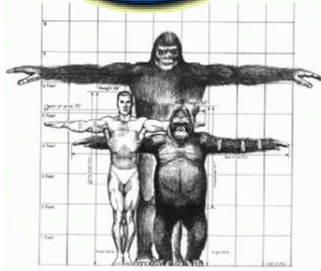




The Fine Print.

South Hadley Public Library News—February 2012



Understanding Bigfoot: History and Culture

Wednesday, February 22nd @ 6:30pm

Come learn about the history of North American sightings, traditions and some of the scientific methods used to research this legendary creature. Those who have had sightings of their own are also welcome to come share their encounters.

This program is presented by Desi Smelcer, Adult Services Librarian. She grew up in the Pacific Northwest and has been a sasquatch hobbyist since childhood. She has a degree in history and anthropology with a specialty in cultural history.



New Writers' Group

The South Hadley Public Library is happy to host a peer-to-peer writing group for all styles and levels. It will be held every other Saturday and offer prompts and creative exercises.

The writing group for fiction, non-fiction, memoir and poetry will begin Saturday, February 4th from 10:00 – Noon and meet again on February 18th at the same time. The group is open to all levels of writers including beginners. Writers will be encouraged to read their writing in a supportive environment. The group will be guided by Linda Rowland-Buckley and Rich Buckley, but will be group driven by participants.

Library Project Update

Well, it turns out there is a lot of paperwork

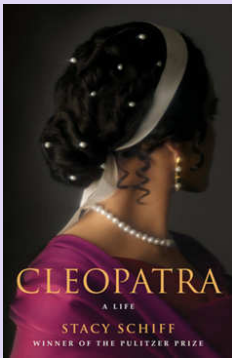


Support the South Hadley Public Library Building Project

necessary to build a new public library! Our Building Committee, Library

Trustees, and the town Selectboard will be working in February to sign the official forms needed to accept the state grant of \$4,341,812 and also to retain the services of our Owners Project Manager and Architect. Once all the signatures are in place, survey work will begin at the new library site.

In the meantime, the library will be scheduling public meetings for the community to give feedback and suggestions on the library design. Once we reach a certain point in the design process it becomes costly to make changes so we hope you will take advantage of these forums to share your thoughts. Dates and times will be widely posted once they're finalized.



Next Book Discussion: Cleopatra: A Life by Stacy Schiff

We will meet Wednesday, February 15th @ 6:30pm.

You think 21st century culture is celebrity-obsessed? Try Mediterranean society at the dawn of the first millennium, when politics were entirely personal, and rulers' romantic entanglements could be as important as the battles they won.

RED CROSS COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE:

Give the gift of life by donating a pint of blood on Monday, February 27th between Noon and 6:00pm. Each pint of blood collected can save up to three lives. All presenting donors will receive a certificate for a free tax return courtesy of Liberty Tax Services. Walk-ins are welcome but to expedite your donation process please make an appointment by calling 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.



TOOTH TALES STORY TIME & CRAFT

February is Dental Health Month and we are celebrating by hosting Tooth Tales on Wednesday, February 8th at 10:00. Children and their grown-ups are invited to come meet dental hygienist Sharon Barbacki who will present a fabulous story time followed by a fun filled marshmallow craft. All children who attend will bring home a new toothbrush courtesy of Newton Street Dental in South Hadley. They will also have some cool coloring sheets to take home too. Pre-registration is requested but not required.

For Adults: Feeling Stressed?

The Bath Solution: A Guide to Wellness Using Baths

Presented by Carolyn Bessette, MD
Wed., February 8th @ 6:30pm

Baths can help transform your state of being from unhealthy tension to calm relaxation. Baths promote relaxed well-being and alleviate stress-induced illness. And baths allow for creative thinking and problem solving unlike any other experience.

Her informative and inspiring lecture covers the history of water therapies and cures and speaks to anyone interested in optimizing their health or the health of others using baths and water therapies.

**Fill your tub. Calm your mind.
Find your spirit.**



CHESS CLUB RETURNS!

Chess Club is back by popular demand. Girls and boys ages 8 and older are invited to join instructor Andy Morris-Friedman to learn one of the great games of the world. Chess teaches sportsmanship and cooperation, improves self-esteem and builds confidence. Beginners or experts can join the club. Sessions will take place each Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:00 beginning on February 29th. Sign-ups are held 1/2 hour prior to each session. Come early to make sure you secure your place!



SNOWMAN WINTER CRAFT FUN

Children ages 3 through 13 are welcome to join us for our February school vacation craft program on Wednesday, February 22nd at 2:00. Participants will be making cotton ball snowmen and snowflake doorknob hangers. Pre-registration is required for this program. Stop by the Circulation Desk or the Youth Room to register up until the day before the program.



AT THE LIBRARY THURSDAY MORNINGS @10:30

If you're still interested in the Taste Books discount coupon books the Friends were selling over the holidays you're in luck. All the coupons and other discounts are available throughout the entire year until December 31st so you still have eleven months of savings! Beginning February 1st we're offering the remaining books at the discounted price of only \$15 each!

Friends of the Library Spring Fundraiser

People raved so much about the eco-friendly bags the Friends sold last year that we will have another fundraiser. Catalogs should arrive by mid-February and the sale will continue through March 15th. These super strong very vibrant and colorful bags are perfect for carrying virtually anything. There are several different sizes and shapes and patterns to please everyone's tastes. If you missed purchasing a bag last year now is your chance to get one.

