

Brooks Free Library Board of Trustees

Wednesday Feb. 11, 2015 7:00 pm
Thornton Room, Brooks Free Library
739 Main St., Harwich MA 02645

Agenda

1. Call to Order/Attendance
2. Approval of Minutes of Jan. 14, 2015
3. Public Comment
4. Reports:
 - A. Chairman
 - B. Library Director
 - C. Building & Grounds Committee
 - D. Liaison from Board of Selectman
 - E. Friends of Brooks Free Library
5. Correspondence:
6. Old Business:
 - A. Update on FY16 Budget Request and Capital Plan Projects
 - B. Update on Rogers Group
 - C. Mandatory Training on MA Conflict of Interest Law
 - D. Discuss Changing Time of March 11 2015 Trustees meeting (to follow 5 pm budget hearing with Finance Committee and Selectmen)
7. New Business:
 - A. Acceptance of Donations
8. Trustees' Report
9. Upcoming Meeting(s)
 - A. Next Trustees meeting – Wed. March. 11, 2015
 - B. FY16 Budget Review at joint meeting of Selectmen and Finance Committee - Wed. March 11, 2015 – 5 pm to 5:15 pm
10. Adjournment

Authorized posting officer

Virginia Hewitt
Brooks Free Library

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Minutes
Brooks Free Library Board of Trustees
Wednesday January 14, 2015
Thornton Room, Brooks Free Library
739 Main Street, Harwich, MA 02645

Draft

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Warde at 7: 20 P.M. Present were Mary Warde, Jeannie Wheeler, William Crowell, JoAnne Brown, Joan McCarty and Kathleen Remillard. Also present, Virginia Hewitt, Library Director.

Approval of Minutes: Joan McCarty made a motion to accept the November 17, 2014 minutes. Jeanne Wheeler seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Comment: None.

Reports:

Chairman: Mary Warde mentioned that three Trustees are up for re-election. Please let her know if you plan to run for re-election. Mary and Library Director, Virginia Hewitt met with the Town By-Law Committee. Everything is in order to amend Section 6-7-2 of the Town Charter.

Library Director: See Report. Virginia Hewitt announced that the 2014 MBLC Summer Reading Program partnership with the Boston Bruins awarded McKenna Carchedi, a first grader at Harwich Elementary School a signed Boston Bruins jersey. Last year another one of young patrons, sixth grader Ben Fratanonio, also won a signed Bruins' jersey.

Building & Grounds Committee:

- JoAnne Brown and Jeannie Wheeler met with Beth Williams to look at and narrow down carpet colors and patterns. Installers answered questions regarding removal of old carpet. Installation should be completed by May 1, 2015.
- CPC turned down the Trustees' request for exterior restoration and preservation. The committee will continue to work on exterior study. The roof, the interior and the generator are still on the Capital Plan.

Liaison from Board of Selectmen: None.

Friends of Brooks Free Library: JoAnne Brown attended the November meeting. Suzanne Martel will attend January 15, 2015 meeting.

Correspondence: Library Director, Virginia Hewitt received the State Aid Award Letter form MA Board of Library Commissioners. Total award for F/Y 2015 for Harwich libraries is \$7261.59.

Old Business:

- Ginny Hewitt gave the Trustees a folder with the budget request information. She updated the Trustees on the meeting she and the Chairman had with the Town Administrator.
- Investigation into the Rogers group statues continues.
- Next month William Crowell will be present at a meeting with Town Officials and Bartholomew Investment to discuss options for investment management.

New Business:

- JoAnne made a motion to accept donations totaling \$710.00. Jeanne Wheeler seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
- Mary Warde reminded the Trustees to complete the Mandatory Training on MA Conflict of Interest Law. Please give Administrative Assistant, Megan Hoye a copy of the Certificate. She will forward to Town Clerk.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Next Trustees meeting February 11, 2015 @ the Library, 7:00 P.M.
- Trustees meeting with Finance Committee and Selectmen is on Wednesday March 11, 2015 5:00 P.M. – 5:15 P.M.

Adjournment: Jeannie Wheeler made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 P.M. William Crowell seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Remillard

Library Director's Report
Feb 6, 2015

Pre-blizzard Opening on Monday, Jan. 26, 2015:

Brooks Free Library is normally closed on Mondays but held a special pre-storm opening from 10 am to 2 pm on Monday, Jan. 26th before Winter Storm Juno arrived. We sent press releases to newspapers, radio stations and Channel 18 and notified the community on our website and through Facebook and Twitter. The opening was just as successful as when we opened two years ago on Monday, Feb. 11, 2013 after Winter Storm Nemo caused widespread power outages that lasted several days. Patrons were extremely grateful for the opportunity to come in and pick up books, movies, board games and puzzles to keep themselves entertained while they were homebound.

Winter Storms

Town offices, including the Library, were closed on Tuesday, Jan. 27 and Wednesday Jan. 28th and had a delayed opening at noon on Thursday, Jan. 29th. The 30 inches of snow and prolonged length of the storm meant the Highway and Maintenance Dept. had limited resources for snow removal. I am including the following information in my report so that you're aware of the difficulties we've had with obtaining snow removal services since you're likely to have to respond to complaints from the public:

The initial clearing of the parking lot was not completed before the noon opening on Thurs., Jan. 29th. This meant parking was limited and the handicapped spaces were not fully cleared and accessible. On Saturday, Jan. 31st I discovered the emergency exits, including the below grade exterior emergency exit stairwell from the basement meeting room, had still not been cleared and were blocked by high snow drifts, so I cleared them. The front sidewalk was not cleared and remained ice and snow covered. Staff members salted the sidewalk regularly but that was not sufficient to improve conditions. On Tuesday, Feb. 3rd I again requested assistance for all these issues and a crew came and shoveled out the exterior stairwell. On Wednesday, Feb. 3rd a plow and front-end loader cleared the handicapped spaces and some additional parking spaces, but no work was done on the front sidewalk. Pedestrians had to continue to climb the snow banks to get to the sidewalk, which they used to avoid walking in the street. We witnessed many close-calls where pedestrians trying to climb over the snowbanks were nearly hit by cars and we have received numerous complaints from community members reminding us of our responsibility as property owners and of the Town's liability. On Friday, Feb. 6th a bobcat cleared the front sidewalk and created openings to the crosswalks, so our current safety concerns have been resolved.

The Highway Dept. has definitely had a herculean task dealing with the blizzard and several storms since then and has done an excellent job. Snow removal is an on-going issue for the Library as the property owners, however. We have a responsibility to ensure the safety of community members and to protect the Town from liability, but we have no funding to obtain private snow removal services when Highway is unable to provide it. We can discuss this more at your meeting.

The UPS battery system for the elevator was damaged during Winter Storm Juno. Associated Elevator restored elevator service on Thursday Jan. 29th so we are able to use it.

Without the UPS unit, the elevator will not take the carriage to the nearest street level floor in a power outage or when the fire alarm activates. Staff members have been advised to check if someone is stuck in the elevator if power is lost and contact the Fire Dept and/or Associated Elevator if necessary. Associated will provide a quote for replacement of the UPS.

Multiple security alarms occurred during the blizzard on Wed. Jan.28 from midnight to 1 pm. The police officers checked and cleared the building at 2 pm but another motion detector alert was transmitted 45-minutes after the officers left. It is undetermined if the motion detector alerts were caused by an electronic malfunction or if an intruder had been in the building. I met an officer at the building the following morning and did another check of the building.

Community Read: "Harwich Reads: Growing Our Community"

We've been working with the Cultural Council and a number of Town departments and community organizations to present Harwich's first Community Read. The theme is "Harwich Reads: Growing Our Community" and focuses on gardening. Two books have been chosen – Barbara Kingslover's Animal, Vegetable, Miracle and the classic Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett. The kick-off event is this Saturday, Feb. 7 at 2pm at the Library and will feature a presentation by Donna Wood Eaton, owner of Cedar Springs Farm in Harwich, about sustainable communities and what we can do at a personal level. Donna has been an organic grower on Cape Cod since 1982 and currently grows vegetables, fruit, medicinal and culinary herbs. On March 1st the Friends of Brooks Free Library are sponsoring a talk by Stephanie Foster on her book Farms of Cape Cod. Multiple book group discussions and many other related programs will be held over the next few months. The Harwich Junior Theatre will be performing The Secret Garden in April and May. A Cultural Council grant will enable 5th and 6th graders from Monomoy Middle School to attend a performance. Community Read flyers distributed at the Library and around town and on our website.

Tax Forms

Public libraries have been key community distribution points for tax forms and instructions for the past decade. In prior years we were able to order a multitude of popular forms and instructions and were also provided with a binder of reproducible forms, but in the last two to three years it's become more difficult for us to obtain a sufficient supply to meet demand. Both the Internal Revenue Service and Mass. Dept of Revenue have been promoting e-filing and have reduced the number of forms they print, expecting taxpayers to locate the forms online and print them themselves. Many of our residents need assistance to do this however, and many, many taxpayers rely on picking up forms and instructions at the Library. This year, however, the Internal Revenue Service will only be sending us three forms -1040, 1040A, and 1040EZ. They will not send us any instruction booklets, publications or other forms. We have received a small supply of the Mass. Resident Income Tax Form 1 booklets that include many of the common Mass. forms and schedules, but it's not clear if they will replenish this supply during the tax filing season. Forms and instructions can also be ordered by phone, but patrons have already reported difficulty getting through by phone.

We have designated a computer in the second floor Reference Department specifically for accessing the IRS and Dept. of Revenue websites and viewing, downloading, printing and ordering forms. Our normal printing charges will apply, however, since we cannot absorb the printing costs, and many of the instruction booklets are lengthy. Both the IRS and the Mass DOR have free electronic filing options available through their websites for some users. Other low cost commercial tax software products are also available online.

While Library staff members are not tax professionals and cannot provide tax advice or recommend what forms are appropriate for someone, we will continue to assist taxpayers with locating, viewing, printing and requesting forms and instructions. This information and links to the IRS and DOR sites are provided on our website and we are also providing handouts with the contact information for both agencies.

New Winter Toddler Program on Saturdays:

Youth Services Librarian Ann Carpenter will again run a Toddler Playgroup on Saturdays at 10:30 am beginning Feb. 14th. The program will vary but will include singing songs, reading books and doing activities. This type of program will allow more flexibility on the content than last winter's Little Hands Art, making it easier for other staff members to run the program when Ann has the day off. It is scheduled to run through March.

Other Programming:

Youth Services has a number of special programs planned in February for school vacation week, including making Grass Head Guys, birdfeeders, and engineering challenge and a magic show. Attendance has really picked up at our Thursday afternoon HJT Explorers program after the holidays, with 12-15 teens and tweens participating.

Staff Librarian Emily Milan and Reference Librarian Jennifer Pickett are offering several Tech Talks this month on downloading eBooks to your iPad and Kindle Fire and an introductory session on the Samsung Galaxy Tab.

While some regular attendees have gone south for the winter our recurring book groups, writers groups, Knit-Lit and other programs continue provide a great intellectual and social outlet for community members during the winter. Our program calendars are included in your packets.

Annual Holiday Fine Amnesty and Canned Food Drive:

Our Fine Amnesty and Canned Food Drive ended on Jan. 3rd. This was the 15th year we have offered the fine amnesty and we collected the largest amount of donations ever. Twenty-eight large bins – approximately 4500 cans and containers of non-perishable food – were collected and given to the Family Pantry.

VITAL Article in CC Chronicle

The Jan. 29th edition of the Cape Cod Chronicle included an article on services for people with vision loss that featured our Vision Impaired Technology Assistance at the Library (VITAL) program. A copy is included in your packets.

Fire Emergency Evacuation Plan

The attached Fire Emergency Evacuation Plan was developed by Assistant Director Suzanne Martell with guidance of Dept. Fire Chief Kent Farrenkopf. It does not need to be approved by the Trustees but is included in your packets for informational purposes.

Re-carpeting project:

Building and Grounds Committee Co-Chairs JoAnne Brown and Jeannie Wheeler, Library Assistant Director, Town Facilities Manager and I have been meeting with the consultant, vendors and installers to select the carpet tiles and discuss installation issues and scheduling. We plan to minimize disruption to library services as much as possible and are now looking at scheduling work over a period of time that will require partial closing of various areas for several days but won't require a complete closure of the building. With the procurement process and lead time for manufacture, we anticipate the installation beginning in April. A project timeline and tentative installation schedule should be available soon.

Exterior Preservation Study:

The contract for the CPA-funded study of the exterior of the historic portions of the building and streetscape has been awarded to McGinley Kalsow & Associates. Library Building and Grounds Co-Chairs JoAnne Brown and Jeannie Wheeler, the Town Facilities Manager, the Town Engineer, our liaison from the Historic District Historical Commission and I attended the kick-off meeting with McGinley Kalsow on Jan. 22nd.

Solar Panel Projects:

The Utility and Energy Conservation Committee has invited me to attend an informational meeting they're hosting on Feb. 12th about funding for photo-voltaic panels on Town buildings. The Library has a very long roofline with southern exposure, great for solar panels. The timing could work out well since our roof replacement is on the capital plan for FY17 so a project wouldn't be adding solar panels to a roof that needs replacement.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia A. Hewitt
Library Director

Losing Vision Doesn't Mean Losing Touch

Cape Cod Chronicle, The (Chatham, MA) - January 29, 2015

Author: Alan Pollock

It seems to be part of the human condition: as we age, we often experience sight loss. For some, there are treatments. For others, losing one's vision necessitates some changes in daily life.

In any case, what's key is making sure sight loss doesn't contribute to the feeling of isolation that many seniors face. Thanks to technology and a good dose of human ingenuity, there are plenty of tools available to help.

For years, libraries have helped lead the way for people with sight loss. At Brooks Free Library in Harwich, the Vision Impaired Technology Assistance at the Library program - known as VITAL - trains library patrons in the use of special devices and software that allows people to continue using print materials.

"Whether using audio, magnification, or Braille, this technology enables people to continue reading despite their sight loss," VITAL coordinator Carla Burke said.

And maintaining that connection to the printed word is about more than just keeping up with current events.

"Reading connects us to people: to our family and friends, to our community, to the world," she said. "This is so important, especially for people feeling isolated due to their sight loss. This is particularly true of seniors, many of whom live alone," Burke said.

Like the Eldredge Public Library in Chatham, Brooks has a number of hightech tools available for patrons who have trouble seeing.

"The library has two dedicated computers with five assistive software programs, a desktop and portable video magnifier, a reading machine that converts text to speech, an iPod Touch and iPad mini for use with Apple's VoiceOver screen reader and Zoom screen magnifier, and other devices," she said. Patrons who aren't comfortable with high-tech gadgets have access to low-tech devices like hand-held magnifiers and writing guides.

On Cape Cod, there are plenty of other resources available for people with vision problems, like Dennis-based Sight Loss Services (www.SightLoss.org), which provides connections to experts and support groups. For decades, volunteers with the Audible Local Ledger (www.Audible-LocalLedger.org) have read newspapers aloud for the benefit of people with vision loss; The Cape Cod Chronicle is read each Thursday at 3 p.m., and the broadcasts can be heard free on the organization's website. Even The Chronicle's electronic edition has an audio function that will read stories aloud to subscribers.

Devices to assist the vision-impaired aren't only at the library. This year, an estimated 1.6

million senior citizens in the U.S. will be legally blind, a number expected to double by 2030. With that, there's a recognition that assistive services

need to be more broadly available.

Last year, Thirwood Place assisted living community in Yarmouth launched a low vision program, providing a unique set of services to seniors with sight loss from macular degeneration, glaucoma or other vision problems. Sales and Marketing Director Larry Lyford said the company was contacted by Sight Loss Services on behalf of a client with special vision needs, and after doing some research, determined there weren't any assisted living options specially tailored for people with sight loss. Thirwood Place now offers units equipped with all kinds of helpful devices.

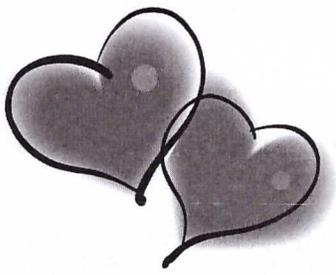
"We bought all kinds of really neat things that we can put into an apartment, like a talking microwave, a talking scale, and we have an optical mouse which magnifies 14 times, connected to a large-screen TV," Lyford said. Other amenities can include a talking thermostat, a cool-to-the-touch induction cook-top range and a monitor that signals when to stop pouring so a coffee mug is filled to the right level.

"There's a ton of advancements in the amount of adaptive aids for folks with low- or impaired vision," Lyford said.

But the services go beyond the high-tech toys to include the all-important human element. Staff members are trained annually on the best strategies for working with residents with low vision. In the dining room, for instance, table cloths are forest green in color to provide good contrast with the white plates. Staff members are even taught to tell residents where the food is located on their plates.

"They might say something like, your meat is at six o'clock and your veggies are at three o'clock," Lyford said.

The Thirwood Place program also includes an optometrist who's available to consult with residents. "Instead of focusing on what's wrong with someone's vision, she actually works with what remaining vision a person has," he said.



FEBRUARY PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

BROOKS FREE LIBRARY
739 Main Street Harwich MA 02645
508-430-7562

Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10am–7pm
Friday and Saturday 10am–4pm

FEBRUARY SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Sun., February 1—2:00 p.m.—Walt Whitman, Poet— Actor Steve Collins presents the works of Walt Whitman. Collins has been featured in the Boston Globe and teaches the public about theater through lecture and performance. Collins works professionally as a tour guide for historical tours of Boston. He has a bachelor's degree in literature from the University of Massachusetts Boston. Sponsored by the Friends of Brooks Free Library. Light refreshments will be served following the program.

Sat., February 7—2:00 p.m.—Harwich Reads: Growing Our Community Kick-off - Join us to kick-off our first community read ever! We will read 2 books over the next few months: Animal, Vegetable Miracle by Barbara Kingsolver and The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett. To get us thinking in that direction, Donna Wood Eaton will lecture about sustainable communities and what we can do at a personal level. Donna is the owner of Cedar Spring Herb Farm in Harwich and a member of Buy Fresh Buy Local. An organic grower on Cape Cod since 1982 who currently grows vegetables, fruit, medicinal and culinary herbs. She is well versed in issues of importance such as food security, sustainable landscapes, slow food movements and wild edibles. ***Separate newsletter with all events is available.***

*****New Program*** - Tuesday, Feb. 10 & 17—6:00-7:30 p.m.—Men's Card Night**— Calling all Gentlemen! A group night to play some cribbage, whist, hearts or even poker (just chips) and socialize in a warm and friendly building.

WEEKLY PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

Knit-Lit Group: Every Wednesday from 12:30- 2:30 -Experienced knitters and novices are invited to bring their needles and yarn and to share knitting stories and experiences with other knitters.

Device Advice Drop-In Hour Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. - Bring your device (tablet, laptop, e-reader, cell phone, etc.) and get your questions answered. Whether it's how to adjust the settings, perform a specific function like download an app, or just to get a quick overview, we will do our best to help you learn more about your device. If you have multiple questions or think you need one-on-one tutoring, ask about our Book-a-Librarian program. For more information about this service, please contact Staff Librarian Emily Milan at emilan@clamsnet.org or by phone, 508-430-7562 ext. 4.

Mahjong Group: Every Thursday from 10:30-12:00 p.m.—Come meet to play the ancient Chinese game of mahjong. No instruction will be given at this time but individuals not knowing how to play could come and watch the game being played by those who do know.

Memoir Writing: Fridays from 10:30-12:00 p.m.—Come join Dr. Jay Anderson to learn about writing down your memories.

Low Vision Current Events Discussion Group: Every Friday at 2:00 pm - Join us for reading and discussion of current topics. Readers and topics vary each week. Co-sponsored by the COA

MONTHLY PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

Memories in Scrapbooks and Cards: 1st Thursday of each month from 6-9 pm: Bring your own materials and photos and join the group for advice, and sharing of tools & techniques while socializing.

Evening Writers Group led by Donna Tavano 2nd Thursday of each month from 6:30-8:30 p.m.: Open to all levels and experience, age and interests. If you join, be prepared to read what you are working on, accept critiques and offer them.

TECH TALKS

Downloading eBooks to Your iPad: Saturday February 14th @ 10:30 am-12:00 p.m.-During this program we will cover how to download free library eBooks to your Apple iPad. We will begin by downloading the OverDrive app and follow all the way through the process of downloading and returning an eBook. Registration is required and participation is limited. Please contact Emily Milan via email at emilan@clamsnet.org or by phone at 508-430-7562 ext. 4.

Downloading eBooks to Your Kindle Fire: Saturday February 14th @ 1:30-3:00 p.m.-During this program we will cover how to download free library eBooks to your Kindle Fire. We will begin by downloading the OverDrive app and follow all the way through the process of downloading and returning an eBook. Registration is required and participation is limited. Please contact Emily Milan via email at emilan@clamsnet.org or by phone at 508-430-7562 ext. 4.

Samsung Galaxy Tab Basics: Thursday February 26th @ 6pm-This month's Thursday evening Tech Talk will explore the Samsung Galaxy Tab. Best suited for new owners of the Galaxy Tab, we will examine the settings, functions and special features of this Android tablet. Registration is required and participation is limited. To register, please contact Staff Librarian Emily Milan at 508-430-7562 ext. 4 or via email at emilan@clamsnet.org.

Basic Ebook Help—Saturdays 1:30-3:00 pm.

Library Staff will be on hand to assist you with questions you have about downloading books onto an eReader. We will do our best to help you with your iPad, Kindle, Kindle Fire, Galaxy Tab or other tablet.

Book-a-Librarian: by appointment

Brooks Free Library cardholders can book a thirty minute appointment with one of our qualified staff members to learn more about browsing the Internet, creating or checking email, downloading ebooks, using the CLAMS catalog or many other technology related topics. Simply fill out a quick Book-a-Librarian Request Form and we will contact you to book your appointment! In addition to the initial 30 minute appointment, our cardholders can also receive one follow-up appointment covering the same topic. Once you have completed the request form, please allow 1-2 business days for a response. Appointments are made based on your preferred appointment time and staff availability. Preference is given to Harwich residents.

Book Groups

*Our Book Groups are open to new members. Copies of the current month's selections are on reserve at the Circulation Desk.
For more information contact the Library.*

1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. – Evening Book Group

Feb. 3 – By Blood by Ellen Ullman

March 3 – The Telling Room by Michael Paterniti.

2nd Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. – Morning Book Group

Feb. 10 – Animal, Vegetable, Miracle by Barbara Kingsolver

March 10 – The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

4th Tuesday 6:30 p.m. - Literary Diners

Please bring a pot luck dish and a personal place setting.

Feb. 24 – The Dinner by Herman Koch

March 24 – Animal, Vegetable, Miracle by Barbara Kingsolver

3rd Friday 1-2 p.m. – The Greatest Generation Meets

“The Greatest Generation” is a term coined by Tom Brokaw that pays tribute to the men and women who served our country, both overseas and at home, during World War II. If you are a member of this generation, or are interested in this period of history, join our discussion and share your ideas and experiences. Harwich residents needing transportation should call the Council On Aging van at (508) 241-1566 by 11am the day before each Friday to make a reservation.

Feb. 20 – The Bedford Boys: One American Town's Ultimate Sacrifice by Alex Kershaw

For more information on Children's and Young Adult programs, stop by the library and pick up a calendar or access the complete calendar online at the website below!

www.brooksfreelibrary.org



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February 2015

Brooks Free Library Youth Programs Feb. 2015

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		Library Hours: Sun., Mon.: Closed Tues., Wed., Thurs.: 10am—7pm Fri., Sat.: 10am—4pm	Story Time 10:30 Lego Club 4:00-5:00	Science Storytime! 11:15 Teen Library Corps 3:30	Homeschool Book Club 11:00 HJT Explorer 3:30-4:30	Mother Goose on the Loose 10:30		
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Children's Programs at the Brooks Free Library February 2015

Story Time is held every Tuesday at 10:30. We will read stories and sing songs, then make a small craft. This program is designed for children ages birth to five, but all children are welcome. Young children may need adult assistance with the craft. No registration required.

Mother Goose on the Loose Join us as we sing songs, recite nursery rhymes, and play with musical instruments every Friday at 10:30! This program, intended to support basic literacy skills in our youngest library users, is targeted at babies and toddlers, but older children are also welcome. No registration is required.

Creative Movement This popular program is held at 11:15 on the second and Fourth Wednesday. Lisa Canto will lead preschoolers in rhythm and music activities. No registration is required.

Science Storytime Preschoolers and young children can explore STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) concepts. We will pick a STEM theme and read a related book, then do a project or exploration. This program is designed for preschoolers, but all children are welcome. Younger children may need adult assistance with projects. No registration is required.

Homeschool Activity Club Meeting every third Thursday, the Homeschool Activity Club makes crafts, does experiments, and generally engages in a variety of activities, sometimes pure fun, sometimes educational.

Teen Library Corps. The TLC is a group for middle school and high school students who want to help with some of the "fun" aspects of library service. We will help decorate the library, prep for craft programs, and have the opportunity to volunteer to work with younger children at special programs. Participating in the Teen Library Corps counts towards community service hours.

Lego Club Lego enthusiasts of all ages can build together. We will provide the Lego block from our extensive collection. No registration.

HJT Explorer: Middle and high school students can explore the theater arts in this fun program. No registration required.

Early Release Movies: We will show a movie for middle and high school students every Early Release Day at 2:30. No registration.

Special Programs

NEW! Toddler Playgroup: Children ages birth through 4 are invited to our new playgroup. We will sing songs, read books, play games, and engage with children in an age-appropriate manner. No registration is required.

Engineering Challenge: Students are challenged to build a table that will bear weight using only newspaper and tape. This program is designed for school-aged children, but all are welcome. No registration is required.

Magic Show!: Ed Popielarczyk, popular comic magician, is back to present a magic show featuring the wonder of plants and flowers. No registration is required, free tickets will be handed out starting at 1:30 on a first come, first served basis.

Grass Head Guys: Make a "guy" with grass for hair! The program is designed for all ages. No registration is required.

Birdfeeder Craft: Make your own birdfeeder with shortening, birdseed, and recycled materials! All are welcome. Very young children may need adult assistance. No registration is required.