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South Hadley Public Library News—December 2011

Building Project Update Special Town Meeting: December 14

Thank you to the many library supporters who voted YES on November 8 for funding a new library. The final step to receive the \$4.8 million state grant is Town Meeting approval. Elected Town Meeting members will meet on Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00 to vote on authorizing the Town Treasurer to borrow funds for the new library. A two-thirds YES majority is needed for this to pass. If funding for the project is approved, we will move into a new phase of refining the design to the point it can go out to bid. If the vote does not pass by 2/3, the state funds will go to another community. If you are uncertain who your elected precinct representatives are, the information is available at the Town Clerk's office and online at tinyurl.com/voteSH from any computer.

Digital Catalog To Be Redesigned Easier for E-Reader Downloads

On Monday, December 12, our library network C/WMARS will launch a redesign of its OverDrive Digital Catalog: digitalcatalog.cwmars.org. All the information you are used to having available will still be there, but in a new, cleaner layout. Additional enhancements such as browsing specific format collections (EPUB, MP3, Kindle), suggested read-alikes for titles, and new filters for searching will be introduced. We hope you find the new catalog a great tool for finding downloadable ebooks and audiobooks.



December Book Discussion *Angelology* by Danielle Trussoni.

Tuesday, December 13th @ 6:30
a riveting tale of ordinary people engaged in a battle that will determine the fate of the world.

Warm Up with Great Programs!

Ghostology 101: An Introduction to the Paranormal by Agawam Paranormal Wednesday, December 7th @ 6:30:

Come learn about basic ghost hunting. They will also cover topics such as terminology, equipment and tech issues, evidence review (video, photo & EVP), types of hauntings, types of apparitions, and do's and don'ts for investigations. Come early to find a good seat and parking spot!



Writing Group—for all styles and levels Starting Saturday, Dec. 10th @ 10:00-Noon:

This new group will meet every other Saturday and offer prompts and creative exercises. Writers will be encouraged to read their writing in a supportive environment. The group will be led by Linda Rowland-Buckley and Rich Buckley.



An Old Fashioned Christmas: Christmas Tree Crafts for the Family.

Wednesday, December 21st @ 6:30: This program is open for any age. Groups or individuals are welcome. Enjoy learning old fashioned crafts to decorate the Christmas tree. Make paper chains, string cranberries and popcorn, and learn how to make paper snowflakes.



Dollar Scholar: December 28th @ 6:30 PM.

Learn how to recession, inflation, and depression proof each and every year for the rest of your life. What you learned and figured out over this past year enables the rest of your life to continually improve with greater security.





Youth Services News

HOLIDAY CRAFT FUN

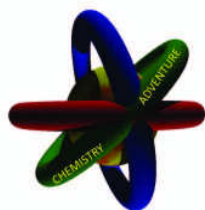


Children are welcome to join us for our December holiday craft program on Tuesday, December 13th at 3:30. Participants will be making candy cane ornaments and Star of David ornaments. Pre-registration is required for this program. Stop by the Circulation Desk or the Youth Room to sign up.



PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME

Our weekly pre-school story time continues every Thursday morning at 10:30. No pre-registration is necessary. Just come in and have a good time. Be the first to hear new picture books and check them out if desired. Come meet other families with young children. This is a great way for children and parents to make new friends.



CHEMISTRY ADVENTURE IS BACK!

This program is a joint venture with the Mount Holyoke College Chemistry Department. Children in grades kindergarten through sixth grade can participate with an adult partner. It's as easy as having the adult sign up for the program and check out a kit. The adult/child team then completes the experiments in the kit and places a stamp on their passport. Teams that complete at least five of the kits by May 1, 2012 will have the opportunity to attend Chemistry Adventure Day at Mount

Holyoke College in June. For more information please contact Meg Clancy, Youth Services Librarian.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE Monday, December 19th



American Red Cross

There is always a blood shortage during the holiday season. Save a life by donating blood at the library on Monday, December 19th between Noon and 6:00. All presenting donors will receive a Boston Bruins short sleeve white tee shirt, a certificate for a free appetizer at Chili's and a VIP coupon book for the Wrentham and Lee Premium Outlets. Walk-ins are always welcome but to avoid the wait time make an appointment by calling 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or sign up online at www.givelife.org.

FOOD
for
FINES
@your library

Ongoing Through
Friday, December 10th

Please bring in non-perishable items in a number relevant to the amount of fines you have. Get rid of your overdue fees and help feed the needy! Food will be given to the South Hadley Food Pantry.

Think healthy: Low sodium canned goods, paper goods, cleaning supplies, cereals, crackers, juices, baking goods, spaghetti and sauce, peanut butter, etc. No expired food dates accepted. Thanks!

Changes Coming to Library Catalog



Our library network, C/WMARS, is planning to change software platforms over the New Year's weekend to a new system called Evergreen. The most noticeable change for library patrons will be a new online library catalog that looks and feels different from our current one. For the library staff, everything will be new—from checking out books, to placing holds; from renewing items, to running statistical reports. Please be patient in early 2012 as we'll all be working with the new system together. More information will be available in mid-December.