FRIENDS of the LANE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

SPRING 2014 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Spring is FINALLY here! We definitely had what felt like a VERY LONG Winter!

The Library has a ton of exciting things planned for the Summer Reading Program this year! We hope that you sign up to enjoy some (or all) of the great things they have to offer. I know that my family will be participating in as much as possible.

On July 8th, the Friends will host a fundraiser at the Flatbread Company. We planned this benefit night to coincide with one of the events that the Library has planned for the Summer Reading Program (see inside for details). So you can go to the Library and enjoy a fun event, and then head over to the Flatbread Company for a bite to eat, or vice versa. It's a win-win for everyone!

Thank you again to all of the wonderful people who volunteer at our events as well as at the Library! Without people like you, we wouldn't be able to do what we do. As I have said in the past, I LOVE the Library! It is our second home. Hope to see you there!

Wendi Lewis
President
Friends of the Lane Memorial Library

Thanks to everyone who came out to Community Oven to support the Friends on Monday, March 31st. Congratulations go out to Kris S. of Hampton and Sophia Y. of North Hampton, who each won a gift certificate to the Book Outlet in North Hampton.

"Thank you" seems so inadequate to express how much the Children's Room— and our patrons who benefit from all it offers—owe to the Friends and their wonderful contributions and dedication. MANY, MANY thanks indeed for all the ways you enhance this library—and the community!
~ Paulina Shadowens, Children's Librarian

Summer Reading Program

THE FRIENDS OF THE LANE MEMORIAL LIBRARY IS PROUD TO SUPPORT THIS YEAR'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM!

Through the Friends' support this year the Library staff will be able to provide larger and more diverse programs to an expanded segment of our community. We hope this particular endeavor will excite you as much as it has us, and prove an exceptional outreach to our town. **So what do we have in store for Hampton this summer?**

Our **Public Services** Librarian, Darrell, will be offering a new Bingo Card Reading Challenge covering more genres and reading tastes (with prizes!). We will be hosting a photography lecture and exhibit by NH astro-landscape photographer Adam Woodworth, a lecture on the enduring popularity of Sherlock Holmes, and an informative lecture on the unknown archeology of the Isle of Shoals. All adult programs are free and open to the public.

Stacy in the **Teen Services** Department will be offering weekly programs, Teen Bingo Cards, crafts, and three highlighted book club books. She will also offer weekly reading incentives and finale prize. Her highlighted programs are Norman Ng presenting a Magician Workshop, a Lego Robotics program through New Heights Adventures for Teens, and, finally, a Forensics Program with a local educator.

The **Children's Room** is thrilled to offer its most ambitious and exciting summer reading program yet!

- Popular **magician Norman Ng** will kick off our summer at the Winnacunnet High School on July 2 at 6:00 p.m. Norman proved a huge hit with folks of all ages when he visited us a few years ago, so we are delighted to be able to welcome him back again, and at a time when entire families can join in the fun.
- Fabulous **storyteller Simon Brooks** will regale young and old with tales on Tuesday, July 8th at 6:30 p.m. In conjunction with this, the Friends are holding a Library fundraiser at Flatbread Company here in Hampton. Folks can go there first, grab some yummy pizza—and support a great cause—and then enjoy a night of great (and free!) entertainment.
- Local **songwriter/singer Steve Blunt**, accompanied by fellow musicians Marty Kelly and Joey Pierog, will have us boogying during our grand finale on Thursday, August 7th at 5:30 p.m. Our finales bring in literally hundreds of people, and the Friends' support of, and participation in, it are huge contributors in its success.
- Thanks to the Friends' generosity, we are able to offer four **Kindle Fires** as our grand prizes for summer reading. Four hundred fifty-one children signed up for our reading program last year, in part because they hoped to win a Kindle. Being able to offer four Kindles with color and extra bells and whistles is a fantastic incentive to keep children reading all summer long—enabling them to enter the new school year with their minds and reading muscles primed for more learning.

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Happy Spring Friends!

I'd like to take one sentence to say I love directing your Library almost as you love using it.

We have so much on the horizon - please stay tuned this Summer for an amazing, expanded Summer Reading Program experience. In addition to sharing resources and events we would love to see the adults in our community participating as much as the students. It is vital that children read over the Summer to maintain skills for the next school year but it is also vital for adults to read, period. One quarter of American adults didn't read a single book in 2013! Line up four people on the street and one of them hasn't read a book in 365 days. Consider the research that suggests that reading can 1) calm you 2) give your brain exercise 3) keep Alzheimer's at bay 4) help you sleep better 5) improve your empathy and 6) ease your depression. Get into the Library more often this Summer and bring a few friends.

Please also **mark your calendars for Thursday May 29th** at 7:00 p.m. for a wonderful jazz concert featuring our friend and neighbor, the award winning jazz musician Barbara London with Gary Gemmiti and Jim Lyden. The trio will perform works from Barbara's new album, Moonlight, as well as popular jazz standards. There will be an opportunity to meet and chat with the artist as well. As always - this event is free and open to everyone.

Amanda Reynolds Cooper

FUNDRAISING EVENT!

Please join us
Tuesday, July, 8th
5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Flatbread Company
61 High Street, Hampton
603.926.6111

A portion of all Flatbreads sold will benefit the Friends!
Dine In or Take Out!

FRIENDS SPRING 2014 BOOK SALE

Wednesday, June 4: 5-7:30 p.m. Friends "Members Only" Night

Thursday, June 5: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Friday, June 6: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Saturday, June 7: 9 a.m. – noon

Mark your calendars for the spring Friends Book Sale! We'll have thousands of books in fiction, history, biography, cookbooks, humor, sports, children's, self-help, religion, decorating, and more, as well as cds and dvds of books, music, and movies. We will also be raffling off a Kindle e-reader, and tickets are $1 each.

Only current Friends members may attend on Wednesday evening and get first pick. You may join the Friends or renew your membership at the door on Wednesday if necessary.

On Saturday only, you may purchase a Friends Book Bag for $6 (or 2 for $10) at the door, and fill it once with as many books as you can fit – for free! This offer is only valid for book bags purchased on Saturday. You may also purchase anything without buying the bag.

So, come to the Lane Memorial Library to get some summer reading, listening, or viewing materials, and help the Library at the same time. All proceeds are used by the Friends to provide support for the Library's programs and facilities. (Cash or check with id, no credit cards).

As always, we will need many volunteers to help with the set-up, sale, and break down for the book sale. Please contact Mary Ertl, Spring Book Sale Chair (maertl@comcast.net, 603-601-2378) if you would like to help. Thank you in advance for volunteering. We cannot have a successful book sale without a lot of help from our Friends.

Donations Needed!

Do you have gently used books, CDs and DVDs for the Friends Book Sale? Drop them off at the front desk any day that the library is open. Your donations – and your patronage – are what make Friends Books Sales such successes!

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NANCY MORGAN, FABRIC ARTIST
WESTON GALLERY, JUNE

And don't forget to visit the Weston Gallery in July, when we will host the amazing astro-landscape images of New Hampshire photographer Adam Woodworth.

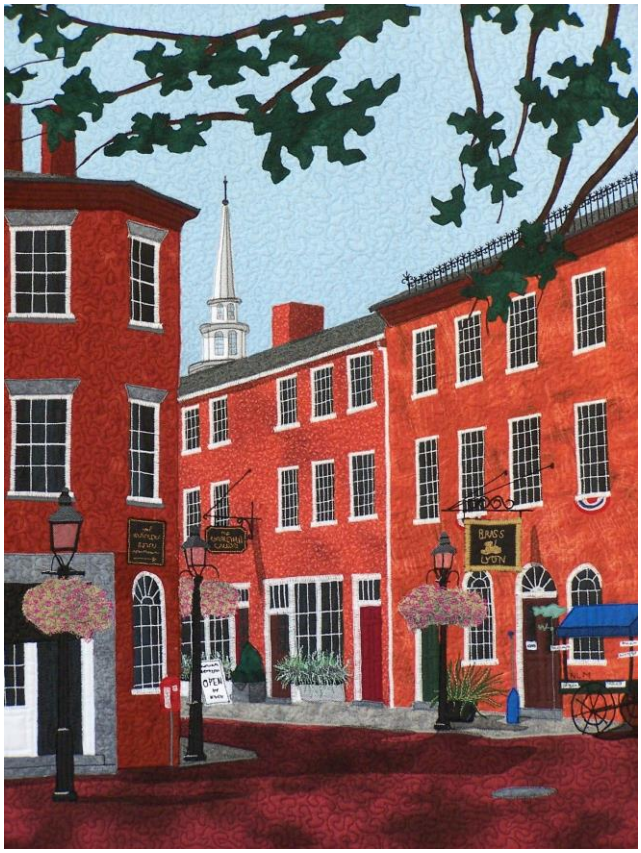
Fabric artist Nancy Morgan will be exhibiting her textured scenes of coastal life in the Lane Memorial Library's Weston Gallery throughout the month of June.

At first glance one is hard pressed to believe that these images are created from bits of fabric and a variety of stitching techniques.

To say that Ms. Morgan intimately knows the nature of fabric is an understatement. That knowingness is readily apparent when viewing her work, but stare a little longer and one realizes how much the artist's sense of color is at play. It is these two skills, employed masterfully by the artist, that bring her images to life.

Although self-taught she has always had an interest in art and graphic design. Several years ago she was introduced to the technique of free style quilting and discovered a way of combining her sewing and artistic skills. Although she still uses the basic technique that she learned originally, "It has been through trial and error, and by studying many other fabric artists," says Nancy, "that I have developed a style of my own."

Born in Portsmouth, Morgan has lived her entire life on the seacoast, currently residing in Portsmouth and in Shapleigh, Maine.



Summer in the Square – Newburyport
Nancy Morgan

FROM STACY MAZUR, TEEN SERVICES LIBRARIAN

One of the mission statements of the Library is to provide, “meeting spaces to make the library a focal point of community life.” To meet this goal with the teen population of Hampton, the library needs to create an inviting space for our teens. The renovation of the Young Adult Area is an important community outreach initiative to increase the presence of teenagers in the Library. Currently, we’ve updated the carpet in the area and are eager to continue a renovation of this cozy corner of the library. Through the kindness of the Friends of the Library, we’ll be updating this area with new seating, tables, a gaming area and equipment. Some of the new seating has already arrived at the library and the response from teens has been incredibly positive. Please stop by the Teen Area as we continue to transform this area.

The Friends assistance and support of my programs, projects, and ideas has been phenomenal. They have helped in so many ways to further my goals, as the Teen Librarian, with getting more teens excited about the library. I know that whatever I need, they will listen to, make an informed decision, and do their best to aid me in reaching out to the community that I serve.

Thank you so much Friends!
Stacy

TRUSTEES NOTE

With the arrival of Spring, finally, the Board of Trustees is looking forward to an exciting season. Over the last few months there have been many changes to the staff, building and finances and there are many more to come. On a personnel note, Bill Teschek will celebrate 35 years of service, which is quite a milestone!

You might not see the upcoming roof repairs but we expect you will enjoy the rain garden that will be installed by the Seabrook-Hampton Estuary Alliance and the Hampton Garden Club. The March election resulted in a default budget which means the Friends will be needed more than ever to keep the Lane Memorial Library what it is. "The best library on the Seacoast", in my humble opinion.

Linda Sadlock
Chair

WE NEED YOU!

If you would like to become more involved with the Friends, please join us at a board meeting and see what we are all about.

We meet at the Library on the **second Wednesday of every month** at 6:30 p.m.

We are currently looking for new Board members to serve one-year terms.

You are welcome to contact us with questions: questions@lanelibraryfriends.org

Thank you!