FROM THE DESK OF THE STATE LIBRARIAN…On Thursday, March 19, 2015, the NH State Library hosted the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance for a program on repurposing libraries. Maggie Stier, Shared Field Representative with the Alliance organized the meeting that had community representatives from Hudson, Candia, Kingston, Sunapee, Orford, and Boscawen, all of whom are working on projects that involve the use of a former public library building. Charlie Matthews, Director of the Rodgers Memorial Library, Hudson, did an excellent presentation about the issues relating to the Hills Memorial which was retired about 8 years ago, but is still serviceable and could be put to good use for the right occupant. The conference provided an opportunity for people to interact with individuals who are experiencing many of the same challenges they fall in trying to recycle good spaces for community activities; antique buildings, lack of funding and not enough interest in the project from the public yet, etc. The group shared ideas on how to overcome some of these issues.

-Michael York, State Librarian
ANN GEISEL AWARD OF MERIT

NOMINATE!! It’s time to recognize those colleagues who stand out from the crowd for their dedication, inspiration, innovation.

Please take a moment to submit a nomination for the Ann Geisel Award of Merit. Individuals, libraries, and organizations are all eligible for this award.

If you know a person (or library, or organization) who has made a significant contribution to library services, now’s the time to recognize that contribution! The award will be presented at the NHLA annual business meeting.

For details please go to: http://nhlibrarians.org/awards/geisel. Deadline for nominations is June 30, 2015. Submit nominations to: Linda Taggart, NHLA Past President, Nashua Public Library or e-mail linda.taggart@nashualibrary.org.

STAFF CHANGES AT COOK MEMORIAL LIBRARY, TAMWORTH

by Mary Cronin, Director
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Jay Rancourt, Director of Cook Memorial Library in Tamworth since 1999, retired at the end of March 2015. Jay started at Cook Memorial as Children's Librarian in 1996, and has seen the library through two major renovations and two migrations of its integrated library system. Her forward thinking approach to library services has made the library into a 21st century learning and community center for the people of Tamworth.

Patti Rau, Assistant Librarian, retired at the end of February 2015. Patti started working at Cook in 1996, taking on reference and interlibrary loan roles. She served the readers of Tamworth well with her book recommendation expertise and by leading monthly book discussions for many years.

Mary Cronin is Cook Memorial Library's new Director, beginning in March 2015. Mary was previously at the Madison Library where she served as Director for 10 years.

Michele Killeen started work as Library Assistant beginning in January 2015. Michele has made a graceful transition to working in a library for the first time, and looks forward to deepening her connection to the Tamworth community.
LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

News of Note:

**Byron G Merrill Library** - Our town meeting was held on Thursday evening, March 12th. I am happy to report voters approved $219,000 to fund our handicap access project. The total cost is $322,500. The balance coming from grants and fundraising. We were so pleased with the vote...116 in favor, 18 opposed.

The selectmen increased our request by $150 due to rising electrical and telephone costs and the total, $37,880 was approved.

- submitted by Susan Turbyne, Director
  Byron G Merrill Library, Rumney

**Gafney Library, Inc** - Our warrant article requesting $15,000 toward fundraising for an expanded library from the Town of Wakefield passed.

- submitted by Beryl Donovan, Director
  Gafney Library, Inc., Sanbornville

**Grafton Public Library** - The Town of Grafton passed a warrant article to add $15,000 to the library building capital reserve fund. As well as rejected a petition article (by the free-state movement) to operate the library with donations and volunteers only, no money from taxation. This article was defeated by a 2-1 margin. We are in the process of planning to move our library to new property and expanding if feasible, or building a new library. We just recently put out a RFP (Request for Proposal).

- submitted by Debra Clough, Director
  Grafton Public Library

**Rodgers Memorial Library** - Hudson voters passed Warrant Article 8 “Wage & Benefit Increases for Full-Time Library Employees”. Hudson requires that all full-time employee salary increases be approved by the voters. The raises are 2%. On the downside, the town’s operating budget passed which included an $18,500 reduction to the library budget.

- submitted by Charlie Matthews, Director
  Rodgers Memorial Library, Hudson

**Tuftonboro Library** - I’m sorry to report that Tuftonboro lost their bid for a new building by 34 votes. So hard to get over 60% of the vote and still lose.

- submitted by Christie Sarles, Director
  Tuftonboro Free Library
ISBN: 978-1-934473-83-8

Bottomley, Sue Anne.  **COLORFUL JOURNEY: AN ARTIST’S ADVENTURE; DRAWING EVERY TOWN IN NEW HAMPSHIRE.** Piscataqua Press, 2014.  $35.00  
ISBN: 978-1-939739-54-4

Includes an illustration and some history about every town from each region.

Caming, Steven.  **MT. WASHINGTON AUTO ROAD.** Arcadia Publishing, 2014.  Images of America Series.  $21.00  
ISBN: 978-1-4671-2165-1

ISBN: 9-780-69228-5619

Inspired by a Twitter conversation, 10 women came together to share their stories.

Chrusciel, Ewa.  **CONTRABAND OF HOOPOE.** Omnidawn Publishing, 2014.  $17.95  

Volume of poetry by Chrusciel, an associate professor at Colby-Sawyer College.


Biographies and stories of Pelham, New Hampshire.  Black and white photographs.

ISBN: 978-087233-158-7


**CONCORD 250: CELEBRATING 250 YEARS OF CONCORD HISTORY.** Edited by Steve Leone.  
Pediment Publishing Company, 2014.  $39.95  
ISBN: 978-1-59725-509-7

“Photographs from Concord’s history, collected from the Concord Historical Society, the New Hampshire Historical Society, the Concord Public Library, Concord 250, and families, and compiled by the Concord Monitor.”

ISBN: 978-1-60598-681-4

Juvenile fiction.

Crotty, Robert.  **THE TEACHER: A NOVEL.** Piscataqua Press, 2014.  $15.99  
ISBN: 978-1-939739-12-4

Fiction set in New Hampshire.

History of French Canadians in Suncook, N.H.

Biography for young readers.

Author’s “debut thriller.” Juvenile fiction.


Marino, James I. THE KEEPERS OF MERCIA. Published by Black Rose Writing, 2014. $16.95 ISBN: 978-1-61296-441-6
Fantasy fiction.

Towns included: Laconia, Center Harbor, Moultonborough, Wolfeboro, Alton, Meredith, Gilford and Tuftonboro.

McGrath’s photographs present a “twelve month glimpse of life and the natural surroundings of Rye.”


Schaeffer, Astrida. EMBELLISHMENTS: CONSTRUCTING VICTORIAN DETAIL. Schaeffer Arts Costume Exhibition & Care, 2013. $35.00 ISBN: 978-1-938394-04-1
Full color photographs and how-to guide highlights ten of the dresses from an exhibit at the University of New Hampshire analyzes their design elements in depth.

Book 2 in the author’s Kevin Markinson series of suspense fiction.

Book 1 in the author’s Kevin Markinson series of suspense fiction.
Strasser, Cathy. **AN UNCERTAIN GRAVE**. Oak Tree Press, 2014. $14.95  
ISBN: 978-1-61009-152-7  

Strykowski, Marcia. **AMY'S CHOICE**. Luminis Books, 2014. $11.95  
Juvenile fiction.

Memoir.

White, Diane. Illustrated by Beth Krommes. **BLUE ON BLUE**. Beach Lane Books, 2014. $17.99  
Picture book for children: Rhyming text and illustrations depict the swell and quieting of a storm.

Memoir of the late 1940s and early 1950s.

Woodman, Betsy. **LOVE POITON NUMBER 10: A JANA BIBI ADVENTURE**. Henry Holt and Company, 2013. $25.00  
ISBN: 978-0-8050-9957-7  
Second book in the author’s series.

Children’s book to help children understand autism.

ISBN: 978-0692238530

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**FULLER PUBLIC LIBRARY RECEIVES BEQUEST**  
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Wonderful news for the community of Hillsboro. The Fuller Public Library has received a $500,000 bequest from the estate of one of our library patrons. We hope to use some of the money to regain access to the upper floors of our building which was closed down by the fire marshal a few years ago. Our literacy program - Project LIFT - had to move across town and we would love to get them back in our building again. One of the projects we jumped into is having the archive of our town newspaper, which we have on microfilm, digitized and indexed to make it easier to use. We are very thankful that this kind man chose to leave us such a wonderful gift!
DUNBAR FREE LIBRARY EXPANSION PLANS ON TRACK
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Dunbar Free Library thanks the trustees and building and fundraising committee members for their incredible work this year: due in great part to their hard work; on March 10, 2015 the vote for our $459,000 bond issue warrant article was approved 194 to 32. If you would like to see the plans for our renovations and addition, they are at www.dunbarlibrary.org in “Looking Forward” under the “About Us” tab.

Quite a few fundraising efforts went into being able to show the voters that we had raised almost half the money that the project was going to cost, including a birthday party for Joey Holmes, long-time ILL manager. She turned 80 last February and challenged everybody to donate a dollar for every year they’d known her. She still mentions it to some she hasn’t seen in a while, and to date that event has raised over $7,000! There was a very successful sale of large plant pots painted by various library supporters held in conjunction with the annual Garden Club plant sale, a Harry Potter Science Fair, Wine Dinner and craft auction, and photography competition and auction. Our Friends of the Dunbar Library group gave us $40,000.

One of the most innovative fundraisers also cut our construction bill. Two local citizens took up the challenge of deconstructing the house next door that the trustees had purchased in order to give us room for expansion. It was decided early on that there was no way we could incorporate the house into our expansion plans, but we desperately need better parking. Andy and Tom spent more than 3 months taking the 150+ year-old barn, house and shed down, pieces intact as much as possible, so that many builders and crafters bought the materials: and the purchasers were directed to make out the checks to the Dunbar Free Library Expansion Fund!! Not only did they save us tens of thousands in demolition costs, they were instrumental in thousands of fundraising! We don’t know exactly how much because some people just stuffed their cash in our donation jug, but it was over $4,000. In addition to better parking, one result of our renovation and addition will be that the library, formerly “grandfathered” through two previous additions, will be completely ADA. We will have an automatic door, and all areas will be fully accessible. Currently one of our aisles is about 24, MAYBE 28 inches wide, and many are cul de sacs. We will have an area that is dedicated to YA, not just 3 bays sharing space with Travel and SciFi/Fantasy. They’ll have their own table!

If anybody has been through a renovation while trying to remain open to serve patrons, and you have life lessons to impart, we’d love to hear them.
The North Conway Public Library has officially gone Hollywood. As seen in the trailer for the latest Stephen King adaptation, “A Good Marriage, a character goes through a wallet and stumbles upon a North Conway Public Library card.

Being Hollywood, they have taken a few creative liberties. The real North Conway Library’s cards are not plastic as depicted in the trailer, but cardboard. “Our library cards don’t have barcodes. We still have paper cards since we pride ourselves on being a personable library. Patrons don’t need a 10-digit barcode here to identify themselves. You just show your card or say your 4-digit patron number and that’s enough since we know and recognize almost all our patrons,” explained librarian Andrea Masters, before adding, “Either way, we certainly like the publicity that the movie trailer brings us!”

Stephen King wrote the screenplay for the movie himself; it’s based on the author’s own novella “A Good Marriage,” which was published in his collection Full Dark, No Stars (2010). The thriller was released nationwide on October 3, 2014. Anthony LaPaglia (Without a Trace) and Joan Allen (Bourne movies) portray a married couple, with the wife discovering the horrifying stranger inside her husband while he’s away on a business trip - ending a ‘good marriage.’

The trailer may be watched on YouTube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=pP9-6F3HMfl; or for iPads/Mac users: http://trailes.apple.com/trailes/independent/agoodmarriage.; the North Conway Library card appears at 48 seconds in.

The North Conway Public Library is a privately funded nonprofit organization, free and open to the public. Any resident of the Mount Washington Valley can get a free library card (in paper!) and anybody, residents and visitors alike, can use the library’s public computers. The library doesn’t receive any money from the town, the State of New Hampshire, or the federal government. Major sources of income are donations and fundraisers.

Find out more about the library by calling (603) 356-2961 or go to www.northconwaylibrary.com.
The Amherst Town Library is proud to announce that it has been awarded two competitive grants in order to bring 3D printing technology and training to the Amherst library, schools and community clubs and organizations. Thanks to generous funding by The Norwin S. and Elizabeth N. Bean Foundation, the Amherst Town Library will be offering hands-on training on this innovative technology.

In addition to regular classes at the library, there will be a travelling printer with six laptop computers available to travel to local schools, after school clubs and local civic organizations that would like to learn more about 3D printing through hands-on experience. 3DSystems awarded the library two Cube2 printers to assist with the project. The Cube2 only prints plastic, but its low cost makes it ideal for iterative design. A 3D sketch can be drawn, printed, refined, and then printed again. Final designs can be sent out to companies with high end machines that can print in a wide array of materials, such as nylon, acrylic, gypsum, carbon fiber, precious metals, ceramics, and even leather and wood.

In a world where doctors are printing new organs and prosthetics and fashion designers are printing avant-garde dresses and shoes, the impact that 3D printers are already having in our day-to-day lives cannot be ignored. People who understand this technology will be better prepared to bring to life their own unique solutions to daily challenges.

The Amherst Library sees digital literacy as an important part of its mission, recently offering a series of well attended programs on technology including “Mastering the iPad”, “Succeeding on Craigslist” and “Facebook Workshop: Going Beyond Getting Started”. In the few weeks after announcing the Amherst Town Library 3D Printing Initiative we have had over a dozen people offer their expertise as volunteers and nearly 20 people on the waiting list for the hands-on workshops which started in early April. We have also received wonderful support from community experts employed in fields using CAD and 3D Printing technology.

The tremendously positive response to the initiative highlights the current needs for a trusted source of information on emerging technologies. The promulgation of new technology has far outstripped most people’s abilities to stay current. The local library is a perfect place for individuals to discover what technology is relevant to their lives and provide them with the resources necessary to become familiar with it.

In an age when information is constantly being pushed to people via smart devices it is hard to get mind share. The Amherst Town Library views the outreach portion of this initiative as an opportunity to get the awareness of the library in front of people who might not normally frequent the physical building. Many people view the library as just a place to get books. While that is a vital core service, we need to educate the public more aggressively about how libraries today offer so much more.

If you are interested in getting updates on the Amherst 3D Printing Initiative please feel free to contact Kim Ayers, Library Trustee at kimberlayers@comcast.net.
IN MEMORY...

Patricia Morag Skinner, 85, passed away March 13, 2015. She was born December 3, 1929 in Glasgow, Scotland, the only child of Dr. John Stuart Robertson of Perth and Frances Charlotte Lockhart (Swann) of Lenzie, Scotland. After the death of her father, she and her mother immigrated to the United States where she settled in Flushing, NY. Patricia attended the Scudder School and graduated from Bayside High School. After graduation, Patricia attended New York University where she received her Bachelor of Arts in Marketing, and went on to work as a buyer for Lord & Taylor.

Patricia married Robert Albert Skinner on December 28, 1957. After the birth of their first daughter, Robin, they moved to Salem, NH, where Patricia was active in the Salem Republican Woman’s Club and the Woman’s Club. Right after their second daughter Pamela was born they moved to Windham, NH and remained very active. In 1972, she was elected to the New Hampshire House of Representatives. During this time period, she was a Windham correspondent for the Salem Observer.

Patricia was always dedicating her time and energy to her community. She was a State Representative for Windham for 22 years, Chair of the Legislative Committee on Labor for 15 years, Chair of the Legislative Committee of Education for six years, and served on many Presidential-appointed committees on Labor and Education. Among her many other organization committees she was also Governor-appointed to the New Hampshire State Library Advisory Council, she was also a member of the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association. She was New Hampshire Friends of Library Legislator of the Year, one of the original Board members of the Nesmith Library, Windham Library Trustees, and was instrumental in the building of Nesmith Library. After dedicating 22 years to the New Hampshire Legislature, Patricia remained active in her community. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Robert, her daughters Robin Cavusoglu and husband Huseyin of Windham; Pamela Morag Skinner of Windham; 4 grandchildren, cousins and numerous loving friends.

A celebration of Patricia’s life was held on March 28, 2015 at Searles Chapel, Windham.

Barbara Badmington Holden Yeomans, 99, of Newport, passed away at her home on March 19, 2015. Born December 28, 1915, she grew up in Hilliardville, CT, where her father was a mill manager and her mother a church organist. She first came to Newport in 1947 to help her family run Sugar River Fabrics, a maker of fine woolens and clothing.

Barbara graduated from Tufts University magna cum laude in 1937. In her junior year, she was named editor of the Tuftonian, the school’s newspaper, and in that capacity, she was the first person to publish the poet John Ciardi, one of her classmates.

She had two long and loving marriages. She was married to the poet and writer Raymond Holden from 1949 to his death in 1972, and together they purchased and stewarded the Newport land and home they named Whippoorwill Hill. In 1974, Barbara married David Yeomans, whom she had met in high school and who was actively engaged in Connecticut civic life. He passed away in 1990.

Although women were rarely given front-line positions, Barbara was undaunted and became the behind-the-scenes force in so many efforts to build New Hampshire’s cultural life. Most of all, she dedicated herself to promoting and supporting public libraries. She served on the Board of Trustees of Newport’s Richards Free Library from 1949-1956, and continued to support it in so many way. She and Raymond founded the Friends of Richards Free Library, the first public library Friends organization in northern New England. She deployed her considerable persuasive charm to garner donations to the library’s capital campaigns, and she brought the support of people from her network of library contacts. In 1965, Barbara and Raymond created and endowed the Sarah
Josepha Hale Award, a prestigious literary prize that brings nationally renowned New England writers to Newport every year for a public presentation.

Barbara leaves her step-granddaughter, Priscilla Hagebush and her husband, Jerry of Newport. She also leaves her stepson-in-law, Peter Yeomans and his wife, Dorothy of Andover, CT. She also leaves two nieces and two nephews.

Barbara willed her body to the Dartmouth Medical School.

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