



Welcome to the Baker Free Library's May 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

Drop-In Family Storytime: Tuesdays 5/5, 5/17 & 5/24, 10:30 a.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.

Rookie Readers: Thursday 5/19, 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 this session, children should read a fiction OR non-fiction book about food.

Bow Builders: Saturday 5/21, 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!

Grades 3 & 4 Book Club: Wednesday 5/25, 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. Children should read *How Tia Lola Came To Stay* by Julia Alvarez for this meeting.

Registration is required.

UPCOMING TEEN CLASSES & EVENTS

Teen Advisory Board (TAB): Friday 5/6, 6:00 p.m. AND Monday 5/16, 6:00 p.m.

On Friday 5/6 Bow High School senior Pooja Kasireddy will discuss Indian culture with TAB and answer questions. TAB members are encouraged to share their favorite book related to India. On Monday 5/16 we will discuss Teen Coffee House Nights and check our progress in "booking" acts. To inquire about TAB, contact Jen Leger at 224-7113.

Teen Night - A Passage to India: Friday 5/6, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Bow High School senior Pooja Kasireddy will share her knowledge of India's culture with Bow teens through food, henna painting, sari wrapping, and Bollywood dance moves. Teen nights are for students in grades 7 to 12.. RSVP to the library's Facebook page or call 224-7113.

UPCOMING ADULT WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

Happy Hookers @ White Rock on Tuesdays 5/3-5/31, 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 5/4 & 5/18, 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.

Fiber Arts of Bow (FAB): Saturday 5/7, 10:30 to Noon

FAB is a great opportunity to learn to knit, crochet, or meet up with other needlecrafters. This newly-formed group is for beginner and experienced alike who are enthusiastic about handcrafts. Bring a work in progress, or size 8 to 8 knitting needles (we'll provide the yarn) and learn how to knit! Open to ages 10 to adult, no registration required. Our next FAB date is Saturday 6/4.

Book Talks: Tuesday 5/10, 12:30 p.m. OR 6:30 p.m.

Join us as we discuss *Pigs Have Wings* by P. G. Wodehouse. Copies of the June discussion book, *Remarkable Creatures* by Tracy Chevalier, will be available for pick up.

LIBRARY NEWS

Library closing early on Sat. May 28th and closed on Memorial Day

The library will close early, at 2 p.m., on Saturday May 28th so that our carpets can be thoroughly cleaned after our messy winter! The library will also be closed on Monday, May 30th in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. The library will re-open on Tuesday 5/31 at 10 a.m. Our book drop and CD/DVD drop are always available when we are closed, so please stop by while you are out to drop off materials!

Kindle and Blackberry compatibility with NH Downloadable Books!

OverDrive, the provider of our NH Downloadable Books service, recently announced that we will be able to offer Kindle compatible books as soon as Fall 2011! All of the ebooks currently offered through this service will have Kindle compatibility, which is a major improvement in the services offered to library patrons across New Hampshire. More info on this development will be available on the library website www.bowbakerfreelibrary.org, as it becomes available. Additionally, Blackberry users now have ebook and MP3 compatibility with the new version of the OverDrive Media Console app. Simply visit the NH Downloadable Books site and click on the software downloads section. For more news about the NH Downloadable Books service, please consider subscribing to the NH Downloadable Books blog at <http://nhdbooks.blogspot.com>. This blog provides a wealth of information about devices, compatibility, recently-added titles, and news regarding ebooks and audiobooks available to patrons across New Hampshire through the consortium. If you are a regular NHDB user, please consider subscribing!

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! Families should bring a picnic blanket and join us as we kick off eight weeks of summer programs. The Friends of the Baker Free Library will be serving up a barbecue; Steve Blunt and author Marty Kelley will be providing musical entertainment; children can create a framed musical note thumbprint picture; and teens can play Wii Rock Band in a coffeehouse atmosphere. As always, children can also register for the Summer Reading Club, with fabulous prizes to be awarded all summer. For more information, contact Jennifer Ericsson, Children's Librarian, at 224-7113.

Next Library Board of Trustees Meeting: Wednesday 5/11 at 5:00 p.m. in the Library's Meeting Room.

FRIENDS OF THE BAKER FREE LIBRARY NEWS

Bag Book Sale runs through Saturday 5/28

The Friends are holding their annual spring bag book sale 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.

"Summer" Haiku Contest

The Friends of the Baker Free Library is hosting a "Summer" haiku contest. Poems, which should have a summer theme, will be accepted from May 2-31 at the library. There is a \$5 entry fee/poem. Individuals should be in high school or beyond, but do not need to be Bow residents. Proceeds from the contest will support the library. Poems must adhere to the American Haiku standards of 3 lines, with 5/7/5 syllables, and should appear on the front of 3x5 index cards, with poet's full contact information on back. Winners will be announced on June 20th and the winning poems will be displayed at the library. \$50 will be awarded for 1st place, \$25 for 2nd, \$15 for 3rd. For more information, please contact Alethea Kehas at akehas@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, 5/9 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.

Board of Selectmen May meeting dates

The following Board of Selectmen meetings are scheduled for April: Tuesday, 5/10 at 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday 5/24 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.

Spring Basket Workshop offered by Bow Garden Club on Monday 5/9

The Bow Garden Club will hold its second membership meeting of 2011 on Monday 5/9 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 a workshop, "Spring Baskets," presented by Karrissa of Cole Gardens. This spring basket workshop will provide everything you need to create a bright and cheery container planting. Pre-registration is required. Member cost - \$10. Non-member cost - \$15. 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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