Goodbye Miss Eileen

Eileen Maclean, our children’s librarian retired on June 17th after 7 wonderful years of dedicated service to the library. She built up a very strong rapport with the Mount Desert Elementary School, instituted a very popular Lego club, organized tremendously popular children’s programs and not only started several children’s book groups but also co-chaired the Women’s Book Group for the past 6 years. We will miss her smiling face, great attitude, and dedication to the library.

We all wish her well in California!

In Memoriam:
Heather Frazer

This past spring we lost Heather Frazer, a member of the Library’s Board of Directors, and a valuable community member after her long bout with cancer. Universally loved, respected and admired, she superbly chaired the Scholarship Committee and made it into the strong program it is today. She was the only board member who attended all the February Board meetings travelling from Florida every year. Her participation, dedication and expertise will be sorely missed.
**Welcome Robin Strauss**

We are very pleased to welcome Robin Strauss as our new Children’s Librarian. She was chosen out of a competitive pool of 22 applicants and comes highly recommended by former Mount Desert Elementary School Principal, Scott McFarland. A life-long resident of MDI, Robin is a voracious reader, has been subbing and volunteering at the Mount Desert Elementary School, and has spent previous summers gardening and assisting her husband Eli with their family business. She has two children, Julia and Roger, who attend MDES. She is also the late Ruth Fraley’s granddaughter.

She is really looking forward to continuing Eileen’s

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**Roc Caivano Architectural Drawing Collection**

It is with great pleasure that we announce the recent acquisition of retired Bar Harbor architect, Roc Caivano’s work.

The collection spans 40+ years of Roc’s work in Philadelphia and on Mount Desert Island. To date we have 120 projects of his cataloged and stored. We will continue to add more of his work as space is made available.

He worked alongside archivist, Hannah Stevens, to bring his most profound and expressive projects to the archive. The collection includes collaborative work with students during his time teaching at College of the Atlantic, plans and sketches for the Wendell Gilley Museum, a plan for a building at Dartmouth College, preliminary sketches for a proposed motel in Bar Harbor that was never built, and even a sketch of the front elevation of the Piazzi Chapel in Italy drawn for his daughter’s school project.

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**New Lighting in the Mellon Room**

We are grateful to the MDI Photo Club, especially John Rivers, who spearheaded the project of replacing all 31 incandescent lights bulbs in the Mellon Room with LEDs. John figured out which bulbs and which color would be best against the artwork. The library will save a considerable amount of money per year, and maintain consistent and uniform lighting. Thank you!

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**Maine Discovery Museum Membership**

We have a library membership to the Maine Discovery Museum located at 74 Maine St. in Bangor! Our membership pass entitles the holder to free admission to the museum for one visit per day for up to 4 people. To use, stop by the circulation desk and get a signed, dated copy of the pass and a guidelines form.
Book Sale Grand Re-Opening

Library staff, Ed Horvath and Kate Young, and volunteers Ellen Scull and Eliza MacDonald worked tirelessly this winter and spring to revamp the book sale space. New shelving has been constructed and the space reorganized for better book sale shopping. We’re very excited to reopen this July!

Yes, we are always accepting donations! You can view our donation policy online at nehlibrary.com/policies or check in at the circ desk.

Join us for the grand re-opening Wednesday, July 6th from 4-6pm.

Book Sale Hours
July 6th – August 31st

Mondays 10am-12pm
Wednesdays 4-6pm
Fridays 4-6pm
SUMMER EVENTS

July Exhibit
Liz Cutler & Katie Churchill

July 6th at 5:30pm
Poetry Event
Christian Barter, Bill Carpenter, Dennis Damon, Kate Macko, and Martin Steingesser

July 13th at 5:30pm
Caroline Seebolm, author talk
Rescuing Eden: Preserving America's Historic Gardens

July 16th from 12-4pm
Village Health and Wellness Chronic Health Issues Clinic

July 18th at 5:30pm
Tom Blagden, author talk
Acadia National Park: A Centennial Celebration

July 20th at 5:30pm
Tita Hyland, lecture
Exotic and Erotic: Flowers and Fruit in Chinese and Japanese Art

July 27th at 5:30pm
Jane McCloskey, author talk
Art and Illustration of Robert McCloskey

August Exhibit
Art in Public Spaces

August 3rd at 5:30pm
Ron Epp, author talk
Writing About Giants: Two Decades of Living with George Dorr, Charles W. Eliot and John D. Rockefeller

August 10th at 5:30pm
Susan Conley and Winkie Lewis, book signing
Stop Here, This is The Place

August 17th at 5:30pm
Anne Kozak and Susan Leiter, author talk
The Wild Gardens of Acadia

August 20th from 10am-2pm
Village Health and Wellness Stress and Anxiety Clinic

August 24th at 5:30pm
Jake Leif, author talk
I Am Because You Are

August 31st at 5:30pm
Earle Brechlin, author talk
Forever Yours, Bar Harbor Historic Postcard Images of Mount Desert Island & Acadia

September Exhibit
Kaitlyn Metcalf (first half of the month) Kathy Hall and (second half of the month)

September 14th at 5:30pm
Duane and Ruth Braun, author talk
Geology Guide to MDI and Acadia National Park

September 17th from 10am-2pm
Village Health and Wellness Clinic Holistic Health Clinic

September 22nd at 2pm
Acadia Night Sky Festival Event
Greeks, Gears and the Universe: The Antikythera Universe Presented by Jon Thomas

September 28th at 5:30pm
The Boston Six Plus Two: Music by New England Composers, piano concert

September 30th at 5:30 at the Criterion Theater
PKMDI Centennial Session

October Exhibit
Carl Little, Art of Acadia

October 5th at 5:30pm
Carl and David Little, reception and book signing Art of Acadia by Carl and David Little

October 12th at 5pm
Tell Me Your Life Story, writing workshop Led by Eddie Adelman

October 15th from 10am-2pm
Village Health and Wellness Holistic Health Clinic

Listings in green are Acadia Centennial events

Steve Anastasia teaching Bread Making 101
Judy’s Dance Party
July 11th at 10:30am
Grammy-nominated children's artist Judy Pancoast is bringing Judy's Dance Party to the library to celebrate Ready, Seat...Read!. Kids will have a great time doing the twist, do-si-do, Irish jig and more. 45 minutes of heart pumping fun all set to Judy's clever, original children’s tunes. Stick around after the concert for a free autographed photo of Judy!

A Kid’s Ice Cream Party
for Acadia National Park
July 18th at 10:30am
Join Gifford's Famous Ice Cream and storyteller Hope Lewis for an Acadia National Park Birthday Party. Fifth-generation ice cream maker Samantha Gifford and celebrated storyteller Hope Lewis will be putting on a party that includes storytelling followed by FREE Gifford's Ice Cream for all who attend. Join us for a morning of fun to celebrate our favorite national park.

Chewonki Presents
Tide Pools: Life on the Rocky Shore
July 25th
10:30am preschool-Grade 2
12:30pm Grade 3 and up
The tide pool is home to a variety of species whose unique adaptations allow them to maintain stability in a world that is in a constant state of change. Which species can endure the waves, tides and temperature changes of the rocky coast? Using this interactive traveling display, participants will dip their hands into the three zones of Maine’s rocky intertidal ecosystem and touch some of the ocean’s most magnificent species.

Maine Discovery Museum Presents
Lotions, Potions & Scientific Notions
August 1st at 10:30am
10:30am preschool-Grade 2
12:30pm Grade 3 and up
While making their own beauty products, students will explore the principle of molecules, sensory perceptions and, if appropriate, the history and importance of personal hygiene. In addition, students will learn about olfactory sensory perception and the structures and purposes of medicinal herbs and plants.

AudioBody
August 3rd at 6:00pm
at the Neighborhood House
The synthesis of music, comedy, and technology – AudioBody’s performance is an electronic journey into an unknown realm of seriously spectacular entertainment.

Antonio Rocha:
Storyteller and Mime
August 8th at 10:30am
Children and adults will delight in hearing stories from around the world told as no one else can by Antonio Rocha (storyteller, mime, actor, and entertainer).

Steel Drumming Chicks with Sticks
August 15th at 10:30am
Chicks With Sticks is a small combo of 4 energetic musicians who play steel drum island-style music. The music is influenced by Caribbean island party music and street dances, and Latin and reggae rhythms. Come out and dance!

Summer Reading
We have reading logs available. Come pick one up!

Lego Club Tuesdays until August 30th
4:00-4:45pm
Preschool Story Time Tuesdays until August 30th
10:30-11am
From the President of the Board…

Summer is upon us, and the town is filling up. At the library you see people you haven’t seen in a year. You’ve forgotten their names, and they yours, but you greet one another enthusiastically, and you really are glad to see them; they’re part of the town. They’re part of the experience of summer, just like the azaleas at Asticou Garden, the big shiny boats in the harbor, those wonderful crystal days when you feel as if you could do anything, and those even more wonderful foggy days when you feel as if you could do nothing.

Recently a friend and I spent a whole afternoon by the fire on Islesford reading our books. We’d taken a walk – achieved our 10,000 steps – we were tired, it was foggy, any minute now it might rain. So we sat there by the old fireplace and we read and we read and we read.

Summer’s a wonderful time in Maine. There’s so much to do. But make sure this summer you take some time to just be quiet, whether it’s on an early morning mountain trail or curled up in a chair by the fire with a wonderful, or even a stupid book. Let yourself dive into summer this year, go underwater and spend some time there, where you can’t hear anything at all; sunlight filtering through.

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