes: “A happy home is the elusive ideal we all strive for--whether we live in the city or suburbs, with children or parents, with partners, roommates, or on our own. In *Happier at Home*, Gretchen Rubin brilliantly shows us how to create an environment that embraces the people and the things that give us a sense of comfort, tranquility, and joy.” Extra copies of our monthly Book Discussion titles are usually available at the desk. Our meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month at 7 pm and newcomers are always welcome!

HO-HO-HO!

Our annual Santa Party is scheduled for **Saturday, December 6th from 10-12 pm**. This fun and festive event is a wonderful opportunity for families to have their picture(s) taken with Santa Claus, and enjoy friendships and holiday cheer as we help ring in the Christmas season. If you would like to help provide baked goods or toothsome treats for celebration, please call or stop by the Library to sign up. The librarians will also contribute festive foods, plus provide hot and cold beverages. Candy canes, anyone?

WEATHER OR NOT

It seems early to bring this up, but one never knows with New England's storms, but when the weather strikes a blow to the seacoast, you can check **WMUR's** storm closure alert to see if the Library will be closed due to snow, freezing rain, blizzards, hurricanes, microbursts, tornadoes, earthquakes and other natural phenomena common to New England. The station will list library closings at 15 and 45 minutes past the hour; closings can also be found on www.wmur.com and on the library's web site, www.hamptonfallslibrary.org

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Holidays: The Library will be closed on **Tuesday, November 11th** for Veterans' Day.

The Library will close at 5 pm on Wednesday, November 26th so we can all go home and prepare for Thanksgiving.

The Library will be closed on **Thursday, November 27th** for Thanksgiving .

The Library will be closed on Wednesday, **December 24th and Thursday, December 25th** for Christmas.

The Library will close at **5 pm on Wednesday, Dec. 31st** for New Year's Eve.

(Be sure to stock up with a good supply of books, dvds, magazines and puzzles to carry you through the dark times.....)

PARTING THOUGHT

Something to keep in mind as we review 2014:

“Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right.” ~Oprah Winfrey

The Library Staff joins me in wishing all of you a healthy and peaceful 2015.

Best,

Judy Haskell, Library Director

LIBRARY YOUTH SERVICES WHAT'S HAPPENING?

I would like to thank the Hampton Falls Webelos and their families for the outstanding bake sale they held to raise money for our Summer Reading Program. Great job! Your hard work and dedication to the Library is very much appreciated! I also want to thank our many patrons who donated delicious baked goods for the sale. The proceeds from the sale will be used to sponsor one of our Summer Reading Wednesday evening programs.

In case of inclement weather, please call the Library to check if we will be holding programs that day. If schools are closed, the Library may or may not be open but programs will be cancelled.

STORY TIMES AND BOOK GROUPS

The Baby-Toddler Story Time is designed for newborns through the 2's. There is a lot of activity! It is held Tuesdays from 10:30 – 11ish AM. This session will run through December 2nd. **There will be no Story time on November 11th.** This Story time is currently full but you can contact the Library to put your name on the waiting list.

The current sessions of Pre-School through Kindergarten Story Times will run through December 3rd and 4th respectively. There is still space in these sessions so please contact the Library if you would like to sign up. They are scheduled for 1:30 – 2 PM on Wednesdays and 10:30 – 11 AM and 1:30 – 2 PM on Thursdays. **There will be no Story Time on November 27th.**

Kindergarten Club! This new program is held on Wednesdays from 3 – 3:45 PM. It includes a snack, stories and a craft. It will run through December 3rd. There is still space in this session so please contact the Library to sign up. **There will be no Kindergarten Club on November 26th.**

The After School Story Time is full. There will be no Story Time for this group on November 27th. This Story Time will also run through December 4th.

Sign up for the next Story Time session will begin at 10 AM on Tuesday, January 6th with sessions beginning the following week. Please phone or drop in to sign up.

The 3rd - 4th Grade Book Discussion Group “usually” meets the third Tuesday of the month. Upcoming dates are November 18th and December 9th (one week earlier) from 4 – 4:30 PM New members are welcome! Copies of the book are available at the Library. **Please note, this is not a program that children should take the bus to the Library.**

The Novel Ideas 5th – 8th Grade Book Discussion Group “usually” meets on the third Wednesday of the month. Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, November 19th from 6:30 – 7:15 PM. The December discussion will be held on Wednesday December 17th from 6:30 – 7:15 PM.** New members are always welcome.

Lego Club! Tuesday, November 25th from 4 – 5 PM for children in Kindergarten through 4th grade The Legos will be provided (but stay in the Library so we'll have them for the next program!). Come ready to use your imagination! Please sign up for each program individually in advance. **Please note, this is not a program that children should take the bus to the Library.**

“Kids Can” Make a Difference Program will be held on Friday, November 28th from 3 – 4 PM Need something to do the day after Thanksgiving? Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade can sign up to do a project to “Make a Difference”. We will be making Christmas Centerpieces to deliver to a Nursing Home. Please sign up in advance.

Santa Claus contacted us from the North Pole to let us know he will be coming to the Library on **Saturday, December 6th from 10 AM – Noon.** Our Santa Party is always a wonderful event!

Polar Express Pajama Story Time We will be having a special Story Time on **Wednesday, December 10th at 6:30 PM.** Children are welcome to come in their PJ's and bring a favorite snuggly stuffed animal to listen to The Polar Express. This has been great fun! Please sign up in advance.

Puppet Show! Carol and Crew will hold a puppet show at the Library on **Wednesday, December 17th from 3:30 – 4:15 PM.** No sign up is required.

Parent/Child Beading Program on Friday, December 19th from 3 – 4 PM This program is for parents and children in grades 3 and up. Please sign up in advance as space is limited. There is a \$5 fee per person to cover the cost of the supplies.

See you at the Library!

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