

# AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

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## EBOOKS: E-ASY, E-DUCATIONAL, E-NTERTAINING

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It seems like every time I flip through a magazine, scan a blog, or turn on the news, I'm hearing something about eBooks and eReaders. eBooks are not new. In fact, the library first provided the Rocket eReader to patrons over a decade ago. However, the technology and availability of titles have improved greatly and now eBooks are being embraced by the general public. eBooks are appealing to people for several reasons.

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### What Endures: A Three-Part Discussion Series

Wednesday, Jan. 18, Tuesday, Jan. 31 and Wednesday, Feb. 15 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Read a rich mix of poems, stories and essays, and come reflect together in this new 3-part discussion series facilitated by long-time facilitator of public humanities programs, Emily Archer. Feats of extreme physical endurance, technical challenge, and athletic skill make the news. Those who scale the highest mountains, sail uncharted seas, and dive unfathomable depths are the stuff of legend and bestsellers. But what about those whose marathons are hidden in hospital corridors or ordinary suburban living rooms, who climb their Everests unnoticed? What keeps their spirits alive? How do they persist against the odds?

*You are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions.*

### DID YOU KNOW?

- \* Since eBooks are still new to many of our patrons, we have several eReader devices that patrons can borrow to explore the technology. Our Kindle 2, Sony eReader, and touchscreen Nook can be checked out for one week. Our iPad 2 can be checked out for 2 hours for in-library use.



- \* Kindle compatibility is coming this fall for library eBooks through the NH Downloadable Books Consortium.

### A Christmas Carol

Sunday, Dec. 4  
at 4:00 pm

Master storyteller Odds Bodkin will use voices and British accent to tell this classic holiday tale.

*for teens and adults*

## EVENING PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

TUESDAYS AT 7PM UNLESS NOTED

**Sept. 20, \*6:30 PM - 8:30 PM:**  
**Super Savvy Shopping Secrets**  
Save on everything from groceries to home appliances with Julie Koitzsch

**Sept. 27, Soup-erb Soups**  
Chef Elizabeth Skipper offers a mini-tutorial on making soups from scratch

**Oct. 4, 1st Quarter Moon-watch**  
30-minute presentation with Ed Ting will be followed up by a skywatch

**Oct. 11, \*6:30 PM – 8:30 PM:**  
**Basic Zentangle**  
*(will be repeated on Oct. 25)*  
Zentangle is an easy-to-learn method of creating images from repetitive patterns. Materials provided for this workshop with Suzanne Binnie

**Nov. 8 \*6:30 – 8:30 PM: Your Long Story Short: Writing the Memoir Essay (Part 1 of 2)**  
An opportunity to craft vivid memoir scenes from your own life with teacher and published author Áine Greaney  
*Participants must also attend the Nov. 15 session*

**Nov. 15 \*6:30 – 8:30 PM: Your Long Story Short: (Part 2)**  
*Participants must have attended Part 1*

**Jan. 10, Professional Mountain Guide Craig John shares his ascent of Everest and beyond**

**Jan. 17, Homer's Odysseus: A Living History Presentation with Sebastian Lockwood**



**Jan. 24, \*6:30 – 8:30 PM: Denali Delmar's No-Knead Miracle Bread Workshop**  
Craisin Pecan Bread, Asiago Cheese Bread, Rosemary Onion Bread and more

**Feb. 7, Adding Years to Your Life and Life to Your Years: A Roadmap to Enhance Longevity and Wellness**

The latest research on the physiology of aging and longevity enhancement with Paula Koppel, MS, RN, GNP

**Feb. 21, It's Not About the Hike**  
Two fifty-plus year-old non-hikers climbed the 67 highest mountains in New England

**Feb. 28, Exploring America's Tackiest Tourist Photos with Humorist Darren Garnick**

**March 13, Forensic Science Roadshow**  
Venture into the world of CSI with this interactive program with Paul Zambella from the MA State Police Crime Laboratory

**March 20, \*6:30 – 8:30 PM: Take the Mystery Out of Gluten-Free Cooking and Do Some Detective Work on Other Food Allergies**  
A cooking demonstration and tasting with Oonagh Williams

**March 27, Exploring Mystery and Detective Fiction**  
Professor Melissa Pennell talks crime and literature

**Apr. 10, Stone Walls of New England**  
Author Kevin Gardner will talk about the history and cultural significance of stone walls

**Apr. 17, Uprooted: Heartache and Hope in New Hampshire - a facilitated film discussion**  
"Uprooted" is a 30-minute documentary based on interviews collected during the NHHC initiative on immigration in NH. Dr. John Krueckeberg, Professor of History at PSU will facilitate a discussion following the movie



**Apr. 24, Songs of Old NH**  
Folklorist Musician Jeff Warner offers songs and stories that tell us "where we came from and what brought us along"



### **Tessalations, Syntax, Arabesque, and Rhyme: Wednesdays, October 19 and 26 1:00-2:30 PM**

This two-part series led by Nancy Baker, will look at all the patterns we enjoy in art and language. Part 1 explores art patterning, from the symmetry and the impossible of M.C. Escher to the scrolling decoration of Islamic art to the bold dynamics of abstract expressionism and color field painting. Part 2 explores language patterning. We'll share ideas about the structures in language that let us weave patterns in poetry and prose, and stretch ourselves in the joy of word games which let us use our alphabet to perceive the word patterns that enrich and connect us. *You are welcome to attend just one or both of the sessions.*



### **Creative Pages- A Mixed Media Art Journaling Workshop Saturday, November 12 2:00 – 4:00 PM**

Rediscover your inner creativity and document that journey with workshop leader and artist Emily Martina.

## PROGRAMS FOR KIDS & TEENS

### STORYTIMES *(no registration necessary)*

**Baby Listeners** (newborn-24 mos.) Fridays at 10:30  
**Toddler Time** (ages 2-3 yrs.) Tuesdays at 10:00  
**Book Bunch** (ages 3-6 yrs.) Wednesdays at 1:00  
 & Thursdays at 10:00

SESSION 1: September 12 to October 21  
 SESSION 2: November 7 to December 16  
 SESSION 3: January 9 to February 17  
 SESSION 4: March 5 to April 13  
 SESSION 5: April 30 to June 8



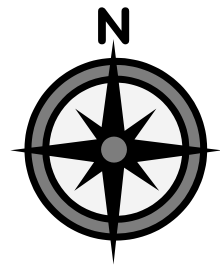
### HALLOWEEN: Our 2nd Annual Not-So-Scary Event Thursday, October 27, 3:30-4:30 PM Recommended for ages 3 and up



Steve Blunt will perform some  
**Silly Spooky Musical Fun.**  
 Costumes are encouraged!

### HIDE-AND-SEEK: A Geo-Caching Adventure Saturday, October 22 at 10:00 AM Ages 9 and up

For adventurous souls, we'll be doing a group-read of the book Hide and Seek by Katy Grant. One of the top choices of our Great Stone Face Reviewer's Club last year, Hide and Seek is a fast-moving adventure about a boy who loves to go geo-caching. We will gather on the Oct. 22 to chat about the book, make a 'treasure' to put into a geo-cache, and then we'll head out to find a real geo-cache right here in Amherst! For more information, and to register, contact the Children's Room at 673-2288 or email Miss Sarah at [shydorn@amherst.lib.nh.us](mailto:shydorn@amherst.lib.nh.us).



### CUPCAKES AND COVERS A book event for young cooks who love to read! Thursday, November 10 at 6:30 PM Grades K thru 8

We're going to be capitalizing on the latest craze for all things CUPCAKE! In preparation, we'll be reading from a multi-age list of cupcake-themed fiction. Read one, or read 'em all---just come to our meeting with a dozen cupcakes you've made after being inspired by what you've read. Be prepared to describe your cupcakes, and the source of your inspiration---then we'll have a cupcake swap, and go home with a variety of delicious treats! For more information, and to register, contact the Children's Room at 673-2288 or email Miss Sarah at [shydorn@amherst.lib.nh.us](mailto:shydorn@amherst.lib.nh.us).

### BOOKCLUBS

**The Great Stone Face Reviewer's Club** (grades 5 and 6) will meet on Wednesday, October 5 at 6:30 PM to kick off another great year of evaluating the newest fiction, with the goal of recommending titles for next year's Great Stone Face list. New members are welcome—in fact, we're counting on adding some new fifth-graders to our group!



**The Junior Book Club** (grades 2-4, with parent) will meet on Wednesday, October 12 at 6:30 PM to discuss our favorite reads from the summer. Everyone should come in with one or two books they loved, and would like to recommend to the rest of us. From there, we'll continue with our tradition of doing a "group read" of one book, and meeting on the second Wednesday of each month to talk about it, do a book-related activity, and, of course, eat snacks!

**The Teen Book Club** (grades 7-8) will meet on Wednesday, October 19 at 6:30 to talk, snack and to think of an official club name. If you love to read the newest fiction and talk about what you read, this group is for you!

*New group*



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**Hours**

Mon-Thurs: 9:30 - 8:30 pm  
Fri- Sat: 9:30 - 5:00 pm (summer: close @ 12:30)  
Sunday: 1:00 - 5:00 pm (summer: closed)

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## SUNDAY CONCERTS IN THE LIBRARY

**November 6, \*5:00 PM Anna Boardman Concert Series Presents Jazz First**, with Joe Whalen, Piano; Chris Guild, Bass; Dave Morin, Drums; and Debbie Nordyke, Vocals

*Jazz First* at its core is a piano-bass-drums jazz trio based in southern New Hampshire devoted to the performance of straight-ahead jazz and blues standards, written primarily in the first half of the twentieth century.

*Free tickets will be available at the circulation desk in October.*

**January 8, 4:00 PM Wildest Dreams musicians Alice Johnson and Andy Holiner in Concert**

World beat soul! Combination of jazz, blues, gospel, African, and folk music along with the beautiful voices of Alice and Andy accompanied by guitar, piano and percussion.

**February 12, 4:00 PM United States Air Force Bay State Winds**

Come hear the Air Force Band of Liberty's only all-clarinet ensemble as they present an exciting program of your favorite music: classical standards, contemporary masterworks, jazz, patriotic selections and more.

**March 18, 4:00 PM A Celtic Celebration: Aubrie Dionne and Piper Runion-Bareford in Concert**

Aubrie Dionne on flute, and Piper Runion-Bareford on harp, offer a magical performance to celebrate the season.

**April 15, \*5:00 PM New Hampshire Master Chorale in Concert with Music Director Dan Perkins**

This world renowned choral group celebrates spring with their glorious voices!