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THANK YOU JUDITH | With heavy hearts we say good bye to Judith Blank, who started work here at the library on June 14, 1991 and retired June 14, 2019. I bet all of you have had at least one film or book suggestion from Judith! We are grateful for her creativity and dedication to the library. Over her 28 years, she put together many beautiful exhibitions, created the First Friday Coffee House, Local Film and Craft Workshop series. We wish her a wonderful, well deserved retirement and hope to still see lots of her at the library!



AN UPDATE FROM OUR ARCHIVES | Visit our extensive Archive Catalog online at nehlibrary.net or make an appointment by emailing us with a special request at archives@nehlibrary.org. To pique your interest, we have created a few Special Selections in the Browse Menu: *The Northeast Harbor Library Throughout the Years, Northeast Harbor Down Memory Lane, Fred L. Savage Architectural Drawings, MDI Churches...* and more to come. Many items have already been scanned, but it's a work in progress, so keep coming back!



WELCOME KELLY | Starting this summer, you will see a familiar, friendly face at the desk. We are happy to welcome Kelly O'Neil to our staff! Kelly has been a dependable volunteer for the library, shelving in the children's room, and will now be helping patrons at the circulation desk in addition to tracking the library's statistics.



Thayer Fox supporting our Scholarship bakesale, run by Liz Baird & Megan Scott

Library Scholarship | Since the Northeast Harbor Library Scholarship Program's inception in 1953, thousands of students have received financial support. The Scholarship Program provides up to five years of renewable annual funding for post-high school education. Unlike many scholarships, it is based on residency in conjunction with graduation from Mount Desert Island High School. The program serves students whose families are domiciled in the Town of Mount Desert or the Town of Cranberry Isles for the duration of the scholarship. In 2019 there were 28 renewals and 9 first-time applicants. Individual scholarship grants will be \$2,400 for 2020.

End of Summer and Fall Programs, August 7th - October 9th

Wednesday, August 7th, 5:30 pm Author Visit with Susan Butler East to the Dawn: The Life of Amelia Earhart

Wednesday, August 8th, 5:30 pm
Talk by Bill McWeeny and the Calvineers
The North Atlantic Right Whale:
History, Science and Policy

Monday, August 12th 5:30 pm Author Visit with Tom Blagden *The Grand Canyon*

Wednesday, August 14, 5:30 pm Author's Visit with Gil Schafer A Place to Call Home: Tradition, Style, and Memory in the New American House

Wednesday, August 21st, 5:30 pm Author's Visit with Tom Kelley (Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient) The Sirens Call and Second Chances

Wednesday, August 28th, 5:30 pm Author's Visit with George Colt The Game: Harvard, Yale and America in 1968

Wednesday, August 29th, 5:30pm Author's Visit with Janny Scott The Beneficiary: Fortune, Misfortune and the Story of My Father

Pictured, Left to Right: Robert Peck with his book Specimans of Hair, John Favour and Sheridan Steele, Dianna Emory and Arthur Martinez, Phoebe Durand-McDonnell plays harp

Wednesday, September 4th, 5:30pm Author's Visit with Porter Fox Northland: a 4,000-Mile Journey Along America's Forgotten Border

Wednesday, September 11th, 5:30pm Talk by Sara Rademaker American Unagi: Growing Eels in Maine

Wednesday, September 18th, 5:30 pm Talk moderated by Northern Light Cancer Care Physicians, Remarkable Journeys: The Evolution of Cancer Care from the Patient's Perspective

Wednesday, September 25th, 5:30 pm Travel Talk by Charlotte Stetson Trekking in Nepal: A Powerful Experience With Nature and Culture

Friday, September 27th, 2:00 pm Acadia Night Sky Festival Event Talking Rocks in Space with Bob Veilleux

Wednesday, October 9th, 5:30 pm Artist Talk by Judy Taylor Museum Studies in London

BOOK SALE Every Thursday, 4 - 5:30 or by appointment

EXHIBITS
August - Katie Churchill, Liz Cutler, Patricia Noble
September - Marc Fink
October - Howie Motenko









Summer Programs for Kids & Families

Thursday, August 1st, 4 pm Monarch Watch with Ms. Robin

Monday, August 5th, 10:30 am Concert with Deborah Fortier

Monday, August 12th, 10:30 am Chewonki's Bugmobile

Monday, August 19th, 10:30 am Stories of the Night Sky with Hope Lewis

Pictured, Left to Right: Storytime PLUS! Scavenger Hunt, girls looking through our Monarch tank, Lyn Littlefield Hoopes reads to 4th graders, kids exploring butterfly habitat on the library grounds

Ongoing Programs

Every Tuesday through August 27th 10:30 am, Preschool Story Time PLUS! 4 pm, LEGO Hour

Summer Reading Program

- 1. Read a book
- 2. Fill out a review slip and pin it on our "Leaf a Review" tree in the children's room
- 3. Get a prize or a freezy pop!









NEWS FROM THE CHILDREN'S ROOM | We were so pleased to bring two authors to visit with MDES students this spring due to a generous grant from the Sumner Scholarship Endowment Foundation. Island native, Diane Magras shared her insights on a writer's journey with 5th and 6th grades. The 7th graders participated in a plotting intensive focused on the basic structure of a story; character, goal, conflict, and stakes. The 8th grade looked at how to create a character while creating a story. Our second visitor, Lyn Littlefield Hoopes lead poetry workshops for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders exploring the concept of a poetic moment and highlighting the creative process. Nearly all the students were eager to share their work and came up with truly moving pieces.

A third author, Katie Coppens came on July 25th, as part of our busy summer programming schedule. Katie shared a tasty program about geology which she developed in conjunction with her book *Geology is a Piece of Cake!*

We really hope to keep all our young patrons reading this summer with our Summer Reading Program, "Leave a Review". After kids finish a book they can fill out a review to be posted on our "tree" and get a freezy pop or prize.

Be sure to stop by the children's room and visit our monarch tanks; we will be tagging butterflies again this season as part of the Monarch Watch program. Ms. Robin is always happy to answer any questions!

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LIBRARY HOURS Monday, Tuesday Thursday, Friday 9 am - 6 pm Wednesday 9 am - 7 pm Saturday 9 am - 5 pm



LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



SUMMER! As I write this, enjoying the perfect cool afternoon breeze wafting through the open window, memory of the winter ice and the spring deluges is blissfully faded. Did we really have snow days in April?! In June we said good-bye to Judith Blank and hello to Kelly O'Neil. The fertile imaginations and diligent research of our fellow humans produce a never-ending abundance of new books, DVDs and audios; come find a great selection of them at the library.

There are days where every space in the library is being utilized. Adults play bridge on Mondays and Tuesdays and attend evening programs. Children enjoy Miss Robin's

pre-school story time, lego club and her incredibly well-attended Monday and Thursday programs. Free wi-fi and a variety of work and meeting spaces are well used by summer residents, visitors and locals. It is a happening place year 'round, particularly this summer. As I always write, there is something for everyone. I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and catching up on some of what we have been up to. If you haven't been in for a while, please come by. A hearty thanks to all for your support of this wonderful library.

Elly Andrews, Library Director

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