



Welcome to the Baker Free Library's April 2011 e-newsletter! This publication features upcoming programs, events, and news important to Baker Free Library users and Bow residents. If you have any questions or comments regarding this e-newsletter, please contact Lori Fisher, Library Director, at bfldirector@comcast.net or 224-7113. This is your library -- please let us know what you need!

UPCOMING CHILDREN'S WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

Family Storytime: Tuesdays 4/5-4/19, 10:30 a.m. OR Fridays 4/1-4.22, 4:00 p.m.

This 45-minute program is for children up to age 6 with an adult. It is perfect for families with children of varying ages. Activities include stories, songs, fingerplays, flannel boards, creative movement, and simple crafts.

Registration is required.

Active Listeners: Thursdays 4/7-4/21, 10:30 a.m.

This 30-minute interactive program is for children under age 3 with an adult. Activities include songs, simple fingerplays, elementary flannel boards, very short books, and easy movement activities. Registration is required.

Fiber Arts of Bow (FAB): Saturday 4/9, 10:30 to Noon

Have you always wanted to learn how to knit or crochet? Or do you want to meet up with other needlecrafters? FAB is a newly formed group for enthusiastic handcrafters. Bring a work in progress, or for the months of April, May and June bring size 8 to 10 knitting needles and experienced knitters will teach you how to knit. Ages 10 to adult, no registration required. Future dates are 5/7 & 6/4.

Bow Builders: Saturday 4/16, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. AND Wednesday 4/27, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Play paves the way for learning at the library! In this hands-on workshop, children can unleash their creativity with Legos. Library staff will be available for creative inspiration. Children under age 7 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult at all times. No registration is required -- just drop in!

Rookie Readers: Thursday 4/14, 4:00 p.m.

A book club designed for newly independent readers. Children should be in Grades K-2 and be able to read on their own. Each program includes a book discussion, snack, read-aloud, and an activity related to the theme of the day.

For the 4/14 session, participants can read any book they wish.

Grades 3 & 4 Book Club: Wednesday 4/20, 4:00 p.m.

This is a monthly book club for children in grades 3 & 4. Activities include a book discussion, snack, and an activity related to the title of the day. The book to read for this meeting is any Jack Prelutsky or Shel Silverstein poetry anthology. Registration is required.

ROAR Book Discussion: Tuesday 4/26, 4:00 p.m.

Boys in grades 4-6 are invited to participate in this vacation week book discussion and Wii session. Copies of *Roar* by Emma Clayton will be available to borrow (ask at the circulation desk).

UPCOMING TEEN CLASSES & EVENTS

Teen Advisory Board (TAB): Friday 4/1, 6:00 p.m. AND Monday 4/11, 6:00 p.m.

TAB members will finalize plans for summer teen programs and workshops at these meetings. To inquire about TAB, contact Jen Leger at 224-7113.

Teen Wii Night: Friday 4/1, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Get out your dancing shoes for some heart-thumping, foot stomping fun with Just Dance and Sing It! Teen nights are for students in grades 7 to 12.. RSVP to the library's Facebook page or call 224-7113.

Ladies Night: Monday 4/25, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Find out how easy (and healthy) it is to create your own natural cleaning products with Bow resident Holly Fenn. Each lady will go home with their own non-toxic cleaning kit. This is a hands-on workshop for ladies ages 13+. A light meal will be provided. Registration is required. A \$5 materials fee is due upon registration.

UPCOMING ADULT WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

Happy Hookers @ White Rock on Tuesdays 4/5-4/26, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

We welcome beginner and experienced needle crafters. Simply bring a project and a coffee cup. We provide the company and creative inspiration if needed. For more information please contact Jen Leger at 224-7113.

Men's Coffee Chat on Wednesdays 4/6 & 4/20, 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon

Everyone has a few stories to tell (even if they think they don't). Enjoy casual conversation about life experiences. Registration is not required.

New England Town: Wednesday 4/6, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Ever wondered how American novels come to depict New England towns? What local myths or vivid images come to mind for you? Professor Jere Daniell crafts his talk to focus on the New England village and its founding, towns and their depictions in novels, the "hows" and "whys" of town meeting, and more. Professor Daniell links the history of towns, in general, to the history of the community he addresses. The Bow Heritage Commission will be on hand with a display of photos and documents related to the town of Bow and its residents going back to the late 1800s. This lecture is funded through a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council. Registration is NOT required.

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Book Talks: Tuesday 4/12, 12:30 p.m. OR 6:30 p.m.

Join us as we discuss *Ape House* by Sarah Gruen. Copies of the May discussion book, *Pigs Have Wings* by P. G. Wodehouse, will be available for pick up.

Back Door Kitchen Gardening: Thursday 4/21, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Enjoy kitchen-ready produce simply by stepping out your back door! Join a master gardener from the UNH Cooperative Extension and learn the basics of creating and maintaining a bountiful backdoor kitchen garden. Bow Garden Club members Joyce Kimball and Ginny Urdi will be on hand for guidance and instruction on how to incorporate vegetables and herbs into a decorative container garden. Participants may win door prizes donated by area garden centers. Registration is required; space is limited.

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LIBRARY NEWS

Save the Date: Catch the Reading Rhythm Summer Kick Off Party on Friday 6/24!

The library's summer kick-off party will take place at the library on Friday 6/24 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Join us for fun, food, and entertainment for the whole family. More details to follow in our May e-newsletter, so stay tuned!

Next Library Board of Trustees Meeting: Wednesday 4/13 at 5:00 p.m. in the Library's Meeting Room.

FRIENDS OF THE BAKER FREE LIBRARY NEWS

Bag Book Sale starts 4/25

The Friends will hold their annual spring bag book sale starting Monday, 4/25 and running through Saturday 5/28. Stock up on summer reading -- there are tons of great books to choose from! \$2 per plastic grocery bag of books; please try to bring your own bags. The library will have some grocery bags available at the start of the sale, but will probably run out fast. Please make sure to bag your items in the plastic grocery bags before placing them in boxes or other types of bags so that the library's desk staff can finalize your purchase quickly and efficiently. Questions? Contact Christine Carey at friendofBFL@gmail.com.

Are you a Friend of the library?

The Friends of the Baker Free Library is a not-for-profit group dedicated to supporting the library through community activities and fundraising. We provide museum passes, manage the book sale, and hold events in our efforts to promote community awareness and involvement in our library. The Friends group is ongoing and evolving, with monthly meetings and plenty of ways to participate at any level. If you are interested in being involved in any way, or just being on our e-mail list, please look for our flyer or contact Christine Carey, President, at friendofBFL@gmail.com or 225-7224. Join the fun!

Next Friends Meeting: Monday, 4/11 at 7 p.m. in the Library's Baker Room. All are welcome to attend!

TOWN OF BOW NEWS

2011 Assessing Update Inspections in April and May

To maintain accurate and up-to-date assessments, the Bow Assessing Department is conducting a cyclical property review process, whereby one-fifth of all properties in the Town are inspected on a 5-year rotating basis. The Town's appraisal company, Corcoran Consulting Associates, Inc., will be inspecting and measuring properties in the **Southeast section** of the Town. General value changes are updated every fifth year but new and ongoing construction is updated each year. All appraisers have a photo ID, a letter from the Town Manager, and their vehicle registration information is on file with the Assessing Office as well as the Bow Police Department.

Bow Rotary 2011 Scholarship applications available

Graduating high school seniors, students enrolled in two-year and four-year college programs, and adults enrolled in continuing education programs, are encouraged to apply for 2011 Bow Rotary Scholarships! Criteria used in selecting scholarship winners include: academic excellence, demonstrated service to the community, participation in extracurricular programs, and financial need. Grants will also be awarded to individuals in camps and other educational programs. With the generous support of area businesses and residents, the Bow Rotary Club was able to offer over \$20,000 in scholarships to a dozen student for the 2009-2010 school year. Each November, scholarship money is raised at the annual Bow Rotary Auction Gala. This year's scholarship amount is yet to be determined. All applications are due by April 8, 2011. Recipients will be announced later in the Spring at the Bow High School Senior Awards Night and Bow Rotary Recognition Night. For more information call Jim Hoffman at 738-7494, or to download a traditional or non-traditional student application form, visit www.bowrotary.org.

Board of Selectmen April meeting dates

The following Board of Selectmen meetings are scheduled for April: Tuesday, 4/12 at 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday 4/26 at 6 p.m. in Room A of the Municipal Building, 10 Grandview Road. All meetings are subject to change; please verify meeting times and dates at www.bow-nh.com.

Birds and Butterflies Program offered by Bow Garden Club on Monday 4/11

The Bow Garden Club will hold its first membership meeting of 2011 on Monday 4/11 at the Old Town Hall, 91 Bow Center Road in Bow. Social time is at 6 p.m., followed by a brief business meeting at 6:30 p.m. The evening's educational program will be "Birds and Butterflies" presented by Michelle Mensinger of the Derry Garden Club. Her presentation will include photos and interesting factoids about birds and butterflies native to New Hampshire. For more information visit www.bowgardenclub.org.

The mission of the Baker Free Library is to serve the informational, educational, and leisure needs of the residents of Bow. The library promotes, develops, and maintains open access to the facilities, resources, and services available locally and through inter-library networks. Baker Free Library assures an environment that stimulates the knowledge, culture, and the pure enjoyment of reading. For more information about library programs, policies, and offerings, visit www.bowbakerfreelibrary.org.

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