On Wednesday, October 19, 2016, 13 freshmen from Mount Desert High school volunteered at the library. This wonderful, energetic group spread 30 bags of compost, cut back the gardens, raked, bagged leaves, helped move books, and dusted shelves. What a tremendous help and boost for the whole community! A big thanks to the students and to Mount Desert Island High School for enabling them to come.

Community Service

Many Thanks to Sarah Fraley

A heartfelt thanks from all of us here to Sarah Fraley for her years of service on the library board, scholarship committee and on the Corporation. (She is pictured on the left with two Japanese Maples she generously donated).

There have been four generations of Fraleys here at the library. Sarah’s grandfather, Dr. Frederick Fraley and her father, Fred Fraley both served as directors on the board and now Sarah’s niece, Robin Fraley Strauss is our children’s librarian.

Hello & Goodbye

Hannah Stevens (left), archivist and captain of the children’s knitting club, has left for an exciting new job at her alma mater, College of the Atlantic.

Ed Horvath (middle right), custodian, and his family have moved; he is passing the keys along to Joe Chittenden (middle left).

Daniela Accettura (not pictured) is our new archivist and will assist with research and help patrons access our archived collections. In addition to being an ace researcher, Daniela is fluent in Italian, English, French, and German.

Ainsley McClachrie (right) is continuing a long family legacy of librarianship. Ainsley is passionate about education and working with children.
Winter Events 2017

FEBRUARY

Exhibit: Art of the Needle
Friday, 3rd, 7 - 9
First Friday Coffeehouse
Open Mic & Dennis Damon Stories
Snow Date: Saturday, 4th, 7 - 9

Monday, 6th, 3 - 5
Valentine's Card Making Party

Tuesday, 7th, 5 - 6
Women's Book Group
The Known World by Edward P. Jones

Thursday, 9th, 3 - 5
Valentine's Card Makng Party #2

Saturday, 11th, 9 - Noon
February Workshop with Amelia Poole
Mindful Mending. Space limited, to sign up call 207 276 3333.
Snow Date: Saturday, 18th, 9 - Noon

Wednesday, 15th, 5 - 6
Local Film Series: Tire Tracks (30 min.)

Monday, 20th
Closed for Presidents' Day

MARCH

Exhibit: Womens' History Project
Friday, 3rd, 7 - 9
First Friday Coffeehouse
Open Mic & MDIHS Jazz Combos
Snow Date: Saturday, 4th, 7 - 9

Tuesday, 14th, 5 - 6
Women's Book Group
Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout

Wednesday, 15th, 5 - 6
Local Film Series: Jenny's Island Life (42 min.)

Saturday, 18th, 9 - 12
Bread Baking Workshop with Steve Anastasia. Space limited, to sign up call 207 276 3333.
Snow Date: Saturday, March 25th, 9 - 12

APRIL

Exhibit: Greg Burns
Wednesday, 5th, 5 - 7
Poetry Series "Where We Live: Poems of Place with Candace Stover"

Friday, 7th, 7 - 9
First Friday Coffeehouse
Open Mic & Annie + Tony Manzetti
Snow Date: Saturday, 1st, 7 - 9

Tuesday, 11th, 5 - 6
Women's Book Group
A Mother's Reckoning by Sue Klebold

Wednesday, 12th, 5 - 7
Poetry Series "Where We Live: Poems of Place with Candace Stover"

Wednesday, 12th, 5 - 6
Local Film Series: Outrunning Parkinson's (12 min.)

Would you like to participate?
The Women's History Project is a collaboration of MDI libraries, celebrating Women's History Month with exhibits and programs.

These exhibits feature work by women and are open to any woman who would like to exhibit work. This year’s theme is Connections.

If you'd like more information, please contact Kate at kyoung@nehlibrary.org or call the library, 207 276 3333.

ONGOING EVENTS

Monday, 10:30 - 11 - PreK Storytime
Tuesday, 3:15 - 4:45 - Lego Club
Tuesday, 4:30 - 5:30 - Book Sale
Wednesday, 5:30 - 7 - Knitting
Letter from the Director

Cha, cha, changes....
The last time this newsletter was published Martha Dudman was Chairman of
the Board of Library Directors. I won't even pretend to write as well as she
does. We have had lots of changes this past year. Arthur Martinez is now at
the helm and as you see by reading the front page of this newsletter, several
staff have left and we have welcomed new ones. One thing that remains
constant is the incredible support we have from the community. We have had
our busiest year ever with over 76,000 visitors to the library during 2016. That also means a lot of
books, audios, DVDs and magazines were checked out! We have held lots of programs for children and
adults that you have attended and/or read about. There is something for everyone here at the library.
In addition, this year we were able to significantly increase the amount of scholarship dollars to
students. Since 1953, we have helped thousands of students continue their education at a wide range
of career oriented schools and liberal arts colleges due to this worthwhile program.
It is a pleasure to be part of a library staff who tries really hard to make a difference and to serve our
patrons, whatever their needs may be. Thank you for all your support.

Eleanor Andrews, Library Director

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