

# FRIEND MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



Brooklin, Maine

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## *Spring... "Are we there yet?"*

The seemingly endless white and gray of this long winter was broken by an explosion of color and wild ideas when the artwork of Brooklin School students filled our exhibit space during March. Inspired by new school art teacher Sarah Doremus, our K-8<sup>th</sup> graders amazed us with Rube Goldberg devices of the mind, line drawing self-portraits in wire, fish sculptures, folk instruments made from crutches, whimsical moving sculptures, and more. This was one of our most popular art exhibits ever. Many people attended the reception where they had an opportunity to talk with the artists and meet their new, inspiring art teacher, Sarah Doremus.

Art by Sarah Doremus will be our November exhibit.

## *Do You Mango?*

Did you know that you can now learn any of about 65 languages, free of charge, using Mango, the online language learning system purchased for you by your library? Link to Mango from the FML website, log in with your card number, and learn a language on your home computer or your mobile device (free apps available). Mango is conversational language learning with grammar folded in painlessly. It's fun. It's interactive. Learn at your own pace. Hear your own voice compared to a native speaker. Learn a bit about the culture as you go. You can even practice some languages by watching feature films that you can break down by scenes to check your understanding.



*Art by Brooklin School students*

## *And now...Downloadable Music from Freegal!*

As of April 15, your library has also bought you free downloadable music. Every FML cardholder may stream three hours of music per day and download and keep three songs per week. Freegal has an extensive catalog of music, and it allows you to create your own playlists or stream pre-selected playlists by genre. Link to Freegal from the FML website.

Freegal and Mango are two good reasons to be sure you have your own new green Friend Memorial Library card. You will need that card number to log in to these new resources. If you need any help getting started with Mango or Freegal, don't hesitate to ask at the desk.

### ***Love Your Library***

The 2015 Love Your Library event was also a winter blues chaser. The auction and valentines raised more than \$12,000, nearly as much as last year, and again people told us how much they enjoyed the fun. In addition to the always-popular local foods and crafts and necessities like heating oil, the auction included ice boating, Amtrak tickets, a Marge Wilson quilt, and Rockwell Kent prints, to name a few. Thank you again to all our generous donors, bidders and volunteers.

### ***Library Website***

Soon you should notice some changes to the library website, including a slightly different look, more photos, and more information. Greg Summers will be making our website more user-friendly for small devices like your tablet or smartphone. Did you know you can browse the covers, titles and authors of the books and DVDs most recently added to the library right from the library website? Click on "Search Catalog." By clicking "more" you can see page after page of what has been recently added.

### ***Upcoming Events***

On July 2, Emily Stribling will give a reading from her new poetry collection, *The Mercy of Light*. These small pieces shimmer with a sense of time and place.

August 6th, Athenaide Dallett will read from her recently published novel, *The Absinth Association*. Based on a true story, it chronicles the adventures of a group of young college grads who distill absinthe for a lark, only to find that its popularity in the underground music scene of Boston and Providence propels them into danger. They struggle to find their bearings--romantic, professional, and moral--as the novel builds to a shattering climax. Several scenes are set in Brooklin.

Summer art exhibits will include works by Tara Mason, Diane Linscott, Ellen Ryerson, Mary Ann McKellar, and Steve Greenberg.

### ***Summer Programs for Kids***

July and August will bring our *Superheroes Summer Reading Program*. Reading gives you superpowers! Sign up and get a superhero mask and bookmark. Every book you read will not only make you more powerful, it will earn you a super-power chocolate. Stick your name and your book titles on the wall next to Bat Girl or The Flash.

Chewonki naturalists will return, on July 13 at 2:00 pm., to present *Hero Adaptations*. Many of the world's most beloved superheroes were inspired by animals living in your backyard! Our visiting naturalist will present two of these iconic figures and draw connections between their superpowers and the adaptations of their animal counterparts. The fun concludes with a close-up look at a third live animal and the opportunity for participants to enter into a statewide contest to create their own owl-inspired superhero.

Last summer kids got a close look at tiny pond creatures, which they scooped out of pond water tubs and inspected using microscopes and hand lenses, with the help of Ruth Perry, the Maine Science Lady.



*Aquatic Safari with the Maine Science Lady 2014*

### ***Drama Collection***

We have recently added seven volumes of audio plays from the L.A. Theatre Works Drama Collection. You will find them shelved on the window ledge in the audio book section. These volumes include 72 plays ranging from classics to current, from Chekhov to Second City.

### ***AmazonSmile***

Do you know that Amazon will donate 0.5% of all your qualifying Amazon purchases to Friend Memorial Library? And it costs you nothing. When you go to Amazon, just log into [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) instead of Amazon.com. It will take you to your existing personal account, with your existing cart and order history. From the drop-down menu of charitable organizations, choose Friend Memorial Public Library. If we all do it, it could really add up. So SMILE when you shop on Amazon!

***Email Overdue Notices*** are now being sent to all library users who have an email address listed with us. This is a big time saver for the library staff, and hopefully convenient for you. BUT we have discovered that some people are not recognizing the emails and are deleting them without opening. Your overdue emails will be from:

"NoReply(at)LibraryWorld.com"

with this subject:

"Your Library World transaction statement."

You cannot use the "reply" button on these reminders to renew items, but you can either phone the library or email us: [director@friend.lib.me.us](mailto:director@friend.lib.me.us).

### ***Email Newsletters***

Our email newsletters, which we began sending in October, allow us to send out library news more often, with no printing and mailing costs. If you are not receiving your eNewsletters, make sure we have your current email address. Also, check your junk mail to be sure they aren't being sent there by your email filter.

If you no longer wish to receive mailings from Friend Memorial, a quick email letting us know would be greatly appreciated.

## **Library Calendar**

**Storytime** -- Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

### **Programs & Events**

#### **Emily Blair Stribling**

July 2 at 7 p.m. Poetry reading

#### **Chewonki "Hero Adaptations"** –

July 13 at 2 p.m. Natural history program for kids

#### **Summer Reading Program**

All July & August

#### **Athenaide Dallett**

August 6 at 7 p.m. Author reading



### **Art Exhibits**

**May** – Tara Mason - fiber arts

**June** – Diane Linscott - paintings

**July** – Ellen Ryerson - oil paintings

**August** – Mary Ann McKellar - watercolors

**September** - Steve Greenberg - photographs

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

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*The Mercy of Light Poems by  
Emily Blair Stribling*

**Friend Memorial Library**

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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