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Winter Newsletter 2017

Upcoming Fundraiser: Glass Painting Social, Thursday March 9

Last year, more than 30 budding artists and dabblers had a great time at this early spring fundraiser. This year, The Express and Create Company will provide us with all we need for another fun night to be hosted by the Wood River Golf Center at their 11th Green Restaurant and Pub from about 6:30 to 9:30. We encourage you to come early to take advantage of their "Two for \$Twenty Two\$" Thursday dining special (2 entrees chosen from the Two for Twenty Two menu come with a choice of a house cocktail, wine or draught beer for \$22). We will paint either wine glasses or beer steins with a choice of 4 different styles and the option to paint one or two glasses. The cost for this event will be about \$40 including the glass and all materials. You will be able to reserve a space on line or at the Library. Mark your calendars now and watch for more details to come!



Wanted: A Volunteer Tech Wizard

Who: Someone of any age who is comfortable using smart phones, tablets and computers and can explain things like apps and social media to "digital immigrants"

What: Be a volunteer tech tutor 2-4 hours a month at the Ashaway Free Library

Why: Because it's easy for you and you want to share your skills, because you want to help others join the digital age, because you'd like to gain community

service hours, because you want to contribute to your community, because you're nice!

When: This tech wizard will work one-on-one by appointment, for a couple hours twice a month, during Library hours either on Saturday or a Tuesday/Thursday evening.

How: Call the Library at 377-2770 Today!

February 4 is "Take Your Child to the Library Day"

Saturday, February 4 will be a great day to introduce us to your child and to introduce your child to all the wonders of your village library. Maybe it's time to get that first library card, find a book about dinosaurs or dolphins, or to check out what other surprises might be on offer. Children, parents and grandparents of all ages are welcome!



Ideas for New Year's Resolutions

1. Explore a new reading genre.

How to: Check out some new non-fiction books that are just as absorbing as fiction. Have you looked at the local history materials lately?

2. Start a new book group.

How to: Think about the ideal group size, how to choose books, when to meet. Bring the details to the Librarian to post to the AFL mailing list and see who shows up.

3. Share your interests, talents and skills.

How to: Offer a how-to workshop, teach a craft, share travel stories at the AFL



New Books in Adult Non-Fiction

Thanks to a small grant from the RI State Senate, the AFL has begun to update its adult non-fiction collection. Librarian Heather Field describes some recent additions:

How to Hygge: Nordic Secrets to a Happy Life by Signe Johansen

The Little Book of Hygge: Danish Secrets to Happy Living by Meik Wiking

Hygge (HOO-gah) is a Danish concept, and it's often credited with Danes being the happiest people on Earth. NPR's Claire O'Neill described it as "something like 'fireplace warmth with candles and family and friends and food, tucked under blankets on a snowy day, cup-of-coffee conversation, scarf-snuggle, squiggly, warm baby love.'" It's having a huge moment in England right now and is rapidly making its way to the US. These are just two of the many hygge-related books being published here in 2017.

Hamilton: The Revolution by Lin-Manuel Miranda and Jeremy McCarter

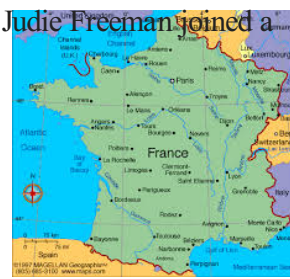
This one tells the history of the Pulitzer- and Tony-award-winning musical and includes the complete libretto with Lin-Manuel Miranda's notes and commentary. A CD of the *Hamilton* soundtrack will also be available at the AFL in the near future.

For people that want to kick their job search into high gear in the New Year, we have the brand-new 2017 edition of *What Color is Your Parachute? A Practical Handbook for Job-Hunters and Career-Changers*.

Windows 10: The Missing Manual by David Pogue is helpful for people who just need to brush up their Windows skills as well as for computer experts who like knowing all of the features and nuances of the new operating system.

Small World Department

While on a river cruise in France this past September, Library Trustee Judie Freeman joined a dinner table of strangers. While chatting, Judie discovered that her new dinner companions, Tom and Ann Gray, were North Stonington residents who had been to the Ashaway Library Book and Plant sale! Ann mentioned that she'll be donating plants for our next Book and Plant Sale in early May, 2017.



River Cruise Bookings for October Still Available

Speaking of river cruises, it is still possible to book tickets for the Library-sponsored 9 day Seine River cruise to Normandy in October. This is a five star luxury cruise offered by Vantage Travel. What makes it unique is that it is organized by Library Trustee Judie Freeman and if a sufficient number of travelers sign up, the Library will receive a generous donation from the travel company. You don't have to be a "card carrying member" of the Ashaway Library nor will you be identified with the Library group once on board, so invite your friends and relatives to go with you. The trip includes a visit to Monet's garden at Giverny, Vernon, Les Andelys, Honfleur (D-Day Landing Beaches), and Rouen. The cost starts at \$3278 and includes round trip air from Boston to Paris, government taxes and fees, fuel surcharges, destination airport transfers, deluxe outside stateroom accommodations, all meals (20), beer, wine and soft drinks at dinner, 6 sightseeing tours, and port charges. Call Judie for more information 401-322-9067 or check out this website for videos, full itinerary and more information.

<http://www.vantagetravel.com/ourjourneys/deluxe-river-journeys/paris-highlights-of-normandy/2017/itinerary#top>

AFL Book Club Inspires Author Ann Hood

Jo-Ann Bates and Rose Durham, members of the Ashaway Book Club, were at the Savoy Book Store in Westerly some months ago when author Ann Hood was talking about her new book, *The Book that Matters Most*. She was asked where her inspiration came from. She described attending a book club meeting in the southern part of the state where the group chose books based on theme for the year. She also described the good food and wine that the club members enjoyed as they talked about books. Jo-Ann asked her later if it was the Ashaway Book Club she was at and, in fact, it was. Turns out, the Ashaway Book Club served as an inspiration for *The Book that Matters Most*!



As with many book clubs, membership is limited so that everyone has an opportunity to participate fully. If you are interested, you can call the Library and ask to be put on a waiting list. If there are enough people on the list, it's possible another book club might be organized.





Card-Making Program

The holiday card-making program was a huge success this year. A total of 20 ladies participated and left with 14 projects, a grab bag filled with surprises, and some holiday spirit to get the season started. The regular monthly program will resume in January. Notification is made by email, so if you are interested, be sure we have your email address. Here are some of the beautiful cards that were made.....



Do You Knit or Crochet?

Many local libraries have thriving knit/crochet groups that allow participants to learn from one another while chatting and making new friends. It's a great way to build skills and to use the Library's facilities to build community connections. If you are interested in forming or joining such a group, please call the AFL at 377-2770 and leave your name, phone number, and level of expertise (newcomer, moderate experience, expert).



Fall/Winter Appeal

We would like to thank our many constituents who have responded to our fall/winter fundraising appeal. If you have not yet done so and would like to make a tax deductible donation, please make checks payable to "Ashaway Free Library." We also would like to encourage our patrons to consider becoming a sustaining donor, whereby a monthly donation in the amount of your choice is automatically deducted from a bank account or credit card. It is safe, convenient, and cost efficient for the Library as we would only contact you once a year. Please consult with Heather, our librarian, for more information. [DONATE NOW!](#)

A Word about Planned Giving

This is the paragraph most of us skip over. After all, most of us are not in the category of people who think about their estate and who will inherit. But you would be surprised what a difference ordinary, average people have made to the AFL's existence.

The AFL has managed to thrive for almost 150 years because of the forethought of ordinary individuals who planned their giving. Our small endowment resulted from a bequest of property

many years ago and now stands as insurance against unexpected expenses. Other individuals who recognized the importance of libraries in our communities left instructions for an annual bequest to the AFL. The Library's adult programming is funded by such a modest bequest. Charitable gifts like these perpetuate your values. They can be designated for the AFL operating costs, for the endowment, or for a specific purpose.

If you believe in the value of libraries in general and your village library in particular, consider charitable gift planning. Bequests can include securities, real estate, life insurance policies, personal property. Besides helping the Library, such donations serve as income tax deductions and can reduce donor's taxable estate. If you are interested, consult your attorney or ask your Librarian for more information.

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