

Thomaston Public Library

August 2017 Newsletter

******* 40 Days of Summer**

August saw the ending of our 40 Days of Summer program for 2017. We had 133 children from 84 families and served nearly 1100 lunches including the final week when the RSU#13 kitchen was closed and we did the lunches here. This included a wonderfully loud Gary Owen Bike Club group who roared up on their bikes and cooked a barbecue for our kids. Memorable photo of Hana on one of the bikes. We also did a salad bar that was popular! Tacos, make your own sandwiches and our traditional pizza and root beer floats for the final day.

It was an action packed program with activities including a visit from Chewonki Foundation, Northern Stars Planetarium, Project Puffin Audubon Center and Pope Memorial Animal Shelter. We celebrated Harry Potter Days and had messy science; made legos and learned about forensics; were visited by the Thomaston Police and were introduced to robots by Chris Dorman, Maine State Library STEM/Emerging Technologies Specialist. We learned about bees and sharks and lots of water everywhere was de rigueur for hot days.

We were generously supported by the Rockland Kiwanis Foundation, American Legion Post 1, the Episcopal Church of St. John Baptist, the Federated Church of Thomaston, Lyman Morse as well as by individuals and families in our community. Food for the first seven weeks was supplied by RSU#13.

Our great staff included Missy Harjula, Caroline Ward-Nesbitt, Hana Baker, Caitlin Raye, Toby Mergendahl, Maddie Bollinger and guest appearances by local community celebrities: Andi Isaacs, Patty McDonald, Peggy McCrea, Peter Lambert and William Dashiell. Volunteers Mimi Zwick, Trish Andrews, Paula Michaud and Bethany Wolfe along with our Hillary Johansen kept the library staffed while our children celebrated summer.

*******Read Me**

On the 8th of August we had a large group participating in a discussion of “The Moth”, one of the two books chosen by the Maine Humanities Council for summer reading this year. The group, many of whom participated in the “Let’s Talk About It” series will meet again for LTAI beginning September 11 with the theme Destruction or Redemption. Our first book is Madame Bovary by Gustave Flaubert and we are once again privileged to have Lee Heffner facilitate the group. Come and join us.

*******Intergenerational Book Club**

“Towers Falling” and “The Red Bandana” were compelling books for August for the IGBC. Using the backdrop of some slides of 9/11 a diverse group met on August 7th to discuss these books: “Towers Falling” is a Young Adult choice by Jewell Parker Rhodes and Tom Rinaldi wrote the second book, the story of Welles Crowther, whose actions on 9/11 offer a lasting lesson on character, calling and courage. On September 19th please join the IGBC presenting “The Cowboy and the Cossack” by Clair Huffakers.

*****PLACE Grant meeting

On the 15th of August we met to discuss of our first book for the PLACE Grant with John Cannon our NOAA representative, “The Perfect Storm”. Our next meeting is Monday, September 11th where we will use “Zeitoun” by Dave Egger (written about a family during and after Katrina) to begin a conversation. This book is pertinent with current weather conditions we are seeing right now. We will meet at 6 pm in the main room.

***** Communi-TEA

We celebrated both the luscious peach and our community on the 18th of August. Always a congenial and fun time.

*****Annual Poetry Reading

We had a great group for our annual poetry reading at the library on August 29th. Bruce Willard, Chris Fahy, Stephen Motika and Martha Rhodes read selections of their work. Organized by Martha who is also a director of Four Way Books this is always a special program.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**** Don't forget our Friday Night Movies! The theme this month is Bless the Children!

September 1st: Kolya

September 8th: Central Station

September 15th: Lion

September 22nd: Small Change

September 29th: King of Masks

All films are shown in Room 200 and begin at 7 pm. Admission is free though donations are gratefully accepted. Light refreshments are served.

September 6th: Davene Fahy Book-reading and Signing of Colors of Maine. 11 am.

September 11th: PLACE Grant book discussion/community gathering. 6 pm

September 12th: “Let’s Talk About It” book group at 11 am, discussing Madame Bovary, by Gustave Flaubert.

September 15th: Communi-TEA will celebrate National Italian Cheese Month from 3 – 4:30 pm! The food pantry is very low on soups!

September 19th: Intergenerational Book Club will be discussing The Cowboy and The Cossack, by Clair Huffaker, at 2:30 pm.

Family Storytime is every Thursday at 11 am.

“Knit Happens,” our community knitting group, continues to meet every Tuesday morning from 9:30 to 11 am in the Main Reading Room.

QiGong Saturdays at 11 am.

OCTOBER 21ST SAVE THE DATE!! CHILI/CHOWDER/BOOK SALE....SUCH FUN!

New Titles:

Adult Collection: 53

Children’s Collection: 36

Audiobooks: 0

TV and Movies Collection: 1

Number of New Patrons Added:

Children: 6

Adult: 22

Total: 28

Circulation Statistics:

Items Circulated: 2,245 (in and out)

Average Daily Circulation (27 days open): 83

Interlibrary Loans: 137

Audiobooks: 97

Ebooks: 21

Library Income in July 2017:

Contributions from Friends: \$1000.

Copy/Printout Fees: \$94

Patron Fees: \$173

Library Expenditures:

Utilities: \$ 204

Programs: \$445

Supplies: \$170

Payroll: \$9155

Books, audio, magazines and videos: \$683

Book supplies, ILL expenses: \$130
Computer/Tech: \$802