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We are Thankful!

Hello Laura,

The library has always celebrated this time of year. We read books about Thanksgiving and Native Americans at Preschool Story Time, make turkey crafts and gratitude bulletin boards. We even had a New Hampshire Humanities program where Steve and Sharon Wood portrayed President Lincoln and Sarah Josepha Hale to tell of Hale's 30-year effort to have Thanksgiving declared a national holiday.

As the Director of this wonderful community resource, I have many things to be thankful for:

- Thanks to a dedicated and enthusiastic staff, that bring their A-game every day and make everyone who walks in our doors feel welcome;
- Thanks to the Board of Trustees, who support and encourage me and never shy away from advocating for the library;
- Thanks to the Friends, the cheerleaders and fundraisers for many wonderful library "extras!"
- Thanks to those of you who support the Friends with your donations and purchases of meals at the summer Snack Shack and bake sales (FOBPL will be there on Voting Day, November 8th!)
- Thanks to the community for recognizing and supporting a resource available to all, regardless of politics or finances;

- Laura Laura Clerkin
 - And thanks to all our patrons, who recognize the great value of the library by checking out books, magazines and videos, using our wi-fi, and attending programs!

Have a good day,

Library Director lclerkin@bethlehemlibrary.org

Upcoming Program Medicare Information Session



Monday, November 7th 4:30 - 5:30pm

Confused about Medicare, Open Enrollment, and Supplemental options? Join State Farm agent, Lynne Warren, to learn about coverage that picks up where Medicare leaves off.

This is a Q&A session only (no sales). Refreshments will be served.

A society - any society - is defined as a set of mutual benefits and duties embodied most visibly in public institutions: public schools, public libraries, public transportation, public hospitals, public parks, public museums, public recreation, public universities, and so on.

Robert Reich

Readers Cafe Book Discussion

Thursday, November 17th Noon AND Saturday, November 19th 9am

November's book is *When Books Went to War* by Molly Guptill Manning. Copies are available at the Circulation Desk.

When America entered World War II in 1941, we faced an enemy that had banned and burned over 100 million books and caused fearful citizens to hide or destroy many more. Outraged librarians launched a campaign to send free books to American troops and gathered 20 million hardcover donations. In



1943, the War Department and the publishing industry stepped in with an extraordinary program: 120 million small, lightweight paperbacks, for troops to carry in their pockets and their rucksacks, in every theater of war.

Comprising 1,200 different titles of every imaginable type, these paperbacks were beloved by the troops and are still fondly remembered today. Soldiers read them while waiting to land at Normandy; in hellish trenches in the midst of battles in the Pacific; in field hospitals; and on long bombing flights. They wrote to the authors, many of whom responded to every letter. They helped rescue The Great Gatsby from obscurity. They made Betty Smith, author of A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, into a national icon. When Books Went to War is an inspiring story for history buffs and book lovers alike.

Same book, two discussion times.

New Book: Adult Fiction

To catch the hunter, become the prey...

"When the body of a female backpacker is found on the Yorkshire moors, the killer seems obvious, the motive clear. If only. Because Grimm and his team are up against not just a murderer, but a predator, and when the key suspect disappears, it's only a matter of time before another body is found. To catch one of the most dangerous killers



he has ever faced, and to have any chance of staying alive himself, Grimm will need to not only draw on his skills as a detective, but as a soldier, and to trust his team with his life as he goes to war once more. But at least he won't have to eat cheese and cake. Hopefully"--Amazon.com

This is book 3 in the DCI Harry Grimm series. To begin, read *Grimm Up North*.

Reserve Corpse Road now!

New Book: Adult Non-Fiction



Delightfully unusual staff members, eccentric customers, odd townsfolk

When Shaun Bythell first thought of taking over the bookstore in the remote Scottish village of Wigtown, it seemed like a book-lover's paradise. Here he details his experiences at the helm of The Book Shop, Scotland's largest second hand bookstore. As he struggled to build his business-- and be polite-- he is seduced by the charm of small-town life, and the peculiar characters he meets. -adapted from jacket

Reserve the book now!

New Book: Children's Non-Fiction Book

A hilarious and timely tool to help kids learn how to tell what news is true and what isn't.

Can peanuts give you super strength? Were unicorns discovered on the moon? Did Martians really invade New Jersey? For anyone who has ever encountered outrageous stories like these and wondered whether they were true, this funny, yet informative book breaks down what fake news is, why people spread it, and how to tell what is true and what isn't. (Syndetics Unbound)



Holiday Closures:

Friday, November 11th - Veterans Day Thursday, November 24th-Saturday, November 26th - Thanksgiving



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