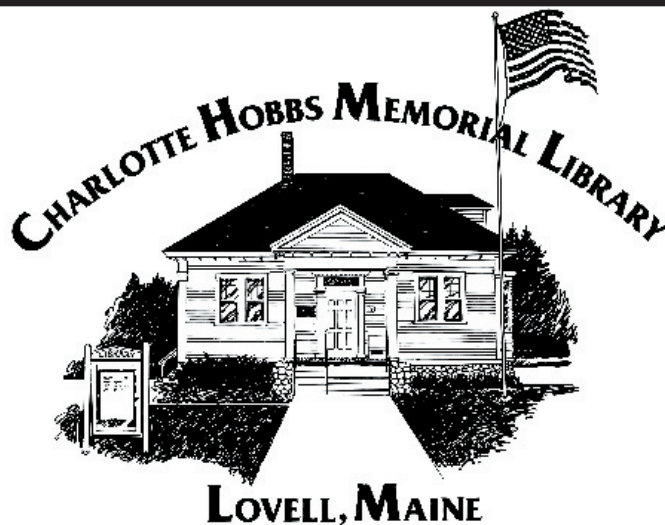

March 2006 NEWS



Dear Neighbors:

As many of you know, the Lovell Town Meeting takes place this Saturday, March 4, at 9:00 a.m. We hope you will attend the meeting and give the Library your support. If you need childcare during the meeting, the Library provides it.

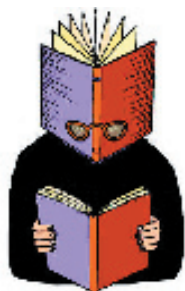
The Charlotte Hobbs Library could not survive without support from the towns we serve. We were very grateful when the citizens of Lovell approved our budget request last year and the towns of Stow, Sweden, and Stoneham also supported us. We hope that our patrons not only in Lovell but in Stow, Sweden, and Stoneham will endorse our 2006 requests.

Thanks to our wonderful director, Anna Römer, and our dedicated staff, board, and volunteers, the Library broke records once again in 2005. Our circulation reached 18,829 items, an increase of 55% since 2001. Nonprint circulation nearly doubled in the same period, while computer use jumped from 1,483 in 2002 to 2,568 in 2005. And now, through www.hobbslibrary.org, you can browse our catalogue and order books from the entire Maine State Library Network from your home, work, or school. In this way, the library has changed far beyond anything Charlotte Hobbs could have imagined when the Library that is her namesake opened its doors ninety-eight years ago.

But with your help in securing our budget, we can promise you some things will never change. We will always offer a warm welcome to everyone who comes through our doors. Our staff will always do its best to serve your needs. Our programs will always respond to our community's interests. And we will always offer you a rich selection of new books and audio-visual materials.

Please join in supporting the Library at your town meeting. We literally cannot survive without your support.

Sincerely,
Susan S. Lanser, President



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Library Programs

Mouse Paint....

is scampering to a new day! March 13th will be the last Mousepaint on Monday.

Mousepaint is a storybook art class for 5 to 7 year olds. Join Liz McCann for an hour full of wonderful books, songs, games, and art projects. Children can come straight off the bus with a note from their parents.

Program will resume on THURSDAY, March 30 at the regular time 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm, and then will continue to meet on Thursdays, when school is in session, until the program ends on May 25th.

Parent pick-up is 4 PM!

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## Preschool Storytime Mondays at 10 AM

For children 5 and under, with Miss Patty. Includes picture book stories, finger rhymes and crafts. A great place for parents and children to make new friends.

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Cribbage Wednesday, March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 10 AM

Cribbage lovers get together every Wednesday morning to try their luck. Coffee, doughnuts, and cheese available. All level players are welcome. Call the library to set up a lesson.

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## Free Babysitting

Free Babysitting at the Library for parents attending Town Meeting on March 4, from 9 till 12 noon by Red Cross Certified Babysitter. Please call the Library at 925-3177 to make reservations.

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Monthly Speaker Program Jane Gibbons on 'Climbing Kilimanjaro' March 14 at 7 pm

At age 2 Jane Gibbons, resident of Sweden, climbed Sabattus Mountain and she never looked back. Her hiking resume speaks for itself:

- All 100 highest peaks of New England
- All 48 New Hampshire 4,000 footers, in winter
- The high points in 45 states in the USA

A life-long desire to see the animals of Africa in their natural habitat brought her to Tanzania. Of course Jane could not leave the continent before first climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, at 19,335 ft the highest peak of Africa. Jane will share the experience with us with the help of many wonderful slides. Did you know it takes 100 African porters to bring 15 Americans up the mountain? Did you know that climbing this huge free standing volcano leads you from equatorial to arctic conditions in a matter of 5 days?

Join us for more on Jane's fascinating trip. All welcome. Refreshments served.

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## Book Discussion Group Tuesday, March 21 at 1 PM

Our discussion group will start up again on Tuesday, March 21 with the book *Night* by Elie Wiesel. Elie Wiesel, winner of the 1986 Nobel Peace Prize, was taken from his home as a teenager to the Auschwitz concentration camp. *Night* is a record of his memoirs of that experience.

Several copies available at the library. Please come with book suggestions for future discussions. All welcome.

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Library Programs, cont.

Genealogy Workshops

The library and the Lovell Historical Society have teamed up to offer you three genealogy workshops taught by Kathy Bolduc Amoroso, genealogist and outreach coordinator for the Maine Memory Network. Classes take place at the library on Thursdays from 1 to 2:30 pm. Because of costs associated with the program we will charge \$10 per session or \$25 for all three. Scholarships available. Call the library to sign up. First class took place on Feb. 23. Hand-outs available.

Remaining dates and subjects:

March 9 (snow date March 16)

Internet Genealogy

Researching your family history on the internet can be a challenging yet rewarding task. In this seminar you will learn how to use Internet effectively for genealogy research, through fee-based and free sites. such as HeritageQuest Online, Ancestry.com, NewEnglandAncestors.org, and Rootsweb.com. Kathy Amoroso has spent over 11 years using the Internet and technology in her family research and can show you the ins and outs of available databases and online forums. Having a problem with a particular website? Bring your questions with you and she may address a handful of them while you watch.

March 23 (snow date March 30)

Immigrant Ancestors

Have you been wondering how to find your immigrant ancestor's place of origin? Don't miss this workshop! Naturalization and immigration records and passenger lists and indexes hold a treasure trove of information about the past. Learn how and where to find these valuable documents and how to use them. Kathy is an experienced genealogical researcher and has traced her own ancestors back to Germany, Italy, and Ireland using a combination of these resources.

Journal-Making for Grade 3 and up

On Wednesday, March 1st, we started a 7 week journal-making program for children grade 3 and up. This after-school program will run on Wednesdays from 2 till 3:30 pm. Children can come right off the bus with a note from a parent. Papermaking, painting, poetry, photography, collages, journal writing, printmaking, scrapbooking are all part of the journey. At the end of the 7 weeks all children will have produced a homemade book with stories and art about themselves and their surroundings. It is not too late to join so call the library to sign up.



Death by Chocolate News

Thank you to all the volunteers, bakers and chocolate lovers who made this sweet fundraiser such a success. A special thank you to Pat Stearns, Nancy Olmsted, and Georgette Hardman for the overall organization and lovely set up of the event. We netted close to \$400, every year we do better than the previous year! Congratulations to the winning bakers who received a beautiful basket of flowers and a chocolate themed book: Anna Marie McCormick for 'Best Cake', Georgette Hardman for 'Best Cookie' and special congratulations to 16-year old Vanessa Bryson of Lovell for winning 'Best Overall' for her yummy

Mochachino Pavlova with Raspberries.