

Belden Noble Memorial Library Newsletter

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Our mask policy is at the discretion of the Library Director and Board and may change, depending on current conditions. A note at the door will give direction.

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. 9am - 4pm
Thurs. 11am - 4pm
Fri. 11am - 4pm
Sat. 9am - 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 Library Board Member

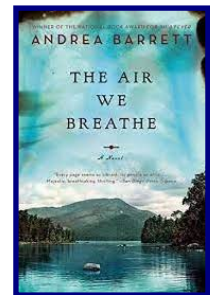
We are pleased to have Kathie Manthorne join our library board. She has provided a short bio below:

A professor of Art History at the City University of New York and former Director of the Research Office at the Smithsonian American Art Museum, I am a frequent user of libraries. The many books and articles I have authored depend entirely on the holdings of libraries and archives in the U.S. and abroad, and therefore I am strongly committed to their support. A relatively recent arrival in Essex, I am thrilled to be a member of the Board of the Belden Noble Memorial Library and look forward to meeting neighbors, hearing about your favorite authors, and finding new ways of sharing the joy of reading.

Isolation Busters—Two Programs Planned for Winter

Our Director, Julie, applied for and received a grant from the **Lake Placid Education Foundation** which will fund a two program series.

Local scholar Bob Harsh will facilitate a five part discussion of *The Air We Breathe*, a novel by local author Andrea Barrett. The book lends itself to several add-on activities, including a trip to the Trudeau and Saranac Laboratory tuberculosis museums in Saranac Lake, and online interaction with a mobile model cure cottage, depending on the interest of the group. Books will be provided.



Journaling and Memoir Writing for Adults will be offered as a four part hybrid program. Each segment of both program series will include socialization and snacks.

Funding and Grants

The Library Board would like to send a big THANK YOU to all those who have helped our library financially in 2022. We could not keep the library operating without the donations from our patrons, local businesses, the Town of Essex, and through grant funding. Please consider donating this year. You will find a donation form on the back page. The library is a 501c3 non-profit and all donations are tax deductible.

You can read about grants we've received on page 3.



**JOIN OUR
EMAIL LIST**

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 and click on 'Join Our E-Mail List'. It takes just a few seconds.

2022 SILENT AUCTION November 16th 9:00 am—December 3rd 3:00 pm



We expect the 2022 Silent Auction to be one of our best ever. We have begun to collect donated items and have promises of many more items to come. As always, plan to come to the library any time, beginning Wednesday, November 16 to pick up your secret bidding ID number. Then, place your bids on items you hope to win. Check back often to see if your bid is the highest.

Of course, we'd love to see you in the library, but don't worry if you can't make it in person to bid or to increase your bid. We are happy to take your bid over the phone at 518-963-8079.

We have also created a Webpage to highlight the items in the Silent Auction. If you'd like to take a look, please visit our Website at essexlibrary.org and click on the Silent Auction link.

Below is just a sampling of the items included in the auction.



Griddle with goodies



Crinkle poncho



Seated elliptical trainer



Antique Kashmir shawl

Art appraisal service by James L. McElhinney
Handmade wine cabinet with wine and glasses
Two Laura Ashley twin lavender quilts
Golf shirts from Willsboro Golf Course
'The Hidden Pool' -etching, signed and numbered by James VanHoven

Signed Sid Couchey print of Champ on the lake
\$50 Village Meat Market gift certificate

1 hour of tech help with MacMan Ken Hughes

Champlain Ferry tickets

Toys for kids

Handmade glass vase

Slow Cooker Crockpot

Wine and snack basket

Seated elliptical trainer

Fishin'opoly board game

Bento Box lunch box

Coffee gift basket

Maple syrup

Alice Wand art piece

Peg People nativity set

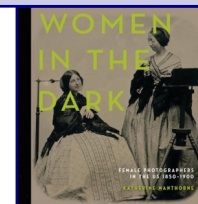
Hand knit children's slippers and hat

Marigold and Grey honey products



Zamy Stenovitz
silk screen

Women in the Dark
By Kathie Manthorne



And so much more to come....

Visit essexlibrary.org to see the full auction.

Story Time Kits—Ready to Borrow!



Story Time Kit Bags

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 are now available to borrow. Take a look on your next visit to our children's area!

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.**

MUSEUM PASSES

July 4th Fun

We had so much fun creating our library float this year. Board member Sally Minich Prosk had the idea for the theme 'Let Freedom Ring'. We all enjoyed riding on the float, generously provided by Scot and Laura Bridge with hay provided by Bob Perry. Our riders had lots of fun blowing bubbles, ringing bells and tossing candy to the crowd.



2022 Grants received to date

A Glen and Carol Pearsall Foundation grant will fund a social media sherpa, a book bin display table and accessible signage.

An Essex Community Fund grant will fund archival storage materials for some of our important books and documents.

An Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts grant will bring a unique version of Macbeth-presented by Montreal's La Fille Du Laitier theater company.

An Adirondack Foundations Generous Acts grant for 11 Grab and Go Story Time Kits

An Essex County Arts Council grant to support our summer reading program with books and a music event.

A CEF Library System grant to support our summer reading program.

FICTION

- Carrie Soto is Back – Taylor Jenkins Reid
- All Good People Here - Ashley Flowers
- Oath of Loyalty – Vince Flynn
- Blowback - James Patterson
- Fairy Tale – Stephen King
- It Ends With Us - Colleen Hoover
- Lucy By the Sea - Elizabeth Strout
- Overkill – Sandra Brown
- Verity – Colleen Hoover
- Dreamland – Nicholas Sparks
- Lessons in Chemistry – Bonnie Garmus
- The Winners – Frederick Backman
- Natural History: Stories – Andrea Barrett

NON-FICTION

- Gospel of Wellness – Rina Raphael
- Trees of New York Field Guide – Stan Tekiela
- Atomic Habits: An Easy and Proven Way to Build Good Habits & Break Bad Ones – James Clear
- Mosquito Bowl: A Game of Life and Death – Buzz Bissinger
- Starry Messenger: A Cosmic Perspective on Civilization – Neil Degrasse Tyson
- Unmasked: My Life Solving America's Cold Cases - Paul Hole
- American Psychosis: A Historical Investigation of How the Republican Party Went Crazy - David Corn
- Lady Justice: Women and the Law – Dahlia Lithwick
- Ride of Her Life- Elizabeth Letts
- West With Giraffes - Lynda Rutledge

Just some of the new books this month

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 as well as libraries in other states and even other countries.

We offer free wi-fi and computer use.

As of October, we've checked out 1,535 titles and fielded 417 requests.

Our thanks to Don Hollingsworth



There are many, many people in the Essex Community and beyond who keep the library going. We are often amazed by the generosity and also by the talent that exists here. One wonderful example is Don Hollingsworth (past library board member) who has come through for us on many occasions. When we needed a screen for the desk during the pandemic, Don made us a beautiful one.

He recently helped with a very tricky problem. There are two (possibly original) bookcases in the upstairs Reading Room. The bookcases have glass doors and we found that the doors would not stay closed. The doors had locks, but the keys were long gone.

Don first tried all the old skeleton keys he happened to own, but none worked. Ultimately he removed the locks and somehow, after many, many hours, managed to create working keys for the locks. This is just one example of how we are supported by our local citizens and we wish to express how thankful we are.

2022 Programs

We've had many wonderful community programs since our last newsletter. Here are images from just a few. Did you miss our Tree Scavenger Hunt, our Crafternoons, our Story Time programs, our music events, our Oceans of Fun summer reading program? Sign up for our e-mail blasts at essexlibrary.org so you don't miss out on future events.



Meet Your Neighbors - Bob and Carol Harsh



Nan Hoffman Music Program



Halloween Story Time

Tom Mangano - memories of his time as library director



Meet Your Neighbors - Don and Ronnie Hollingsworth



Meet Your Neighbors - David Hislop and Steve Maselli



Monthly Old-Time and Celtic Music Gathering



Boquet River String Band Fundraiser

Please Support Your Library!

Yes, I want to help our library continue to grow and provide the best possible library services for Essex!

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.

Make a financial contribution! Yes, charitable donations will help your library!
As an official 501(c)3 organization, we are eligible for matching gifts.

Donate Stocks, Bonds, and/or Mutual Funds. You can donate stocks, bonds, and mutual funds directly to the library. When you donate stock to charity, you'll generally take a tax deduction for the full fair market value. And because you are donating stock, your contribution and tax deduction may instantly increase over 20%. The same benefits apply for bonds and mutual funds.

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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