

## News and Events @ Your Library!

### From the Director's Chair

Spring is in the air and so are new things at the library. In April we are celebrating National Library Week with special programs and services all week. Great libraries make a difference in their communities so we invite you to stop in during the week of April 11-16 and see all we have to offer. Also in April we'll recognize our many volunteers during National Volunteer Week. In May and June we have many ongoing services and programs as well as a few special events planned so read on!

I am passionate about providing excellent library service to Gilford residents and library patrons and I am proud to work with a dedicated staff and committed volunteers who make this happen on a daily basis. The Library has an elected Board of Trustees and a Friends of the Library group to support what we do. I encourage residents and patrons to let us know how we can better serve you and I welcome your comments in person or by email at [Katherine@gilfordlibrary.org](mailto:Katherine@gilfordlibrary.org).



### National Library Week April 11-16

This year's theme is *Create your own story @ your library*.

#### Tuesday, April 12, 3 p.m.

*What's Your Story?* Is it a list of events from your life, or is it something more abstract? Come spend an hour at *What's Your Story*, where we'll use various prompts to write until we can each distill our story into one imaginative page.



#### Thursday, April 14, 6-8 p.m.

*Fiddlin' Fun with Ellen Carlson* will have you stomping your feet and clapping your hands. She will share her experiences of coming from a musical family and will invite you to bring your story to share.

This is our annual Lucile Allen Program.



#### Monday-Friday, April 11-15, 11:30 a.m.

Special guests will be featured in the Children's Room all week long. Visit with the people who create the story of our town.



#### Friday, 6-8 p.m.

*SPOKEN: A teen open mic*

Play guitar? Write poetry? Always wanted to form your own band? Come perform or just hang out and watch the show at SPOKEN, an open-mic night for Gilford teens.

### Monthly Book Discussions

Copies of the books are available at the circulation desk.

#### Thursday, April 21

12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

*Breaking Clean* by Judy Blunt led by Abi Maxwell.

#### Thursday, May 19

12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

NH Humanities Council Series "The American Experience"  
*The Woman Warrior* by Maxine Hong Kingston.  
Lunch discussion led by Jan Alberghene and evening discussion led by Betty Tidd.

#### Thursday, June 16

12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

"The American Experience"  
*The Way to Rainy Mountain* by N. Scott Momaday.  
Lunch discussion led by Denise Askin and evening discussion led by Betty Tidd.

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### Library Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9-6  
Tuesday, Thursday 10-8  
Saturday 10-2

### Spring Holiday Closings

May 28 & 30



# Adult Programs

## New Offerings

### A Poetic State of Mind

Tuesday, April 5, 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 6, 12 noon

We're celebrating National Poetry Month by highlighting some of NH's finest poets and poems. Gilford poet Kelly Jean White, M.D. will lead the discussion.



### BRATTS Meeting

Thursday, April 21, 6:30 p.m.

*Belknap Range Trail Tenders* maintain the hiking trails in the Belknap Range, and all interested in hiking and trail maintenance are invited to attend their meeting. It will be led by Hal Graham.

### Lifelines: Poetry

Wednesdays, April 27-May 18, 3 p.m.

This four week course welcomes poets of all levels to come together with an open 'beginner's mind' to make poems. The workshops will be led by poet Kelley Jean White, M.D. Sign up with your library card.

### Author Visit

Thursday, May 12, 3-4 p.m.

How did Ben become a therapy dog? Come hear Holly Raus explain her interest and the difference between *therapy* and *service dogs* and see their new book—*Ben: the Very Best Furry Friend*.



### Bird Walk

Saturday, May 14, 8-10 a.m.

Meet at the DPW parking lot to go birding in Weeks Woods with birder, Mike Coskren. Wear sensible shoes and bring binoculars and bug spray. Rain or shine.



### Gilford Write Now Writers' Group

Wednesdays starting May 25, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Gilford library card holders who are interested in improving their writing skills are invited to join these weekly meetings.

### A Few More Miles:

#### A Bike Trip Through the Americas

Tuesday, June 14, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Ben Slavin rode his motorcycle 23,000 miles through 15 countries, traveling from NH to Ushuaia, Argentina. Come share the adventure!



### Weekly Geocache

Wednesdays starting June 29, 9:30-11 a.m.



Learn the basics of a GPS in a small class while you have fun finding a *cache*. Sign up required.

### Summer Reading:

Pick up your BINGO card on or after June 27, when our Adult Summer Reading, *Novel Destinations*, begins.



## Ongoing Events

### Foreign Movies

Thursday, April 28, 7 p.m.

*The Color of Paradise*, PG-rated. from Iran.

Thursday, June 2, 7 p.m.

*Mostly Martha*, PG-rated, from Germany.

### Mahjong

Mondays, 12:30 p.m.

Both American and Chinese games for newcomers and experienced players.

### Philosophy Club

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

This casual, comfortable club invites all who are interested in discussing basic questions of truth, ethics and more.

### Gilford Clickers

1st Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m.

Monthly photography club that welcomes new members.

### Rug Hooking—Hook in

1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 10 a.m.

Open to rug hookers of all levels and interests.

### Check out an Expert

Wednesdays, 9:15-11 a.m.

Get basic computer help with our expert!

### Crafter's Corner

Thursdays, 6-7:30 p.m.

Crafters meet and work on their projects together.

### Knit Wits

Fridays, 1:30 p.m.

Open knitting for all levels.



Available through our website:



Learn a new language with Mango Languages.

Audio Books and E-Books are available online.



Ancestry Plus is available at the public access computers.

# Teen Scene

## SPOKEN: A Teen Open Mic Night

Friday, April 15, 6-8 p.m.

Join us for our first open mic night! All teens ages 12 and up are invited to perform. Poets, storytellers, comedians, musicians, dancers, acrobats, and all others invited.



## Origami Afternoon

Wednesday, May 11, 2:30 p.m.

Come transform a piece of paper into a work of art at our teen *Origami Afternoon*.



## Bored? Play a Board Game!

Tuesday, June 7 2:30 p.m.

Looking for something to do after school? Come over to the library to hang out with friends and play a game.

## YOU ARE HERE! Summer Reading Program Begins June 27



Be sure to stop by the library on or after June 27, to pick up your passport to tour the world with our teen summer reading adventures!

## PageTurners

Monthly Meetings



What's going on in your world? What books and movies and music do you like right now? Any programs you think the library should have? If you're a teen who loves to read, who wants to think of something fun to do, or who just wants to hang out with friends at the

# Kids Stuff

## Special Events

### National Library Week Special Storytimes

Monday-Friday, April 11-15, 11:30 a.m.



Monday-Friday we will have exciting guests (and their vehicles!) for our Storytimes.

### Mother's Day Tea

Saturday, May 7, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Be our guest for Mother's Day Tea featuring a *Fancy Nancy* theme. Sign up required.



### Storytime 5-week sessions

March 8-April 7

April 26-May 26

Sign up required.

### Storytime (ages 3-5):

Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.

### Babygarten

(Birth-12 months):

Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m.

### Toddler Time (ages 1 & 2):

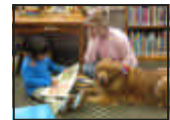
Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.



### Tales for Tails

Thursdays, 3:30-4:15 p.m.

Join us in the Storytime Room and spend some time with one of our *reading buddies*.



## Ongoing Fun

### Open Storytime

Fridays, 11:30 a.m. through June 3

Foster early literacy skills as we sing songs, share stories and create a craft. No sign-up required.



### Early Release Afterschool Craft

Wednesday, May 11, 1:30 p.m.

Decorate your own spring tote by using shoe reads to stamp colorful designs. Don't miss this afternoon of messy fun. Sign up in the Children's Room.



### Drop-In Crafts

**Saturday, April 16, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**

Decorate a plant pot and then add a bit of dirt and seeds. Take your craft home to water and watch grow.



**Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**

Surprise Craft

**Saturday, June 18, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**

Bring your Dad to the library for coffee and donuts. We'll have a special craft for you to make for Father's Day while dad sips on his coffee.



Calling all world travelers! Hop on board for our 2011 Summer Reading program, *One World, Many Stories*. Stop by the Children's Room on June 27<sup>th</sup> to sign up and join us for a journey across the seven continents.

## Friends Corner

### Summer Reading Program

Believe it or not, warmer weather is on its way and so too is the Gilford Public Library's Summer Reading Program. This always popular program is a great way to keep kids, teens, and adults reading all summer. The Friends are currently seeking sponsors for this important program. If you are interested in sponsoring or making a donation to the Summer Reading Program please contact Alexis Jackson, Friends President at [arjackson@metrocast.net](mailto:arjackson@metrocast.net), or Katherine Dormody, Library Director, at 524-6042.

### Museum Passes

Did you know the Friends of the Library purchases a variety of Museum passes that may be borrowed by library patrons? Sponsors for one or more of these passes are also needed.

### Help Needed

Are you looking to get involved in a great organization and work with dedicated, interesting people who are committed to making a difference in our community? Come to a meeting (fourth Wednesday of each month) or call Alexis or Katherine to help out in the Bookworm Shop or on Old Home Day.

The Friends of the Gilford Public Library, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, supports the Library by providing funds for services, equipment and activities beyond the Library's operating budget. Through member dues and donations, used book sales and special events, the Friends organization helps to enrich the Library's collections and activities.

### Available for Check Out to Gilford Residents 18 & Older



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