

Librarian's Report

2/10/2014

Programming

- ***The Nepal Chronicles Tuesday 2/25, 7pm***
- ***Discovering New England Stone Walls Thursday, 3/20, 6:30pm***
 - Kevin Gardner's informal talk covers a few of the main topics of his book about New England stone walls, *The Granite Kiss* (Countryman Press), touching on history, technique, stylistic development, and aesthetics. He explains how and why New England came to acquire its thousands of miles of stone walls, the ways in which they and other dry stone structures were built, how their styles emerged and changed over time, and their significance to the famous New England landscape. Other topics may include: differences in approach between historical and contemporary wall-builders, a discussion of restoration tips and techniques, and information about design, acquisition of materials, preservation, and analysis. There is always a generous question-and-answer period, during which listeners are encouraged to bring up specific problems or projects on their own properties.

Along the way, Kevin occupies himself building a miniature wall or walls on a tabletop, using tiny stones from a five-gallon bucket. He often brings along his collection of books about stonework, and copies of *The Granite Kiss* will be available for sale.

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Professional Development

- Sharon attended the Scrooge & Marley Co-op meeting on 1/9 in Laconia. Michael York reported on State Library news. Senate Bill 227 - RSA 202:11: A is going before the senate regarding lapsing vs. non-lapsing funds. He is hoping it will be voted inexpedient to legislate which will kill the bill. If you have any questions, please call Michael York. Michael also reported on the Nhais Local Project which has to do with open source automation using Koha. 8 libraries have signed up so far.

Randy Brough wants everyone to know that NHLA is having a conference this year and encourages everyone to attend. It will be 2 days at the Mountain View Grand Hotel in Whitefield, NH. April 23-24. \$75 for 1-day, \$125 for 2-Day, and \$129 for a room

We also discussed book ideas for another Lakes Region Reads. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 3/13 at the Bennett Library at Lakes Region Community College.

- Sharon and Deborah will attend the CHILIS (Children's Librarians of NH) Spring Conference on Thursday, 3/6. It will be held at SNHU in Manchester.

Friends

- The Friend's voted to pay for our Summer Reading Materials for the children's, teen and adult programs. The total came to \$382.

Odds & Ends

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