

Librarian's Report

March 17, 2014

Programs

- **Thursday, April 10th, 6pm:** *The Abolitionist's of Noyes Academy* – Presenter Dan Billin

In 1835, abolitionists opened one of the nation's first integrated schools in Canaan, NH, attracting eager African American students from as far away as Boston, Providence, and New York City. Outraged community leaders responded by raising a mob that dragged the academy building off its foundation and ran the African American students out of town. New Hampshire's first experiment in educational equality was brief, but it helped launch the public careers of a trio of extraordinary African American leaders: Henry Highland Garnet, Alexander Crummell, and Thomas Sipkins Sidney. Dan Billin plumbs the depths of anti-abolitionist sentiment in early-nineteenth-century New England, and the courage of three young friends destined for greatness. *This program is made possible through a grant from the NH Humanities Council.*

- **Friday, April 18th, 3pm:** *Easter Egg Dyeing* – All ages, snacks provided
- **Monday, April 21st, 10am:** *Third Monday Book Group* – We will be reading "The Violinist's Thumb" by Sam Kean

In *The Disappearing Spoon*, bestselling author Sam Kean unlocked the mysteries of the periodic table. In *THE VIOLINIST'S THUMB*, he explores the wonders of the magical building block of life: DNA.

There are genes to explain crazy cat ladies, why other people have no fingerprints, and why some people survive nuclear bombs. Genes illuminate everything from JFK's bronze skin (it wasn't a tan) to Einstein's genius. They prove that Neanderthals and humans bred thousands of years more recently than any of us would feel comfortable thinking. They can even allow some people, because of the exceptional flexibility of their thumbs and fingers, to become truly singular violinists.

Kean's vibrant storytelling once again makes science entertaining, explaining human history and whimsy while showing how DNA will influence our species' future.

Professional Development

- Sharon and Deborah attended CHILIS on March 6th. After seeing the group **Mad Science** perform we decided to book them for our summer reading kickoff at the TTCC on **Wednesday, June 25th at 10am**. We have filled out the Kid, Books and Arts grant for this performance and will wait to see if we will receive help in funding this.
- Deborah will attend the NERTCL (New England Roundtable of Children & Teen Librarians) conference with the theme "Kids & Technology." The conference is on **Friday, March 21st in Worcester, MA**
- Sharon will attend the Spring NHLA conference on **Wednesday, April 23rd in Whitefield, NH**
- Sharon will attend Scrooge and Marley which has been rescheduled for **Thursday, March 27 at LRCC in Laconia**

Friends

- The Friends paid for a **Movie Licensing USA** license so that we can start showing movies in the meeting room. The total for the year came to \$192.
- The Friends discussed the idea of having an adult game night in the library - trying to come up with a good day/time

Odds & End

- Sharon went to a Dept. Head meeting on **Wednesday, March 12th** at the Town Office. The Town is working on a new employee evaluation form - Kelly will email them out by the end of the week. She requested that we turn in evaluations by the end of April. Melanie mentioned that the Town audit will be happening soon. She will email the list of what's needed from the Library soon.