**Children’s Activities**

**Programs**

The last day of this Story Time session and Lullaby Lapsit session is the week of May 30 to June 3. For the next three weeks we will be busy as puppies smelling gym socks getting ready for our Camp Wannaread Summer Reading Program. We will be going into the schools with puppet performances of A Team of One by Ila Wallen. Our new Campfire Story Time will start up Tuesday, June 28, and end August 2. Please be sure to register at our opening day on June 27.

Lullaby Lapsit will have one session on Fridays at 10 a.m. This session will run from July 1 through July 29. Those on the waiting list have first dibs for placement. Please register as soon as possible because this program fills up fast. Please register in the Children’s Room or call 886-6030 extension 24.

Author Celebration is in swing for Saturday, July 11 from 1p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Ms. Cheryl will be reading about the delightful bugs and animals of the author and illustrator Eric Carle. Celebrate with stories, songs and a craft. Please register each month for this special program. Come in or call 886-6030, extension 24.

Are you planning on being at the Independence Day parade? How about something patriotic to wear? Family Fun Night is featuring Hats Off to the Fourth of July. Ms. Cheryl will host a great time on Tuesday evening, June 21 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Parade in to the Children’s Room for patriotic stories, songs, and crafts. Please register each month in the Children’s Room or by calling 886-6030 extension 24.

**Director’s Desk**

_By Toni Weller_

**Miss Edie Is Retiring**

Miss Edie began working here as a part-time Library Assistant while she pursued a Master’s Degree in Library Science. She moved up the ladder to head of the department, and, for over five years, she has been a dedicated and professional employee of the library. In spite of space constraints and staff turnover, Edie worked very hard to make the Children’s Department relevant and responsive to the needs of children and their parents. Miss Edie has a great rapport with children and parents of all backgrounds in our community. She was innovative in designing programming and outreach activities and worked in partnership with the schools and local businesses to educate and enrich the lives of our children. She was never happier than when she was reading stories to a group of children attentively gathered around her, enthralled by her every word.

Please stop in and say goodbye before June 17. Her ready smile, service and dedication will be missed. The staff I wish Edie and husband, Frank, who is retiring from the State, best wishes in their future endeavors. We hope Miss Edie can come back to visit us and carry on with special programming and outreach activities in the future.

**Friends Of The Library Summer Reading**

Where is the best place to buy your summer vacation books? At Second Hand Prose book sale. The Friends of the Library sell used books the second Sunday of every month at bargain prices. They have special monthly specials. So whether you are looking for a book to take to the beach or a CD to play while you are grilling, stop by 49 Ferry St. (2 doors up from the back of the library parking lot) and pick up some good reads. The next Second Hand Prose book sale will be Sunday, June 12, from noon until 3 p.m.

**End Of The Year Gifts For Teachers**

Looking for something out of the ordinary to give that special teacher? The Friends of the Library are selling tote bags and glass sun catchers for $10 each. You can purchase a special gift at the Library or at Second Hand Prose book sales.

**Children’s Activities**

**Summer Reading Program**

Get fired up for reading around a campfire with our Summer Reading Program. The Camp Wannaread Opening Day is Monday, June 27 at 10 a.m. in the backyard of the 49 Ferry St. house. The Ferry Street house is also the location for the special programs and performances every Wednesday at 10 a.m. Tracks, Trails and Tales is a special performance by Angela Cay Klingler. She has dramatic stories about black bears, birds and beavers. She even has a special craft for you to do. The Squam Lake Science Center will be bringing live animals and Debbie Costine has a very creative puppet show called the Twig Family with a six foot papier-maché tree. She will have a taste of very special acorn bread for you to try. We have an evening of fun planned on Wednesday, July 27 at 6:30 p.m. at Ferry St. Steve Blunt is coming with his guitar and his repertoire of camping songs. Join us around a campfire and taste some S’mores for a special treat. Do you like hiking? We have a couple who have hiked the famous Appalachian Trail telling us what it is like to rough it with no bathrooms, no running water and only rocks to sleep on. Oh, you may be surprised about the truth of hiking the Appalachian Trail. The final closing day is a Camping Jambooree on Friday, August 5 at 10 a.m. at 49 Ferry St. We will have a wild, noisy gathering with water balloons and water games. Who knew summer reading could be so much fun?
Yes, I’m retiring a “little early” for my age, but I have so much I want to do. Number one on my list is traveling with my husband Frank and seeing more of my two sons and my daughter-in-law. Hopefully we will add a grandchild within the next year. We have plans for Las Vegas, Williamsburg, Virginia, Hickory, N.C., Jensen Beach, FL, and Westfield, NJ. Those are all our scheduled trips between now and Labor Day.

After that I better be able to plan a trip to Venice, Italy in the next year. I have wanted to go there since I was 10 years old. Number two on my list is to read stories at the Pembroke Library and McCurley’s Nursing Home. I just can’t let go of the puppets and story stuff, but I think I would do a good job reading to adults out of adult books for a change.

Number three is not such a pleasure. I have to clean out my house after living there for 28 years. You all know what a pack rat I am. I still have old Reader’s Digest’s which Frank hates moving around when they get in his way. We are hoping to move to a warmer climate and the Charlotte, NC area is looking good right now. Of course I have to find a place where there are some interesting museums because I want to be a museum tour guide when I grow up.

I do have to tell you how much I will miss the patrons and my co-workers at the library. I sang, sometimes I danced, I wore costumes, I created things to make reading and the library a fun place to be, and I laughed every day. What more can anyone ask than to have family, friends and fun on your job? My co-workers are like family and I love them dearly. So many patrons are my friends. I will miss seeing the twins and my other little darlings grow up. I will miss hearing about the projects for home-schoolers and the crafts and projects that you all are doing. I will miss hearing about your families and travels and helping you solve some of your problems. But most of all I will miss your caring, concern, and interest in me and sharing stories with you about my family. Thank you, “Friends,” for making this job such a joy and such an adventure. I carry with me beautiful, happy, loving memories of you all.

The lawn sale, an old friend of the Library, is sponsored by the GFWC Hudson Community Club. It will be held on the front lawn of the Library Saturday, June 4 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., rain or shine.

The sale will offer crafts by local artisans, food and concessions, raffles and a white elephant sale.

Rental spaces cost $15.00 each. To reserve space or to obtain more information, you may call Ann at 866 6030 x21

ADULT & YOUTH SERVICES
by Amy Friedman

ADULT!!
Summer Reading Program

Why should kids have all the fun? Join our Read for Rewards adult summer reading program. From June 23 to August 27 get a raffle ticket for every book you read. There will be weekly drawings for prizes from local merchants, restaurants and more. Everyone participating will receive a coupon for a free book at our Friends of the Library book sale.

Middle & High School Students Pages for Prizes Raffle June 23 - August 27

Keep a reading log and get a raffle ticket for each book (over 80 pages) you read.

Get bonus tickets for longer books (200-400 pages: 1 ticket; 401-600: 2 tickets, etc.) Get two bonus tickets for reading a book on your summer reading list.

First raffle drawing at summer reading program finale, July 28.
Final raffle drawing, August 27. Prizes include free tickets to area attractions, sporting events, store coupons and more.

Plus:
Read 1 book: Get a Lindt Truffle coupon
Read 5 books. Get a DQ Sundae coupon
Read 10 books: Get $5 worth of Funworld tokens

Memorial students who participate in this program will also be eligible for a raffle at school, so keep your reading log and bring it to school in the fall.

Book Discussion: Briar Rose

Adults and Teens are invited to our monthly book discussion. On June 28 at 7 p.m. This month’s book is Briar Rose an adult book by award-winning young adult and children’s author Jane Yolen. Yolen creates a stunning masterpiece, combining the eerie enchantment of “Briar Rose” (also known as “Sleeping Beauty”) with the terrifying history of the Holocaust.

All participants will receive raffle tickets.

Middle and High School Students Thursday Fun

Come to the library Thursday evenings June 23 to July 28 for special activities. There will be refreshments and door prizes. Each participant will get a raffle ticket. Pre-registration is requested. You can call or register in person. There may be room for walk-ins but call the library in advance to be sure, some programs have limited space.

School’s Out Sundae Celebration June 23, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Celebrate summer with a Make Your Own Sundae party. Come for a night of games and crafts. We will be decorating canvas bags that can be used for books or on the beach. Carry your favorite beach reads in a bag you decorate yourself! Lots of great summer books will be available.

Introduction to Dungeons & Dragons June 30, 7-9 p.m.

Learn the basics of D&D: how to use the dice to create and equip a character and how to start playing an introductory game. If there is enough interest, playing D&D could become a continuing activity. Space is limited so register soon.

Food Pantry Donations

Bring in items for the food pantry between June 23 and August 27 and get raffle tickets. We will be collecting donations in Annex II and at the Summer Reading Program events.

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