

The Fine Print

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News from the South Hadley Public Library

Planning for the Future

At the May 2007 Town Meeting, voters approved that the library “proceed with a feasibility study to examine options for expanding and renovating the library”. In the two years since, library staff and trustees have written a new Strategic Plan for library services, visited over two dozen other library to see what worked well (or didn’t), examined the services we want to provide the community over the next two decades, and envisioned the space needed to provide those services.

The resulting Library Building Program details a library that is fully accessible, environmentally sound, and caters to the individual needs of our library patrons through

functional areas designed for specific needs. While our current building is almost entirely one large multi-purpose space, a future library will have areas where toddlers, teens, professionals, seniors—everyone—will find a comfortable environment to utilize library materials and services.

A Library Design Study Committee has been formed, made up of community members who will work with an architect to design a space that meets our vision of library services in South Hadley. Much work lies ahead, but we’re excited to take these first steps towards an improved South Hadley Public Library.

Meet Author Samantha Wilde

Samantha Wilde’s first book, ***This Little Mommy Stayed Home***, was published by Bantam Books this summer. In the book, new mom Joy McGuire thinks motherhood is wonderful, but does it have to be one hilarious crisis after another? From

old boyfriends to missing husbands, come out for an evening of laughs and literature. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing by the author, **Monday, September 21 at 6:30.**

Two-thirds of Americans have library cards.

Get yours today!

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and what better way to maximize this community resource than have the smartest card of all – a library card.

Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning.

Professionals and students can utilize a full range of online reference databases and expert assistance from our staff to maximize success in the classroom or workplace.

Our collection ranges from Eric Carle to Eric Clapton; from classic tragedies to slapstick comedies.

A valid ID or parent’s signature is the only requirement for a library card. Do you have the smartest card around? Visit the South Hadley Public Library in September to get your card, win prizes, and discover what today’s library can do for you!

Youth Services Corner

Just because the summer reading program is over and kids are back to school working on homework and projects doesn't mean pleasure reading is over. We all need some time for ourselves. So come in and check out the new books in the Youth Room and read something just for the fun of it.

Fall also means the

return of our monthly craft programs. Our first one will be on Tuesday, September 22nd at 3:30 when children will be making autumn wreaths. Stop by the library or call to pre-register for this program.

For children in grades four through six we will be displaying and have available to borrow the nominated books

for the Massachusetts Children's Book Award program. This is one of the few awards where children are the judges who vote for the best book.

Our weekly Story Time continues each Thursday at 10:30AM for preschool age children. No registration is necessary.



Autumn Wreath Craft—September 22—Register by visiting or calling the library!

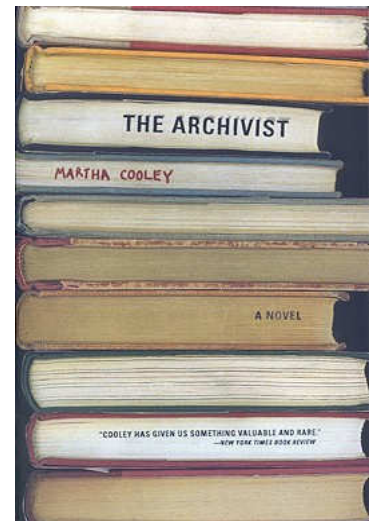


September Book Discussion: *The Archivist*

The SHPL Book Club will discuss ***The Archivist*** by Martha Cooley on Monday, September 14 at 6:30. In this book a young woman's impassioned pursuit of a sealed cache of T. S. Eliot's letters

lies at the heart of this emotionally charged novel -- a story of marriage and madness, of faith and desire, of jazz-age New York and Europe in the shadow of the Holocaust. *The*

Archivist was a word-of-mouth bestseller and one of the most jubilantly acclaimed first novels of recent years. A new book is discussed every month and new voices are always welcome!



Greek Bouzouki Concert



Back by popular demand, Savas Hadzisavidis returns for an evening of Greek music performed on the bouzouki—**Tuesday, September 15 at 6:30.**

This summer, 414 children and teens participated in the Starship Adventure @Your Library summer reading program. Congratulations to all our prize winners!

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