Groundbreaking Ceremony Held in North Conway

On Saturday, September 28, North Conway Public Library held a groundbreaking ceremony for its expansion & renovation project. After planning for over three years, construction on the $3.8 million project has finally started and is supposed to be completed by the end of next summer. While a major donor has committed $3M for the project, a capital campaign to raise the remaining $800,000 is under way. The 6,600 square foot addition will nearly double the size of the 1911 building and add a community room, conference and reading rooms, a designated teen area, an elevator, and ADA compliant bathrooms. The design is being done by Ron Lamarre of Lavallee Brensinger Architects in Manchester. - Andrea Masters, Library Director, North Conway Public Library

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Library News

Minot-Sleeper Library, Bristol Launches Strategic Plan

The Minot-Sleeper Library Board of Trustees and staff launched its 2019-2022 strategic plan with a special community event featuring guest speaker David Hallenbeck on September 26.

David has been working with public libraries for over 20 years, first as a Library Trustee in Amherst, New Hampshire, then on the Board of Directors of the New Hampshire Library Trustee Association, and now as a library consultant with the American Library Association. At the library’s strategic plan launch event, David presented his talk, “Libraries Building Communities Building Libraries.”

The trustees and staff have done much work over the past year to create a comprehensive plan that will guide them over the course of the next three years. To best understand the community served, trustees and staff gathered data, facilitated a community conversation, and a community survey. Now with strategic goals in place, trustees and staff are inviting community members to stay involved by joining a working group that will advise on reaching each of the three goals.

View the Minot-Sleeper Library’s Strategic Plan.
-Brittany Overton, Library Director, Minot-Sleeper Library

Derry Public Library and the Missing Time Capsule

In spring 2019, Derry Librarians opened a safe in the New Hampshire room in preparation for an event that was being planned to celebrate Nutfield’s 300th anniversary. To everyone’s surprise and no one’s delight, the safe was completely empty. Were the contents stolen? Where did the safe come from? Were there any items in the safe to begin with? Locals and press wanted to know. The events that followed sent librarians on a fascinating adventure into the archives—and out into the dirt—looking for a missing time capsule from 1969. Read the full story of Derry’s missing time capsule here: https://derrypl.org/time-capsule-1969. -Cara Potter, Library Director, Derry Public Library

More News from North Conway

Library Director Andrea Masters (left) and Library Board President A. Neil Osgood II (right) at the groundbreaking ceremony. (Tom Eastman/Conway Daily Sun courtesy photo)

Congressman Chris Pappas visited the North Conway Public Library in late August to deliver books from the Library of Congress surplus program. Staff, patrons, and our two library dogs welcomed him and had a great time. (Jamie Gemmitti/Conway Daily Sun courtesy Photo)

The North Conway Public Library founded in 1887 is privately funded and receives no town funding. Major sources of income are donations and fundraisers. The library is free and open to the Mount Washington Valley.
Prince Charming’s Fall Ball in Conway

Conway Public Library put on Prince Charming’s Fall Ball. Everyone dressed up and came down the red carpet. One mom came in her wedding dress. We had princes and princesses of all kinds. Cinderella and the Fairy Godmother worked hard on a feast of treats sweets and vegetables and dip and hummus and apple cider. The storyteller gave us a hysterical version of a new Cinderella. Our Cinderella lost her shoe before midnight and the see-through shoe was tried on by everyone until the real Cinderella, in her street clothes, was found.

Conway Public Library Partners with Maine Health

The Conway Public Library has partnered with Maine Health and the Let’s Go program to offer a weekly Let’s Go Make Something where we encourage lifelong healthy habits by cooking an easy, healthy, and fun recipe followed by a craft or activity that could lead to a healthy, fun hobby.

5210 Let’s Go! is an obesity prevention program of the Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital at Maine Medical Center. This obesity prevention program focuses on daily physical activity and healthy eating for children from birth to 18 years of age. Although this program operates primarily in Maine, it partners with programs throughout the United States. The website provides free access to a Child Care Tool Kit as well as many online resources and training.

Let’s Go! promotes the 5210 message:

- 5 or more fruits and vegetables
- 2 hours or less recreational screen time*
- 1 hour or more of physical activity
- 0 sugary drinks, more water

One such program to be offered is on bats! That day we are doing a fun program on edible insects, fruit, and fake blood to entertain the teens, and also introduce another form of protein. Who will eat the June Bugs? - Tara McKenzie, Head of Youth Services, Conway Public

NH State Library Acquires New Digital Microfilm Reader

The Reference & Information Services Department at the NH State Library recently acquired a new digital microfilm reader, the ScanPro 2200, and people are welcome to come by and check it out. This machine will let you scan, download, and/or print images from our microfilm collections, including NH newspapers, early town record transcripts, and more.

(NHSL Reference Librarian Rebecca Stockbridge pictured, photo credit, Charles Shipman, Reference Librarian, NHSL)

Library News, continued
Reading on the Road Project Puts Books on School Buses

Reading on the Road is a student run program at Keene High School. Their mission is to collect children’s books and then distribute them onto elementary school buses in the SAU 29 school district. They currently have over 550 books circulating on buses that serve elementary schools in the Keene School District. This encompasses Symonds School, Fuller School, Wheelock School, and Franklin School. Each box is full of books for ages 4-12 and kids may browse the books while they ride the bus or take them home to keep. Reading on the Road encourages healthy reading habits, decreases disruptive behavior and provides easy access to books for children who may not have this otherwise.

Shedd-Porter Memorial Library in Alstead helps to supply the boxes with donations and children’s library discards. The program has received such positive feedback that collection boxes in local churches, bookstores and neighboring libraries donations are helping to fill the boxes and expand the program to a neighboring school district. CLiF (Children’s Literacy Foundation) recently sent a box and is featuring the Reading on the Road program on CLiF’s blog.

You can follow the project on Facebook. To contact Reading on the Road, email Amelia Opsahl. -Alyson Montgomery, Director, Shedd Porter Library, Alstead

New Hampshire Library Association’s 2019 Library of the Year

Congratulations to the Goffstown Public Library, the 2019 New Hampshire Library of the Year!

Staff Changes

Long time Librarian in New Ipswich Retires

A big retirement party was recently held for Anne Soini at the New Ipswich Library. She served the New Ipswich community for almost 40 years and she will be greatly missed at the library by all. Information submitted by Michelle Pelletier, Interim Director, New Ipswich Library.
Hello, Dear Enemy!

Picture Books for Peace and Humanity

A family-friendly exhibit from the International Youth Library in Munich, Germany

On Exhibit Now Through October 31
Mariposa Museum & World Culture Center
26 Main Street | Peterborough, NH

Families, this exhibit is our most interactive yet for young children!

In scenes straight out of featured children’s books, kids can:

- climb aboard an Alaskan Drift Boat
- hide out in a canvas tent
- drive an electric car into a new future
- steal into an Afghan school for girls
- and more!

As kids play, grown-ups can explore how children’s authors tackle tough themes while helping kids build the skills to make friends, understand differences, and resolve conflict.

Museum Hours: 11am to 5pm, Tuesdays through Sundays.
Admission: Children $5, Adults $8, Seniors $6. Mariposa members free.

The Mariposa Museum fosters peace, equity, and understanding across cultural boundaries through exhibits, programs, and regional educational partnerships. The Mariposa is wheelchair accessible.

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Professional Development Opportunities

The Outstanding Librarian: An Online Resources for Librarians

The Outstanding Librarian was created by Deborah Dutcher, Youth and Adult Services Consultant, NH State Library. It was developed as a resource to inspire, plan and manage outreach, partnerships and collaborations. Ideas abound for working in early learning environments, with schools, within your community and with government starting on the local level. Please contact Deborah with your successful stories.

Local History for Paralibrarians

Monday, October 28, 2019
1:30 PM - 5:00 PM Portsmouth Public Library
175 Parrott Ave, Portsmouth, NH

Nicole Luongo Cloutier, Reference and Special Collections Supervisor, will give a brief overview about the ins and outs of creating and/or maintaining a local history collection for your community. She will discuss Portsmouth’s creation of well attended local history and genealogy workshops, the importance of developing community collaboration where possible, as well as the importance of primary materials to make real connections to the past. Nicole has been at the Portsmouth Public library for 19 years. Prior to her current supervisory position, she was the Special Collections Librarian. Previously, she was the Visual Archives Manager at the Museum of Fine Arts. MLIS from Simmons College.

Volunteers in Public Libraries

November 4, 2019 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

The NH Volunteers in Public Libraries Best Practices document has been revised and updated! The new document includes expanded information on youth volunteers, a new section on background checks, expanded information on volunteers and privacy, and an additional resources section that includes policy and form examples. This workshop will review best practices regarding volunteers, and includes an interactive segment with small group discussion/scenarios. Bring your volunteer questions! Led by Lori Fisher of the NH State Library.

REGISTER

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE LIBRARY
Preparing Your Paralibrarian Certification Application Information Session

November 08, 2019, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM at the Laconia Public Library, 695 N Main St, Laconia

Please join Lee Ann Chase, Amanda Alwyn and Julie Spokane to gain confidence in applying for your Certification under the new guidelines. Lee Ann Chase is a Level IV Certificate holder and has been serving on the Application Review Board since its inception. Amanda Alwyn is a Level III Certificate holder and is currently serving on the Paralibrarian Section Board as its Secretary. Julie Spokane is a Level IV Certificate Holder and is the Section Treasurer. Lee Ann and Julie have conducted information sessions in the past. The Guidelines have been updated and the changes will be reviewed. Attendees will also be provided with a sample application to take with them as a guide with real examples of write-ups. This session is not eligible for Paralibrarian Certification credit.

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November Early Learning Meet-ups: Curiosity Programming

cu·ri·os·i·ty

(Noun) A strong desire to know or learn something

We are excited to announce a new librarian training program to promote curiosity, inquisitiveness, and investigation within your children’s programs with the goal of teaching children of all ages to ask questions, structure experiments, and discover answers.

The early learning meet-up will cover a short review about research design and how to apply these principles when working with young children to foster curiosity and learning. Attendees will also review professional development materials on integrating STEM (STREAM!) in to the 2020 Imagine Your Story theme and will have the opportunity for hands-on practice and role-playing. Upon completing the workshop, attendees will:

• understand the importance of instilling curiosity in young children and how to encourage parents to participate in their children’s learning
• be able to design simple age-appropriate experiments for young children based on related books and activities
• bring two fully designed Curiosity programs back to their libraries

Presented by Bobbi Slossar & Deborah Dutcher, NHSL Consultants

Please register for one of the two upcoming workshops:

Tuesday, Nov 19 from 10:30-12:30 at the Lincoln Public Library

Wednesday, Nov 20 from 10:00-12:00 at the Derry Public Library

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Submit articles to Deborah Dutcher by the first Friday of the month.

Report errors to Bobbi Lee Slossar.