

**"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart."
~ Helen Keller, Author 1880-1968**

New for Valentines! *Blind Date with a Book*

Don't Judge Me by My Cover

Starting mid-February you can choose one of our covered books to check out based on the book's profile and receive chocolate and a fun, new reading surprise! So, jump at the chance...it's the season for reading!

Upcoming programs:

THIS WEEK: February 5, Thursday at 6:30 pm

(Not So) Elementary, My Dear Watson: The Popularity of Sherlock Holmes

The recent spate of Sherlock Holmes movies, television shows, and literary adaptations indicate the Great Detective is alive and well in the 21st century. Holmes is the most portrayed literary character of all time, with over 230 film versions alone in several different languages; over the past century, Sherlockians created societies like the Baker Street Irregulars, wrote articles sussing out the 'sources' of Doyle's works, and, most recently, developed an entire online world of Holmesian fan fiction. Sherlock Holmes is now a multi-million dollar industry. But why? *Why* is Sherlock Holmes so popular? This presentation explores the origins of Arthur Conan Doyle's famous detective and tracks his incarnations in literature, film, advertising, and modern media in order to crack the case of the most popular detective.

Ann McClellan is professor of English and department chair at Plymouth State University where she teaches classes in 19th and 20th century British Literature. She is the author of *How British Women Writers Transformed the Campus Novel* as well as several national and international articles on writers like Virginia Woolf, Dorothy L. Sayers, and Jeannette Winterson. Her current project is on fan culture and the popularity of Sherlock Holmes.

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Third times a charm!**Newly rescheduled!** February 12,
Thursday at **6:30** pm

Valentine refreshments provided!

Project Coyote by Christine Schadler, M.S., M.A., Wild Canid Ecologist

Chris earned a Masters of Science in Conservation Biology at Antioch University Graduate School. Her thesis focused on the natural recovery of the Eastern Timber Wolf in Michigan. Beginning in the early 1990's, Chris taught Conservation Issues, Dendrology and Wolf Ecology at the University of New Hampshire, receiving many teaching excellence and student recognition awards. She continues to instruct and mentor adult degree candidates in the UNH System at Granite State College.

While wolf recovery was the focus of her early work, Chris' attention shifted to the eastern coyote when she moved to New England. She chose a farm with known coyote problems to raise sheep and train her border collies. Using sound livestock management and common sense, she avoided any predation.

Chris is now the Representative for Project Coyote in NH and VT, and divides her time between teaching and working on her book "Becoming Wolf: The Eastern Coyote in New England". Between presentations she can be found at camp in northern New Hampshire researching coyote feeding patterns in a mosaic of farms and woodlots.

March 5, Thursday at 6:30 pm

Classical Concert

Alethea Grant, Harpist

www.youtube.com

March 10, Tuesday at 7 pm

NH Book Author James Marino: The Keepers of Mercia

James Marino will discuss the authorship and publishing of his debut young adult novel, *The Keepers of Mercia*.

Marino worked in the marketing department of a Fortune 500 financial company for eight years before attaining a Master of Fine Arts Degree in Fiction Writing from Southern New Hampshire University and joining the English Department there as an adjunct professor. He has a deep appreciation of nature that can be seen in the well-crafted images that punctuate his writing. He resides on Havenhill Farm in New

Hampshire with his wife Megan, their son Max, and several furry friends.

These events are free and open to the public. Please call the library for further information at 483-8245. We look forward to hosting and hope to see you there!

LOCAL EVENT: Winter Snowshoe walk

The Candia Conservation Commission will be hosting a Winter Snowshoe walk to Kinnicum Pond on Saturday, February 14th (Snow date: Sunday, Feb 15th) from 1-4 pm. The snowshoe walk will require moderate exertion (4-5 miles round trip) and will pass several lovely view points of the hinterland in our largest unfragmented area of land in town. Participants should bring a pair of snowshoes, water, snacks, and dress appropriately for the weather.

Location/Starting Point: Libbee Road off South Road in Candia

For more information please contact: Susan Wilderman 483-5053

Smyth Library has available for sale:

Beautiful 2015 Candia Conservation Calendars for \$10 with proceeds to the Commission to send a youth to Conservation Camp.

A Sense of Place: Candia's Past & Present 1763-2014 A Compilation of Town Tributes, Personal Histories & Cherished Memories in Celebration of the Semiquincentennial (\$15 to the Heritage Commission)

New Museum Pass: Strawberry Banke Museum.

Strawbery Banke Museum is an outdoor history museum whose 10-acre site is open 365 days a year. (www.strawberrybanke.org) 603-433-1100

Strawbery Banke Museum, in the heart of historic downtown Portsmouth, New Hampshire, is an authentic 10-acre outdoor history museum, listed on the National Register of Historic Places and dedicated to bringing 300+ years of American history to life.

Strawbery Banke is a place to learn about architecture, heritage plants and foodways, traditional crafts and the tools, clothing and collections people used for everyday life in the 1600s, 1700s, 1800s and up through 1954 when the site was saved from urban renewal.

The Museum is a place for children, adults, multigenerational families and groups to gather to explore heritage gardens, historic buildings and crafts, preservation programs, hands-on activities, the stories told by costumed role-players, traditional crafts and the changing exhibits that offer hours of fun and discovery. The Museum's restored buildings and open space invite visitors to immerse themselves in the past.

Strawbery Banke is a sustainable place that preserves and enlivens three centuries of war and peace in the same New England waterfront neighborhood. Each year the Museum welcomes 75,000 visitors, members, schoolchildren and volunteers who love New Hampshire history for daily programs, exhibits and signature special events.

Winter Weekend at Strawberry Banke February 14, 15 & 16, 2015

Come explore four centuries of American history through the people who lived in one of New Hampshire's oldest waterfront neighborhoods.

PUDDLE DOCK POND AT STRAWBERRY BANKE

Outdoor community ice-skating that warms the heart. For the schedule and ticket details, [click here](#). **For more information** www.PuddleDockPond.org The seasonal ice rink is open 7 days a week through March 15, 2015

Experience winter life in the Portsmouth Puddle Dock neighborhood over 300+ years of history. Visit historic houses, costumed role-players, participate in traditional crafts (weaving, hearth cooking, coopering, basket making) and ice skate on the new Puddle Dock Pond outdoor rink. Horse & carriage rides on Saturday.

Artwork at the Smyth Library Gallery

Come see the beautiful work of [Jesse Remington High School](#) students on display! Students from Grades Nine through Twelve experiment with a variety of media, techniques and themes such as Cubism, Impressionism, Surrealism, Expressionism and Pop Art.

Also, please pass the word to artists and artisans of the Smyth Library art gallery's new oak display shelves. We would love to present local art work and look forward to hosting new pieces soon. We hope you enjoy the exhibit!

New 2015 Children programs coming soon:

Snap Circuits: Build exciting projects including computer interfaced experiments and solar cell applications. Ages 8-14, dates and times to be determined.

New Craft Night with Pattie: All ages, dates and times to be determined.

Read to Simon, Gwen Paprocki's therapy dog. All ages, dates and times to be determined.

More Math and Mischief at the Library:

Starting in February join [Bedtime Math's Crazy 8s](#), where you will build stuff, run and jump, make music, make a mess...it's a totally new kind of math club. Bouncy dice explosion; Glow in the dark Geometry; Toilet paper Olympics. Hands-on games that get children fired up about math. Over-the-top fun with friends each week. Make math the cool thing to do after school. Be ahead of the curve and come along for the ride. Math will never be the same.

More Exciting Children's program:

- **February 4-BOOK CLUBS-come pick up your book for the first 2015 meeting (3-4th grade 3-4 pm) (5-6th grade 6-7 pm)**
- **February 13-Monthly Pajama Storynite**
- **February 20-Monthly Lego Night**
- ***Sewing Club-Monday at 6:30 pm-Starts January 5th for the new year! Sign ups required, limited class size.**
- ***CALDECOTT CHALLENGE - read through the award winning titles on your own or with a friend**
- ***1000 BOOKS before Kindergarten- Personal memory registers are available for parents**

2014 TAX FORMS:

The IRS will only be sending a limited amount of forms so we are referring patrons to an IRS phone number and website if they wish to acquire paper tax forms.

Smyth Library has not yet received any forms from IRS, but patrons can download and print out forms here online for 20 cents per page.

To order tax products for home delivery by mail call:

1-800-829-3676 (800-TAX-FORM) or visit IRS.gov/orderforms. To view and download forms directly, visit IRS.gov/forms.

We're on Facebook!

Like the Smyth Public Library page on Facebook for events and updates about our library!

Friends In Need...You have stepped up and we have Friends Indeed!

Thank you for the strong response to our Friends of Smyth Library distress call. We have a wonderful new group about to start a new chapter of the group. The Friends provide invaluable support to the library. Funding provided by the Friends for essentials, such as a new computer system and furniture, as well as "extras" such as special programming and the audio book program, has made our library the special place it is today. If you would like to find out about or join the Friends as they continue their great contribution to our library please call or email the library.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Heidi Deacon at the Smyth Public Library (483-8245) or Wendy Ducharme at 483-5826.

We are now open Sundays 1-4 pm!

As always, please browse our in-house book sale. All proceeds benefit the Friends of Smyth Library. Also, if you are looking for a suggestion, please ask, we would love to help you find some new literary adventures to borrow or buy for your own! Hidden treasure awaits you at Smyth Public Library, come and discover!

As all this beautiful snow falls around us we encourage this wonderful and caring community to keep coming in through the storms to find books and movies to stay cozy with.

Heidi and Staff