

Librarian Report: February 2015

○ Children's Program

- **Infant Story Time** will be cancelled on Monday 16th for President's Day. Valentine's Day songs and stories
- **Toddler Story Time** theme is "Love is in the Air." We have been doing a 10 minute yoga before reading a story. No Story time on Friday the 13th because of the Valentine's Day Kid Craft. Books: "Be Mine, Be Mine" "The Day it Rained Hearts" "Never too Little to Love." Crafts have been a lady bug, painting with celery and love dinosaurs.
- **Valentine's Kids Craft:** Friday, February 13th from 3-4:30. Painting a sea rock, making a love arrow and decorating heart cookies. Treats provided by the Friends.
- **Kid's Movie:** "The Nut Job" Friday, the 27th at 3pm Friends will supply popcorn and drinks.

○ Third Monday Book Club

- February book is "Peony in Love" by Lisa See
- The Giver was a success. People really liked that we read a book and had the movie thereafter. It's attracted a few more people to the book club.

○ Knitters

- This group has grown from 3 to about 6 or 8

○ Chess Club

- Mathew Bohn runs this group. It's had 1-4 players. He has a designated night we advertise for, but also meets every Tuesday from 5-7pm for casual pick up games.

○ Library System/Building Maintenance

- No updates on the outside crack. Waiting to hear back from Brackley.
- The Library was used for the Public Hearing on February 3rd.
- Bill Dowry is working on getting the Solar Panel's repaired. There were parts that needed to get ordered and can take some time to get them in.
- We had 2 snow days and the Library was closed. Tuesday, January 27th and Monday, February 2nd.
- The Library will be closed Monday, February 16th for President's Day.

○ Staff

- **Sandy:**
 - Policies and procedures about holiday and snow/library closures guidelines (staff pay)?
 - Sit with staff to go over their job descriptions, make changes where necessary.
 - Training Azra.

- I have programs set through October 2015.
 - Working on the Children's Summer Reading Program (kick-off and presenters, etc...)
 - I added a monthly movie which will be the last Friday of the month at 3pm. For now, alternate children's, young adult/adult. I'd like to meet with the regional librarians in the area.
 - I would like to participate with the local libraries (Scrooge and Marley).
Regional group that meets once a month to collaborate at a local level.
- **Azra Karabegovic** started her first day as Assistant/Children's Librarian on Tuesday, February 3rd. Pretty excited to have her positive energy for the Library. She will take over the children's programs in March. She'll be observing programs through February.
 - **The Bristol Elementary** is having a Story Time Event/Parent Seminar on Thursday, February 19th from 3:45-6:00pm. The Library was asked to send a representative to meet parents and have dinner. I am sending Azra, so that she can meet the families in the community in which she will be serving, plus get an idea of the Library Programs they'd want. **Cindy and 1 Trustee volunteer to go with her? I'll get details)**
 - **Chilis** Conference is Thursday, March 5th (all day). The registration fee is \$55. I'm having Azra go so that she will have support and get ideas for the Children's Summer Reading Program. I will want to be sure to go in the Fall.
- **Cindy** has been very busy with ILL requests. Her work load has increased immensely.
 - I have added the Circulation Statistics to her job duties.
- **Sharleigh** will be going to college in the Fall. I would like to start looking for a new high school page to replace her. I would like the new page to start sometime in the late Spring, if possible. Would like to advertise this with the High School. Have students submit their applications and letter of intent for interviews. Have training and ready for Summer and the school year.
- **February Programs**
 - **Valentine's Day Kid Craft February 13th 3-4:30pm**
 - **Bristol Historical Society** Historic photos and postcards of Bristol, NH by Dave Roberts **Saturday, February 14th @ 1:00 pm**
****Lights refreshments will be served****
 - **UNH Speakers Bureau Program** Dante Scala "Stormy Weather: The New Hampshire Primary and Presidential Politics?" on Tuesday, February 24th @ 6:00 pm ****Light refreshments will be served****
Dante Scala is an associate professor of political science at the University of New Hampshire and a research fellow at the NH Institute of Politics. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in 2000. His research interests include campaigns and elections, voting behavior, political demographics, and American political development.
New Hampshire: First in the presidential primaries, it sets the stage and affects

candidates' odds of success or failure. Every four years, this small, proudly distinctive state is the center of America's political universe. Candidates' performances, especially in comparison to expectations, influence the competition for the country's highest office. Scala explains the importance and peculiarities of New Hampshire, providing both historical context and insights, based on extensive interviews, into the tensions between local politics and the national agendas of candidates. New Hampshire's sympathy for reformist candidates has the paradoxical effect of jumpstarting the campaigns of those candidates least representative of voters nationally, and Scala explores the tremendous implications for presidential politics. Scala explains what it takes for candidates to make the Granite State a launching pad rather than a crash landing.

- **Friday Matinee at the Minot-Sleeper:** Friday, February 27th at 3:00 pm – **The Nut Job** rated PG

- **Friends of the Library**

- The Friends will sign up to do the background checks for the Library. We'll have a total of 15 volunteers. Once we get our volunteers background check I'll have them working not only with the children's programs but also with general library functions. At that point, I can do more training so that the staff can have help during times of vacation etc...
- Do any Trustees want to be part of the background check?