

Fall 2008

South Hadley Public Library News



Mark your calendar:

- October 6: Sid the Science Kid
- October 20: Book Club discusses Hometown
- October 27: "Dinosaurs, Dunes, & Drifting Continents" program
- October 28: Halloween craft for kids
- November 4: Election Day
- November 5: Author Sheila Connolly book talk/signing
- November 10: Sid the Science Kid
- November 10: Local History roundtable discussion
- November 17: Book Club discusses Cry the Beloved Country
- November 19: Thanksgiving craft for kids
- November 24: Red Cross Blood Drive
- December 15: Book Club discusses The Eyre Affair

New Plan, New Mission

Last year, the library conducted a community survey to gauge interest in both current and future library programs and services. We thank the many people who responded.

A Strategic Planning Committee of library



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staff, Trustees, and patrons used the survey results to write a new five year Strategic Plan that focuses on the core program areas of general information, current topics & titles, and lifelong learning. Based on these core services, a new mission statement was written:

The South Hadley Public Library is a vital community resource where residents become enriched, entertained, informed, and connected to ideas and information. A

dedicated library staff provides current collections, services, and technology for patrons of all ages to discover support in developing lifelong skills for personal and professional improvement. The library is a unifying force in the community, bringing together differing ages, backgrounds, and points of view in a vibrant, comfortable and welcoming environment.

This is our mission and we'll strive to fulfill its promise and potential.

Fall into Youth Services

The kids are back in school and there's a nip in the air. That means fall is here. The Youth Services Department will be offering fall related craft projects. On Tuesday, October 28th at 3:30 pm children will be able to make Halloween ghost windsocks. Then on Wednesday, November 19th at 3:30 pm kids will be making their own "tree of thanks". Pre-

registration will be required for the craft workshops.

In conjunction with PBS and WGBY we will offer two science related programs for children ages three through six. PBS has a new television show for pre-school age children entitled "Sid the Science Kid". At both of the programs, children will participate in investigations using hands-on science where they will learn how

to answer a question such as "Why does ice cream melt?" The programs will be held on Monday, October 6th at 10:30 am and Monday, November 10th at 10:30 am. To register your child for one or both of the sessions call or stop by the library.

Don't miss these fun-filled activities. For more information you can ask Meg Clancy, Youth Services Librarian or check the Youth Room activities board on the ramp near the Youth Room.

Don't forget to vote—Tuesday, November 4th—Further information available at the library & Town Clerk's office @ Town Hall

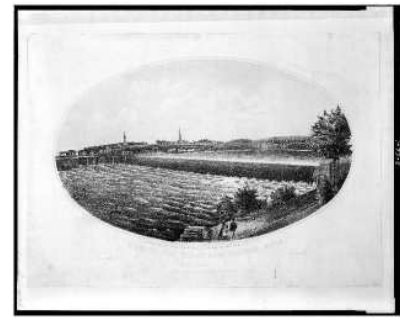
Local History Roundtable—November 10th

Are you interested in local history and genealogy? Have you done research related to the area? On **Monday, November 10th at 6:30 pm** the library will host a **Local History Roundtable** discussion for local historians and genealogists to share their research topics and interests.

As an added bonus, the library will “unveil” two recently restored prints discovered during a basement cleaning: a photograph

of the School Street School from the late 1800s and a lithograph print of the Holyoke Dam dated 1868. Both were treated at the Northeast Document Conservation Center using a grant from the South Hadley Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Light refreshments will be served.



Email address—Saves Time & Effort

Your library card record includes basic information about you, such as name and address. By **providing an Email address that you check regularly**, you can save yourself a little time and effort in keeping track of your library items. **Courtesy Notices** are a new Email service that will automatically send a reminder Email two days before

your items are due. You will have ample time to renew or return your items—a convenient way to avoid overdue fines!

Your Email address will also be the primary way the library contacts you when an item placed on hold becomes available for you, including the date it needs to be picked up by. With over 100 “on hold” items

coming in on a daily basis, this is an easy way for you to get this information in a timely manner.

So please—give us your Email address to make your library life a little easier. You can even log-in to your library record via the online catalog and add your Email that way. We promise to never use it for any purpose except official library business.



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Monday	9:30—8:00
Tuesday	9:30—8:00
Wednesday	9:30—8:00
Thursday	9:30—5:00
Friday	9:30—5:00
Saturday	9:30—1:00
Sunday/Holidays	CLOSED

Friends In Need, Friends Indeed

The Friends of the Library are pleased to report that the summer Scholastic Book Fair raised almost \$600 for library programs and services! Upcoming events include a used book sale during Columbus Day weekend and the annual raffle on December 15.

The Friends thank the community for their support after raffle prizes were stolen from the library this summer—there is still time to purchase tickets to win a digital camera, lottery basket, or other

great prizes.

The membership drive is ongoing, with forms available at the library and on the library website to renew or join.

The town does not provide a program budget for the library—only through the support of the Friends can we continue to provide popular speakers and performers for children and adults. Thank you for your support!