**TACKLING TECHNOLOGY**  **WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS 1:00-3:00 PM**

**January 14**  
**Exploring the iPad**
Explore all the wonderful and useful possibilities of your iPad with the professional team of teachers, the WizeGuides—technology professionals Marjorie and Carol Wein.

**January 21**  
**Succeeding on Craigslist**
Greg Page, returns by popular demand, to cover all the key points related to selling items (and buying items) on Craigslist. Perfect for that New Year’s Resolution to clear the clutter.

**January 28**  
**Facebook Workshop: Going Beyond Getting Started**
You may have a Facebook account, and maybe you have even posted a few things, but there are so many options and it can be so confusing. Join technology professional, Kim Reddington, as she shows you how it all works.

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**PHYSICAL CHANGES IN THE LIBRARY**

Throughout 2014, there have been a variety of physical changes in the library. Recognizing that the last renovation was over 25 years ago, the Library Board of Trustees set out to make the library building a better reflection of present needs and services. Using capital reserve funds, the board and staff have:

- Improved the aesthetics with new paint, carpet and a big reduction in clutter
- Consolidated computers/ printers/ copiers for ease of use and to contain noise
- Added electrical outlets under tables for the convenience of patrons with laptops/ mobile devices
- Moved new materials front and center to make them more browsable and accessible
- Added an additional soft seating space
- Moved the local history collection closer to service desks to make it easier to get help using those materials
- Cleaned out the former “Archives Room” to make a more efficient meeting space and a quiet study space when not booked for meetings
- Made the hold shelf “self service”, soon to be complemented by a self-checkout machine on the main floor
- Rearranged the circulation area for improved staff efficiency

And we’re not done yet! More improvements will be coming soon including a rearrangement of the teen collection, more efficient LED lighting, some new chairs, and additional workspaces for users with laptops/ tablets.

Thanks to all of our patrons for their patience during these exciting changes.

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**FALL 2014 NEWSLETTER**

**Look inside for more event listings, including evening lectures, concert series and programs for kids**

**Sunday, November 2 at 5:00 PM**

**Anna Boardman Concert**

Join Boston-based jazz pianist/composer, Laszlo Gardony, and bass player, John Lockwood for an intimate and inspiring performance of both solos and interplay between instruments.

Free tickets will be available at the circulation desk.
**Evening Programs for Adults**

**Weeknights at 7 PM unless noted**

**Thursday, September 25**  
**The Social Bear: What Bears Have Taught Me About Being Human**  
Join Wildlife Biologist, Ben Kilham, as he shares fascinating stories of bear behavior.

**Tuesday, October 7**  
**An Evening with Edgar Allan Poe**  
A Living History Presentation with Literary Historian Rob Velella.

**Tuesday, October 14**  
**An Alaska Wilderness Canoe Journey**  
Richard Kahn has paddled more than 5000 miles on wilderness rivers North of the Arctic Circle.

**Wednesday, October 29**  
**An Evening with Michael Blanding**  
Author of *Blanding*.

**Wednesday, November 5**  
**An Evening with Michael Blanding**  
Author of *The Map Thief*.

**Tuesday, November 10**  
**Evoking English: From Beowulf and Chaucer to Texts and Tweets**  
A lively, interactive crash course in the medieval English language with NHHC scholar Dr. Karolyn Kinane.

**Tuesday, November 25**  
**An Evening with Frost**  
A unique, interactive performance with Stephen Collins.

**Thursday, December 4**  
**Book-Play**  
Make intimate books that fold and fan, hang and stand with international visual artist Susan K. Gaylord.

**Tuesday, January 6**  
**Notorious Art Heists**  
Kevin Dadoly will share creativity tips.

**Tuesday, January 13**  
**An Evening with J.R.R. Tolkien**  
Get Festive with a Thanksgiving Centerpiece

**Wednesday, March 4**  
**Every Man's Wish On Board: The Art of the Harlem Renaissance**  
With Nancy Baker explore Harlem Renaissance artists whose works appear in area museums.

**Tuesday, March 10**  
**Evoking English: From Beowulf and Chaucer to Texts and Tweets**  
A lively, interactive crash course in the medieval English language with NHHC scholar Dr. Karolyn Kinane.

**Tuesday, March 17**  
**An Evening with Frost**  
A unique, interactive performance with Stephen Collins.

**Thursday, March 19**  
**Book-Play**  
Make intimate books that fold and fan, hang and stand with international visual artist Susan K. Gaylord.

**Tuesday, March 24**  
**Family Stories: How and Why to Remember and Tell Them**

In this NHHC program,Jo Radner, storyteller, oral historian, and Professor, shares ways to mine memories & interview relatives for meaningful stories.

**Thursday, March 26**  
**Do-it-yourself Self-Publishing**

Strategies for navigating the new world of publishing with 2 local authors.

**Tuesday, April 7**  
**Take Me Out to the Ball Game**  
Learn of the history and players’ lives that make up the historic Cracker Jack Collection.

**Thursday, April 16**  
**Jet Setting 101: You Can See the World on a Budget**  
Professor Marcy Yeager helps make international travel an economic reality.

**Tuesday, April 21**  
**Cooking with Chocolate**  
With Chef Liz Barbour, Chocolate is not just dessert; it’s everything you need!

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**Sundays at 4: An Afternoon Concert Series**

**January 11**  
**Bill McGoldrick Accoustic Duo**  
Bill McGoldrick has been playing guitar and gigging his entire life. A graduate of Berklee College of Music, his initial influences were rock and roll and blues, listening to great guitar players like Jimmy Page, Jeff Beck, Duane Allman, & Eric Clapton. AND, Bill is bringing along one the best female vocalist in the Boston area!

**March 1**  
**Gateway Trio: Music as Language**  
International Clarinetist Karen Luttik with guest pianist, Molly Lozeau, and soprano, Lindsay Rinaldi, perform a specially created concert for the Amherst Town Library’s March Library Celebration, It’s All About Words.

**February 8**  
**Boston Saxophone Quartet performs Duke Ellington: Beyond Category Concert**  
Members of the BSQ have performed with the Boston Pops and Boston Symphony Orchestra. They combine a tremendous range of repertoire and individual experience in wind performance.

**April 12**  
**Klezwoods Quintet**  
Enjoy an ensemble that performs music of the Jewish, Eastern Europe and Arabic traditions with a modern edge. An amalgam of strings, horns, percussion, and voices meld the spirit of these styles with modern grooves, improvisation and melodies.

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**Words: the Choicest of Relics—a Word Play Event**

**Monday, March 16, 1:00 – 2:30 PM**

Nancy Baker will explore how words are made, how they grow, and why words are the building blocks of meaning that expands and changes subtly from generation to generation. We will connect with the places where words intersect with other forms of expression in art, music, myth, and philosophy. There will be an opportunity to play with words as well, as we enjoy the quirky ways that English amuses and serves us. This program is part of our library wide March series, It’s All about the Words.

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**Celebrate the Holidays with the SHS Chamber Ensembles**

**Sunday, December 7, 4:00 – 5:00 PM**

A great opportunity to hear and support our local high school’s excellent ensemble while celebrating the holiday in a fine and festive way.

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**To register for our free programs, visit our website or call 673-2288**
**Programs for Kids**

**NO-CARVE PUMPKIN WORKSHOP**

Thursday, Oct. 2 from 3:30-5:00 PM

For kids and parents together. You bring the pumpkin, and we’ll provide the decorating ideas and materials. **Register online.**

**COME AND BUILD**

Friday afternoons from 3:00-4:30 PM
Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19

From traditional blocks to marble runs….Come and Build at the library and create the construction project of your dreams. Ages 4 and up. **No registration required.**

**HALLOWEEN FUN WITH STEVE BLUNT**

Thursday, Oct. 30 from 4:00-4:45 PM

We’re having Steve Blunt host our Halloween Party, with singing, dancing, and maybe a story or two. Put your costume on and come on down! **No registration required.**

**ANIMALS WITH STORIES TO TELL**

Tuesday, Nov. 18 from 3:45-4:30 PM

Join the folks and animals from Wildlife Encounters to hear some interesting anecdotes about their critters. Ages 4 and up. **Register online.**

**FAMILY GINGERBREAD HOUSE WORKSHOP**

Tues. Dec. 9 at 6:30 PM
-08- Sat. Dec. 13 at 2:00 PM

Make a graham-cracker gingerbread house for the holidays. We’ll provide the space, the graham crackers, the frosting and the music, you bring a bag of candy to contribute to a pot-luck supply. Get ready to feel festive! **All ages welcome!**

**Holiday Stories/Craft Program**

Tuesday, Dec. 16 from 3:45-4:30 PM

Join Miss Sarah and Miss Sue for stories, songs and a simple craft. Get in the holiday spirit! **No registration required.**

**COMING SOON**

**Pajama Storytime**

**Reading for Kids**

Create a life-long learner by teaching your kids the joys of recreational reading. The Amherst Town Library offers a variety of programs that foster a positive relationship with reading at many developmental levels.

**STORYTIMES {No registration required}**

**Toddler Time**

Tuesdays at 10:00 AM
Ages 24 mos. thru 3 years with a caregiver

**Book Bunch**

Wednesdays at 10:00 AM
Thursdays at 1:00 PM
Ages 3 to 6 years

**Baby Listeners**

Fridays at 10:30 AM
Ages birth to 24 mos. with a caregiver

**BOOK CLUBS {Register in the Children’s Room}**

**Junior Book Club**

3rd Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
Grades 2 to 4, with a parent

A reading club for kids and parents together. We will talk about the book we’ve all read, enjoy a book-related activity, and snack a little bit!

For the first meeting (Oct. 15) everyone should bring in 1-2 books that they enjoyed over the summer and we’ll discuss them.

**Great Stone Face Book Club**

1st Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
Grades 5 to 6

We read the latest chapter books, review them, talk about them (and sometimes argue!), eat snacks and generally have fun.

The first meeting is Oct. 1.

**Popcorn Eating Monsters Teen Book Club**

2nd Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
Grades 7 to 9

We do more than just eat popcorn! Members get together to talk about the latest young adult fiction, go to book-related movies, help out with a few library chores, and, of course, eat...