

# Belden Noble Memorial Library Newsletter

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## A Few Notes From the Library Board

### May 1 to Sep 30

Mon. 2pm-4pm  
Tues. 2pm-4pm  
Wed. 10am to 5pm  
Thurs. 12pm-5pm  
Fri. 12pm-5pm  
Sat. 10am-5pm  
Sun. closed

### Oct 1 to Apr 30

Mon. closed  
Tues. closed  
Wed. 10am to 4pm  
Thurs. 11am-4pm  
Fri. 11am-4pm  
Sat. 10am-4pm  
Sun. closed

Our Library Director, Julie Wever manages the library on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The library is staffed by volunteers at other times.

**Belden Noble Memorial Library is an association library operated by our Board of Trustees:**

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### Meet Our New Director

For those who have not yet met our new Library Director, Julie Wever, we encourage you to stop in to say hello. Julie has been at the library for just six short months but has already added many new titles to the collection, written grants for programs, and created several special events (did you get your donut on Donut Day?) She has many plans for interesting future programs. You will notice her great sense of humor on the sign outside the library when passing by.

Many of the upcoming programs are a result of Julie's creative energy and her many years of library experience. Welcome aboard Julie!

### MOU with the Town of Essex

The Library Board has been working diligently the last few years to create a Memorandum of Understanding with the Town. This document will outline in detail what aspects of the functioning of the library the Library Board is responsible for and what the Town, as owner of the library building, is responsible for. We are lucky to have a great rapport with the Town, and have appreciated their support these many years. The MOU will come up for a vote in November and we will be sending out postcards with more information about the vote, once the date approaches.

### Funding and Grants

The Library Board would like to send a big THANK YOU to all those who have helped our library financially over the years. We could not keep the library operating without the donations from our patrons and local businesses. On the back page of this newsletter, you will see a very long list of names of donors showing just how important the library is to the community. We so appreciate your support.

We also want to thank those who donate to the various foundations from whom we receive grants. We have received grants from The Adirondack Foundation's Generous Acts, The Sun Fund, The Essex Community Fund, The Lake Placid Education Foundation, Charles R. Wood Foundation, Essex County Arts, Stewart's Holiday Wish Fund and of course, the annual grant from the Town of Essex.

With sincere thanks for your kind and generous support over the years,

- The Library Board



We send occasional e-mail notices to let our patrons know what's happening at the library. While our print newsletters are sent only twice a year, our e-mail messages, with all the latest news about upcoming programs, new additions to the collection and other library news, are sent out once or twice a month. Don't miss out on the latest library news. Join our e-mail list by visiting our Web page at [essexlibrary.org](http://essexlibrary.org) and click on 'Join Our E-Mail List'. It takes just a few seconds.

## Benefit Concert for the Library—June 26 7:00PM



Mark your calendar for Sunday, June 26th at 7:00pm for a concert at the Essex Community Church. This is a fundraiser concert for the library, graciously provided by the Boquet River String Band (previously the Back in Time Band).

The band 'plays for the love of music and each other' and performs a variety of Americana tunes - old and not so old - country, blues, folk, light gospel, and traditional. They encourage the audience to sing along.

Please plan to join us for an enjoyable evening of song and community. A \$10 donation is suggested. Refreshments will be served following the performance.

## Library Parade Float, Book Sale, Story Time and More!

Don't miss the Library's 'Let Freedom Ring' float this year at the 4th of July parade. Lady Liberty will make an appearance and we will be distributing free books to children!



### Dig Into Reading Fun

Drop by the library after the **Monday, July 4th** parade for some sweet fun. From noon to 3:00pm, we will share our favorite picture books while making (and eating) worms and dirt!

### Summer Family Concert

**Friday, July 29 11:00am**

Join us at Beggs Park for stories and songs presented by Nan Hoffman. This program is made possible by a CAP grant from the **Essex County Arts Council**.



Coming  
Soon!

Special BNML t-shirts and mugs all about Essex 'Where It's Always Yesterday!'



Don't miss our annual **Essex Day Book Sale** at the library on Saturday, August 6 from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

**After 3:00pm, fill a bag for \$5.00.**

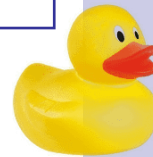
### Summer Family Programs

**Friday, July 15 6:30pm**

Summer Snuggle Story Time behind Town Hall. Wear your jammies and settle in for some bedtime stories.

**Saturday, August 13 11:30pm**

Picnic at Beggs Park followed by 'Animals of the Adirondacks' and a Duck Race fundraiser. More information will be sent by e-mail as the date approaches.



## Storytime Kits—Grant Funded



We applied for, and received, a grant from the **Adirondack Foundation's Generous Acts** program which allowed us to create 11 *Grab and Go* Story Time kits. Each kit is based on a theme including ABCs, Bears, Bedtime, Colors, Counting, Clothing, Dinosaurs, Farms, Food, Going To School, and Vehicles.

Each kit contains 5 books, a sheet of fingerplay activities, a flannel board or magnetic board story, an educational toy and a craft activity.

The kits may be checked out for two weeks with a valid library card.

*To Our Summer Residents:*

*You may get a library card to use during your time in Essex. Stop in to speak with Julie about how to get your card and begin borrowing materials.*

**A Website recommended by Julie, our Library Director:**

**Storyline Online: An award-winning children's literacy website that features videos of celebrated actors reading from children's books. [storylineonline.net/library/](http://storylineonline.net/library/)**

## 'Meet Your Neighbors' Program Continues

We continue this popular series with four more neighbor programs for 2022. On June 2, Don and Ronnie Hollingsworth shared stories of their many years in Essex.

The programs begin at 7:00pm and last about an hour. A suggested donation of \$5.00 at the door to help support the library is appreciated. Refreshments are served at the conclusion of the program.



Many joined us for 'Meet Your Neighbors' on June 2 with Don and Ronnie Hollingsworth.

### MUSEUM PASSES

We have Museum passes to loan!

**The Fort Ticonderoga Discount Pass** provides a 10% discount off the admission price.

**The Wild Center Discover Pass** admits 2 adults for \$10 and 4 children (through age 17) for free. The passes are loaned for three days beginning on the date of check out. Passes may be reserved for specific dates in person or via telephone, and are also loaned on a walk-in basis.

**Borrowers must hold a Belden Noble Memorial Library card to check out a museum pass.**

### SAVE THESE FUTURE MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS DATES

July 7 – Chris and Lexi DePinto  
 August 4 – David Hislop and Steve Maselli  
 September 1 – Bob and Carole Harsh

## What We're Reading

**Rinda Foster: Dance, Dance, Dance** by Haruki Murakami

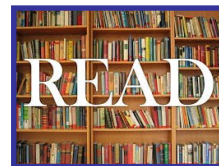
This novel by Haruki Murakami follows his Rat Trilogy. Murakami's writing is sometimes called magical realism. It is pleasant and comforting to be in his strange world.

**Joyce Sukel: The Paris Secret** by Natasha Lester. This is a stirring portrait of a daring group of women willing to risk it all in time of war.

**Maureen Ecclesine: The Stranger In the Lifeboat** by Mitch Albom. Albom keeps us guessing until the end: Is this strange man really who he claims to be?

**Kathy Nadire: Valcour: The 1776 Campaign That Saved the Cause of Liberty** by Jack Kelly. The book gives details about the conflicts of the Revolutionary War that took place on Lake Champlain. Many local areas are mentioned.

**Monica Rumsey: Orphan Train** by Christina Baker Kline. This novel is based on a true story that, between 1854 and 1929, more than 200,000 orphaned children were sent from cities in the East to be adopted by farming families in the Midwest and West.



### DID YOU KNOW?

We have copy and FAX services for a nominal fee.

Your library card gives you access to materials from 30 local libraries and even libraries in other states and countries.

We offer free wifi and computer use.

## Essex Wall of Literary Fame Continues to Grow



When the wall was dedicated last summer it honored 25 full or part-time Essex residents who had published a print book of prose or poetry. Not bad for a town of 621 people! Since then four more individuals have been identified who qualify for this honor, and more may emerge. Here's a brief sketch of each of the four; more detail is available at the library or on its web site at [essexlibrary.org](http://essexlibrary.org).

**Peter Gow** is an independent school teacher and administrator who has written several books on such educational topics as leadership and teacher training. He is also an editor and writer of local history. He spends his summers at the Crater Club.

**Christopher Locke** is a poet who moved to the Adirondacks ten years ago and to Essex hamlet in 2021. He teaches at North Country Community College and Plattsburgh State. He recently read from his latest collection of poems, *Music for Ghosts*, at the Whallonsburgh Grange.

**John H. Noble III** is descended from one of Essex's oldest families (the library is named for his great, great uncle.) John worked in higher education as a career center director and has written or edited many books on career topics. He summers at the Crater Club and winters in Plymouth, MA.

**Betsy Tisdale** is a writer, photographer and lecturer. She authored the first edition of the *Guide to Adirondack Trails: Eastern Edition*, which required her to cover more than 200 miles of trails. Betsy has deep roots in Essex. When she is not in residence on Couchey Hill, she lives in Potsdam, NY.



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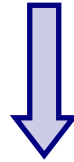
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In addition to cash donations, many of our patrons donate services such as volunteer hours, items for our tag sales, bake sales, our Silent Auction, or other events.

Patrons have donated materials, helped with story time programs, prepared materials for lending, even fixed things around the library that need fixing. The names listed here under In Kind are folks who have helped in these ways.

If we have forgotten your name on this list, please let us know. We want to be sure to acknowledge your help.

THANK YOU! Pink Pig, Village Meat Market, Cupola House, Willsboro Pharmacy, Turtle Island Café, CFES Brilliant Pathways, Champlain Ferry, The Grange Hall, Pantoufs, Renew, Lake Champlain Yoga and Wellness, Green Light House Landscaping, Boquet Valley Blooms, Essex Farm, Full & By Farm, Horsfords, Mac Man, Champlain Area Trails, for your past support.

Please Support Your Library!

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 tax deductible contribution and keep good things happening at your library.

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Make provisions for the Library in your estate plans. If you have already made a provision for the Library in your estate plans and have not yet informed us, or would like more information about this charitable gesture, please contact the library.

Please make checks payable to Belden Noble Memorial Library and send to P.O. Box 339, Essex, NY 12936, or you can return this form in person at the library.

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