Blades Visits New Hampshire Public Libraries!

Monday, July 8 the 2019 New Hampshire public library visits by Boston Bruins mascot Blades began at the Brookline Public Library. Next events to take place in Kingston on July 17, Antrim on August 5 and Moultonborough on August 9.

Pictured left to right: Deborah Dutcher, NH State Library Youth Services Consultant, Blades, Michael York, NH State Librarian and Lori Fisher, NH Assistant State Librarian. -Photo by Bettielue Hill-Youth Librarian Brookline Public Library.
Library News

Pilcrow Reading Challenge at Sanbornton Public Library

Elinor clutched the book closely, exclaimed, “I love the new book smell”, and insisted on borrowing the book *42 Is Not Just a Number* by Doreen Rappaport to share with her Dad. Children in Sanbornton are delighted to get their summer reading started with new books from the Pilcrow Foundation. The grant provided 68 new hardcover books and an additional 22 math and science-themed books for the collection. Selected from a list of star-reviewed and award winning titles, the books will appeal to readers of ages 7 and older. In addition to the annual summer reading program, the library is offering the *Pilcrow Reading Challenge*: read 5 books from the Pilcrow collection and earn a spot at the Pilcrow Pizza Party on Wednesday, August 21st.

The award from the Pilcrow Foundation is very timely with summer upon us. Children work hard during the school year to build their reading skills. What a delight to have new, fun books to put those newly acquired skills to use. Reading over the summer helps reduce summer slide and gives students the opportunity to explore new interests. This grant, valued at $1600, was possible with a $400 local match. Last October, the Streifers had a moving sale and donated their proceeds to Sanbornton Public Library. Janet Streifer volunteered for many years to support children’s literacy initiatives and asked that the library use the funds for the community’s children. The Pilcrow Foundation’s mission is “providing new, quality, hardcover children’s books to rural public libraries.” This grant was the perfect match for Janet Streifer’s donation.

Mr. Hal Berenson and Mrs. Laura Ackerman of Colorado donated the 22 math and science books. Each book in the collection includes a bookplate acknowledging their generous donation. These new books cover such topics as animals, plants, creativity, and exploration, all of which are of interest to the curious children of Sanbornton.

The Pilcrow books are on display in the children’s room of the library and are available for this year’s summer reading program, *A Universe of Stories*. To see the full list of books search “Pilcrow” in the library catalog. For details, call the library at 286-8288 or visit [www.splnh.com](http://www.splnh.com). -by Marcia Haigh, Director, Sanbornton Public Library

Summer Reading Fun!

“The 2019 Summer Reading Program is in full swing or should I say full ship!” -Diane Cassidy, Children’s Librarian, Gafney Library

Share your Summer Reading photos next month! Submit your photos to Deborah!
Library News, continued

Michael Sullivan, Director at the Weare Public Library, is making news again for serving his community with a local newspaper. Read the article.

Littleton Public Library offers access to Westlaw
Comprehensive legal research database now available

The Littleton Public Library now offers access to Westlaw Patron Access, a comprehensive legal research database designed especially for use in government law and public libraries. Access to Westlaw is free and is available now on a dedicated computer terminal whenever the Littleton Public Library is open.

Westlaw access as well as copies of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated and the New Hampshire Practice Series is provided through a partnership with the New Hampshire Law Library. The Law Library, located in the Supreme Court building in Concord, N.H., is the state’s only public law library and provides services to the courts, attorneys, government agencies, and the public. - Mary Searles, Law Librarian, New Hampshire Law Library

Franconia’s Art Walk at Abbie Greenleaf Library

In June 2019, as part of Franconia’s Art Walk, the sculpture Evolution was installed on the lawn of Abbie Greenleaf Library where it will remain for one year.

“Evolution #1-6 is one in a series of sculptures fabricated in powder coated aluminum. I have been a builder and an artist for over thirty-five years. These works combine my history of working in three dimensions with my intense love of color and form. Each of the pieces in Evolution #1-6 contains the exact shape of its succeeding piece. In other words, each separate sculpture evolves from its previous companion. When assembled together they resemble a creature arising from the primordial ooze.” - R. Douglass Rice

R. Douglass Rice, who has had studios in New York City and Stonington, Connecticut, has exhibited in the National Arts Club in New York, Mystic Museum of Art, Farrah Damji Galleries in New York and East Hampton, Beef Gallery in San Francisco, Avondale Arts Center in Avondale, RI, and others. He studied at Stanford University, from which he graduated with a BA, the Mendocino Arts Center, and the School of Visual Arts in New York City. He currently lives in Stonington, CT.

Jaffrey Public Library featured in Library Journal

Read the Library Journal article, “Get the Word Out” featuring Jaffrey Public Library’s work with seniors at the Monadnock Adult Care center.

(Having trouble accessing the above article from EBSCO? Contact Bobbi Lee Slossar at 271-2143 to update your login!)
New Resources from NHSL


Millennials are having a harder time with the idea of investing time and money into four more years of school after high school. They want to dive in with technology, collaborate with others and be creative. They are questioning the system and so should we when offering career information to today’s teens.

This new book explores nontraditional and vocational alternatives when career planning. It discusses trade school trends and how the library can include vocational options when discussing job-seeking and career planning. Ideas abound for getting teens excited about career planning and workshops. A final chapter on collection development includes suggestions for teens and their parents on finding the right career to funding it.


Often when talking about outreach we fail to look internally and assess our own organizations first.

Planning and organizing for outreach is showcased in section one on starting strategies and includes discussions on marketing, website evaluation and using social media. Although this book is from the Association of College and Research Libraries and full of case studies from academic organizations, other types of organizations can easily find tips for their outreach within the pages. The following two sections include programming and event planning and outreach to select populations.

Kate Hall & Kathy Parker. *The Public Library Director’s Toolkit.* ALA. ISBN 978-0-8389-1859-3

Wow, I cannot tell you how little I knew about being a public library director when I first started out. Talk to most directors, they will tell you the same. That is why Hall and Parker wrote this book. They also tell you in the introduction that above all, it will Take Time, they say about a year to learn the basic responsibilities. While every community has different needs, the basics are the basics and they pack this toolkit with resources. The first half is an overview of basic responsibilities and the second provides sample forms and documents. There is guidance on working with your employees, trustees and finances. There are how-to’s on policies and procedures, insurance, buildings, technology and emergency planning. If you are a new public library director this toolkit Is For You!

*Book reviews by Deborah Dutcher, Youth & Adult Services Coordinator, NHSL*
Library Resources

Disability Etiquette Resources

One of the best sessions I attended at the recent ALA conference was “The Quick and Dirty Guide to Disability Etiquette and Understanding: Building Awareness and Library Know-How, and Getting all of Your Awkward Questions Answered.” This session featured 11 librarians with various disabilities, speaking to their personal experience as well as witnesses to situations in their various libraries. It was a fantastic, over-crowded session that included references to some great resources. There is a recording of this one-hour session, which will be posted to the ALA 2019 Annual Conference site this summer.

A terrific resource to share with your colleagues and trustees is United Spinal Association’s Disability Etiquette booklet. For a shorter, two page handout, this one from OneStar Foundation has a lot of great info.

Sometimes the best thing you can do to put a person with physical disabilities at ease is….NOTHING! Our inclination is to offer and quickly give help, but sometimes that comes across as condescending and paternal at best, or at worst causes them harm (such as when you suddenly open the door for someone while they are holding on to it). Wait for permission from the person after you make a respectful offer of assistance. For those persons with disabilities that can’t be seen, the best thing we can do is not assume or judge. This came across very poignantly in the panel presentations, and I encourage everyone to listen to the recording if possible, when it is available later this summer.

For larger libraries, you can make this topic of disability etiquette a part of a staff meeting to review some of the basic disability etiquette items from the pdf documents above. For smaller libraries, send the pdf links to all employees and trustees for a quick refresher. We all need to be more inclusive when it comes to people with disabilities, and a great place to start with that is in our libraries.

For persons with vision disabilities, NH Talking Books is a great resource! Visit Talking Books website for more information on the program, or contact Marilyn Stevenson, Talking Books Coordinator, at 271-1498. -Lori Fisher, Assistant State Librarian, NHSL

NH Family Voices Lending Library

NH Family Voices is a Family to Family Health Information organization that services families and professionals across the state. Our specialty is assisting with a variety of special needs children, youth and young adults may have challenges with.

In 1997 we identified the need families had for information related to their child’s special needs so we established a lending library finding unique books and videos that could not be found easily. Three years ago the Family Resource Connection at the NH State Library was discontinued and NHFV absorbed their holdings into our own. We now have close to 3,000 titles.

We have a rich selection of books and DVD’s that offer a range of resources from chronic health conditions, Autism, genetic disorders, feeding and special dietary needs, recreation, social needs and so much more. We have also specialized in children’s books, many that are difficult to find.

Our holdings are listed on NHU-PAC as well as on our website and we are members of the ILL system as well. Until the ILL system is again fully functional you may request materials by calling (271-4525), e-mailing or through our website. We do not use the van system, but
send them though the postal system with a postage paid return envelope.

We also distribute a quarterly newsletter Pass It On in which we highlight books for the readership. If you would like to receive this newsletter, let us know, we would be glad to send it to you. We hope you will peruse our holdings and encourage your patrons to so as well. If you have questions please feel free to reach out to us. -By Martha-Jean Madison, Co-Director, NH Family Voices

Building Projects

Madbury's new library construction project is moving right along! After a slow wet start late this spring—after our final successful vote at March 12's Town Meeting—the framing is now under way. The current schedule is for construction to be entirely complete by the end of October. Then we'll move during November and hold our grand opening in December. We've studied the design and drawings for so long, it's exhilarating to see it all turn into a real building.

Justine Fafara, director of the Walpole Town Library, reports that they have successfully moved into their temporary location in Town Hall (with the help of over 30 volunteers) and construction has started.

Staff Changes

Converse Free Library of Lyme is pleased to welcome a new member to its staff! Brian Passeri, MA, came from Connecticut and works with us as Library Clerk while he explores a career in public libraries. He hit the ground running and has fit right in to daily operations with Assistant Director Margaret Caffry and Director Judy Russell.

On July 3rd Connie Landry (pictured left), the Assistant Director at Gorham Public Library for the past 9 years, will be retiring. We are excited for her in this new phase of her life, though she will be sorely missed! Connie has plans to travel with her husband and enjoy time with friends and family.

Katelyn Sirois (pictured right) will be taking over the position of Assistant Director. Katelyn has a background in education and has eagerly jumped into the library world! We are so happy to have her as an addition to the team. Katelyn will now be in charge of Gorham Public Library’s interlibrary loans, so if you speak to her make sure to tell her “Welcome”!
Educational Opportunities

The Paralibrarian Section of NHLA is sponsoring a social media workshop in August (details below). We plan to stream it on Facebook Live using NHLA’s Facebook page.

Social Media Refresh

Event Timing: August 16 from 10 a.m. - noon

Event Location: Portsmouth Public Library

Laura Horwood-Benton, Public Programming and Community Relations Librarian at Portsmouth Public Library, will lead an interactive, discussion-based session to help you refresh your library’s social media presence. Learn tips, strategies, and some rules of thumb, and share your success stories and struggles with other paralibrarians.

Paralibrarian Section members: $10; NHLA members/guests: $15; Registration

Registration ends two weeks before the event date. Registration can be paid online. Checks should be made out to NHLA-Paralibrarian Section, sent to Julie Spokane (via van-Brookline Public Library) or US Mail to 12 Mosher Drive, Brookline, NH 03033. All payments need to be RECEIVED prior to the start of the class. Registration questions should be addressed to Eileen Gilbert, Belmont Public Library. Please refer to the NHLA Cancellation Policy.

EBSCO Databases Staff Training Opportunities

As much as we want to deny it, school homework season is right around the corner. Prepare your staff by receiving an EBSCO databases refresher training. Request staff or co-op training sessions for using the EBSCO Databases from Bobbi Lee Slossar, Technology Resources Librarian, NHSL.

Family Engagement Game for Change

Event Timing: July 24, 2019 from 1-3 pm

Event Address: Minot Sleeper Library, Bristol

Let’s get together for a few hours and try an interesting professional learning approach—gaming. Join me in Bristol on July 24th to play the Global Family Research Project’s “Family Engagement Game for Change.” The game is based on the five family engagement processes called the 5Rs - see attached. Let’s tackle some problems together, use strategic thinking, collaborate with others and learn from each others failures and successes.

Registration

If you have a family engagement dilemma that is happening or happened at your library—I would love to have you share it with me for the game (even if you are not attending—please). Many thanks! - Deborah Dutcher, NHSL

Everyone’s an Asset-Builder

Event Timing: Wednesday, August 21st from 9-1

Event Address: NH Municipal Association Building, 25 Triangle Park, Concord

Search Institute has identified 40 positive supports and strengths that young people need to succeed. The framework identifies a set of skills, experiences, relationships, and behaviors that enable young people to develop into successful and contributing adults. This 4-hour training identifies the steps that everyone who interacts with children and youth can take to become effective asset-builders.

The training is paid for through federal grant funding and is free for participants. Presented by the Bureau of Student Wellness-NH Department of Education.

Note: Bring your own water and snacks

Registration