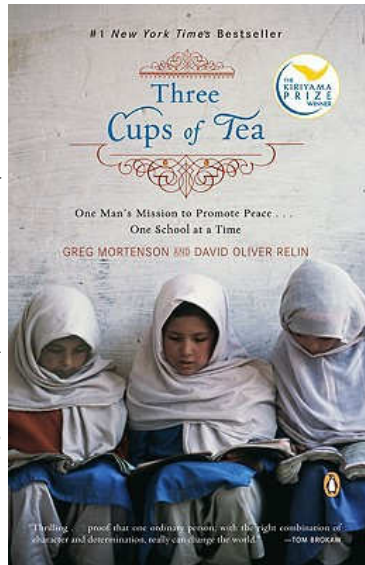


The Fine Print.

South Hadley Public Library News—March 2010

South Hadley Reads: *Three Cups of Tea*

South Hadley Reads is a cooperative, community-wide reading program involving our library, the Odyssey Bookshop, the Gaylord Memorial Library and the South Hadley Senior Center. Our goals are to encourage reading, spark discussion and promote community involvement through the reading of a common title. This year's selection is *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson.



This true story relates the journey that led Mortenson from a failed 1993 attempt to climb Pakistan's K2, to successfully establish schools in some of the most remote regions of Afghanistan and Pakistan. Mortenson combines his unique background with his intimate knowledge of the third-world to promote peace with books, not bombs, and successfully bring education and hope to remote communities in central Asia. *Three Cups of Tea* is at once an unforgettable adventure and the inspiring true story of how one man really is changing the world—one school at a time.

The SHPL Book Group will discuss the book on **Monday, March 8 at 6:30**—new members are always welcome. Be sure to pick up a full schedule of events happening around town!

Library Design Project Update

On February 24th, the library began advertising for an architect who will assist in the design of an improved South Hadley Public Library. Proposals will be accepted through March 19th and the Library Design Study Committee, with the assistance of Project Manager Mark Sullivan, will then review and score all qualified applicants. If we stay on schedule, we will be interviewing design candidates by early April and begin serious discussions of location and design soon after.

For more information, please see Library Director Joseph Rodio.

Gaming Night: March 17

Our monthly gaming night is back—Wednesday, March 17 at 6:30 in the multi-purpose room. Try out the newest games in the library collection and test your skills against friendly competition on our large projection screen. This night is for all skill levels, families are invited as a group or come on your own for a fun night at the library!



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Mark Your Calendar:

Monday,
March 22 @6:30

Author Martha Johnson gives a talk based on her new book **Why Not Do What You Love?**

Wednesday,
March 24 @ 6:30
Mindscape Hypnosis presents a **Hypnosis Program & Demonstration**

Wednesday,
March 31 @ 7:00
Dollar Scholar Personal Finance Solution Hour.
Where is My Independent Retirement Account?

Ongoing Programs:

Tuesdays @6:30
Knitting Class

Thursdays @1:00
Knitting Group

Fridays @10:00
Testing for Census Jobs

Call 1-866-861-2010 or www.2010CensusJobs.gov to register

Updates From the Youth Room

March means spring is coming soon! But since we all have cabin fever at this point why not have a **Cabin Fever Craft Day**. Children can drop in anytime between 1:00PM and 4:00PM on Tuesday, March 9th and create something beach or sun related to dream about spring and summer too!

On Monday evening March 29th at 6:00PM we'll have two professors from Mount Holyoke College here to explain to parents a fabulous joint venture between the college and the South Hadley Public Library. It's called "**Passport to Chemistry Adventure**" in which children in grades kindergarten through sixth grade can participate. Parents will check out a chemistry experiment kit from the library and assist their children with the experiment. Each child who participates will receive a passport in which to keep track of the number of kits/experiments they complete. When they have completed four kits and submit copies of their passports they will then be invited to a **Chemistry Adventure Day at Mount Holyoke College** in June. If you can't make the informational meeting on the 29th please don't hesitate to ask Youth Services Librarian Meg Clancy more about this fabulous program.



Our weekly pre-school **Story Time** continues each Thursday at 10:30AM except for March 18th when we will not be able to present it. We welcome individual families as well as day care providers to bring children to our weekly Story Time. No pre-registration is necessary. We're always happy when we have newcomers join in the fun.

For more information about these programs or other activities in the Youth Services Department check out our calendar on the ramp up to the Youth Room.

New Tools for Language Learners



Byki, the library's online language-learning service, is turning on grammar videos and reference tabs for its 12 most popular languages the first week of March. Byki also expects to add more **English as a Second Language** courses to the six that it already offers—so you can be helped to learn English with prompts and support in your native language. Go to the Library's website to register—it's free!