

Smythie

The monthly e-newsletter of the Smyth Public Library

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Events...

Mysteries at Historic Resort Hotels with Mark Okrant

Tuesday, October 13, 6:30pm



Mark Okrant is an author and professor of tourism management at Plymouth State University in New Hampshire. He has conducted tourism research in South Dakota, New Hampshire, Maine, Alaska, Canada, and Romania, and is past

president of a leading global organization for tourism researchers, the Travel and Tourism Research Association.

“My niche in the world of mystery writing is to place my lead character, Kary Turnell, in a position to work crime scenes at historic resort hotels. As an author, having the opportunity to be a guest guest at all four of New Hampshire’s grand hotels: The Balsams, Mount Washington, Mountain View Grand, and Wentworth by the Sea, has been a wonderful experience for me—and a terrific way to kick off this new series.”

“Mark Okrant does an outstanding job of creating a mystery that takes place at an actual resort...his books blend quality writing, believable characters, proficient plot building...not to mention the scenery.” -J.L. Campbell, author and humorist



Annual Smyth Public Library Scarecrow Competition

Join in the fun and create your very own scarecrow! The competition is open to everyone ages 1 to 101. Let your imagination run wild, but please remember to make sure that your scarecrow is appropriate for public display.

This year there is a challenge to all clubs to show off their talents. Girls/Boy Scouts, garden and women's club, CYAA, school clubs. Join in the fun and sign up now! Deadline for all entries will be October 12, 2015.



Used Book Sale

Moore School Gym on October 24 from 9-3.

The Friends of the Smyth Public Library are currently looking for any volunteers to help with the book sale and for bake sale donations. Ginny Jones can be reached at 566-5057 with questions or ginny.jones@comcast.net



Etched in Stone - Local Cemetery History with Mandy Huot

Tuesday October 27, 6:30pm

Etched In Stone takes us to the many cemeteries of New Hampshire's Merrimack Valley. Learn the history of each cemetery, as well as facts about some of the people buried there, from tragic accidents, to politicians, to baseball players—who knew so many interesting people were buried in our own back yard!

Monthly Movie Night

Friday October 30th, 6:00 pm



Join us for our monthly movie night! This month's feature is "Beyond the Mask".

“The chief mercenary for the British East India Company, being double crossed by his former employer, has made his way to the American Colonies. Working to redeem his name, William Reynolds (Andrew Cheney) now hides behind a different mask in hopes of thwarting his former employer. As his past life closes in on him, Will must somehow gain the trust and the help of his beloved Charlotte, a woman he has been lying to, as well as a colonial intellectual by the name of Ben Franklin. All the while he races against time to defuse a plot that could have devastating effect on the birth of a new nation.” -imdb.com



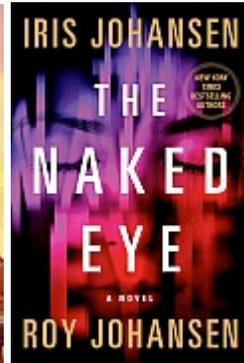
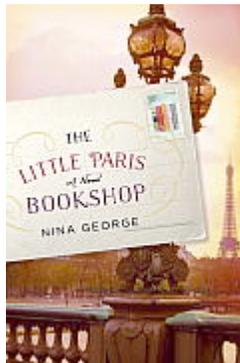
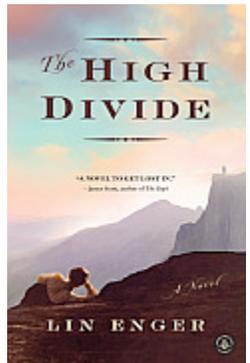
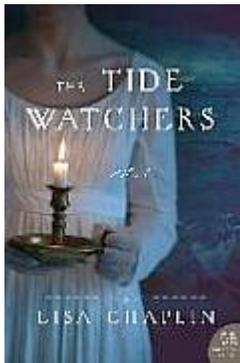
Mount Washington Observatory Wild Weather Program with Will Broussard

Thursday, November 12, 6:30pm

Will Broussard from the Mount Washington Observatory will be speaking on the unique challenges and opportunities facing our weather observers living atop Mount Washington. Will uses images, short movie clips, props and stories to bring the work of him and the others on Mt. Washington to the public.

New on our shelves...

New Fiction...



Dishing the dirt: an Agatha Raisin mystery

Sea of glory: a novel : based on the true WW II story of the four chaplains and the U.S.A.T. Dorchester

Patriot: an Alex Hawke novel

The book of fires

Mrs. Pargeter's Principle: a Mrs. Pargeter mystery

Make me: a Jack Reacher novel

The Wednesday sisters: a novel

The end game: a Brit in the FBI

The solomon curse

To perish in Penzance: a Dorothy Martin mystery

One year after

Purity: a novel

On the island

The rose labyrinth

Darkness, darkness

The secret of lost things: a novel

The devotion of suspect X

Trigger mortis: a James Bond novel

Falcon seven

Dance of the bones: a J.P. Beaumont and Brandon Walker novel Jance, Judith A.

The memory weaver: a novel

The girl in the spider's web

No certain rest: a novel

The missing

The photograph

Beaton, M. C. writing as Marion Chesney

Wales, Ken,

Bell, Ted

Borodale, Jane.

Brett, Simon

Child, Lee

Clayton, Meg Waite

Coulter, Catherine

Cussler, Clive

Dams, Jeanne M

Forstchen, William R

Franzen, Jonathan

Garvis Graves, Tracey

Hardie, Titania.

Harvey, John

Hay, Sheridan

Higashino, Keigo

Horowitz, Anthony

Huston, James W

Kirkpatrick, Jane,

Lagercrantz, David

Lehrer, James.

Lewis, Beverly

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The remedy: a novel of London & Venice
Night diver
Berried to the hilt: a Gray Whale Inn mystery
Brush with death: a Gray Whale Inn mystery
Entry Island
The dwelling: a novel
Eternal on the water: a novel
A conspiracy of ravens
The mermaid in the basement
Sonnet to a dead contessa
Abdication: a novel
Robert B. Parker's the Devil wins: a Jesse Stone novel
Corridors of the night: a William Monk novel
Devoted in death
Undercover: a novel
The Martian: a novel
Maisie Dobbs: Birds of a feather : two novels
Eve: a novel
Born of defiance

Lovric, Michelle.
Lowell, Elizabeth
MacInerney, Karen
MacInerney, Karen
May, Peter
Moloney, Susie.
Monninger, Joseph
Morris, Gilbert
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Nicolson, Juliet.
Coleman, Reed Farrel
Perry, Anne
Robb, J. D
Steel, Danielle
Weir, Andy
Winspear, Jacqueline
Young, William Paul
Kenyon, Sherrilyn

New Non-Fiction...



The yellow-lighted bookshop: a memoir, a history
The sibling effect: what the bonds among brothers and sisters reveal about us
Nine essential things I've learned about life
It is about Islam: exposing the truth about Isis, Al Qaeda, Iran, and the Caliphate
Strapped: why America's 20- and 30-somethings can't get ahead
My Maasai life: from suburbia to Savannah
Relentless strike: the secret history of Joint Special Operations Command
Bound by honor: a mafioso's story
To love what is: a marriage transformed
Natural home heating: the complete guide to renewable energy options
The children of Willesden Lane: beyond the kindertransport: a memoir of music, love, and survival

Buzbee, Lewis,
Kluger, Jeffrey
Kushner, Harold S
Beck, Glenn
Draut, Tamara.
Wiszowaty, Robin,
Naylor, Sean.
Bonanno, Bill.
Shulman, Alix Kates
Pahl, Greg.
Golabek, Mona.

The meaning of night: a confession	Cox, Michael,
Etched in stone: the untold stories of the Merrimack Valley	Huot, Mandy
Rywka's Diary: The Writings of a Jewish Girl from the Lodz Ghetto	Lipszyc, Rywka/ Friedman, Anita.
Wine and war: the French, the Nazis, and the battle for France's greatest treasure	Kladstrup, Don.
Hostage to fortune: the letters of Joseph P. Kennedy	Kennedy, Joseph P.

New Books on CD...

Flash boys: a Wall Street revolt CD (8)	Lewis, Michael
The audacity of hope: [thoughts on reclaiming the American dream] CD (5)	Obama, Barack
Patriot CD (14)	Bell, Ted
Make Me CD (12)	Child, Lee
The Solomon curse CD (10)	Cussler, Clive
The Hound of the Baskervilles: and, The adventure of the dancing men CD (6)	Doyle, Arthur Conan
Sherlock Holmes: a Baker Street dozen CD (6)	Doyle, Arthur Conan
Sherlock Holmes: three tales of avarice CD (3)	Doyle, Arthur Conan
Shadow Play CD (8)	Johansen, Iris
Robert B. Parker's the Devil Wins CD (7)	Coleman, Reed Farrel
Devoted in Death CD (10)	Robb, J. D
The Copper Scroll CD (4)	Joel C. Rosenberg
Undercover CD (7)	Steel, Danielle

New Video...

Home DVD 826 [PG]
 It's complicated DVD 829 [R]
 Beasts of the southern wild DVD 830 [PG13]
 Mr. & Mrs. Smith DVD 831 [PG13]
 Zookeeper DVD 832[PG]
 Along came Polly DVD 833[PG13]
 Old fashioned DVD 834 [PG]
 Cinderella DVD 835 [PG]
 Pitch Perfect 2 DVD 836 [PG13]
 Hello Kitty goes to the movies E DVD 026



During the rainy season I spread out large books for my guests to wipe their feet on. These are the tomes that dry men's soles.

Events *at the Library...*



Knitting & Crochet Circle

Help with the cap, blanket, and scarf charity project, work on your own items, or just come to learn. Call Lisa 587-0603 for more info.

Third Thursday of the month, 7pm



Writers' group

Last Friday of every month, 6:30pm

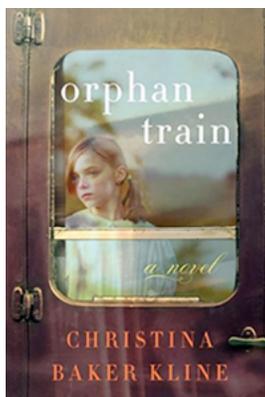
The Smyth Public Library hosts a gathering of writers once or twice a month where we work together on timed writing exercises using prompts and other sources of inspiration. The writing periods will be followed by sharing some of the work with each other.

The goal of the group is to loosen up and get the pen moving on paper. We don't seek to have a finished work by the end of the session and you don't need to arrive with a finished piece of writing to share. The writer's group is a place to meet with other writers and to flex your writing muscles.

Please come ready with a writing medium of your choice: paper and pen/pencil, computer, tablet, etc.

**LOVE TO SHARE A GOOD
BOOK?**

How about sharing your thoughts on a book at the friendly monthly book discussion group?



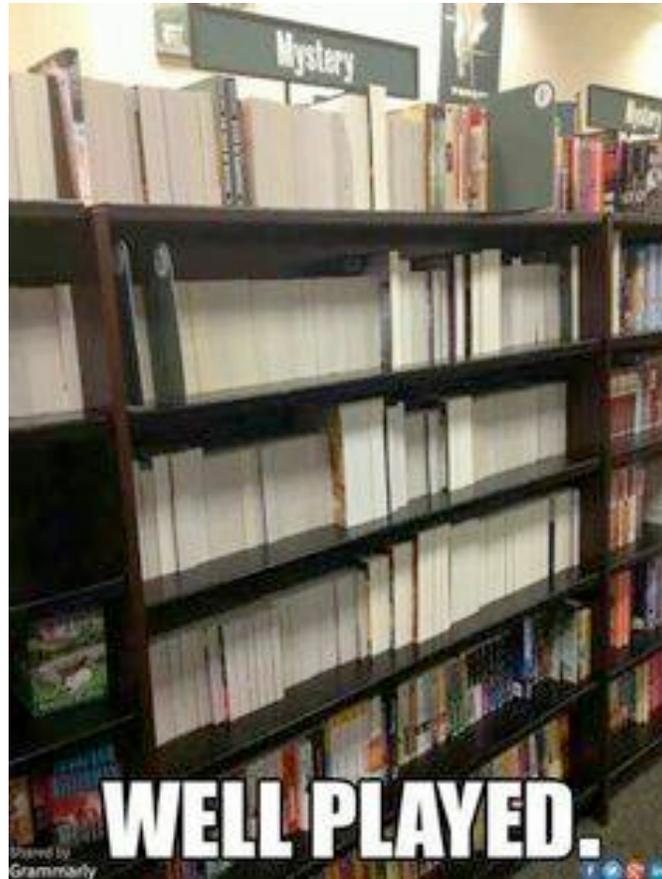
[Orphan Train](#) by Christina Baker Kline

October 22nd, 7:30

*Extra titles of this book are available at the front desk

Ongoing Book Sale!

You can browse at your leisure now and bring home a favorite to keep or to give away to a friend. Just look for the bright signs just inside our main doors on the left. Pay at the front desk. Only \$1 for hardcover and \$.50 for paperbacks. Proceeds go to the Friends of Smyth Library. Come find a treasure or two or more for your very own.



Tip from the front desk

BRAIN GAMES THAT WORK!

“While the jury may be out on the efficacy of online brain games, there are other scientifically proven ways to power up your gray matter. A study published in Neuropsychology earlier this year showed that the more you charge your brain with intellectual stimulation throughout

your entire life, the greater you're able to fend off cognitive decline as you age. Here -is one- scientifically proven to work:

CRACK OPEN A BOOK. *Curling up with a good book might seem like a lazy way to spend a Sunday afternoon, but it's actually making you a mental athlete. New research in the journal Brain Connectivity shows that reading fiction creates new neural connections the same way an athlete uses mental imagery or visualization to improve her game."*

November.December 2014 pilatesstyle.com excerpt

Find some intellectual stimulation at Smyth Public Library and become a mental athlete!

Heidi Deacon, director



Monthly Lego Night!

EVERY third Friday 6:30-7:30



Did you Know???

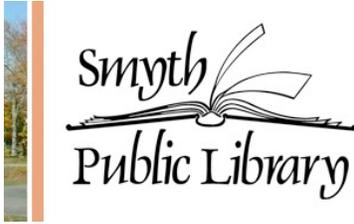
Only 2% of the 1.2 million different books sold in the US in 2004 sold more than 5,000 copies.

Library Assets...

ART

WANTED!!!

Our art gallery is always available for the works of local artists. Just see Heidi at the front desk to display your works



Making Your Life Easy:

By going to our website, you can search our entire catalogue for books, CD's, DVD's and movies. Once found, you can check to see if what you want is in. If so, just to our website and reserve the book. The next time you come in, it will be waiting for you at the front desk. WITH OUR NEW WEBSITE YOU CAN DO IT WITH YOUR MOBILE DEVICE!

PLUS!! Check out our smythpl.org website updates and Smyth Library's new Public Catalog featuring:

- A crawl of new items.
- "What's Hot" now covers several choices.
- "Most Popular" titles (a combination of checkouts and reserves are used to determine this list).
- "More Search Options" includes Medium that lets members search by DVD or Large Print, etc.

More Research Options:

Full text articles from thousands of magazines, journals and national newspapers, plus NoveList. Call or e-mail us and provide your name and your library card number, and we'll give you the password.



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Library**

PASSES...PASSES...PASSES



Discover New Hampshire with our NEW free library passes!
Here is just a sampling of the adventures you and your family
can enjoy:

**American Independence Museum, Aviation Museum, Children's
Museum, Libby Museum, Currier Museum, Fuller Gardens,
McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, The Fells Historic Hay
Estate & Gardens, Museum of NH History, NH Farm Museum,
Seacoast Science Center, See Science Center, Squam Lakes
Natural Science Center, Wright Museum. See the museum
tab on our website for details.**

Kids' Stuff...

*Always hit the **"Children"** tab on our site for details and to see the newest events and activities for children*

Exciting Children's programs:

- ***CALDECOTT CHALLENGE** - read through the award winning titles on your own or with a friend
- ***1000 BOOKS before Kindergarten-** memory registers will be made available for parents



Pajama Story Night

2nd Friday of the Month, 6:30 pm

Join us monthly for a night of storytelling and treats!

New Math Clubs Have Returned! Math and Mischief at the Library:

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.

FUTURE ENGINEERS AND BUILDERS!!

Every second Friday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 we break out our snap circuits! Build exciting projects including computer interfaced experiments and solar cell applications. This event is for ages 8-14 and signups are required.

Check our Facebook page for some cool snap circuit projects



NEW!!

Simon Says Read to me, please!

Why is reading to a dog educational and fun? Because Simon is soft, furry and warm and he loves the attention you give him when you practice your reading out-loud skills! Sign up for a fifteen minute time slot between 3:00 & 4:00. Reading is In the Children's Library Room and is one-on-one with Ms. Gwen and Simon present. Parents and others must wait outside for their reader. The last two minutes can be for meeting and spending time with Simon. Sign-ups start Thursday, February 12th at the front desk. Simon and Gwen Paprocki are certified through Therapy Dogs International.

New books for children...

Is it time, yet?

Young Guinevere

Weird parents

Amazing rescues

My parents think I'm sleeping

A baby panda is born

Shark attack

Levine, Lynn

San Souci, Robert D

Wood, Audrey

Shea, George

Prelutsky, Jack

Ostby, Kristin

Dubowski, Cathy East

New books for young adults...

Chaos: a lost book #4	Dekker, Ted
Chosen: The Lost books #1	Dekker, Ted
Infidel: a lost book #2	Dekker, Ted
Renegade: a lost book #3	Dekker, Ted
Saint. The Paradise novels #2	Dekker, Ted
Showdown. The Paradise novels #1	Dekker, Ted
The legacy of two gemini knights	Logan, Geoff

New books for juniors...

The secrets of the Freemasons	Bradley, Michael.
Myths and legends from around the world	Shepherd, Sandy.
Astronomers (Out of the Lab: Extreme Jobs in Science)	Owen, Ruth,
Climatologists and meteorologists	Owen, Ruth,
Roots, shoots, buckets & boots: gardening together with children	Lovejoy, Sharon
The boys in the boat: the true story of an American team's epic journey to win gold at the 1936 olympics	Brown, Daniel
The Egyptian jukebox: a conundrum	Bantock, Nick
Medieval knights	Nicolle, David
Our country's founders: a book of advice for young people	
The Shakespeare stealer	Blackwood, Gary L.
The field of wacky inventions	Carman, Patrick

Trivia Tim

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Every month we will ask the trivia question. If you know the answer, drop it off at the front desk or e-mail it using our website. We will randomly select the winner from the correct answers and

the

WINNER

will win **ONE FREE WEEK** of **OVERDUE FINE AMNESTY ON ONE BOOK**

August's question and answer correction:

Q. Who shares a July 31 birthday with Harry Potter (who was 35 this year)?

A. J.K. Rowling used author's prerogative and gave Harry her own birthday.

Jack Beard was a winner! *His* birthday – *and* Heidi Deacon's –is also July 31. Inside knowledge!

Last month's question and answer:

Q. By what name is the writer François-Marie Arouet (1694-1778) better known?

A. Voltaire

Winners: Ray Cresswell and Patti Davis

This

Month's

Trivia

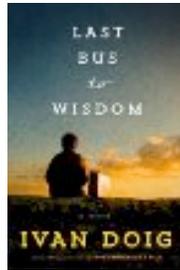
Question:

*What is the word that means
enjoyment of the smell of old
books?*

From the New and Recent
Shelves~

We (being I) are always looking for contributors to this reviews section. The editor has a limited range of taste, so any reviews would be more than welcomed. Just e-mail them in reply to this, or to librarian@smythpl.org

*Excellent story -
telling...*



This is a bittersweet review. Great book, but the last book by one of my favorite writers.

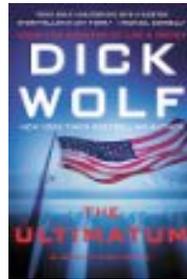
No one tells stories like Mr. Doig did and LAST BUS TO WISDOM is a great vehicle (no pun intended) for his talents. An "eleven going on twelve year old" is put on a bus from the wilds of Montana. At first, the book is a collection of the people he encounters on the "dog bus". He then gets to his Aunt Kate's in Wisconsin where he is to spend the summer. That produces more yarns. He hits the bus again, this time joined by a compatriot and they head back to the wild west encountering more adventures good and bad.

All of these yarns are Mr. Doig's typical mix of funny, poignant and touching. There is always a bit of suspense. Although, the reader is tempted to think of this as a cute coming-of-age book, it is not. There is plenty of bad, with the good, so there is tension and suspense with the warmth of reflections of youth.

This is excellent writing. Mr. Doig was a true wordsmith. Who else could turn out two pages on a fictitious father who was a "digester" from Pleasantville, NY? He was not a food taster/digester, but turned out the Reader's Digest condensed books.

The boy is precocious without being obnoxious, which is pretty much the flavor of the entire book. Sit back and enjoy great writing and a series of yarns that will run the emotional gamut.

More fiction...

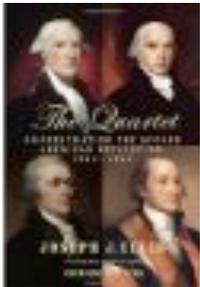


This is an acronym filled cartoon with so much high tech stuff, I never knew what was real or fanciful. Jeremy Fisk is a fun character with all the delightful "always win" resume of James Bond.

Dick Wolf's *ULTIMATUM* takes place when a terrorist wants to blackmail NYC into letting go Wikileaks "whistle blower". The beginning is a bit of a mess as the author tries to get into First Amendment journalism arguments while starting the terrorism while introducing the characters while explaining all the levels of anti-terrorism bureaucracies in NY, Washington and Tel Aviv. Oh, there was also an assassination side story that never really fit. It was too ambitious, but stick with it. After the first third, the thriller got into gear, and it is a good concept.

There are all sorts of ways to measure books beyond stars. This is the second Jeremy Fisk novel. I don't think I'll go back and read the first, but I will need the next.

Non-fiction ...



This is another very readable history from Mr. Ellis. He makes history readable without, in any way, dumbing it down.

QUARTET is the account of how we got from The Declaration of Independence, which was an anti-centralized government document to the Constitution, which crystallized a central government in less than two decades. This period between the two documents, particularly after the Revolution was over, is little known and often ignored. Ellis's attributes the giant step from Declaration to Constitution to the machinations of four men - Washington, Madison, Jay and Hamilton - while still giving credit to the others who contributed. He examines the campaigning to overcome local prejudices and the mindset that an oppressive government had just been overthrown so another one wasn't in the cards.

This is a captivating and extremely informative history.

Ever want to be one of those know-it-all reviewers?

Got a book to recommend?

Want to write a blurb?

Have a child with a favorite book who would like to contribute to the Smythie?

We welcome contributors (less for us to write!), especially children and teens to review and recommend favorite books. Just drop Heidi Deacon an e-mail at librarian@smythpl.org or “reply” to this and we’ll include it here. It need not be a new book – it can be a golden oldie, a classic, a trashy beach book or whatever you have enjoyed.

I hope you have enjoyed this edition. Comments, suggestions and, of course, reviews are always welcomed.

Rick Mitchell

The Smythie is now over 600 subscribers strong!!

But... We may not be for everyone. If you do not want to be on this e-mail list, just reply and tell us to remove your name.