

Bennington Free Library

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A Quarterly Newsletter

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2017 Holiday Wish List

Honor someone special in your life with the donation of a book to the Library.

To participate: Books have been selected for all ages - adults, children and special interests - that will help our collection grow. You choose from one of the following lists and donate the purchase price. Your gift will have a bookplate honoring your special person, AND we will provide you a gift card, if desired.



Fiction

- The Boat People*, Sharon Balo \$27.00
- Enchantress of Numbers*, Jennifer Chiaverini \$27.00
- End Game*, David Baldacci \$29.00
- Every Breath You Take*, Mary Higgins Clark \$27.00
- In the Midst of Winter*, Isabel Allende \$28.00
- The Midnight Line*, Lee Child \$29.00
- Operator Down*, Brad Taylor \$27.00
- The People vs. Alex Cross*, James Patterson \$29.00
- Robicheaux*, James Lee Burke \$28.00
- The Wanted*, Robert Crais \$28.00
- Year One*, Nora Roberts \$28.00

Large Print

- A Christmas Return*, Anne Perry \$29.21
- An Irish Country Practice*, Patrick Taylor \$25.50
- Body on Baker Street*, Vicki Delany \$27.71
- Deep Freeze*, John Sandford \$29.51
- Enemy of the State*, Vince Flynn \$29.21
- I Know a Secret*, Tess Gerritsen \$29.21
- Mind Game*, Iris Johansen \$29.51
- Murder in the Bowery*, Victoria Thompson \$27.71
- Tell Tale*, Jeffrey Archer \$28.50
- Trap the Devil*, Ben Coes \$29.21

Magazines (1 YR subscription)

- Air and Space* \$22.00
- Family Circle* \$12.99
- McCall's Quilting* \$20.00
- Sew News* \$22.00
- Vietnam (History Net)* \$30.00

Non Fiction

- The Art and Style of Product Photography*, J. Dennis Thomas \$40.00
- The Atlas of Beauty: Women of the World in 500 Portraits*, Mihaela Noroc \$40.00
- Christmas with Southern Living 2017: Inspired Ideas for Holiday Cooking and Decorating* \$29.99
- Christopher Kimball's Milk Street: The New Home Cooking*, Christopher Kimball \$40.00
- The Constitution Today: Timeless Lessons for the Issues of Our Era*, Akhil Reed Amar \$29.99
- The First Congress: How James Madison, George Washington, and a Group of Extraordinary Men Invented the Government*, Fergus M. Bordewich \$30.00
- Holiday Slow Cooker: 100 Incredible and Festive Recipes for Every Celebration*, Leigh Anne Wilkes \$21.00
- In Her Kitchen: Stories and Recipes from Grandmas Around the World*, Gabriele Galimberti \$30.00
- Martin Luther: The Man Who Rediscovered God and Changed the World*, Eric Metaxas \$30.00
- Middle-earth from Script to Screen: Building the World of The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit*, Daniel Falconer \$75.00
- Well-Crafted Home: Inspiration and 60 Projects for Personalizing Your Space*, Janet Crowther \$22.99

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Letter from the director.....

It seems winter will arrive after all. The days grow shorter and colder, and the "holiday" approach – offering the perfect opportunity to express gratitude to the many individuals, businesses and organizations who have helped the library achieve another successful year of service. Many are acknowledged under the "In Kind Services" heading in this edition of the newsletter, with many more to appear in upcoming issues.

During my tenure as the library's director, I have come to appreciate the level of support the library enjoys from our community. It is clear that programs and services which support literacy and information equality are accorded a high value. It is equally clear that our community recognizes the library's important role in supporting its intellectual capital.

Through programs and a myriad of services, the library fosters literacy in all its forms. Early literacy initiatives, such as story hours and outreach to area day care centers and schools, support language and social development of the youngest members of our community. Through workshops, technology training and free access to information in both print and electronic formats, the library continues to support the cultural, educational and recreational needs of individuals throughout their lives.

Adequate financial support is essential to the library's ability to keep pace with a rapidly changing information environment and we strive to make every dollar count. With the help of our dedicated and enthusiastic donors and volunteers, we will continue to offer critical services and programs to our community. Thank you all for your contribution to another year of learning, sharing and growing at the library.

The staff joins me in wishing you a happy and healthy holiday season.

Lynne Fonteneau McCann



THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

NOVEMBER 23, 24 DECEMBER 24, 26 JANUARY 15 FEB 19



In Memoriam

We note with sorrow, the loss of the following supporters and friends of the Library:

Mary Keenan

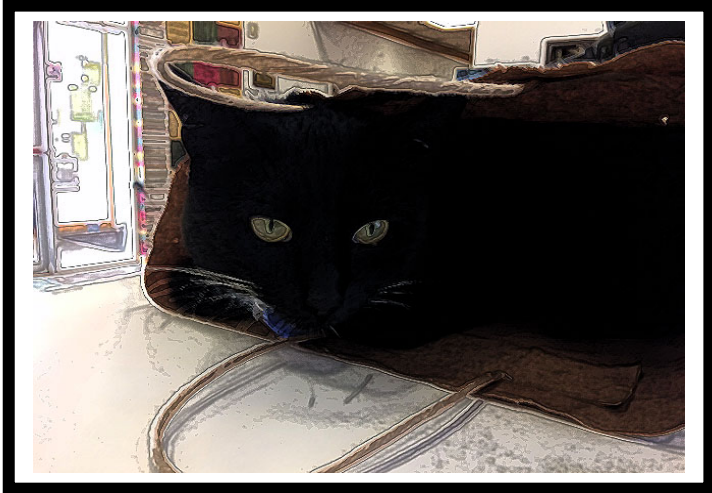
Ruth Levin

Alice Loos

Mary Mollica

Dorothy Polatsek

Margaret Keeler Wallace



Pete's Pics ~ CLOVER

A true library cat, Pete loves alliteration, so he was excited to learn the name of Vermont's new statewide interlibrary loan system coincided with his species and his helpful feline demeanor. The new system is called CLOVER (Collaborative Libraries Of VERmont).

Pete must pause to remind you our library is part of Catamount Library Network. This means whenever you look for an item in the library's online catalog, you can search partner libraries and request items that are delivered here twice a week. Pete thinks CLN is a pretty cool clowder!

CLOVER launched in early August, and it allows library staff to easily search, request, track, and return items borrowed for library members from throughout the state and across the country. This seamless software has helped our library efficiently borrow books from public libraries in Arkansas, Kentucky, and Missouri; several university libraries; and the Naval War College in Rhode Island.

Pete and Bennington Free Library staff give a big "paws up" to the Vermont Department of Libraries for finding and selecting, as well as training and supporting libraries using CLOVER!

Stop by the library and ask how we can help you borrow items near or far! With the Catamount Library Network, CLOVER, and Pete, your library card champion, *Oh, the Places You'll Go!*

Karson Kiesinger

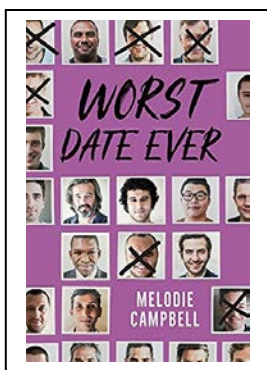
NEW Quick Reads for All Kinds of Adult Readers!

Looking for a short page-turner you can carry anywhere? Try our new Adult Readers (call number begins AR) in the wire rack in the Quiet Room!

The new Easy Readers from the Townsend Library include classic works carefully edited for clarity and readability, inspirational stories, and special themed collections, including: *Reading Changed My Life*, *Great Moments in Sports*, *Animal Rescue*, *The Power of Love* and more.

The Rapid Reads Series includes engaging mysteries as well as urban and adventure fiction; these small books have entertaining and contemporary plots with adult language and themes. "They are intended for a diverse audience, including ESL students, reluctant readers, adults who struggle with literacy, and anyone who wants a "high-interest quick read"(Orca Book Publishers).

Our collection includes several Rapids Reads titles by best-selling authors Reed Farrel Coleman and William Kowalski, and we have new releases *Worst Date Ever* by Melodie Campbell (a widow tries online dating) and *From Scratch* by Gail Anderson-Dargatz (a single mom about to lose her job goes back to school to run her own bakery).



"*Worst Date Ever* is one of the best of this genre...Finding a complete story like this in a novella form is rare... This rapid read is more than a good read." - *Booklist*

"Cookie's perseverance through hardship is certainly inspiring, and her bonds with the local community heartwarming. For readers who need a little encouragement, this is just the ticket." - *Booklist* review of *From Scratch*

**Try something new! Reach out and encourage a new adult reader!
With daylight fading, now is the perfect time!**

Karson Kiesinger





Chris Poggi: An Appreciation

We invite the community to celebrate Children's Librarian, Chris Poggi on December 6th from 2:00-5:00pm in the Children's Room.

Chris is retiring from the BFL at the end of 2017 and the open-house *Chris Party* is an opportunity to share a snack, a memory, & an appreciation with this wonderful librarian.

Chris began her career at Bennington Free Library 20 years ago and she has worked tirelessly to serve children and families – promoting reading & a love of books, early literacy, STEM learning, programming for all ages & so much more!

One of Chris' special talents is her ability to make books come alive through dramatic play and discovery centers. Her creativity & vision helped to transform the Children's Room into a dynamic, family-friendly learning space! Chris will be especially remembered for her nurturing baby & toddler storytimes & for the fun & learning during preschool storyhours.

Chris will be missed by the entire BFL staff but especially by Linda Donigan. Chris & Linda have been job sharing the position of Children's Librarian at the BFL for the past 20 years. Linda will continue in that position and carry on the mission of serving children & families.

Chris will begin the next chapter in her life in 2018 which will include lots of time with her husband, John, daughters, Sara and Ellen and especially her 9-month - old grandson, Simon!

You are invited to come and wish Chris the BEST on her special day.

Linda Donigan



BookFest 2018

Donations are currently being accepted for the sale.

Please no encyclopedias, textbooks, magazines, moldy, damaged, dirty or musty books.

The Library must pay to dispose of them!

For large donations, call 442-9051 to make arrangements in advance.

Thank you!



In-Kind Services

In-Kind services were donated by the following individuals, organizations and businesses during Fiscal Year 2017. Please convey your appreciation for their support of Library programs.

Books & Resources

Bennington Bookshop
 Building Bright Futures
 Children's Literacy Foundation
 The Horn Book
 Jacqueline and Bill Miller
 New England Independent Booksellers Assoc.
 Vermont Department of Libraries
 Vermont Early Literacy Initiative & VELI-STEM

Book Express

Building Bright Futures
 Bennington Lions Club
 Bob & Terri Bullington
 Tom & Dottie DePollo
 Linda Donigan
 Ann Fort
 Auberta Galusha
 Joe Hall
 Jan Ketterer
 Cindy Krautheim
 Dale Matuski
 Don Nolan
 RSVP
 Al & Virginia Ray

Computer and Technology Assistance

Vince McLean
 Spectrum Design
 Helen Sharkey

Pete the Cat Donations

Ellen Millington

Children's Programs

George Aiken Wildflower Trail Volunteers
 Artwork in the Children's Room - Michael Horwitz
 American Red Cross Babysitting Class
 Corduroy Party - MAUHS Interact Club
 Museum ABC's - Deana Mallory & The Bennington Museum, Anne Hunter
 Summer Program - Abby Food Group, Centerline Architects, Children's Literacy Foundation, Family Footwear and Hunger Free Vermont
 Vermont Reads - Catherine Burns, Daisy Levy, Darcy Oakes, Andrea Robare, Sarah Sanfilippo,
 Southern Vermont College, SVC College Steps Program

Adult Programs

Tennille Baker and Jade Morse, Anytime Fitness
 Bennington Bookshop
 The Dave Banulis, Gary Miller and Brian DeAngelo
 Jazz Trio
 Drew Davidson
 Kathy Dockum, Vermont Blueprint for Health
 Betsy Dunham – Southern Vermont College
 Melany Letourneau, Department of Labor
 Archer Mayor
 Jane Schaeffer, The Yoga Place

Annual Booksale

Bennington Probation and Parole Community Services Program
 204, 206, 208 Depot Street Programs
 UCS Teens for Change/Big Brothers, Big Sisters

Outreach

Bennington Farmers' Market and Katherine Keys

Holiday Decorations

Bennington Garden Club



CHILDREN'S ROOM WISH LIST 2017



Picture Books

100 Things I Love to Do With You by Amy Schwartz \$17.00
A Christmas for Bear by Bonny Becker \$17.00
Draw the Line by Kathryn Otoshi \$18.00
Little Red Ruthie, A Hanukkah Tale by Sue Eastland \$17.00
Waltz of the Snowflakes by Elly Mackay \$17.00

Beginning Readers & Early Chapter Books

It's Shoe Time by Bryan Collier & Mo Willems \$10.00
Waylon! One Awesome Thing by Sara Pennypacker \$16.00
Greatest Animal Stories edited by Michael Morpurgo \$17.00
Charlie & Mouse & Grumpy by Laurel Snyder \$15.00
If My Moon Was Your Sun by Andreas Steinhofel \$19.00

Juvenile and Middle School Fiction

The Getaway (Diary of a Wimpy Kid) by Jeff Kinney \$9.00
The Gold Thief (Ned's Magic Circus) by Justin Fisher \$7.00
Mr. Lemoncello's Great Library Race by Chris Grabenstein \$12.00
Phoebe and Her Unicorn in the Magic Storm by Dana Simpson \$6.00
Spy School Secret Service by Stuart Gibbs \$12.00

Children's Non-fiction

Crafty Gifts by Jane Bull \$14.00
Harry Potter: A Journey Through a History of Magic by British Library \$13.00
I'm Just No Good at Rhyming and Other Nonsense for Mischievous Kids and Immature Grown-ups by Chris Harris \$18.00
Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets by Kwame Alexander \$10.00
A World of Cookies for Santa M.E. Furman \$14.00



Other gifts: Dr. Wesley Baker, Dr. and Mrs. Alan Binnick, Robert Bullington, Terrell and Pamela Coffield, James and Lodie Colvin, Dr. and Mrs. Richard Dundas, Rick Havlak, Diane and David Howard, Jim and Kathy Keenan, Kevin and Kathy Murphy, Rachel and Tim Payne, Wassick's Tire Service

For each gift of \$500 donors may have their name, or the name of an honoree, added to the mural which will remain a permanent record for all who enter the library to see. For more information or if you wish to participate in this worthy preservation effort, please contact Library Director Lynne Fonteneau McCann.

Our library has been serving the Bennington community since 1986.
Please consider making a legacy bequest to the library.
Your gift will benefit generations to come.

Snow Delay or Closure Procedure

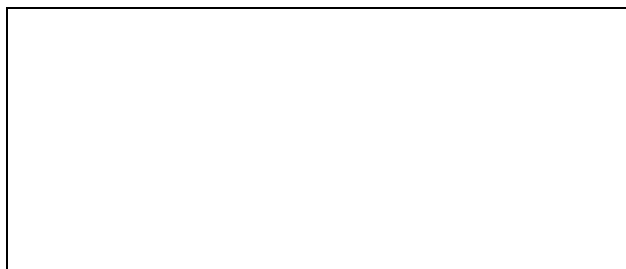
**Listen to WBTN 1370 AM
or call 442-9051**

**For information concerning
delayed openings or closings
due to inclement weather.**

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<http://benningtonfreelibrary.org>

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Wall Works: Art at the Library Jon Davis Photography

Art show and sale

February through May 2018

Artist's reception February 3rd: 2 - 3:30 p.m.

The winter installation of Wall Works features work by local photographer Jon Davis. Jon Davis is a self-taught freelance photographer whose interest in photography began in 1970 at Mount Anthony Union High School. A member of the yearbook staff and the Camera Club, Jon graduated from Mount Anthony in 1973 and went on to Southern Vermont College to study computer science.

Photography took a back seat while Jon raised a family. He finally caught the photo bug again in 2013, moving from film to digital photography with great success.

Jon has exhibited his work at the Bennington Welcome Center, at local businesses and photography shows. Two of his photos were featured in the August 2016 issue of *Vermont Magazine*. He currently sells his work at a local business in downtown Bennington.

A reception will be held for Jon on Saturday, February 3rd. Please come meet the artist; light refreshments will be served.



*Holiday Craft Show and Sale throughout December.
All proceeds benefit the library!*

Winter 2017-18 Calendar

December

14: Museum ABC's – Tick Tock Tall Clocks: A gallery experience at the Bennington Museum for preschoolers and their parents or caregivers. Includes stories and hands-on art explorations. 1:30-2:30.

16: Movie Matinee. Rotary Room 2 p.m. Free snacks! Movie title TBA.

24,26: Library closed for the holiday

January

1,15: Library closed for the holiday.

9, 16, 23, 30: Story Rhythms for Babies & Toddlers: Tuesdays at 10:30-11:00. Rotary Meeting Room. A special time filled with stories, songs and movement for children 4 - 36 months. Come Early & Play!

10, 17, 24, 31: Pre-School Story Hour: Wednesdays at 10:30-11:30. Rotary Meeting Room. Children, 3-5 years-old, will explore art, movement, math and science through stories and activities.

27: Movie Matinee. Rotary Room 2 p.m. Free snacks! Movie title TBA.

February

6, 13, 20, 27: Story Rhythms for Babies & Toddlers: Tuesdays at 10:30-11:00. Rotary Meeting Room. A special time filled with stories, songs and movement for children 4 - 36 months. Come Early & Play!

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17: House Dating Program. Discover the history of your home with our Vermont History Room resources! Rotary Room 10 a.m.

19: Library closed for the holiday.

24: Movie Matinee. Rotary Room 2 p.m. Free snacks! Movie title TBA

March

10: Movie Matinee. Rotary Room 2 p.m. Free snacks! Movie title TBA.

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