

Smythie

The monthly e-newsletter of the Smyth Public Library

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Events...



**Monday, June 20, 6-7:30 pm Lyme Prevention Focus
Group**

Sandra Kiplagat, working for the Community Health Institute, a public health consulting organization in New Hampshire, funded by the Charitable Foundation to develop and design a new Lyme Prevention Campaign to educate people about the importance of checking for ticks.

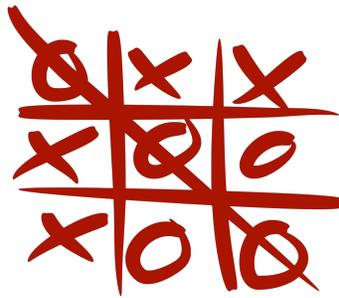
As part of this project Smyth Public Library will host Sandra and a focus group of community weekend warriors/parents to ask them for their reaction/thoughts/opinions of sample material and messaging.

Please register at front desk as group size is limited to 10 participants.

JUNE IS

FOOD FOR FINES MONTH

We accept non-perishable food in lieu of fines this month and the fines-donations (food or cash) go to the Candia Food Pantry



SUMMER READING

for Adults and Teens: Tic-Tac-Read

Pick up your game board at the front desk and complete as many squares as you can between June 15 and August 15. For each four

squares in a row you will be entitled to a free ice cream at the Summer Concert Series and also be entered into a drawing for a \$50 gift card for books!

See the children's area for summer reading fun for kids



Dan Szczesny's India Program

Tuesday June 21, 6:30 pm

“When Baby U was just shy of ten months old, we stamped her Passport and headed out on a journey to reunite family that took us to Nepal, India and Turkey. From northern India by train, to walking the streets of Old Istanbul, having a baby along for the ride can be a challenge, and also unimaginably rewarding. And along the way, we found time to help an orphanage devastated by Nepal earthquakes, got stranded at the border, tracked down some of the finest Turkish Delight candy in the world and united the baby for the first time with her Great Grandmother. Join me for a look at this epic journey and hear passages from the upcoming book.”



June 30, 6 pm

Outdoor Fairy Houses with Lorraine Briand

Come find a place in the Smyth Public Library gardens and grounds to build a house and enjoy it all summer long.

All supplies provided and it is FREE.



Smyth Public Library will present the 6th annual

Summer Concert Series

on seven consecutive Wednesdays beginning July 6th. The series is held at the Candia Pond Park gazebo, behind the library at 55 High Street, and will move to the CYAA field house if it rains. The concerts are free, with funding from the Friends of Smyth Library and the Friends of the Concert Series. The concerts run from 6:30-8pm. Bring a chair or blanket for the lawn, and a hat, as the view is toward the setting sun. Ice cream will be available. Call the library at 483-8245 for updates, or watch our Music page at www.smythpl.org.

HERE'S THE OPENING SLATE...

July 6th- *Summer Reading Program Opener with Robert Rivest* On your mark, Get Set, Read, Move, Laugh & Play! Comic mime Robert Rivest entertains audiences of all ages while joyfully motivating them to get up, get moving and keep reading. Using mime, comedy, and interactive playfulness, Robert shares fun ways to move, laugh and relieve stress, allowing children and their families to feel healthier and happier. This family show is full of audience participation! In addition to Robert's hilarious mime stories, everyone will learn cool mime movements, awesome laughter exercises and calming mindfulness activities. Together, we will act out exciting characters and stories highlighting favorite Sports/ Health/ Fitness exercises and a comic mime "poem" about the joys of reading and having fun at the library. Pure fun! Pure joy!

July 13th- *Nicole Murphy* Murphy has come a long way in a short time. Though she played in her father's Vermont-based band as a teenager before getting married and moving to New Hampshire, Knox Murphy had for years traveled back to the Green Mountain State to play with her father before family and work obligations took priority. Once she picked up the guitar again, however, all the passion of her youth came flooding back. Performing in public, soon she was strumming and singing with other like-minded individuals at Henderson's Pickin' Parlor in Candia. While playing a local circuit with a three-piece band, Knox Murphy was noticed by Sandy Moore, known on the local music scene as New Hampshire's 'Mom of Country.' Now that she's released a CD that's received local radio airplay, Knox Murphy said, her next goal is to open for some well-known local artists.

July 20th- *Castlebay* Castlebay has been musically weaving together the heritage of New England and the Celtic lands since 1987. Members Julia Lane and Fred Gosbee have loved and researched traditional music for most of their lives and blend history, legend and experience into their personable performance style. Their concerts feature poignant ballads sung in Lane's ethereal soprano and Gosbee's rich baritone interspersed with joyous dance tunes played on Celtic harp, guitar, fiddle and tin whistle. Castlebay treats the audience to a musical journey through time and across the Atlantic. The duo also presents special theme concerts on various aspects of Celtic lore, nautical life or Colonial America.

July 27nd- *Peter Kirkpatrick* Lucky to grow up in a community in the Pacific Northwest that celebrated the arts, and had many great piano teachers including Lisa Frohning, Kathy Gilbert, and Anne Herfindahl. He also was fortunate to get a job at an early age as a church musician where he was exposed to the rich harmonies of Bach's four-part chorales and Cantatas under the direction of Marita Ericksen. He eventually got to take piano lessons with Larry Harms at U.S.C., where he graduated with a B.A. in math. Peter Kirkpatrick then worked as the T.A. for the Electronic Music Program at L.A. City College under Professor Marc Blake, while earning his A.A. in music and developing his music production and composition skills.

Currently he also serves as musical director for the Iglesia de la Comunidad Metropolitana and producer for an electronic music project, Hype Blast.

August 3rd- *Deborrah Wyndham piano player*

As seen on ABC Chicago, FOX and NBC, contemporary pianist/composer Deborrah Wyndham has given over 3,000 performances nation-wide. With this history and the recent release of her first CD recording of all original instrumental piano music entitled "The Beginning", she has established herself as one of the most accomplished and inventive composers on the piano music scene today. Her original works reflect a unique, contemporary style all her own that lies in the realm somewhere between classical and jazz.. Weaving seamlessly in and out of the two styles with mesmerizing and refreshingly unexpected musical turns and textures, Deborrah Wyndham opens a new world of timeless, hauntingly beautiful music.

August 10th- *Ramblin Richard* Along with these memorable songs, he tells interesting stories. The songs span many years and include familiar American popular songs from the 1930s into the 1960s, along with music from Broadway and motion pictures, and some traditional folk, old-time, Gospel, and patriotic tunes, as well. Along with singing, he accompanies himself on acoustic instruments including guitar, banjo, and ukulele. His stories relate to the songs- how they came to be, what was happening in the world when they were popular, and what they dealt with that may not be apparent. The stories are told in an interesting, "...the rest of the story" manner. A retired professor, Ramblin' Richard establishes an especially relaxed, comfortable and casual rapport with his audiences.

August 17th- *Judy Pancoast (Summer Reading Program final)* Shine up their dancing shoes and bring the kids to the Smyth Public Library on Wednesday, August 17th at 6:30pm. Grammy-nominated children's artist Judy Pancoast is bringing "Judy's Dance Party" to the library to celebrate "Ready, Set...Read!" Kids will have a great time doing the twist, do-si-do, Irish jig and more for 45 minutes of heart pumping fun, all set to Judy's clever, original children's tunes.

August 24th- *Bedford Big Band*: The Bedford Big Band is a 20+ piece Big Band with over 10 years experience. Fun and stylish, truly everyone loves Swing and Big Band music! The band's repertoire includes many of your favorite jazz and Big Band standards, Latin rhythms, waltzes, R&B, as well as some exciting contemporary arrangements that you're sure to enjoy.

All eight performing groups are compensated, and all funds must be raised privately. The success of last year's series was in large part due to the support of local businesses, and to the very generous support from a number of Candia families who were charter members of the *Friends of the Summer Concert Series*. That's where you, the listener comes in. If you think that a high-quality, mid-week, outdoor event summer music series on the lawn right here in the middle of Candia is special, and something you'd like to support and see continue, we invite you, your

business, or your family to become a *Friend of the Summer Music Series* by donating just \$25 for the entire series of concerts. You will be recognized in our program guide if your donation is received by June 20, but more importantly, you'll have the satisfaction of knowing you helped make this year's event happen! If you feel you can make a more generous donation, it would help us even more. Thanks in advance for your support of this special Candia cultural event. Please indicate how you would like be identified in our program and on the *Friends of the Concert Series* sign, which is displayed at each concert.

We are also extremely pleased to present our new Orion StarBlast 4.5" telescope which will be available for preview at the Concert Series and then available for individual patron checkout starting soon after. This is provided to the library through the generous donation of the Friends of Smyth Public Library.

We hope you enjoy a wonderful summer of music under the stars here at the library.

How to...?





POSTPONED!!!

We'll give you updates

“How To” tips for Resumes and Interviews with Artie Lynnworth

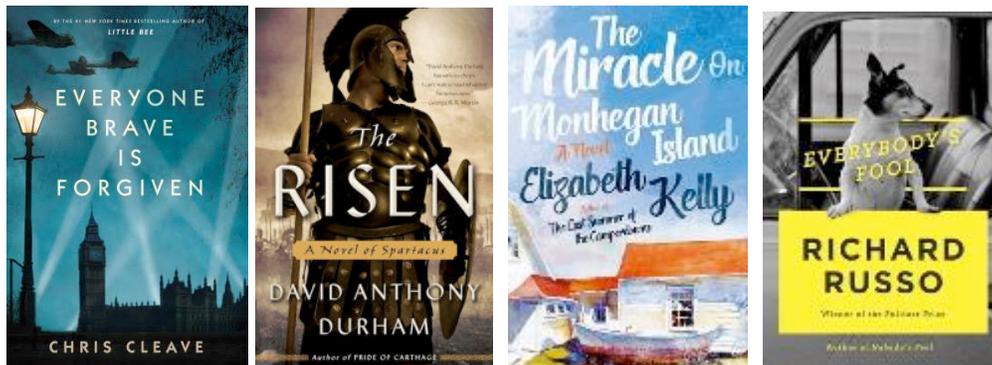


June 28, 6 pm

“How To” Tree Care with Arborist Frank Grano. Come for free seedlings handed out to all participants.

If you have a special talent you'd like to share, please see Heidi at the front desk
("How to's" will take a break for the summer but there are several already lined up for the fall that look intriguing)

New on our shelves...



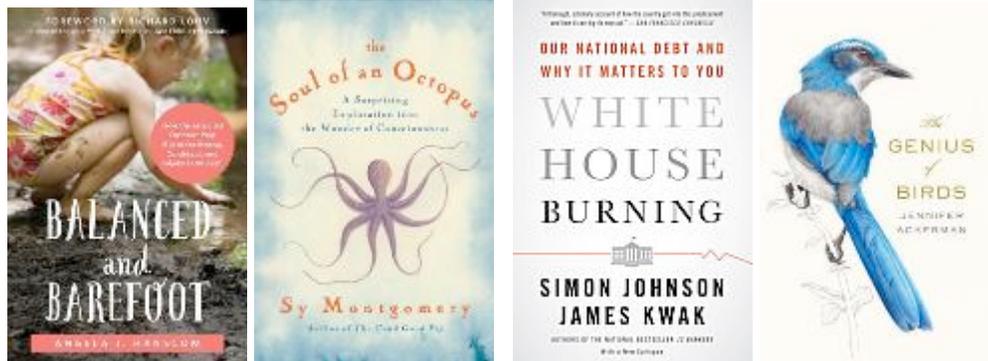
New Fiction...

15th affair
The weekenders
And after the fire: a novel
As time goes by: a novel
Everyone brave is forgiven
The risen: a novel of Spartacus
LaRose

Patterson, James
Andrews, Mary Kay
Belfer, Lauren
Clark, Mary Higgins
Cleave, Chris
Durham, David Anthony,
Erdrich, Louise

Left in the Wind: A Novel of the Lost Colony: The Roanoke Journal of Emme Merrimoth	Gray, Ed
Redemption Road	Hart, John
Traces of guilt	Henderson, Dee
The miracle on Monhegan Island: a novel	Kelly, Elizabeth
Euphoria: a novel	King, Lily
The fall of man in Wilmslow: the death and life of Alan Turing : a novel	Lagercrantz, David
Wilde Lake: a novel	Lippman, Laura
The passenger: a novel	Lutz, Lisa
The little red chairs: a novel	O'Brien, Edna
Robert B. Parker's slow burn	Atkins, Ace
Treachery at Lancaster Gate: a Charlotte and Thomas Pitt novel	Perry, Anne
Beyond the ice limit: a Gideon Crew novel	Preston, Douglas J.
The storm sister: Ally's story	Riley, Lucinda
Everybody's fool	Russo, Richard
Eligible: a novel	Sittenfeld, Curtis
The last painting of Sara De Vos: a novel	Smith, Dominic
Predator: a crossbow adventure	Smith, Wilbur A.,
The apartment: a novel	Steel, Danielle
The nest	Sweeney, Cynthia D'Aprix
Rare objects: a novel	Tessaro, Kathleen,

New Non-Fiction...



Wheat belly 30-minute (or less) cookbook: 200 quick and simple recipes to lose the wheat, lose the weight, and find your path back to health	Davis, William
Understanding Belize: a historical guide	Twigg, Alan,
Balanced and barefoot: how unrestricted outdoor play makes for strong, confident, and capable children	Hanscom, Angela J.,
Raising men: lessons Navy SEALs learned from their training and taught to their sons	Davis, Eric
White House burning: the founding fathers, our national debt, and why it matters to you	Johnson, Simon,

True crime addict: how I lost myself in the mysterious disappearance of Maura Murray
 Renner, James,

Dark territory: the secret history of cyber war
 Kaplan, Fred M.

The fire line: the story of the Granite Mountain Hotshots and one of the deadliest days in
 American firefighting
 Santos, Fernanda,

Brilliant beacons: a history of the American lighthouse
 Dolin, Eric Jay,

The mother tongue: English & how it got that way
 Bryson, Bill

National Geographic picture atlas of our universe
 Gallant, Roy A

The soul of an octopus: a surprising exploration into the wonder of consciousness
 Montgomery, Sy

The genius of birds
 Ackerman, Jennifer

H is for Hawk
 Macdonald, Helen

Eat dirt: why leaky gut may be the root cause of your health problems and 5 surprising
 steps to cure it
 Axe, Josh,

The sleep revolution: transforming your life, one night at a time
 Huffington, Arianna

Stassinopoulos,
 1,001 ingenious gardening ideas: new, fun, and fabulous tips that will change the way you
 garden-forever!

The dirty little secrets of getting your dream job: everything you need to know to land your
 first job and find career success
 Raskin, Don,

Un-ashamed
 Lecrae

Running: a love story : 10 years, 5 marathons and 1 life-changing sport
 Miller, Jen A.

For the glory: Eric Liddell's journey from Olympic champion to modern martyr
 Hamilton, Duncan

This road I ride: sometimes it takes losing everything to find yourself
 Buhring, Juliana,

Discover and explore New Hampshire's natural wonders: a field guide to the Nature
 Conservancy's preserves and conservation project areas
 Monkman, Jerry

Braving it: a father, a daughter, and an unforgettable journey into the Alaskan wild
 Campbell, James,

The rainbow comes and goes: a mother and son on life, love, and loss
 Cooper, Anderson

A different kind of daughter: the girl who hid from the Taliban in plain sight
 Toorpakai, Maria,

Anatomy of malice: the enigma of the Nazi war criminals
 Dimsdale, Joel E.,

August gale: a father and daughter's journey into the storm
 Walsh, Barbara

Valiant ambition: George Washington, Benedict Arnold, and the fate of the American
 Revolution
 Philbrick, Nathaniel

The last voyageurs: retracing La Salle's journey across America : sixteen teenagers on the
 Adventure of a lifetime
 Boissoneault, Lorraine,

New Books on CD...

Dancing with Rose: [finding life in the land of Alzheimer's] CD (9)	Kessler, Lauren.
The boys in the boat: the true story of an American team's epic journey to win gold at the 1936 Olympics CD (5)	Brown, Daniel
Noonday CD(8)	Barker, Pat,
Sour puss CD (6)	Brown, Rita Mae
As time goes by: a novel CD (7)	Clark, Mary Higgins
Dead and gone CD (8)	Harris, Charlaine
Nightmares & dreamscapes CD (23) — Volumes 1, 2 and 3	King, Stephen
By the light of the moon CD (10)	Koontz, Dean R.
Robert B. Parker's Slow burn: a Spenser novel CD (5)	Atkins, Ace
Beyond the ice limit: a Gideon Crew novel CD (9)	Preston, Douglas J.
Lie by moonlight CD (8)	Quick, Amanda
War hawk: a Tucker Wayne novel CD (10)	Rollins, James
Exit ghost CD (7)	Roth, Philip
Beverly Hills dead CD (7)	Woods, Stuart

New Video...

Masterpiece theatre: DVD 919 [PG13] — Death comes to Pemberley :
Edge of darkness DVD 923 [R]
Death race DVD 924 [R]
Tinker, tailor, soldier, spy DVD 925 [R]
Deadpool DVD 926 [R]
Django unchained DVD 927 [R]
Suffragette DVD 928 [PG13]
A monstrous holiday DVD 929 [PG]
He named me Malala
Band of brothers Volumes I-VI



*The past, the present and the future
walk into a bar...it was tense.*

Events at the Library...

¿Habla usted español?

Please join us for ¡Hablemos! **FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH**

6pm

¿Quién? Anyone who has learned some Spanish and wants to use it, not lose it

Hispanohablantes son bienvenidos también.

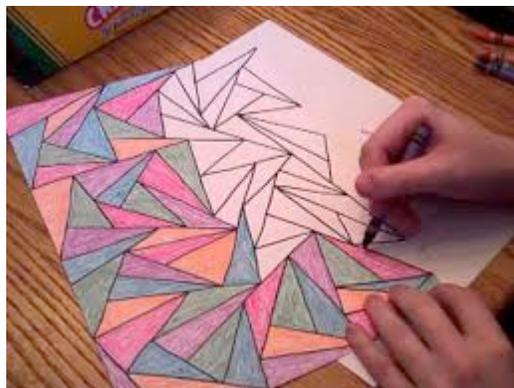
(Native speakers are welcome too)

¿Por qué? To meet other Spanish language lovers and enjoy some casual Spanish conversation

This is an opportunity to practice speaking and hearing Spanish to improve overall skills.

Consider bringing something to show the group (photos etc.) to stimulate discussion.

Please note, this is not a “Learn Spanish” class. This is for anyone who knows some Spanish and wants to practice.



Coloring night for all ages, all supplies
provided,

Fridays 6-7 pm

Plus, packets available to use anytime we are open and you feel the urge



Did you Know???

*The first copyrighted book (1790) in
America was THE PHILADELPHIA
SPELLING BOOK by John Barry*



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

2nd and 4th 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.



Tip from the front desk

Ideas to encourage your children to read!

Make it a gift: Put books in gift bags and let them choose one.

Be theatrical: Act out books together as you read them. Make the story come alive by imagining what different characters might sound like.

Try audio books: Becoming familiar with stories and characters give confidence to tackle books on their own.

Turn it into a game: Draw a reading ladder on a poster and move the marker up the rungs and award a prize when they reach the top.

Try the movies: Play a trailer based on the book to introduce characters and hints at where the plot might go. The reward for seeing the film is an incentive to finish.

Use a track: For car, train or race lovers decorate a wall with a track and add on for each finished title so they see how long it grows.

Cook up some fun: Children love making things so find a recipe and let them read the directions on their own.

Keep well-loved books: A child's library should have three different reading levels; old faves (too easy); books at their level; and ones just beyond to read together.

Look it up: For tricky questions you can't answer search together online or in a reference book to show that reading is a great way to access information.

Pass notes: Leave sticky notes personalized just for your kids; they will love reading them.

Go on vocabulary expanding excursions: Do errands together to introduce new words organically like deposit/withdrawl, perennial/annual.

Dress up: Playing make-believe brings stories to life. Use costumes and props for great family fun.

Never stop reading: Keep reading together as more advanced titles will keep them engaged and at the same time model good technique, such as pausing etc.

Finally: Come and check out books together at Smyth Public Library.

Ps. A 2014 study found that the number of books in your home is by far the most important predictor of your child's grade-level reading performance-more than your income or education level. Students whose homes had at least 100 books read one and a half grade levels above those with fewer books in the house.

Excerpts from FamilyFun-September 2014; Parents-September 2014; Michelle Crouch-Reader's Digest, April 2016

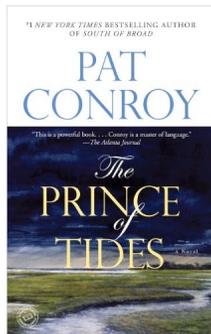
Heidi Deacon, Director

LOVE TO SHARE A GOOD BOOK?

NOW THERE ARE 2 WAYS

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

There is the Thursday evening group:

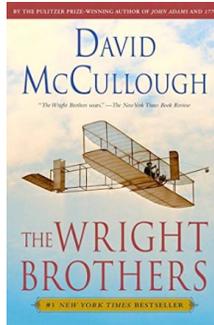


[Prince of Tides](#) by Pa Conroy

June 23, 7:30

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

~And~



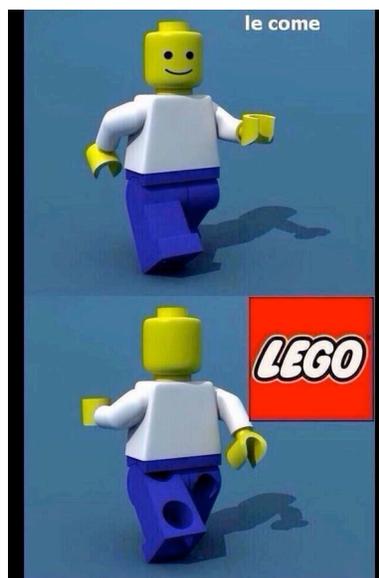
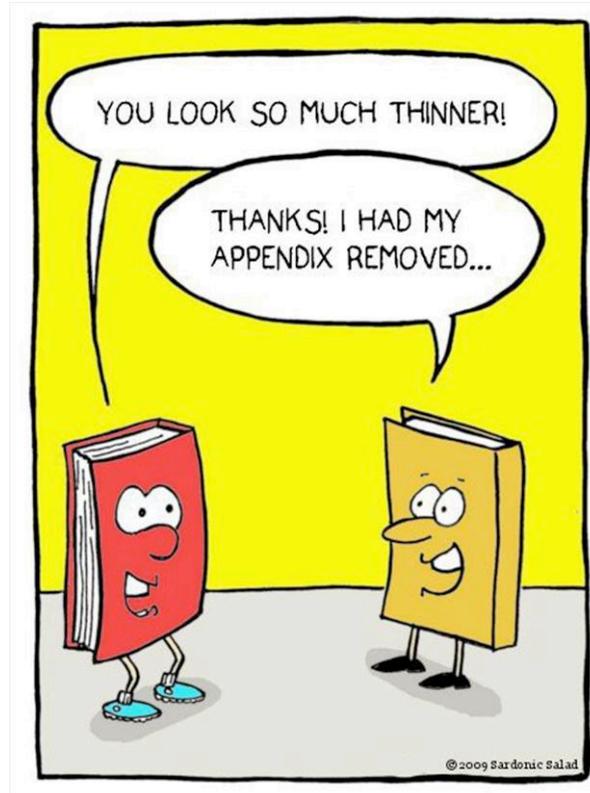
The Wright Brothers by David McCullough

Thursday, June 30 at 3:30 p.m.

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.



Monthly Lego Night!

EVERY third Friday 6:30-7:30 for all ages

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.

We're on Facebook!



Like the Smyth Public Library

Look at our page on Facebook for events and updates about our library!

Downloadable Books!!!!

Ipods and Kindle work

Order right from our new website!

Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Smyth
Library

PASSES....PASSES....PASSES



New daily passes now available for the **Boston Museum of Science!**

Valid for up to 4 people per coupon for \$10 per person admission.

Valid only for Exhibit Halls.

Coupon provided free of charge by the Smyth Public Library.



STRAWBERRY BANK

Check our website for passes!!!

All are listed in the “museum passes” tab of the website

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:

Summer Break time for these Children’s Programs which will not be held June-August. But please sign up for next fall if interested:
Read to Simon, Gwen Paprocki’s therapy dog.
Math and Mischief Club at the Library

Sewing Club- Registration required; \$5 material fee, limited class size.

SUMMER FUN AT THE LIBRARY

Children sign up and join in the fun from July 6-August 17th

July 6th- On Your Mark, Get Set, Read, Go, Laugh and Play Robert Rivest 6:30pm

July 7th- Miniature Golf in the Library 10 am

July 14th- Nutrition- Food Fun 10am

July 21st- Obstacle Course 10am

July 28th- Ninja Training 10 am

August 4th- Science of Sports 10am

August 11th- Animal Athletes- Horses 10 am

August 17th- Judy Pancoast “Judy’s Dance Party” 6:30pm



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Children’s Cookbook Book Club, June 17 at 5:30 pm

featuring *Crazy about Cookies* by Krystina Castella

Open to all ages! Pick a recipe, sign up and bring your treats to share. We will discuss how good the recipe was among other things, including eating all the delicious cookies!



Pajama Story Night
2nd Friday of the Month, 6-7 pm

Join us monthly for a night of storytelling and treats!

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

1000 BOOKS before Kindergarten

Personal memory registers and book bags are available for parents

New books for children...

The secret subway	Corey, Shana,
Echo echo: reverso poems about Greek myths	Singer, Marilyn
Spot, the cat	Cole, Henry
Bloom	Cronin, Doreen
Raggedy Ann: Raggedy Ann and Rags	Gruelle, Johnny
The bear and the piano	Litchfield, David
The Sanyasin's first day	Shank, Ned.
What to do with a box	Yolen, Jane
DVD Bob the Builder — Yes we can!	
DVD Thomas and friends — Thomas' snowy surprise & other adventures	
DVD Thomas' Sodor celebration!	

New books for young adults...

Essential maps for the lost	Caletti, Deb
The rule of thoughts	Dashner, James
The Lie Tree	Hardinge, Frances
This is the story of you	Kephart, Beth
I'll give you the sun	Nelson, Jandy,
Firstlife	Showalter, Gena
Desert dark	Stone, Sonja,
The last star: the final book of the 5th wave	Yancey, Richard.

New books for juniors...

100 things to know before you grow up	Gerry, Lisa,
Coding games in Scratch: a step-by-step visual guide to building your own computer games	Woodcock, Jon
One more river	Banks, Lynne Reid
The charmed children of Rookskill Castle	Fox, Janet S.,
The wrong Wrights	Kientz, Chris,
Death weavers	Mull, Brandon
Charlie Bone and the invisible boy #3	Nimmo, Jenny
Demigods & Magicians	Riordan, Rick
The hidden oracle	Riordan, Rick
Secrets of the seven: the Eureka key	Thomson, Sarah L.
<u>Young Adult</u>	
Essential maps for the lost	Caletti, Deb
The rule of thoughts	Dashner, James
The Lie Tree	Hardinge, Frances

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I'll give you the sun Nelson, Jandy,
Firstlife Showalter, Gena
Desert dark Stone, Sonja,
The last star: the final book of the 5th wave Yancey, Richard.

TriviaTime!

Every month we ask a 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

Last month's question and answer:

Q. Who was Charles Lutwidge Dodgson?

A. Lewis Carroll

Winners!!!

**Ray Cresswell and Marleen Ranfos (prior
spelling errors apologized for)**

This

Month's

Trivia

Question:

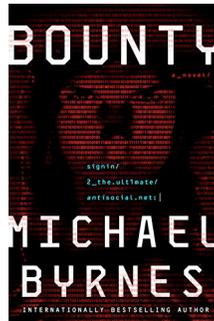
*What is Donald Duck's middle
name – from his introductory*

*cartoon, "The Wise Little
Hen" (1934)?*

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

Fiction...



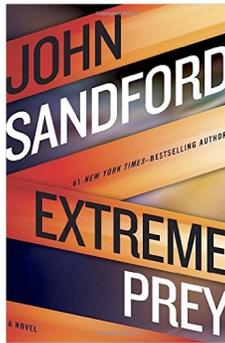
This book started with a bang as a great mystery with the cyber world as the backdrop. It turned into a cyber world book with a mystery as a backdrop.

Let me start by saying that although I am not a complete Luddite, I am not a geek. I appreciate the cyber world as the great advancement that it is. I know it has a huge underbelly, but that does not intrigue or interest me. That is my failing - at least where this novel is concerned.

If you are really into the dark net and all that entails, I am sure you will love this book. It gets into that world and all its lingo. If, like me, you are not into it, the language became near indecipherable and boring. As far as a mystery/thriller goes, do not count this one as a taut, sparse novel. There is a lot of redundancy. I got the message that the bad guys were doing things no one ever thought was possible by the fourth or fifth time I was told it. I really enjoyed the book for the first half or so while the mystery/thriller was out-weighting the cyber-stuff. The last quarter, in particular, lost that understandable twist every turn of the first couple hundred pages. The ending lacks something as well (unless you count practicing throwing a book against the wall as an asset).

Bottom line is that if you are a techie or a geek (said with respect) this is a great book for you. If you are not and you are looking for a good mystery, this is not for you. Deaver's latest and greatest, STEEL KISS, embodies all the fears of the cyber world in a more everyday scenario.

More fiction...



"If you haven't read Sandford yet, you have been missing one of the great summer-read novelists of all time" –Stephen King on the back cover

...sometimes the authors' blurbs on the backs of books are right. Not often, but sometimes. This is one of those rare times.

This is the twenty-sixth book in the "Prey" Lucas Davenport books.
BUT STOP!! This stands alone!!

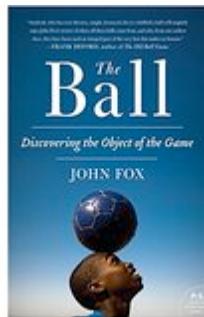
For those who have not kept up, Davenport is a Minnesota cop. The books track his development from a brash rule-breaking tough guy to boss and father and husband with a heart of gold. The development of the man made the mysteries fresh even after 25 versions.

In the last book, Lucas left his job with the state of Minnesota. In EXTREME PREY he is now unemployed (fear not, for he is

independently wealthy as fans know). He gets hooked into investigating a threat against a presidential candidate in Iowa. The investigation and chase is classic Sandford/Davenport – well-written, tense and exciting.

Better yet for those of us who are fans, it looks like Davenport will be taking a new job! Sandford can still make him fresh.

Non-fiction ...



One would think there would not be much for a book about the ball – you know that round thing that sometimes bounces. Mr. Fox proves that wrong.

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There is a lot in this book and it is told in a captivating manner. Highly recommended.

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