

Friends News

of Brooks Memorial Library

224 Main Street, Brattleboro, Vermont

June Book Sale

THE STROLLING OF THE HEIFERS BOOK SALE has generated \$3,800, as of the publication of this newsletter.

These book sales would not be possible without the generous contributions of books by friends and patrons of the library, or by volunteers in the sorting of books, setting up and breaking down the sale and acting as cashiers during the sale.

We wish to thank Mark Eggert, Jaye Pope, Robert Stack, Vince Panella, Samantha Seals, Mary Ide, Walter Wagenknecht, Elizabeth Tannenbaum, Debby Tewksbury, Joyce Marcel, Jane Southworth, Vicki Shepard, Wendy Houlihan, Kate Wylie, Judy Conrad, Kathryn Turnas, Laura Campbell, Karen Duggan, Susan Rohde, Erin Schulman, Dianne Shapiro, Connie Kimball and Bob Glennon.

In addition, Elaine Murray sorts and culls books for suitability for our Amazon listings and Bob Oeser, in addition to setting up and breaking down the sale, is our very own Strolling Heifer during the sale.

Therese Marcy, Circulation Manager and Volunteer Coordinator, does planning and recruiting of all the volunteers for the sales.

All the money raised from these sales is used by the Friends to support library programs and services. Thank you to everyone for all the help in running this very successful sale. ■



Some recent expenditures by the Friends of the Library

Children's Room: \$1,450

- Children's Room programs
- Puzzle Rack, costumes and costume tree
- End of the year Dance Party
- Children's Summer Reading Programs

Teen Room: \$500

- Jellyfish chairs

Museum Pass renewals: \$210

- Old Deerfield Village
- Smith College Museum of Art

Other Library resources: \$325

- Envelopes for library cards
- Dues for American Library Association

Children's Room Summer Programs

FOR LIBRARIES, summer time means summer reading. This year's theme is "Build A Better World," and the Children's Room will be busy providing new programs and building on popular summer programs. This year we will offer a summer challenge for kids, ages 4–12. (Teen programs and programs for littler ones will also be available.) This program offers kids the chance to earn points for reading, being read to, or listening to audiobooks. Kids can also earn points by attending library programs. All these points are recorded on a specific form that can be picked up in the Children's Room.

When a child earns 25 points, they can progress to the next level to earn more points and more prizes; the higher the level, the better the prizes. There will also be special tasks throughout the summer to earn bonus points. Prizes include free books, free snacks at local establishments, and free passes to other fun activities. Children can sign up starting Monday, June 19. The completed forms have to be turned in by Saturday, August 12 to be able to win any prizes.

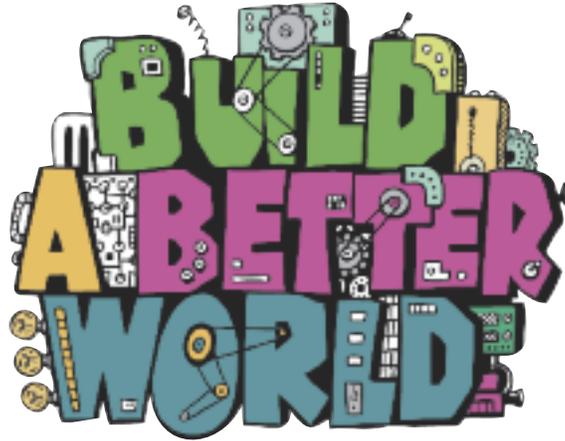
Our summer program for little ones takes the form of an activity sheet. Parents with kids from birth to age 4 can get one that has suggestions of great early literacy activities, including, "Sing a song with your child," and "read a wordless picture book." This program is a great way to introduce common early literacy skills and fun activities that parents can do with their little readers. If parents finish 20 out of 25 activities on the sheet, they can get a free board book or picture book.

Monday Movie Matinees

One of our summer's programs is our Monday Movie Matinee, which is sponsored by Bellville Reality. This program starts on Monday, June 26 and runs through Monday, August 15. A movie

will show at 1:00PM each Monday throughout the summer.

Bring a lunch or snack and watch a movie on the big screen in the Meeting Room. Stop by the library to pick up a schedule or look on our website. All movies are rated G or PG. This is free and open to the public.



Monday, June 26
The BFG



Monday, July 3
Big Hero 6



Monday, July 10
Lego: Batman



Monday, July 17
Moana

Monday, July 24
Secret Life of Pets



Monday, July 31
Sing



Monday, August 7
Storks



Monday, August 14
Zootopia



Children's Room Summer Programs

For Little Ones and Families

On Tuesdays mornings we are offering two different programs for little kids and their families. In the morning from 10:30–11:30AM, we are hosting *Sing-and-Dance* with Laura Goldblatt, co-sponsored by KidsPLAYce. These *Sing-and-Dance* sessions will be Tuesday, June 27, July 11, July 25, and August 8. Additionally, on July 18 and August 1 from 10:30–11:30AM, we are collaborating with Sobo Dance Studio to host *Family Dance Time!* for kids 0–5 and their parents. Come shake, sing, squirm, and move around on Tuesday mornings from 10:30–11:30AM throughout the summer with *Sing-and-Dance* or *Family Dance Time!* All sessions are free and open to the public. There will be no morning session on Tuesday, July 4 because of the holiday.

Tinkering Tuesday

Tuesday afternoon we are offering a “Tinkering Tuesday” program for older kids. Every Tuesday from 2:00–4:00PM we will offer a different STEM event, like playing with circuits, toy hacking, or building a Rube Goldberg machine. These events are free and open, but registration will be required for some of these programs.

T.H.R.I.V.E. Programs

This summer we will also start our Thursday, T.H.R.I.V.E program, with different special events on Thursday afternoons. All events will run from 2:00–4:00PM, unless otherwise specified. Collaborative Thursday events include: Thursday, July 6 will be a collaborative letter-writing event with the Local Love Brigade, and Thursday, July 27 and August 3 will be a special two-part series with local superhero Green-Up Girl. Week 1 with the Green-Up Girl, kids will learn about “Living a Green Lifestyle,” which includes composting, how a solar oven works, and how our trash negatively affects the animal kingdom. Week 2 is called “Podcasting for the Planet,” giving kids



an opportunity to write and record — with video or audio — a piece about their environmental concerns or solutions. Check out our website: www.brookslibraryvt.org/kids to see the full Thursday T.H.R.I.V.E. schedule.

VINS Nature Program

The Vermont Institute of Natural Sciences (VINS) will be coming to the library on Thursday, July 13 at 6:30PM for a special after-hours program. VINS will bring three live raptors to this program to talk about the importance of nesting season and how we can help birds out. Join VINS to learn what to do if you find a baby bird, or to know what bird parents are busy doing at this of time year. This program is geared towards children and families, but everyone is welcome to attend. The Friends of Brooks Memorial Library has made this program possible.



Free Lunch for Children 18 and younger!

The library will also be a summer lunch site for kids and teens through the Summer Food Service Program. This year lunch will be offered Monday through Friday from 12:00 to 1:00PM starting on Monday June 26 and running through Friday, August 11. Free lunch is provided for children 18 and under — no registration is needed. Adults may purchase a meal for \$3.00



Check the Website

For more information about all of our events this summer check out our website: www.brookslibraryvt.org/kids or like the Brooks Memorial Library Children's Room facebook page to get updates and event reminders. For any questions or to register for certain programs call us at (802)254-5290 x110 or email cr@brookslibraryvt.org. ■

Teen Reading Program

A NEW SCRATCH-TICKET TEEN READING PROGRAM

is starting this summer. It will serve teens who are going into the 7th grade and all the way up to those who are 18 years old. The way it works, every time a teen every time a teen checks-out a book this summer they earn a scratch ticket — one ticket per day. Also, teens can earn tickets by attending library programs. Some scratch tickets will be winners and others will encourage teens to return to the library another day to try again. Prizes for winning tickets will include: books, water bottles, gift certificates to Brueggers and other local eateries and stores. With non-winning tickets, teens can enter to win a large drawing at the end of the summer. Teens can start earning scratch tickets on Monday, June 26.

Zombie Tag

In addition to the summer reading program, we will also host a special teen-only Zombie Tag. On Friday,



July 28 from 7:00–9:00PM come to the library after closing, play zombie tag, eat free pizza, and see what lurks in the stacks after hours. Get ready to join the walking dead.

Wednesday Night Movies

On Wednesday evenings, July 12, July 25, and August 8, we will be offering Teen-Only Movies. All movies will start at 6:00PM and teens ages 13+ will be allowed to attend. For information on movie titles, stop in and pick-up a calendar or check-out the library website: www.brookslibraryvt.org/teens. Movies are rated PG-13. This is free and open to the public.

Wednesday, July 12
Ghostbusters

Wednesday, July 26
Fantastic Beasts

Wednesday, August 9
Rogue One ■



First Wednesdays 2017 Series

THE VERMONT HUMANITIES COUNCIL FIRST WEDNESDAYS LECTURE SERIES

is presented by the Friends of the Library. These free lectures are presented from October through May. They feature nationally and regionally renowned authors, artists, scholars and public figures who speak on many diverse topics.

Over the past 11 years 9,896 people have attended these lectures. Brooks Library ranks either 1st or 2nd in total attendance each year. This past year 746 people attended the lectures at the library.

The Vermont Humanities Council charges a significant amount to present the series at the



library. In addition to support from the Friends, local businesses have also contributed to underwriting the cost of these programs.

If you have or know of a business that would be interested in supporting this lecture series, please contact Joyce

Marcel at friendsofbrookslibraryvt@gmail.com or Brooks Memorial Library director, Starr LaTronica at 254-5290. Your support would be acknowledged in all the Vermont Humanities Council First Wednesday statewide publications. In addition, your support would be acknowledged in local publications and at each of the lectures held at the library. ■



“DEADLINE USA,” the dramatic 1952 black-and-white film in which Humphrey Bogart makes the case for the importance of journalism in a democratic society, was the first film in the Friends’ Journalism Film Festival. It was shown at the Latchis Theater on Sunday, May 21.

The event — relatively speaking — was a big hit. We drew about 60 people to a dark theater on a sunny Sunday afternoon when the entertainment options in Windham County were all outdoors. The film looked terrific on the big screen in all its black-and-white glory. The people who came really enjoyed the movie, and most stayed after the film to discuss journalism with Randy Holhut of *The Commons*.

When the festival resumes in the Fall, word will have spread and we believe we can anticipate a much larger audience for such films as “All the President’s Men,” “Sweet Smell of Success,” “Ace in the Hole,” and “Spotlight.” Each of these films explores a different aspect of the good, the bad and the ugly of journalism while also telling a gripping story.

The festival is being put on by a coalition whose members include the Latchis Theater, the Friends of Brooks Memorial Library, Brooks Memorial Library, *The Commons* and the *Brattleboro Reformer*.

Look for the schedule in the Fall issue of the newsletter. ■

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