



Welcome to the Baker Free Library's March 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

My Life in Pink and Green: Tuesday 3/1, 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Girls in grades 4-6 are invited to participate in this vacation week book discussion and activity session focused on eco-friendly skin car. Copies of the book *My Life in Pink and Green* by Lisa Greenwald are available to borrow at the circulation desk. You don't have to have the book read to come to the program! Registration is required by February 28th -- call 224-7113.

Bow Builders: Wednesday 3/2, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. AND Saturday 3/19, 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!

Fiber Arts Sock Critters: Thursday 3/3, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Workshop for ages 10+. Create your own adorable stuffed critters with socks. There is some sewing and cutting involved. Space is limited and registration is required.

Fiber Arts of Bow (FAB): Saturday 3/12, 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 March, 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 4/9, 5/7, & 6/4.

Family Storytime: Tuesdays 3/15-3/29, 10:30 a.m. OR Fridays 3/18 & 3/25, 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 3/17 - 3/31, 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.

Rookie Readers: Thursdays 3/17 & 3/31, 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 3/17 session, participants should read a book of their choice; for the 3/31 session, they should read Amelia Bedelia book.

Grades 3 & 4 Book Club: Wednesday 3/23, 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 *Tango: The Tale of an Island Dog* by Eileen Beha. Registration is required. Copies of the discussion book are available at the circulation desk.

UPCOMING TEEN CLASSES & EVENTS

Teen Advisory Board (TAB): Friday 3/4, 6:00 p.m. AND Monday 3/14, 6:00 p.m.

For the 3/4 meeting, NHTI Professor Terrance Simkin will share his knowledge of the game development field and ways to explore game development at home on your personal computer. The TAB will also start planning a Teen Tech Workshop with Professor Simkin for Bow teens. At the 3/14 meeting, Jen Leger will share what she learned at a Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) webinar titled "Tech 4 U: Technology Programs for Every User." TAB will discuss ways to use these ideas for future teen programs. To inquire about TAB, contact Jen Leger at 224-7113.

Teen Mardi Gras Night: Friday 3/4, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Gumbo anyone? Create your own festive mask, play games, enjoy good food, and party with live music courtesy of the BFL Teen Advisory Board. RSVP to the library's Facebook page or call 224-7113.

Ladies Night - Ukranian Egg Decorating: Monday 3/21, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

This is a hands-on workshop for ladies 13+. Bow resident Mila Plachinta will share the tradition of Ukranian egg decorating with a short film presentation followed by a demonstration. Each participant will decorate an egg to take home. 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 3/1 - 3/29, 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 3/2 & 3/16, 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon

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

Book Talks: Tuesday 3/8, 12:30 p.m. OR 6:30 p.m.

Join us as we discuss *Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer. Copies of the April discussion book, *Ape House* by Sarah Gruen, will be available for pick up.

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A Visit With Abraham Lincoln at Bow High School: Monday 3/21, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Abraham Lincoln, portrayed by Steve Wood, takes us on a first-person journey through his life up to his 1863 Gettysburg Address. This program will be attended by all BMS 8th grade students. The public is welcome to attend. The Bow Heritage Commission will display "Bow in the Civil War," a collection of photos and documents related to the town of Bow and its residents from 1861 to 1865.

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LIBRARY NEWS

Revisions to the library's Circulations Policy

During their annual review of the library's [Circulation Policy](#), the library trustees made a change to the overdue procedure. Due to the increasing number of certified letters mailed because patrons have items more than 60 days overdue, the trustees have instituted a \$5 per certified letter fee. This fee is assessed once the certified letter is mailed, and covers the mailing cost and a small fraction of the staff processing time. This fee is not able to be waived once the certified letter is sent, since the cost to mail the letter will have already been paid by the library and is non-refundable. Other changes to the policy include the annual increase in out-of-town library card fee as of July 1, 2011 and limiting the number of Inter-Library Loan items checked out to a patron at any one time. The Circulation Policy is reviewed by the library's Board of Trustees on an annual basis, with the next review scheduled for February 2012. Please direct any questions about the policy to library director Lori Fisher at bfldirector@comcast.net.

Kindles are NOT compatible with e-books available through New Hampshire Downloadable Books

Recently there have been more questions regarding the compatibility of Kindles with the ebooks we are able to offer Bow residents through our membership in the New Hampshire Downloadable Books (NHDB) consortium. As many of you know, the library does not purchase ebooks on our own, but is a member of the NHDB consortium with over 160 other libraries across the state in order to provide efficient and cost-effective access to ebooks. The file format of the ebooks provided through the consortium is the .epub file format. Unfortunately, this format is not compatible with Kindles (which uses the .amz file format). While there is software available through the Internet that will convert the .epub format to another file format, doing so violates the copyright of those ebooks downloaded from NHDB (and also may expose your computer to viruses and malware). The provider of the NHDB ebooks, OverDrive, has issued a copyright notice, and the New Hampshire State Librarian has also issued a statement reminding users that they must uphold the copyright laws. Both statements are available on the Baker Free Library's website on the [Library Services page](#). Please be aware that library staff will not show patrons how to convert ebook files from one format to another due to the copyright laws in place. Questions? Please contact Lori Fisher, library director, at bfldirector@comcast.net.

Next Library Board of Trustees Meeting: Tuesday 3/8 at 5:00 p.m. in the Library's Meeting Room.

FRIENDS OF THE BAKER FREE LIBRARY NEWS

Science Friday: Friday 3/11, 3:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Come make it snow (and bring some home)! For children in grades 1-4. Elsa Chern, a local science buff, will show children how to make snow that doesn't melt and other cool polymers. Register at the library by March 4th. \$3 required at the door to cover materials. For more information contact Christine Carey, Friends of BFL president, at ccarey24@comcast.net.

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 ccarey24@comcast.net or 225-7224. Join the fun!

Next Friends Meeting: Monday, 3/14 at 7 p.m. in the Library's Baker Room. All are welcome to attend!

TOWN OF BOW NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER -- COME LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD:

Town Election Day is on Tuesday, March 8th from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Bow Community Building

Town Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 9th at 7 p.m. in the Bow High School Auditorium

School District Meeting will be held on Friday, March 11th at 7 p.m. in the Bow High School Auditorium

2010 Town Reports available at various locations in Bow

As a cost-saving measure, the Town of Bow will NOT be mailing 2010 Town Reports to residents. The reports are available to pick up at the following locations: Baker Free Library; Town Municipal Building; Bow Police Dispatch; and Bow Community Center. Copies of the report will also be available at Town Meeting on Wednesday 3/9 at Bow High School. Can't get to one of those locations? The town warrant and proposed budget are available on the town web site at www.bow-nh.com.

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.

Annual Bow Recycling Committee Compost Bin Sale

The Bow Recycling Committee is gearing up for spring with their annual sale of compost bins, rain barrels, and kitchen composting pails. Winter is on the wane and soon you'll be wanting compost for planting and then water for irrigation. The sale is running from March 1 to April 1. A display of the items will be featured at the library during the month of March. Order forms will be available at the display. You can also download an order form from the Town of Bow website <http://www.bow-nh.com/>. Questions about the sale can be sent to Sarah Brown, sale coordinator at sbb22@comcast.net

Board of Selectmen March meeting dates

The following Board of Selectmen meetings are scheduled for December: Tuesday, 3/8 at 2:30 p.m. and Tuesday 3/22 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.

Comedy Musical Benefit Concert on Saturday 3/12

The Rotary Club of Bow presents a benefit concert to eradicate polio on Saturday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Bow High School auditorium. The featured performer is New England's own comedy musical group The Bobby Darling Show. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for Seniors (65 years+) and \$5 students. Tickets are available at the door, as well as Little River Oriental Rugs at 10 N. Main Street, Concord, and Merrimack County Savings Bank at 503 South Street in Bow. 100% of the proceeds from this event will fund the Rotary's global efforts to eradicate polio. For more information visit www.bowrotary.org.

Swing Into Spring: BHS Jazz Festival on Thursday 3/17

The Bow High School Jazz Festival, featuring the Capitol Center Jazz Orchestra with SYNCOPATION, will perform on Thursday, March 17th at 7:30 p.m. in the Bow High School auditorium. \$15 general admission. Tickets are available at Strings and Things Music in Concord, or at swing@bownet.org, or by calling 228-2210 ext. 321. This concert will benefit the Bow High School Band performance in the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC.

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 facts 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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