

Friend Memorial Library

NEWSLETTER



Brooklin, Maine

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Spring 2014

The Librarian's Notebook

Spring

This long, snowy winter is finally behind us. It must be true. June Sendrowski is raking the leaves out of the library garden. Reed Hayden built and installed a lovely new library sign. A tiny golden crocus popped open today. When you hear the spring peepers, think of our own Kim Ridley and Rebekah Raye. Their book *The Secret Pool* won the Lupine Award yesterday, as well as the Riverby Award, a national award for excellent natural history books for young readers. Come to the library and check it out.

First Automated year

2013 was our first whole year with our online catalog and automated circulation system. On the online catalog you can see the titles and covers of our newest books, DVDs, and magazines as soon as they are added. If you haven't yet gotten your new library card, now is a great time to do it. This past year also saw our highest circulation ever and the most kids participating in our summer reading program ever.

Love Your Library

2014 started off with our winter-brightening Love Your Library event. The library filled up with colorful valentines, both beautiful and silly. The annual auction plus valentines raised approximately \$13,000. LYL is such a fun way to raise part of the library's operating costs that we would love to keep it going and growing in coming years. Unique get-aways have been among the most popular offerings we have had in the past: three days and nights in a

waterfront Maine cottage; a stay in houseboat "Steely Ann" in Belfast. Next year we would love to be able to offer an exciting new get-away. Do you have a cottage or camp somewhere tempting (Mexico, the Bahamas, the Tetons, Florida, or right here in Maine...) where you would be willing to offer a week or weekend stay? If so, we'd love to hear from you. Or do you have some other intriguing idea for us to consider for the auction? We do ask you not to mail any objects to the library. Please contact us first by email, phone or letter. Thanks!



Brooklin School students play for us at the Holiday Open House. Left to right: Franklin Sealander, Adam Mathewson, Hannah Dyer, Margaret Nevin, Juliette Claybaugh

Library Website

Soon you should notice some changes to the library website. In addition to a slightly different layout and more photos, Greg Summers will be making our website more user-friendly for small devices like your tablet or smartphone.

Upcoming Events

May

We will have a technology petting zoo here for ten days. See article below.

The FML Board of Trustees will be hosting a tea party to thank all our wonderful volunteers on May 10. Everyone welcome.

July

The Maine Science Lady, Ruth Perry, will be here for an outdoor children's program on July 24, called *Aquatic Safari*. Scoop live critters from artificial ponds. Observe them using magnifiers and microscopes. Sort and identify them by shape. How many did you find? Do they eat each other? How do they breathe? Are they all swimmers? For ages: 5 to adult.

On July 17 we will be delighted to host a double author reading with Michael Chabon and Ayelet Waldman.

July and August will see the return of the Internet Pavilion and our children's Summer Reading Program.

August

We look forward to an art talk by Bill Irvine.

Come to the library!

-Stephanie Atwater, Library Director

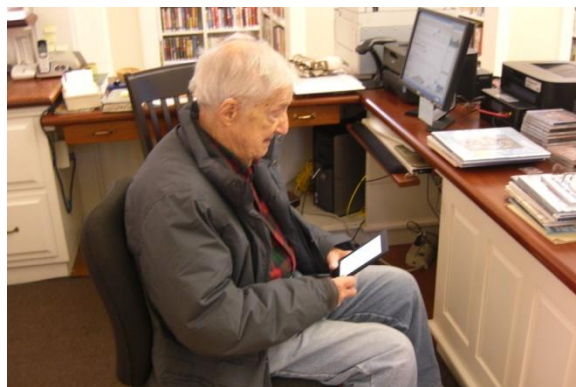
Technology Petting Zoo

A Technology Petting Zoo at Friend Memorial! On May 20 a zoo of six tech devices will arrive at the library for a ten day stay: a Nook SimpleTouch (e-reader), a Kindle Fire (tablet), a Kindle Paperwhite (e-reader), an Apple iPad Mini (tablet), a Nook HD+ (tablet), and a Google Nexus (tablet). At 7:00 p.m. that evening, zookeeper Jared Leadbetter, from Maine State Library, will offer a public training session in how to use the devices and what they can do. Feel free to bring your own devices for

comparisons and questions. The six devices will stay here at the library till May 30 so you can pet them and try them out. Your Maine State Library makes this great program possible. No one loves traditional books more than I do, but I love my Kindle. I can even read it when the power goes out on a long winter night.

Last 4th of July Book Sale

Don't miss the last Friends of the Library book sale on July 4 at Bowden Hall. As many of you know, the library is no longer accepting book sale book donations. Our small library has no storage room for donated books, nor room to hold the book sales in the library. This means that a huge amount of effort is required from our valiant volunteers to sort, box, haul boxes to storage, and then haul them to the book sale. The amount of work is out of proportion to the money raised for the library. So thank you, Friends, for all your years of book sale efforts, and so sorry to all of you who will miss the book sales. We will continue to sell library discards in the front entry. If you have special books that you think we might like for the library collection, please talk to us at the desk.



Ernest Hildebrand, oldest Kindle-packin' hombre in Brooklin



Sculpture by Axel Stohlberg in our April art exhibit

Pirates & Ship's Cats Summer Reading

Kids, in July and August the Pirates will return to the library for summer reading, but this year they will be joined by the Ship's Cats. There will be one line of rigging for the Pirates and one for the Ship's Cats. Every time you read one or more books, you can run your pennant up for either the cats or the pirates, and collect a chocolate-filled gold doubloon for each book!



Summer Reading rigging

Library Calendar

Storytime – Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

Programs & Events

Volunteer Tea – May 10, 1-3 p.m.

Technology Petting Zoo –
Public training May 20, 7:00 p.m.
Devices displayed May 20-30

Summer Reading Program
All July & August

Michael Chabon & Ayelet Waldman
July 17, 7:00 p.m. Author reading

Aquatic Safari – Maine Science Lady
July 24, 2:00 p.m. Kids 5 & up

Bill Irvine – Art talk
August – TBA



Art Exhibits

May – Kipp Hopkins – “Cats in Kimonos”

June – Elise Andrea – watercolors

July – Gilbert Kerlin – photos – “America’s Love Affair with the Automobile”

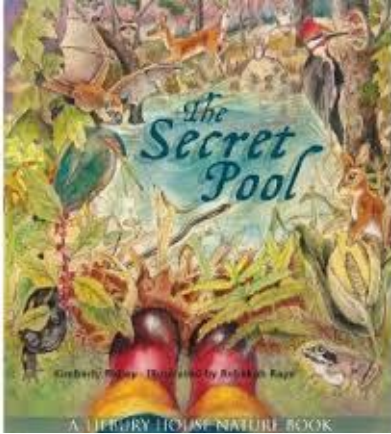
August – Deborah Lothrop – drawings

More programs and exhibits are being scheduled – watch for posters and the local press, and check our website:

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*Award winner The Secret Pool
by Kim Ridley, illustrated by Rebekah Raye*

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Summer Hours

(July & August)

Tuesday through Saturday
10 to 6

Winter Hours

Tuesday 10 to 4

Thursday 10 to 6

Friday & Saturday 10 to 4

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