



Welcome to the Baker Free Library's December 2011 e-newsletter! This publication features upcoming 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

All children's classes require registration EXCEPT for Bow Builders.

Active Listeners: Thursdays 12/1 - 12/15, 10:30 a.m.

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

Family Storytime: Tuesdays 12/6 & 12/13, 10:30 a.m. OR Fridays 12/2 - 12/16, 4:00 p.m. This 30-45 minute class is for children up to age 6 with an adult; perfect for families with several children of different ages. Activities include stories, songs, fingerplays, flannel boards, creative movement, and simple crafts.

Rookie Readers: Thursday 12/8, 4:00 p.m.

This is a book club designed for newly independent readers. Children should be in grades K-2 and able to read on their own. Each class includes a book discussion, snack, read-aloud, and activity related to the theme of the day. For this meeting, participants should read a holiday book of their choice.

Grades 3-5 Book Club: Wednesday 12/14, 4:00 p.m.

This is a monthly book club for children in grades 3-5. Activities include a book discussion, snack, and an activity related to the title of the day. For this meeting children should read *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* by Barbara Robinson. Copies of the book will be available at the circulation desk at the library.

Bow Builders: Wednesday 12/28, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 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! We have new pieces, new sorted bins of blocks, and fun holiday patterns for you to try. Photos of all creations will be posted on our web site.

UPCOMING TEEN CLASSES & EVENTS

Next Chapter Club @ BHS: Thursday 12/1, 9:05 a.m. to 9:35 a.m.

Take time to meet up and discuss the ultimate in entertainment - reading books! Bow High School students are invited to join this new club which meets monthly at the BHS Library Media Center. Have book discussions, recommend good reads to peers, and plan some book-related events for teens to be held at the Baker Free Library. Club members will also be eligible to join our Teen Advisory Board (which meets monthly at BFL) and earn community service hours. To join, contact Mrs. Mottola at BHS, lmottola@bownet.org, or Jen Leger at bwbakerfreelibrary@comcast.net.

Page Turners 2.0 @ BMS: Mondays 12/5 - 12/19, 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Are you an enthusiastic reader who wants to talk about books? Bow students in grades 6 to 8 are invited to join this newly formed REACH program at Bow Memorial School. Recommend books to your peers and have book discussions. Space is limited, so contact Mrs. Romano at BMS (cromano@bownet.org) or Jen Leger (bwbakerfreelibrary@comcast.net) to sign up!

Teen Advisory Board Meeting: Thursday 12/8, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Deck the halls! Create a wreath out of old books and enjoy some holiday goodies at this festive TAB meeting. Students in grades 7 to 12 are invited to join TAB. Visit our website (www.bwbakerfreelibrary.org) to learn more and to download a TAB application.

UPCOMING ADULT WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

Hat & Mitten Drive: through 12/10

The Happy Hookers knit group is collecting hand knit and crocheted hats and mittens to be donated to Friends of Forgotten Children in Concord, New Hampshire. The Friends distributes holiday gift bags to more than 400 children at Christmastime; their goal is to include hand knit hats and/or mittens in each package. You may drop off finished hats and mittens at the library beginning Saturday 10/15. Children's and adult sizes are needed as they will be giving to children up to age 18. Patterns will be provided upon request. Yarn donations also gladly accepted.

Happy Hookers @ White Rock: Tuesdays 12/6 - 12/27, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Meet up and unwind with 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: Wednesday 12/7, 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. No pressure to share; listeners are always welcome. Open to men of all ages. Registration is not required.

Button Up NH: Wednesday 12/7, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Enjoy 20-30% energy savings by dealing with air leakage and other sources of energy waste. The benefits of a

home energy analysis and using an energy professional will also be covered. Sponsored by the Bow Energy Committee. To register e-mail eldredgebob@gmail.com.

Book Talks: Tuesday 12/13, 12:30 p.m. OR 6:30 p.m.

At this meeting we will discuss the 2011 fiction Pulitzer Prize winner, *A Visit from the Goon Squad* by Jennifer Egan. The January discussion book, *Bright-Sided: How the Relentless Promotion of Positive Thinking Has Undermined America* by Barbara Ehrenreich, will be available for pick up.

Renewable Energy: Wednesday 12/14, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Learn how to use renewable energies such as solar, geothermal, biomass, and wind to heat your home, create hot water, and make electricity. Sponsored by the Bow Energy Committee. To register e-mail eldredgebob@gmail.com.

LIBRARY NEWS

Library Closures for December Holidays

The Library will be *CLOSED* Saturday 12/24 through Monday 12/26 in observance of the Christmas holiday. We will re-open at 10 a.m. on Tuesday 12/27. For the New Year's holiday, the library will be *CLOSED* on Sunday 1/1/2012 and Monday 1/2/2012. We will re-open at 10 a.m. on Tuesday 1/3/2012. Remember, our book drop and CD/DVD drop are always available when we are closed. Happy Holidays!

Thank You for Supporting Interlibrary Loan Van Service

Many thanks to all of the library patrons and Bow residents who took the time to sign the petition regarding the importance of maintaining current federal funding levels for the state's Interlibrary Loan (ILL) van service. We were able to send over 13 pages of signatures to the New Hampshire State Library -- over 300 individual signatures. The State Librarian is expected to submit his report to the House Finance Committee on 11/30. We appreciated hearing from all of you!

New eBooks purchased for December

The following eBooks titles were purchased for December and are available now unless otherwise noted:

The Affair by Lee Child

Catherine the Great by Robert Massie

Explosive Eighteen by Janet Evanovich

A Faraway Island by Annika Thor

His Dark Materials Omnibus by Philip Pullman

The House on Tradd Street by Karen White

In Close by Brenda Novak

The Litigators by John Grisham

Making Spirits Bright by Fern Michael et al

The Maze Runner by James Dashner

The Novels of Nora Roberts, Volume 1 by Nora Roberts

Only Us: A Fool's Gold Holiday by Susan Mallery

The Scorch Trials by James Dashner

Give back to the Bow community through our 4th Annual Library Holiday Giving Tree

Are you looking for a unique and meaningful way to give back to the Bow community this holiday season? Or are you interested in making a cash donation before the end of 2011 for a tax deduction? Please consider helping the library through our 4th annual Library Holiday Giving Tree. Red ornaments on the tree indicate specific items we would like for the circulating collections, or list cash donation amounts that would either support classes & events or collection purchases. All donors will be recognized on the tree with a white paper ornament (which can be labeled "anonymous"), and cash donors will receive a letter acknowledging their donation if the amount is over \$100. Thank you in advance for your generous support of the library! Questions? Please contact Lori Fisher, Director, at 224-7113 or bfldirector@comcast.net.

Next Library Board of Trustees Meeting: Wednesday 12/14 at 5:00 p.m. in the Library's Baker Room.

FRIENDS OF THE BAKER FREE LIBRARY NEWS

Winners of the 2nd Annual Art & Literature Contest

Pre-K/K - 1st place, Matthew Kropp; 2nd place, Wesley Michaelis

Grades 1 & 2 - 1st place, Madeleine Kropp; 2nd place, Camryn Szumierz; 3rd place, Megan Landcastle

Grades 3 & 4 - 1st place, Lara Chern; 2nd place, Rachel Budd; 3rd place, Madeline Michaelis

Grades 5 to 8 - 1st place, Kailey Andrew; 2nd place, Lauryn Hrinchuk; 3rd place, Cydnee Szumierz

High school - 1st place, Jeff Andrew.

Our top fundraisers were Lara Chern, Wesley Michaelis, Madeline Michaelis, and Jeremy Fenn. Thank you to everyone for your participation.

Support the Friends by shopping at Gibson's Bookstore on 12/8

Help support the Friends of the Baker Free Library by shopping at Gibson's Bookstore on Main Street in Concord on 12/8 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. If you mention the Friends at the checkout, 20% of your purchase price will go to support the Baker Free Library through the Friends group. Buy for your family, your friends, or yourself -- or pick out something from the Library's wish list, available at the Gibson's checkout counter. This is a nice way to give at no extra cost to you, and you'll get ready for the holidays at the same time. Thank you in advance for supporting us this holiday season!

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 of Baker Free Library meeting will be held on Monday 1/9/2012 at 7 p.m. in the Library's Meeting Room.

TOWN OF BOW NEWS

Bow PTO gift cards available for purchase

The Bow PTO will be selling gift cards from over 140 retailers. The list includes several area restaurants, Shaw's, Shell Oil, Target, Amazon, iTunes, L.L. Bean and so many more! Orders with checks made payable to "Bow PTO" will be taken from Thursday, December 1st through Thursday, December 8th at all three schools. This is a simple and convenient way to get holiday gifts for loved ones, friends, business associates, etc. Order forms will be available online only at www.bownet.org/eNotices/BES (BMS/BHS as well). Look for the Bow PTO Gift Card Order form link. The Bow PTO supports many events at our schools throughout the school year. The value of each gift card is equal to the amount you purchase is guaranteed to not expire. The PTO receives anywhere from 2% to 18% of the value of each gift card sold. Distribution dates and order details will be explained on the order form. For questions please contact Robin Martin at robinlmartin@comcast.net.

Greens Workshop and Poinsettia Pick-Up offered by Bow Garden Club on Saturday 12/3

The Bow Garden Club will hold its annual Greens Workshop and Poinsettia pick-up on Saturday 12/3 at the Old Town Hall, 91 Bow Center Road. For more information visit www.bowgardclub.org.

Bow Rotary Annual Christmas Tree Sale starts Sunday 12/4

Support your community...buy a tree! The Bow Rotary's annual Christmas Tree sale will start on Sunday December 4th and run through Saturday December 19th (*note sale may end early if trees sell out before 12/19). Visit the Bow Junction Irving Mainway station on Monday through Friday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., or Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Besides 6 foot to 8 foot quality balsam fir trees (\$33), the Rotary will have decorated wreaths for sale and candy canes for the kids. Questions? Contact Ira Evans through the Bow Rotary web site at <http://bowrotary.org>.

Board of Selectmen December meeting dates

The following Board of Selectmen meetings are scheduled for December: Tuesday, 12/13 at 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday 12/21 at 6:00 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.

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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