

Friends News of Brooks Memorial Library

224 Main Street, Brattleboro, Vermont

Our New Look



Main floor with new flooring and redesign

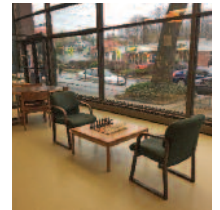
THE RENOVATIONS are finally completed at the Library. The last work was done during the week of March 20. The Library was closed for the week so that new flooring could be installed on the Main level.

The Main level has been completely rearranged to allow for a more open space. The computer stations have been moved to a back corner and there is a new reference desk and office. There is also a new handicapped accessible restroom on the Main level. The Main entrance was also redesigned with easier access for patrons, as well as adhering to ADA compliant regulations.

The new small meeting space on the Mezzanine level as well as the storage space for Fine Art, and the Local History room are all complete.

The Upper Level Teen Room is now complete. The Children's Room also received new flooring and lights.

All the renovations were made possible by funding from the Ronald Read Bequest. ■



Main floor, a wonderful space for a view and perhaps a game of chess!



New Mezzanine level small meeting space being utilized by Brattleboro Time Trade group



Redesigned front entrance



New computer station corner



New carpeting and lighting in the Children's Room



New Teen Room

Spring Concert

Keeping Company with Songs and Poems: Verandah Porche and Patty Carpenter

TWO LOCAL ARTISTS, the renowned poet Verandah Porche and her close friend, the jazz and rock musician Patty Carpenter, are combining their talents for a special show based on their friendship. This show is a benefit for The Friends of Brooks Memorial Library.

The show will be held in the newly redesigned library on Friday, May 5, 2017 at 7PM. Tickets are available at the library in advance of the show, as well as at the door the evening of the show. To accommodate everyone, ticket prices are on a sliding scale: \$12, \$15 or \$25.

“This show will travel through our lives and friendship- from trying to change the world to us hanging out the laundry, through tears and laughter—using original works of poetry and songs,” said Carpenter.

Performing with Porche and Carpenter will be Jon Weeks on flute, saxophone and percussion, and Draa Hobbs and Wheeler Laird on guitars.

Hobbs and Laird are local legends and Wheeler comes from Brooklyn by way of San Antonio, TX.

The work of Porche and Carpenter reflects their long and deep history in our region. Together they have written a CD of songs titled “Come Over.” They are currently working on material for a new joint CD.



**Verandah Porche
& Patty Carpenter
IN CONCERT**

**Friday,
May 5th at 7:00**
Brooks Memorial Library,
Main Room

A BENEFIT CONCERT FOR THE FRIENDS OF BROOKS MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Sliding scale to accommodate all; choose your donation! \$12- \$15- \$25 • No tickets on line

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Patty Carpenter grew up playing piano and singing. She studied jazz at the University of Massachusetts with many renowned musicians and has devoted herself to playing everywhere from muddy fields to lovely stages. Her CD's are available on iTunes, Amazon and her website, www.pattycarpenter.com.

Verandah Porche has lived in

our area since 1968 as a poet and performer. She has published several books of her work and encouraged many others to write. She initiated and taught poetry at the Governor's Institute on the Arts for 30 years. Recently she collaborated with visual artist Kathleen Kolb. Their joint show, “Shedding Light on the Working Forest,” is showing in various venues around Vermont. ■

The Library is now accepting books until May 22nd

Acceptable Donation Guidelines

DUE TO GENEROUS DONATIONS of thousands of quality, gently used and treasured books, the Friends of Brooks Memorial Library has expanded to sponsoring three book sales during each year. This fundraising effort generates nearly \$10,000 annually for support of library equipment, furniture, programs and events. On rare occasions, if a donation meets the selection criteria, donated items are sometimes added to the library collection. Some higher value books have been posted online to reach a broader market and fetch a better price. Our remainders have been given to prisons and Native American Reservation libraries and passed along to a hospital or other library books sales. All good books are put to good use. Thank you to everyone who has donated books to support these causes.

Prior to a Book Sale, we happily accept donations at the main circulations desk whenever the library is open. Please call 802-254-5290 x106 if you have any questions or if you have a large quantity of boxes to

donate. In order to insure the quality, please have a staff member peruse the donation before dropping it off.

The following are guidelines for acceptable book donations. Please donate only books that are gently used and in good condition.

We will accept:

- Hardcover, soft cover and mass market paperbacks in both fiction and non-fiction
- Audiobooks on CD
- Music CDs
- DVDs
- Coffee-table books
- Children's books
- Rare, first edition and signed books
- Books valued over \$20 to post on the Friend's Amazon seller account

We will NOT accept:

- Magazines
- Encyclopedias
- Reader's Digest
- Condensed Books
- Out dated reference books
- Textbooks
- Travel guides
- Any outdated non-fiction
- Computer books
- Romance paperbacks
- LP records
- Cassette music tapes
- Books targeted to a small, select audience unless they have a value over \$20 on Amazon ■

Book Sale at Brooks Memorial Library

THE FRIENDS OF BROOKS MEMORIAL LIBRARY JUNE BOOK SALE will be held on Thursday, June 1 from 10AM to 6PM, Friday, June 2 from 10AM to 6PM and Saturday, June 3, from 8AM to 1PM. The sale coincides with the Strolling of the Heifers weekend festivities.

Please note the early opening on Saturday. This allows for browsing and buying, as well as finding a great viewing spot for the parade in front of the Library. The parade usually makes its way to the front of the Library around 10:30.

Titles will cover a wide range of subjects, as well as a good selection of fiction. There will also be a selection of DVD's, CD's and audio books. All the books have been donated to the Library by community members. The books are sorted for good quality and by subject area by Library volunteers. Prices will range from \$.50 to \$2.00, with special interest and coffee table books priced higher.

Books in good condition and on interesting topics will be accepted at the Library until May 22. For information about acceptable donations, please contact Therese Marcy at 802-254-5290, ext. 106.

Proceeds from the book sale help the Friends purchase material, present programs and provide services which help the Library. The Friends mission is to support the Brooks Memorial Library through advocacy, public relations and fundraising.

If you are interested in volunteering with setting up before the sale, breaking down after the sale, or cashiering on the days of the sale, please contact Therese Marcy at the number listed above.

And keep your fingers crossed for beautiful weather! ■

First Wednesdays 2017 Series

THE VERMONT HUMANITIES COUNCIL FIRST WEDNESDAYS LECTURE SERIES

began in October on the Main Floor of the library and continues at 7PM on the first Wednesday of each month.



Visit vermonthumanities.org/first-wednesdays to see the full 2017 schedule of First Wednesday events.

The Brooks Memorial Library First Wednesday lectures are made possible by the generous support from: Brattleboro Camera Club, Brattleboro Savings & Loan, Downs Rachlin Martin PLLC, Friends of Brooks Memorial Library, New Chapter, Inc., Starr LaTronica, The Richards Group and World Learning, Inc.

MAY 3 • Colin Calloway

The Indian World of George Washington

Dartmouth College professor Colin Calloway discusses the first president's relations with Indian peoples and considers how Native American nations and lands shaped the man who shaped the republic.



First Wednesday Programs

IF YOU HAVE MISSED

any of the 1st Wednesday programs, a number of them are available for viewing online at bctv's website:

brattleborotv.org. Just type 1st Wednesday in the search bar. They have also provided a copy on DVD that is available to borrow at the library.



We are grateful to bctv for providing this service for our patrons.

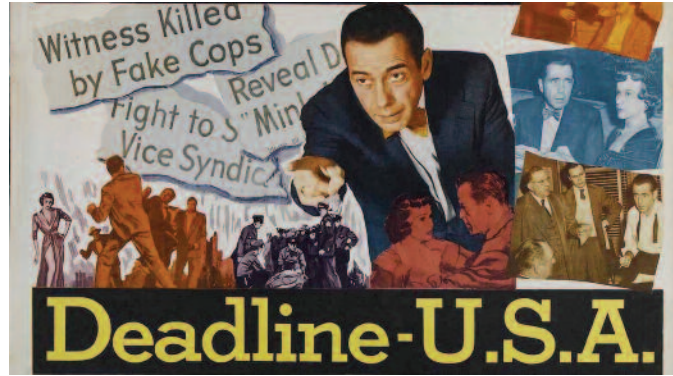
"A library is not just a reference service: it is a place for the vulnerable.

From the elderly gentleman whose only remaining human interaction is with library staff, to the isolated young mother who relishes the support and friendship that grows from a baby rhyme session, to a slow moving 30-something woman collecting her CD's, libraries are a haven. In a world where community services are being ground down to nothing, libraries are vital. Their worth cannot be measured in books alone."

—Angela Clarke

Film Discussion Series

WITH THE ROLE OF A FREE PRESS under scrutiny, who better than Humphrey Bogart to tell us about fake news, real news, and the importance of a free, open, honest, and fearless press?



criminal gang leader. The film also stars Ethel Barrymore and Kim Hunter.

A discussion will be held after the film, led by Randy Holhut, deputy editor of *The Commons*.

The Friends of Brooks Memorial Library, in conjunction with The Commons, the Brooks Memorial Library, and the Latchis Theatre, are beginning a journalism film discussion series based on the importance of a free and impartial press and the role it plays in a democratic society.

The first film in the series is "Deadline-U.S.A.", a fast-moving and hard-hitting 1952 black-and-white film starring film legend Humphrey Bogart as a big-city newspaper editor whose paper is going under. He has to decide whether or not to go out with a bang and expose a dangerous

This program will be held on Sunday, May 21, from 4:00 to 6:30PM at the Latchis Theater. This program is free and open to the public.

Following a summer hiatus, the festival will resume again in the fall with "Sweet Smell of Success," "Ace in the Hole," "The Front Page" and other classic journalism films telling the story of the good, the bad and the ugly in American journalism.

We are very grateful to The Latchis Theater for donating the use of a theater for this series. ■

Foundation Center

THIS IS THE LATEST PROGRAM which the Friends of Brooks Memorial Library have funded.



The Library now has access to resources which can help individuals and nonprofit organizations in seeking out grants for their organizations. The Library can now offer free online and print access to the Center's detailed information on grant makers, as well as helpful information to assist with applying for grants.

For more information about the Foundation Center resources available through the library, please contact the Reference Desk at 802-254-5290 x 109. ■

Parking for evening Library events



IF YOU PLAN to attend an evening event at the Library, the Municipal Parking Lot behind the Library is available for free parking after 6:00PM.



It is a short walk to the rear entrance of the Library, and there is an elevator to the First Floor. There is one handicap parking spot nearest to the walkway to the Library.

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to the 2016 Annual Appeal and Membership Drive

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Friends of Brooks Memorial Library Annual Meeting



THE FRIENDS OF BROOKS MEMORIAL LIBRARY will be holding their Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 2PM in the large meeting room at Brooks Memorial Library.

Following the meeting, at 3PM, the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum and Wolfgard Northeast will present a program called "Learning through Wild Eyes." A presentation of live animals and storytelling, we'll explore the lessons and lore from our neighbors with feathers and fur. This will give us a glimpse of the entertaining and educational world where human culture and wildlife intersect.

This meeting is free and open to the public.