

Belden Noble Memorial Library Newsletter

Summer 2023 Issue

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A Note From Our Director

Please note: The library will be closed on Monday, July 3, Tuesday, July 4, and Monday, September 4 for the holidays.

May 1 to Sep 30

Mon. 2pm-4pm
Tues. 2pm-4pm
Wed. 9am to 4pm
Thurs. 11pm-4pm
Fri. 11pm-4pm
Sat. 9am-4pm
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Our Library Director, Julie Wever, manages the library on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The library is staffed by volunteers at other times.

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Dear Community,

It would be remiss of me to start our Summer 2023 newsletter with anything other than appreciation. Residents of all ages visit the library during the busiest and slower times of year. It has been amazing to see dedicated "regular" and new patrons use their library year-round, sometimes while using personal fans and wading through snow banks. Board members and I have enjoyed watching children walk out with piles of books almost as big as they are.

Attendance at in-person programs, and participation in "take away" activities fill us with gratitude that you, and the Town of Essex, continue to support us. It is rewarding to see that many non-profit organizations throughout the county regard our little library as worthy partners in their various projects. We've been working hard to maintain and even increase library use after a global pandemic, and you are still here with us. A growing list of our generous contributors during 2022, and information about how you can support your library, are included in this issue.

We are pleased to offer the community a free family concert this July, thanks to funding from the Essex County Arts Council. We've worked hard throughout the year to obtain state and federal grant funds, as well as support from local private organizations such as the Essex Community Fund. This summer we are pleased to have the opportunity to paint sunflowers in the style of Georgia O'Keeffe, discuss *The Air We Breathe* by Andrea Barrett, learn to write memoirs with the help of a published author, initiate the "Sunburst Film Festival", and create film "binge boxes" for all ages. Grant funding and community support will help increase access to our services for all users, and will allow us to expand the focus of the children's room to include a dedicated space for older children.

Members of the library board and I hope you enjoy the busy summer season. Thank you for continuing to make your library an important part of your schedule. **Julie Wever, Director**

Grant Helps Our "Growing" Population

The Essex Community Fund of the Adirondack Foundation awarded the library a grant to help our "growing" population. The grant comes from the endowment funds raised in memory of Baird and Doffie Voorhis.

Our youngest patrons are "growing" up and the grant will help us to adapt to their needs. The Children's Room will be reconfigured to encourage and support the use of digital and print resources by elementary age children and their families. An inviting space will be created and equipped to encourage children to read, collaborate, create and study.

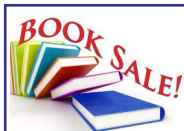
This same population will also be "growing" pollinators in two non-permanent raised bed boxes to be placed on the gravel areas in front of the library. The grant funds will support the library's new partnership with Adirondack Action's "Library Buzz" program and the Town's green initiatives. In addition, the boxes will beautify the area in front of the library.

The Library Board and Julie Wever, the librarian, appreciate the ongoing support the Essex Community Fund has provided over the years. For a complete list of the library's recent grant awards, please see page 3. **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 and click on 'Join Our E-Mail List'. It takes just a few seconds.



Here's What's Happening At The Library



Don't miss our annual **Essex Day Book Sale** at the library.

Saturday, August 5
from
10:00am to 4:00pm

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

We've had a lot of nice book donations this year. Come early for the best selection.

Watch for the library craft table behind Town Hall on Essex Day!

Puzzles Galore!



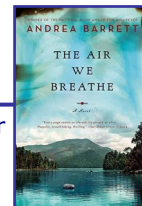
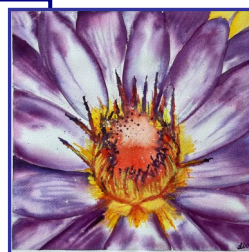
A patron came into the library looking for jigsaw puzzles. We realized puzzles would be a fun addition to our collection and now have many interesting puzzles for all ages. Next time you are faced with a rainy day, pop into the library and borrow one! We will gladly accept donations of gently used, complete puzzles.

August 29 1:00 pm—4:00 pm

Paint and Sip

Join us for a fun social afternoon of painting followed by tea and treats.

O'Keeffe style watercolor flowers - After learning a bit about the artist Georgia O'Keeffe and the style of her artwork, you will draw large abstract or realistic flowers that fill a page using wet on wet and dry watercolor techniques. No painting experience is necessary.



Bird Watching Kit Available

The **Adirondack Land Trust** through with a grant from the **Glasser Foundation** has generously provided the library with a birding kit which may be borrowed.

The kit includes:

Backpack; Binoculars; Sibley Birds East - a field Identification guide; Adirondack Birding - 60 Great Places to Find Birds; and a notebook to record sightings, feedback and experiences while using the kit.



Please note that the Birding Kit is available to adult patrons of the BNML with a valid library card. The kit loan period is two days.

Genealogy Assistance

Are you 'stumped' while climbing your family tree? We are offering FREE appointments with genealogist Judith Harper.



Judith will be at the library on **Friday, July 7 and Friday, July 28** from 11:30am - 1:30pm. We will be booking a limited number of 15 minute appointments soon. During your free, individual session, you'll get started tracing your roots, or learning pro tips to help you 'root out' the mysteries of your family tree.

Coming this fall, please join us for two special multi-part programs. The first, a book discussion of Andrea Barrett's **The Air We Breathe**. If time and interest allow, participants will travel to the Trudeau and TB Museums in Saranac Lake and will explore a mobile cure cottage via online interaction.

We will also be offering a guided **Journaling and Memoir Writing For Adults** series.

These two programs are funded by the Lake Placid Education Foundation.

Coming Soon: Movie Binge Boxes and our own Essex "Sunburst Film Festival" Join our e-mail list to get updates!

Summer Family Concert July 14 11:00am at the library

Join us for a wonderful hour of stories and songs for the whole family, presented by Nan Hoffman.

This program is made possible by a grant from the Essex County Arts Council



Join Us For Some Family Fun Saturday, October 28 10:00 am—11:00 am
Halloween Craft and Scary Stories

The library board joined forces this spring to help clean up Essex.



Fun Ways To Support Your Library



Echo Farm has generously offered to donate 10% of their evening picnic sales on **Tuesday, August 22** to the Belden Noble library. The picnic runs from 5:00pm—8:00 pm. Reservations are not necessary and the menu is a la carte. In addition to food, they will be serving beer, wine, specialty cocktails and non-alcoholic punch. Blankets and dinnerware are provided. This is a great way to support our local farmers while supporting your library. We hope to see you there!

We have new t-shirt colors available in many sizes this summer, as well as a few remaining in last year's colors. The cost is \$15.00. We also have mugs available for \$10.00 each.



July 15 & August 12

Bake sales have returned! Watch for these two tasty fundraising events this summer on the porch at the post office.



Goodies will be sold from 9:00 am until every delicious crumb is gone. Those interested in contributing a baked good may drop it off at the sale, or arrange for pick-up by calling the library.



Silent Auction

The 2023 Silent Auction will begin November 21 and will end on Holiday in the Village. We appreciate donations from individuals and businesses for this, our main fundraising event of the year.



Watch for our tag sale **Saturday, October 7**. We will gladly accept gently used items for the sale.

'Meet Your Neighbors' Program Continues

We continue this popular series with four more neighbor programs for 2023. On June 7, Katharine Preston and John Bingham shared stories about their time 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.

MUSEUM PASSES

Did Someone Say "Discount?"

We are pleased to once again offer discount admission passes to two popular area attractions: Fort Ticonderoga and High Falls Gorge in Wilmington.

Present the Ft. Ticonderoga pass card at the entrance and save 10% off admission fees for four people. Experience the rugged beauty of the 22-acre High Falls Gorge nature park and save 15% off general admission for up to four people. Both popular attractions are handicapped accessible.

Each pass may be checked out for three days with your BNM library card. To know before you go, please call, email, or visit the library.



Many joined us for 'Meet Your Neighbors' on June 7 with John Bingham and Katharine Preston.

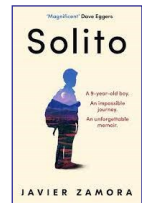
SAVE THESE FUTURE MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS DATES

July 6 – Susie Smith & Ken Hughes
August 3– Donna & Wayne Bailey
September 7 – Heather & Lee Maxey

What We're Reading

Colleen Van Hoven: *Solito* by Javier Zamora

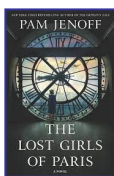
American Dirt fictionalizes the struggles of illegal immigrants trying to reach the United States. *Solito* is the real thing. This book is Zamora's detailed memoir of his perilous 3000-mile trek from El Salvador to "The U.S.A." when he was just nine years old. He traveled alone, relying on a small group of strangers and the "coyote", the paid leader, to help him. Zamora could easily have focused on the pains and dangers of illegal immigration but instead his emphasis is on the humanity of the people he encountered. Fortunately, there is a happy ending to Zamora's story but it takes him a long time to reach it.



Kathy Nadire: *Mrs. Jack: A Biography of Isabella Stewart Gardner* by Louise Hall Tharp

My sister sent this book to me, knowing of my interest in the Gardner Museum and also the art theft that took place there in 1990. This is a wonderful and very readable biography of a fascinating woman, who in her time was called "one of the seven wonders of Boston".

Kathie Manthorne: I recently read *The Daughter of Time* (1951), the fourth of Josephine Tey's mysteries featuring Scotland Yard detective Alan Grant, who applies his ability to interpret faces to a portrait of Richard III, King of England 1483-1485. Questioning the king's reputation as a deformed nephew killer – partly perpetuated by Shakespeare's play – Grant conducts research from his hospital bed to "prove" Richard's innocence. With its many exciting twists and turns, this wildly popular crime novel led to many sympathetic biographies of Richard that in turn inspired Philippa Langley's discovery of the long-lost royal skeleton under a parking lot in Leicester. A fun book with a positive outcome!



Meredith Hanna: *Trust* by Herman Diaz The book has several stories within a story but revolves around a secretive wealthy couple, the Rasks. Benjamin has new money and his wife, Helen, is from a family of long standing wealth and philanthropy. Benjamin's life revolves around the stock market ticker tape in a small closet off his large office with walls lined with leather bound books. Their fortune grows in spite of or perhaps because of the stock market crash in 1929. The book has many similarities to what's going on today in the financial markets and like any mystery we try to figure out the well hidden secrets of elite society.

Joyce Sukel: *The Lost Girls of Paris* by Pam Jenoff A remarkable story of friendship and courage centered on three women and a ring of female secret agents during World War II.

DID YOU KNOW?

We offer free wifi and computer use.

Summer residents may get a library card by visiting the library with a valid ID.

We are a designated cooling station for people and pets in case of extreme weather.

You can follow us on Instagram at [instagram.com/bnmmlibrary](https://www.instagram.com/bnmmlibrary).

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

We have copy and FAX services for a nominal fee.

Grant Funding is Crucial for Libraries

THESE ARE SOME OF OUR RECENTLY FUNDED GRANT REQUESTS- WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO SUPPORT THESE FOUNDATIONS.

Adirondack Foundation Generous Acts Grant will fund curated sets of themed DVDs and our own "Sunburst Movie Festival".

Essex County Arts Council Grant will fund our Nan Hoffman music event as well as some books for children.

Adirondacks Lakes Center for the Arts Grant will fund the August Paint and Sip event.*

Lake Placid Education Foundation Grant will fund a multi-session book discussion and field trip to the Trudeau Sanatorium in Saranac Lake as well as a journaling and memoir writing program.

Adirondack Land Trust through a grant from the Glasser Foundation has provided the library a birding kit.

Stewart's Holiday Wish Grant funded a craft cart, craft items and some new toys for the Children's Room.

Essex Community Fund Grant will fund a reconfiguration and update for our Children's area and raised bed pollinator gardens.

*This project is made possible with the funds from the Statewide Community Re-grants program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by the Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts.

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Our 2023 donors will be listed in the Summer 2024 newsletter

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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 items for lending, even fixed things around the library that need fixing. The names listed here are both those who have donated financially or in-kind with items or services. If we have missed your name on this list, please let us know. We want to be sure to acknowledge your support.

Thanks to help from dedicated volunteers, your library is open six days a week from May 1 to September 29. Typical jobs include: shelving, rotating collection management, circulation, and of course, a sunny smile. It's a great feeling to send residents and visitors on their way with an item or information that will make their day. For more information about becoming a library volunteer, please contact Joyce Sukel by calling the library.

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.

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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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