



Belden Noble Memorial Library

P.O. Box 339, 2759 Essex Rd.
Essex, NY 12936

Summer 2018

Dear Friends of the Belden Noble Memorial Library,

Ta Da!!! We have at last wrapped up our NYS Library Construction grant! The final project is our beautiful deck, built by Michael Intrabartola. It's a great place to sit in the sun and read, chat with friends, or hold a small group meeting. Stop by and see why we're so proud of this addition.

Our attention turns now to the inside of the library. We're expanding our collections, holding exciting programs like our "Meet Your Neighbors" series and our new story time with Miss Sally. With a recent grant from the Essex Community Fund we are purchasing a new projection screen and laptop, and a grant from Stewart's has allowed us to acquire more toys and books for the Children's Room.

We sadly bid farewell to two of our Board members. Cara Graves resigned to focus on her nursing job and oversee the construction of her new home. Happily, Cara will continue to volunteer behind the desk. Joyce Sukel, a Board member for almost twenty years, reluctantly resigned to spend more time with her husband. After all she has done for the Library we couldn't let her leave completely so she has been awarded the status of Lifetime Honorary Board member. Chris DePinto has joined our ranks. He and his wife, Lexi, are relative newcomers to Essex. You'll see him and his orange trailer around town as he expands his lawn care business.

We would like to thank the many people who make this such a "happening place": those who have participated in the "Meet Your Neighbors" series, those who give workshops and presentations, and those who use our Reading Room and bring children to the Steven Kellogg Children's Room.

Most of all, we want to thank you. Without your support at our bake sales and our silent auction, without your volunteering your time to cover the desk, without your willingness to present programs and workshops we wouldn't be what we are today. As always, we also need your financial support so we can continue to expand our offerings. Now that we are a bona fide 501(c)3 donors with a corporate match can name our library so we can receive additional funds. With your help we can continue to offer the Town of Essex a full-service library in a beautiful historic building.

Sincerely,

Colleen M. Van Hoven

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President, Belden Noble Memorial Library Board



BELDEN NOBLE MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWS

JULY 2018

Hours (May 1 to Sep 30)

Mon. 2-4pm
Tues. 2-4pm
Wed. 10am to noon
Thurs. 1-6pm
Fri. 12-5pm
Sat. 10-5pm

Hours (Oct 1 to Apr 30)

Tues. 1-4pm
Thurs. 1-6pm
Fri. 12-5pm
Sat. 10-5pm

Our Library Associate, Hillary Hollister-Hinge, is at the library on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The library is staffed by volunteers at other times.

Our Director, Tom Mangano, manages programs, communication, and collection development.

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From the Board ...

Do you see us as a small country library? Actually, that's not who we are at all. We're not really "small." As a member of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System (CEFLS), we are one of 33 libraries and we are able to draw on the resources of all the members of the system. If you want a particular book, DVD, reference, or audio book, if it exists in the system, we will help you find it. A CEFLS van makes weekly deliveries so typically you don't have to wait long.

We're not really a "country" library either. We have computers, WiFi and high-speed internet available to the public. We have the ability to print, copy, scan and fax your documents. Upstairs we have the beautiful Steven Kellogg Children's Reading Room and an expanding book collection for children. And we offer interesting programs for all ages, from Miss Sally's offerings for young children, to the MacMan's computer workshops.

So stop in and see what this "small country library" can offer you!



Activities are part of Storytime with Miss Sally in the Steven Kellogg Children's Room

From the Director ...

Sharing ideas and knowledge

We strive to be a place where ideas and knowledge are shared. Often knowledge is hiding in plain sight. Our **Getting to Know Your Neighbors** series is based on the recognition that there's much value in the stories of people who make Essex a great place.

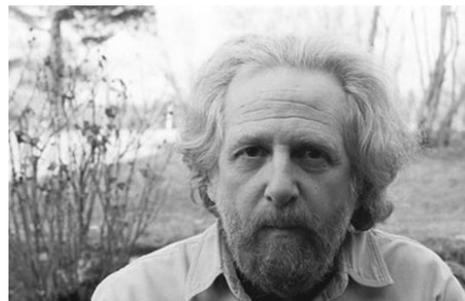
We also use your ideas to enhance what we do day-to-day. When a young mother recently inquired about opening the library earlier one day a week because toddlers nap after lunch, we switched our Wednesday hours to the morning and added a storytime. When patrons suggest books to be added to our collection, we give these suggestions high priority. The same is true for programs. Patron suggestions and connections brought us author Liam Callanan in May and will bring us poet/author Baron Wormser on August 30.

It's a two-way process. The library provides you with many sources of knowledge -- and listening to you, our patrons, enhances the library in its mission.

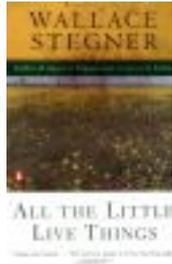
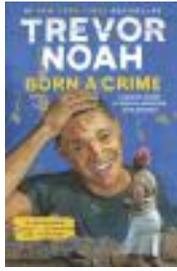


Andy Buchanan & Mary-Nell Bachman (left) and Shirley & Jim Laforest (right) were the first two presenters in the Getting to Know Your Neighbors series, which continues through December.

Poet and author, Baron Wormser, former poet laureate of Maine from 2000 to 2006 and our neighbor in Vermont, will visit the library on August 30.



What we are reading



Colleen: *Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood* by Trevor Noah. If you have ever been to South Africa, read about apartheid, or watched Trevor Noah on late night TV, this is a great read. The child of a biracial couple at a time when such a union was illegal, Trevor recounts his upbringing with honesty, openness and humor. His stories are compelling and inspiring – and often both tragic and comic at the same time. His path from Soweto to late-night TV is amazing. Occasionally I did have to remind myself not to judge life in Soweto by my cultural standards. Enjoy!

Maureen: *All the Little Live Things*, by Wallace Stegner, a favorite author of mine – his writing can make your jaw drop. The book's main character is Joe Allston, an aging and cranky literary agent who has retired with his wife to what should be a paradise. But a neighbor – sweet, forgiving, gentle young Marian - and an odd, entitled interloper named Peck cause Allston (and the reader) to ponder youth, age, life, death, and human relations in general. This would be a great book discussion selection.

Monica: *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance, which relates the harsh realities and unexpected successes that people experience in poverty-stricken Appalachia. It's a tale that translates just as readily to life among those less fortunate in the Adirondacks, shedding light on the human condition wherever it may be.

Tom: *Personal History* by Katharine Graham. I was tremendously impressed by the portrayal of Katharine Graham's courage and strength in Steven Spielberg's film in *The Post*, which focused on her decision to publish the Pentagon Papers in 1971. I followed up by reading her autobiography, written in the late 1990s. I learned that this episode was only one of many crises she managed with grace and skill in the course of her lifetime!

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____ **Volunteer!** The Belden Noble Library could not function without its volunteers. We will do our best to match your talents with one of the many jobs available. We look forward to hearing from you!

____ **Make a financial contribution!** Yes, money will help your library!
And, now as an official 501(c)3 organization, we are eligible for matching gifts.

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