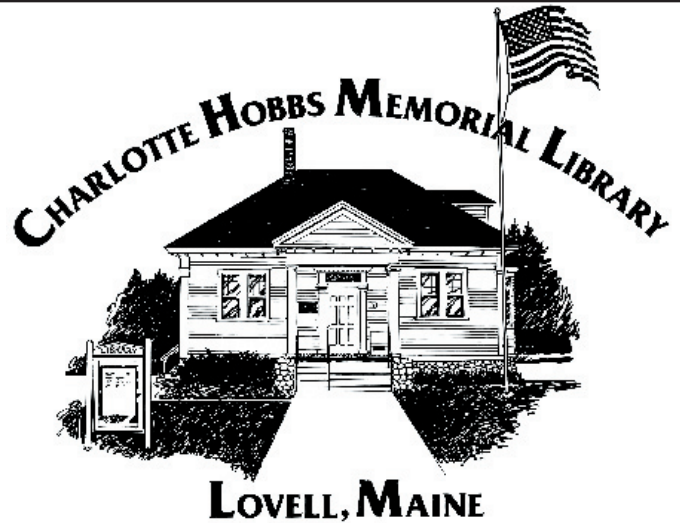

September 2006 NEWS



MESSAGE FROM THE ATTIC

My six-week leave of absence has flown by. From the glaciers high above Chamonix to the clear Adriatic Sea in Croatia my family and I had many wonderful experiences. I want to thank the Board and especially Vice-President Bob Williams for making this possible.

Despite my absence, this summer was filled with programs, fundraisers, workshops, and many, many patrons using our 100-year-old building. In July and August we averaged over 100 patrons a day, this is excluding attendance during evening programs! It is no surprise that we made it once again to one of the top ten lists of the Maine State Library Annual statistics. In 2005 we were 5th in Program Attendance Per Capita. If you are interested you can find a full report on the government website at <http://www.maine.gov/msl/libs/statistics>.

This summer our board members and capital campaign committee members have been busy knocking on many doors to keep our dream of a renovated and expanded building alive. The last couple of months we have also received grants from the Libra Foundation, the Mulford Fund, the Coe Fund, the Burnham Trust and many more are still in the works or awaiting answer. Early September we will send out pledge reminders and later this fall look for our second Capital Campaign newsletter.

Video Sale

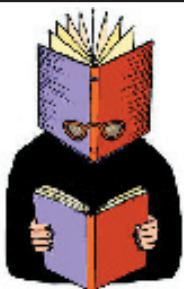
September 2, 10 AM-2 PM

This Saturday, September 2 the Library will hold a sale of second hand videos on its front lawn. Videos were weeded out of the collection or were donated by patrons.

Videos are \$0.50 each or 5 for \$2.00.

Second Hand Book Sale

Thanks to Ethel Hurst, Liz McCann and their many helpers our annual second hand book sale at the Arts and Artisans Fair was once again a big success. Don't forget we are already starting to collect for next year. Ethel and Liz weed, sort and discard books the whole year in order to offer you the best selection possible.



Videos

Books

Magazines

DVDs

Books on Tape

Books on CD

Copier

Fax

Wireless Internet Access

Library Programs

Preschool Storytime Join Miss Patty on Mondays at 10 a.m.

Preschool Story time with Miss Patty will begin on Monday, September 11 at 10 a.m. in the children's area of the library. Each fun-filled session includes picture book stories, songs, finger rhymes and crafts. A wonderful introduction to libraries and reading, storytime helps promote a life-long love of reading. It is also a great place to make friends.

Children age 5 and under are welcome to attend. An adult caregiver should accompany those under 3 1/2 years old. Storytime meets every Monday morning following the MSAD#72 school calendar for vacations and snow days.

See you soon.

Laptops

We are very happy to report we once again have two laptops available for our patrons to use. We were able to purchase two used laptops from our local school district at a very reduced cost. The two laptops are replacing the one that was stolen last fall. Laptops can be borrowed for use on the 1st floor of our building as long as you have your library card with you. We hope you understand that we cannot make any acceptations to this policy.

Book Discussion Group Monday September 18 at 7 PM

Due to the fact that the chosen book 'Power vs. Force' is unavailable we will be reading:

The Places in Between by Rory Stewart

This book traces the author's 2002 journey by foot across Afghanistan, during which he survived the harsh elements through the kindness of tribal elders, teen soldiers, Taliban commanders, and foreign-aid workers whose stories he collected along his way. All Welcome.

Monthly Speaker Program 'Alaskan Seabird Survey' with Alyson McKnight & Kelsey Sullivan Tuesday, September 26 at 7 PM

Alyson McKnight and Kelsey Sullivan use their Master degrees--Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation for Alyson and Ecology and Evolution for Kelsey--to do scientific surveys of seabirds around Prince William Sound in Alaska. The survey was begun by the Fish and Wildlife Service following the Exxon Valdez oil spill in 1989 when 11 million gallons of oil covered 1400 miles of shoreline, including the shores of islands and inlets. The survey aims to determine if the ecosystem is recovering from the oil spill.

Seabirds can provide information about the whole ecosystem, they say, in somewhat the same way canaries reveal toxicity in coalmines. Seabirds are fairly easy to monitor and measure as they come into the Sound to breed.

The young couple, with toddler Raymond and dog NASCAR, lead a double life. From September thru February, they live the hills of Albany Township in a snug house they built themselves from recycled materials. From February thru August, they live in large field tents pitched on snow near Prince William Sound.

Just returned from Alaska they will share with us their most recent adventures.

Suitable for all ages. Refreshments served



New to our Collection

ADULTS

Two Little Girls in Blue by Mary Higgins Clark
Quilts A to Z : 26 Techniques Every Quilter Should Know by Rita Weiss
Breach of Faith : Hurricane Katrina And the Drowning of New Orleans by Jed Horne
Angels Fall by Nora Roberts
Between Georgia by Joshilyn Jackson
Break No Bones by Kathy Reichs
Can't Wait to Get to Heaven by Fannie Flagg
American Theocracy : The Peril and Politics of Radical Religion, Oil, and Borrowed Money in the 21st Century by Kevin Phillips
Theft : A Love Story by Peter Carey
Secret River by Kate Grenville
Seven Lies by James Lasdun
Night Watch by Sarah Waters
Judge & Jury by Patterson, James
Messenger by Daniel Silva
Special Topics in Calamity Physics by Marisha Pessl
Keep by Jennifer Egan
Terrorist by John Updike
Night Gardener by George Pelecanos
Fiasco : The American Military Adventure in Iraq by Thomas Ricks
Brief Encounters with Che Guevara : Stories by Ben Fountain

Tender Bar : A Memoir by J.R. Moehringer
Places in Between by Rory Stewart
The Year of Pleasures by Elizabeth Berg
The Beak of the Finch by Jonathan Weiner
Forest and Shore - Legends of the Pine Tree State by Charles P. Ilsley
The Eldercare Handbook by Stella Mora Henry
The Final Solution - A Story of Detection by Michael Chabon
Conservatives Without Conscience by John W. Dean

JUVENILE

Maximum Ride : School's Out - Forever by James Patterson
Heat by Mike Lupica
Book Thief by Markus Zusak
Just Listen by Sarah Dessen
Wright 3 by Blue Balliett
Book Fair Day by Lynn Plourde
Fira And the Full Moon by Gail Herman
Henry And the Clubhouse (AUDIO) by Beverly Cleary
Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips by Michael Morpurgo
Loud Silence of Francine Green by Karen Cushman
I'm Dirty! by Kate & Jim McMullan

ARTS AND ARTISANS A GRAND SUCCESS

For thirty-one years, Arts and Artisans has been Lovell's premier crafts fair and the premier fundraising event for the Charlotte Hobbs Memorial Library. Without these funds, it would be impossible to offer our many free services, which now include wireless internet access, stimulating programs for children and adults, access to books from the Maine State Library Network, and 44 open hours, six days each week. This year's fair, held on August 19, was one of the best ever, earning over \$12,000 for the library.

Every one of those dollars represents the time, energy, and talents of Arts and Artisans chair Irene St.Germain, committee members Peg Mason, Jane Gleason, Dave Mills, Ann Williams, Barbara Waters, Al St. Germain, and the many community members who assisted them. On behalf of the library's board of trustees, I want to thank publicly these generous volunteers. The fair is critical to our survival. It is no surprise that the artists themselves, along with hundreds of patrons, consider Arts and Artisans one of the very best organized fairs in the state of Maine. A hearty thank-you to everyone who makes this annual event so successful!

Susan S. Lanser, President
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