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From the Director's Desk

Carl Heidenblad
Library Director

Today as I am writing it is a bitterly cold but beautiful N.H. morning. We've finished our first month of the New Year. And already, your library has loaned nearly 17,000 items – so January has been a busy month.

And this is just the beginning of a great year! Our staff and the Friends of the Library of Windham (FLOW) have many great things planned for the coming months so stay tuned. A few events to look forward to include the FLOW Winter Book Fair on February 6, our Chinese New Year celebration on February 13, and then on March 6 FLOW and our children's room staff are putting together a Dr. Seuss event that is not to be missed. So, there is much to look forward to!

On a different note, a few weeks ago I enjoyed a conversation with friends about our library, and was asked what it's like to work at the library. (Well, the short answer is it's a fantastic group of people to work with, and a great town to work for!) But somehow I got the impression that my friends thought that library work was completely devoid of two of life's universals: stress and humor. And coincidentally, I came across this great list – so I thought I'd share it.

Top Ten Phrases Library Personnel Fear Hearing

10. I was listening to the TV/radio this morning and heard about a new book **soon to be released**. Do you have it?

- I was reading in the **bathtub**...
 - I was going to return these movies last week, but it was way too cold (or too hot) to stop in, so they have been riding around in my car for the past week.
 - You won't believe **what Fido** did to the books that we checked out...
 - Where is your bathroom? Down the hall and to the right? I hope we can make it that far. When Sally has to go, she really has to go. Oops, too late...
 - Those library magazines that are overdue on my account? I think we threw them in your donation box last week...
 - Sorry to call you at home so late at night, but I wanted to let you know that your outside bookdrop is full.
 - Tommy doesn't really understand the concept of turning pages in a book yet.
 - Do you still have a book that is green** and is either paperback or hard cover that I read 20 years ago? I don't know the title or the author, but I am pretty sure it is green or maybe brown.
 - Johnny stayed home from school today with the flu, but he was getting so bored I thought I would bring him in to pick out some movies before he throws up again.
- (From: Vicky Calmes, Director, Colby Public Library, Wisconsin)

Yes, it's true, anxious

readers want to read books that have been published but not released to book sellers or the library trade. Readers still enjoy reading in the bathtub and at the swimming pool – and despite the advantages of technology, books don't float (and neither will a Kindle or an iPad)!

Dogs and other pets aren't always book friendly. One of my favorite stories dates from the old Nesmith Library when we were located in the Armstrong building – when a young woman returned a very chewed upon book to us. She was apologetic, but just looked sheepishly amused. It turned out the book was *No Bad Dogs* by Barbara Woodhouse.

While we strive to exceed your expectations, some expectations are more difficult to exceed than others. Although we librarians are great readers, we have not read every book in the library (after all there are more than 80,000 of them).

And while several of our Nesmith staff have outstanding memory skills, we aren't able to remember the book that you read 20 years ago, and to track it down we do need more information than the color of the cover!

And yes, little children still get sick and have accidents at the library. It definitely happens.

So yes, even a great occupation can have its challenges. It is tremendously rewarding to find the exact piece of information a student needs for an important paper, or to find information about a

company for someone who is job hunting. It is heart warming when our children's room staff excite young children, turning them on to the fun of reading.

And we love doing it! We love the challenge and indeed, the library as a work place has both stress and humor!
Happy February! Please

continue to visit and enjoy all that the library has to offer. Let your friends and neighbors know that you enjoy the library, and encourage them

to use our resources. We hope to see you, your friends, and family soon!

Drop-in Toddler Story Time

*Lori Morse,
Youth Services Librarian*

Drop-in Toddler Story Time begins Monday, February 1. No pre-registration necessary!

Toddler Story Time is for ages 18 months to 36 months with a caregiver.

Sessions will be held on Monday mornings at 10:00. Drop-in Story Times will be held on February 1, February 8,

March 1, March 8, and March 15.

Toddler Story Time provides an opportunity for you and your child to explore the library, enjoy books together, and visit with other families. Sharing books with your child encourages healthy language development, helps

you bond with your child, and stimulates their rapidly growing minds.

We know that your time is limited and hope this change will make it easier for you to get to Toddler Story Time with your little ones.

Toddler Story Time is open only to cardholders of

the Nesmith Library.

Please note that if there is a weather-related school delay or cancellation, Toddler Story Time will be cancelled.

If you have any questions, please call 432-7154 and ask for Lori Morse or Karen Frey.

Teen Advisory Board

Lori Morse

The next Teen Advisory Board (TAB) meeting is Tuesday, February 9 from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. We'll talk about upcoming teen programs for spring. Would you like to help

plan a teen dance party? Bring your ideas to the meeting. Enjoy snacks and refreshments while we discuss the possibilities. Hope to see you then!

The TAB is a group of young adults ages 11 to 18 (or in grades 5-12), who meet once a month to help plan fun events for teens at the library.

The TAB also advises the

teen librarian on items to buy for the teen collection, including: books, graphic novels, magazines, and music.

A Chinese New Year Celebration

*Jane McCue,
Children's Librarian*

Join us at the Nesmith Library on Saturday, February 13 as we celebrate the Lunar Year of the Tiger. Our celebration will begin in the afternoon starting at 1:00. Following a brief introduction and history of the holiday, this year's program features a performance by the Youth Eastern String Troupe. Led by Zhantao Lin, the Youth Eastern String Troupe was established in 2008 with the goal of increasing the general public's knowledge and appreciation for the Erhu instrument. Mr. Lin is an award winning professional musician and music educator from China. For more information on the troupe performing, visit their website at <http://youtheasternstring.com/default.htm>

Another highlight of this year's program will be a Chinese yo-yo demonstration. Also known as Tzuh-ling, empty bell, pulling bell, and wind bell, the yo-yo was created so long ago that there is no known inventor. It was found during the Ming

dynasty; roughly 1386-1644 A.D. Used correctly, a large variety of tricks can be performed with the Chinese yo-yo.

As in years past, there will be an authentic tea ceremony presentation, and a Taiwanese Lion Dance will be

performed in full costume to celebrate the start of the New Year.

Children will be able to participate in making simple crafts to bring home and red envelopes will be handed out at the end of the program. A sample of candies and snacks from Chinatown will also be provided. Bring the whole family and join us for this annual holiday celebration you won't want to miss! Adults and children of all ages will enjoy this hour long program celebrating The Year of the Tiger.

No registration is required. Simply join us in the multi-purpose room at 1:00 p.m. If you would like more information, please call the library at 432-7154 and ask for Jane McCue.



Feet Are Neat

Lori Morse

"Feet Are Neat" is a homeschool program presented by the New Hampshire Audubon.

Feet Are Neat introduces students to the science of animal tracking.

Through observation,

critical thinking, and educational games, students review basic animal footprints and learn the fundamental track patterns to figure out which animals make which track patterns and why. An extended program is

recommended to look for tracks outside in the snow if the weather allows. The program will be held on February 19 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. It is recommended for students ages 3 to 9. Please sign up by calling 432-7154

SCHOOL VACATION PROGRAMS

Come warm up at the library during the February vacation with one of our programs, or simply come by anytime to check out some new books and movies to bring home.

Let's Talk Taxes

Diane Mayr

On Thursday, February 18 at 7:00 p.m., the library will host a tax talk by Harvey Marks, an R & R Block tax specialist. The

subject of the talk will be "Changes in the Tax Code, New Deductions, and Credits for 2010."

This is a general information workshop. It is NOT designed to provide assistance with an individual's

personal tax returns. The workshop is free of charge and no prior registration is required.

FLOW Winter Book Fair

Warm up at the Friends of the Library of Windham's Winter Book Fair. Winter has firmly settled into New Hampshire, but there are many words to warm you up at the FLOW Winter Book Fair. Come and enjoy gently-used adult and children's fiction and nonfiction books,

games, CDs, and software on Saturday, February 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Nesmith Library.

FLOW's presale will be Friday, February 5 from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. The presale is for FLOW members, teachers, and senior citizens only;

however, non-members may join that evening and enjoy the full benefits of membership right away.

Membership levels start at \$10.00. Memberships secured at FLOW's Strawberry Festival and Book Fair in June 2009 are still

current. Senior citizens are not only invited to shop at the presale, but will also enjoy a 25% discount at the pre-sale.

The temperature outside isn't rising anytime soon, and there's nothing like a good book to heat up your imagination.

The Reference Corner

Lois Freeston,
Assistant Director and
Reference Librarian

Celebrate! Celebrate! Find a reason to celebrate!

Are you in a winter slump? The library has several resources to help you to find a reason to celebrate instead!

Chase's Calendar of Events has been the world's datebook for more than 50 years, and is considered to be "the authoritative guide to special occurrences, holidays, anniversaries, celebrity birthdates, religious observances, sporting events, and more from around the world."

To help you celebrate whatever special day you choose, look through *Holiday Symbols and Customs*. This updated edition offers the history and folklore associated with

each holiday, then explains the symbols and customs of the holiday. For example, the symbols and customs associated with the upcoming Chinese New Year include debt-paying, firecrackers, flowers (each kind has its own symbolic meaning), "Gate Gods" which are pictures of the "guardians of the home and protectors of mankind," the Kitchen God which personifies the hearth or center of the home, lucky phrases or spring couplets designed to bring good fortune, and others.

Holiday Symbols and Customs includes all types of celebrations: ancient, calendar/seasonal, folkloric, historic, national, religious,

sporting, and more!

Holidays, Festivals, and Celebrations of the World Dictionary offers even more events – over 3,000. They are not covered with as much detail, but are fascinating in their variety. Georgia, for example, holds a Vidalia onion festival from the last weekend in April to early May where you can enjoy music, a street dance, a fishing rodeo, onion-eating contests, and Vidalia onion cook-off (which includes cakes, breads, and muffins made with onions).

Or perhaps a watermelon-eating and seed-spitting contest in Wisconsin in September is more appealing – it attracts up to 9,000 people!

Planning to be in Bulgaria in May and June? Their rose festival is a 10-day event. Bulgaria still supplies 90% of the world's rose attar (perfume oils).

Several appendices include an overview of calendars around the world, phases of the moon from 2009-2020, facts about each of the United States (did you know many states have a state fossil and some even have a state pastry?) and facts about each country around the world, tourism information for each state, legal holidays by country, and more.

So if gray winter days are getting you down, find a fun holiday to celebrate!

Cut the Carbon! Kits at the Library

Diane Mayr,
Assistant Director and Adult
Services Librarian

The Nesmith Library has received four Kill A Watt energy detectors donated by nhsaves: energy solutions for NH. Public Service of New Hampshire (PSNH) is one of the energy providers participating in the program.

The Kill A Watt energy monitor will help you determine how much power your television, washing machine, Wii, and other electrical devices are using. With this information you can then figure out how much they're costing you on your utility bill.

The monitors have been made into kits for use by the public and go under the title, *Cut*

the Carbon!: With the Kill A Watt Energy Detector. Within the kit is the Kill A Watt Energy Detector, model P4400, a printed instruction sheet, an efficiency savings guide booklet, and a postpaid survey card.

A kit may be borrowed for a period of two weeks like other library materials. The call number is KIT 333.793 KIL, but it will not be on the regular bookshelves due to security reasons, so please ask for it at the front desk. The kits are very popular at this time, so you may have to put your name on a waiting

list. You'll receive a phone call when the kit is ready for you and will have three days time in which to pick it up at the library.

For more information on energy conservation, look for one of these titles the next time you visit the library:

Amann, Jennifer.
Consumer Guide to Energy Savings [333.793 AMA].

Change the World for Ten Bucks: *Small Actions x Lots of People = Big Change* [361.37 CHA].

Stoyke, Godo. *The Carbon Buster's Home Energy Handbook* [644 STO].

New Picture Books Have Arrived!

Jane McCue

14 Cows for America by Carmen Agra Deedy
A Book of Sleep by Il Sung Na
Always My Brother by Jean Reagan
The Busy Tree by Jennifer Ward
Brownie and Pearl Step Out by Cynthia Rylant
C is for Coyote by Andrea Helman
The Circus Ship by Chris Van dusen
Bye-Bye, Baby! by Richard Morris
The Duck and the Kangaroo by Edward Lear
First Ballet by Deanna Daswell

Froggy's Best Babysitter by Jonathan London
Have You Ever Seen a Sneep? by Tasha Pym
I'm Number One by Michael Rosen
The Listeners by Gloria Whelan
Meeow and the Little Chairs by Sebastien Braun
Mine, All Mine! by Claire Hawcock
Miss Smith and the Haunted Library by Michael Garland
Ned's New Home by Kevin Tseng
One More Hug for Madison by Caroline Jayne Church

The Patterson Puppies and the Rainy Day by Leslie Patricelli
Poor Puppy by Nick Bruel
Shades of People by Shelley Rotner
Silly Sally by Audrey Wood
Silly Tilly by Eileen Spinelli
A Small Brown Dog with a Wet Pink Nose by Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen
Smile! by Leigh Hodgkinson
Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star: A Bedtime Book of Lullabies
When We're Together by Claire Freedman

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Library Hours

Mon	9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Tue	9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Wed	9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Thu	9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Fri	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Sat	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Sun	1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

The library will be closed on Monday, February 15 for Presidents Day.

Dates to Remember

2/1	Drop-in Toddler Story Time, 10:00 a.m.	Board of Trustees, 7:00 p.m.	Quilters, 12:30-2:30 p.m.
2/5	FLOW Winter Book Fair Presale, 4:00-6:30 p.m.	2/13	Chinese New Year Program, 1:00 p.m.
2/6	FLOW Winter Book Fair, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	2/15	Presidents Day, library closed
2/8	Drop-in Toddler Story Time, 10:00 a.m.	2/18	Let's Talk Taxes, 7:00 p.m.
2/9	Teen Advisory Board Meeting, 2:30-4:00 p.m.;	2/19	Feet Are Neat, 10:00-11:30 a.m.; Nesmith
		2/26	Nesmith Quilters, 12:30-2:30 p.m.
		3/1	Drop-in Toddler Story Time, 10:00 a.m.
		3/6	Dr. Seuss Program, details TBA

