

SUMMER APPEAL & NEWSLETTER

June 2024



Hello Library Community,

The start of summer initiates noticeable changes all around us in the grass, trees, bees and songs of birds. Likewise, changes are unfolding at our Library as we prepare for another busy season.

Staff & Trustee News

We are delighted that Brenden Beer and Mimi Benedict have joined our trustee team. Paula Davidson, Director, is in her 5th year here, and Emily Purdy, Youth Librarian, is in her 11th year!

This month, we bid farewell to Assistant Librarian Mackenna Lapierre and welcome Bianca Caputo as our new assistant and Maggie Paterson as a summer intern.

Trustee Projects

We have been persistently upgrading this old building and planning for our future. We have improved traffic flow in our entry areas and addressed moisture challenges in the basement (see article). In the former book sale room upstairs, we are setting up two private meeting/telehealth spaces.

Also, we have a new logo, designed by local graphic designer Jackson Miller, and a young pollinator garden by the parking area.

Please Support Our Work

Did you know that we are only marginally funded by our town (33.6%)? Your donations bridge the gap in operational costs and special projects, and we rely on caring volunteers to extend our services and open hours. We take great pleasure in working together to create our resourceful library and are grateful for the community's generosity.

Our 2024 goal for donations is \$60,000. Please consider a gift this summer to help support operations and projects. At the time of publishing, we are only 1/10th of the way to our goal.

Thank you for supporting our efforts!

Shelly Jungwirth, Trustee Chair

FOR DONATIONS:

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More news and printable summer program schedules for adults and families follow.

SUMMER HOURS

Μ	10 am-4 pm
Tu	10 am-7pm
W	10 am-4 pm
Th	10 am-4 pm
F	10 am-4 pm
Sa	10 am-2 pm
Su	11·30am-1·30nm

TRUSTEES

Brenden Beer Mimi Benedict Shelly Jungwirth Jennifer Lucas Beth Meacham John Miller Sharon Putney Carol Reynolds Fan Watkinson

STAFF

Paula Davidson
Library Director
Bianca Caputo
Assistant Librarian
Emily Purdy
Youth Librarian



PATRONS PLANTING
OUR MUSHROOM BED LAST FALL

Building Improvements

With help from Brett Stanciu in the town offices, the Library received a multiphase Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP) grant to educate the community about energy efficiency and environmental concerns in homes, and to address issues specific to our building. Many attended our weatherization panel presentation and the subsequent hands-on workshop presented by VEEP (Vermont Energy Education Program).

On site, we gutted our old basement and completed mold remediation and moisture control. Gutters were installed and next we will insulate the basement. We also completed an energy assessment with recommendations expected this summer. We now have a healthier building and are excited about increasing its energy efficiency.

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MACKENNA (LEFT) WELCOMING
NEW ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN, BIANCA (RIGHT),
AS THEY EMBARK ON NEW ADVENTURES

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On the Pollinator Pathway

We have begun a pollinator garden in front of the Library to support community efforts for engaging families in bee education. We extend a thanks to Lynette Courtney for donating native pollinator plants and Brenden Beer of Wilson Farm for contributing echinacea plants, soil and sweat equity to jumpstart this project.

Look for these resting spots for our pollinators as they fly along the pollinator pathway in Greensboro.



"CLEO AND THE RED CHAIR"
BY JUNE GALLERY ARTIST, CARRIE GLESSNER

Mackenna's New Adventures

After four years as Assistant Librarian and volunteering here since she was a young girl, Mackenna Lapierre is leaving to pursue new adventures with her husband in North Carolina.

Mackenna has been the creative force behind our monthly displays and colorful flyers, and handled our interlibrary loans and technology hiccups with professionalism and attention to detail. Her friendly customer service and cando attitude have made her a pleasure to work with and a gem for our patrons. She hopes to continue library work while finishing her college degree in education. We think any library community will be lucky to have her!







PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Summer 2024

Unless noted, adult programs are at 5 pm in Fellowship Hall at the Greensboro United Church of Christ.

W JULY 10	Vermont Humanities Talk Rob Mermin presents "Adventures in Mime and Space"
TH JULY 11	Death Cafe at 11am
W JULY 17	Talk and Discussion with David Brahinsky "Good & Evil in East/ West Philosophies"
SU JULY 21	Watercolor class from 1-3pm Taught by Lynn Holbein (under the library tent)
M JULY 22	Vermont Humanities Talk "Extreme Survival" by author Michael Tougias
W JULY 24	Canadian Folk Singers at 7 pm David Brahinsky performs songs from Joni Mitchell et al.
W JULY 31	Sisters in Crime New England Panel 3 VT mystery authors present "Using What You Know"
TH AUG 8	Book Discussion with VT Author Trish Esden Mystery author on "The Art of the Decoy", at GFL
W AUG 14	Greensboro Author Reading: Lynn Stegner Book launch and signing for "The Half-Life of Guilt"

MONTHLY ART EXHIBITS



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PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES

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All Youth Programs begin at 10 am at the Library.

Featuring Adventures...

Th JUNE 27	In Cooking Make lunch with Reeve from CAE
T JULY 2	With Pollinators Author Elaine Cole-Kerr and GCC with free plants
T JULY 9	In Music with David Brahinsky
Th JULY 11	With Fairies
T JULY 16	With Animals The Hammond family brings their pony
Th JULY 18	In Storytelling at Caspian Lake Beach CLiF storytelling event with Natalie Kinsey and free books!
T JULY 23	In Art Watercolors with our gallery artist Carol Williams Mason
Th JULY 25	With Modern Times Theater in Greensboro Bend Punch & Judy and old-fashioned entertainment
T JULY 30	With the Circus It's the Circus Smirkus Road Show!
Th AUG 1	With Teddy Bears Teddy Bear Picnic and Irish Dance steps
T AUG 6	With Dogs-Read to Daisy
Th AUG 8	With the Greensboro Fire Department
T AUG 13	In Reading Ice cream party, reading prizes, and Daisy dog!





