

Belden Noble Memorial Library Newsletter

Summer 2024 Issue

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A Note From Our Board President

Please note: The library will be closed on Thursday, July 4th for the holiday.

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 Friends of the Library,

Mark your calendar! July 13th the library will kick off its 125th year with a big celebration. Under the leadership of Board member Sally Minich-Prosk, a fun-filled afternoon has been planned. Sally has submitted a description of the event below. Read on!

Since The Big Tree Episode in September we have had an interesting year. The Essex Community Church literally opened its doors to us and we took over half of their community room. We transported a part of each section of the library collection to the church, from the Children's Room to Local Interest to the CEF Library System rotating collection.

Now, as of June 5, we are home! I want to thank Julie Wever, our librarian, and the Board members who helped get us resettled. We kicked off our reopening with the first of the Meet Your Neighbors programs, featuring Tom Duca and Amy Heffner. It was a great way to celebrate our reopening.

Unfortunately, although we are open, we are only able to use the first floor. We have set up the Children's area in the back, where it was before we opened the second floor. Our upstairs reading room is closed until the construction is complete, but we have set up a small reading area on the first floor and there is a public computer and work area. Please drop in. We are looking forward to welcoming you "home"!

Sincerely,

Colleen Van Hoven, Board President



The Belden Noble Memorial Library is 125 Years Old This Year!

We will celebrate with an **ANNIVERSARY AUCTION on Saturday, July 13**, from 3:00—6:00 PM, at the Essex Theater in the Masonic Lodge across the street from the library. It will be both a silent and live auction with our good neighbor Wayne Bailey at the mic as auctioneer, ensuring a fun fundraiser. We are both celebrating our anniversary and preparing to get our beloved library back in shape, following the tree disaster in September.

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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

Auction Fundraiser (continued from Page 1)



The library board has been busy sending out letters of request to many, many potential donors both far and near. We are aiming for dozens of goods and services. Can you contribute?

Perhaps offer your services stacking a woodpile; or maybe digging out an offering from that closet/drawer of good gifts at home; or an antique?

We have set up a page on our Website showing the items we will have up for auction at the event. Please visit essexlibrary.org/auction and note that new items will be added as they arrive so check the page often. We hope to add your donation to this list! This program is free to attend and refreshments will be served.

Call Sally (Auction Organizer) at 518-837-1800 with your donation information, or stop in the library to fill out a donation form, and she will contact you. COMMUNITY SPIRIT will make this event a success. Please join us!



A Note From Our Director, Julie Wever

Your community library is here for you! We hope you have noticed, (and taken part in) some of the reading incentive activities we've "tried" since our last newsletter. Feedback has indicated that some of them should be included in our summer schedule, and we're excited to share them.

As a community library, we aim to serve you. Your suggestions for reading-related activities are not only welcomed, they are integral to our success.

What topic will appeal most to you and your neighbors? Why not volunteer to lead a program or share your favorite activity. Please stop in to share your recommendations – we will be enthusiastic about your ideas, or, e-mail us at beldennoblelibrary@gmail.com.



Summer Family Concert July 13 11:00am at the library

Nan Hoffman returns for another wonderful hour of stories and songs for the whole family. This will be her third year making music at our library. Join us for this popular program.

This program is made possible by a grant from the Stewart's Holiday Wish Program



Bird Watching Kit Available

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

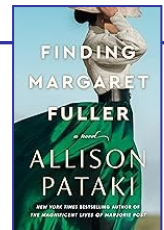
The kit includes:

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.

Finding Margaret Fuller—book talk

Allison Pataki will give a talk on her latest book on **Wednesday, July 31 at 7:00 PM.** Ms. Pataki's book delves into the remarkable friendships of Margaret Fuller and her legacy as a journalist, writer and feminist. We are fortunate to have this opportunity to chat with the author.



Fun Ways To Support Your Library

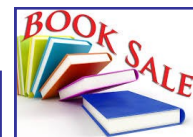


Watch for our sale table on July 4th during the Essex Parade. We will be selling t-shirts, mugs, and other items to support the library. We will be located on the lawn of the Village Gallery.



We have t-shirts available in many sizes and colors this summer. The cost is \$15.00

We also have mugs available for \$10.00 each.



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

Saturday, August 3

from 10:00am to 4:00pm

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

Contact Julie at the library regarding donating items for the sale.

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



WATCH FOR OUR FLOAT IN THE 4TH OF JULY PARADE



CHEER US ON AND CATCH ONE OF OUR TREATS!

'Meet Your Neighbors' Program Continues

We continue this popular series with four more neighbor programs for 2024. On June 6, Tom Duca and Amy Heffner shared stories about their time in Essex to an enthusiastic crowd. The programs begin at 7:00 pm 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.



It was standing room only for our first 'Meet Your Neighbors' on June 6 with Tom Duca and Amy Heffner

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.

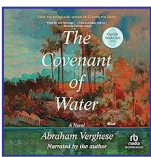
Present the Ft. Ticonderoga pass card at the entrance and save 10% off admission fees for four people. Experience the rugged beauty of the 22-acre High Falls Gorge nature park and save 15% off general admission for up to four people. Both popular attractions are handicapped accessible.

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.

SAVE THESE FUTURE MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS DATES

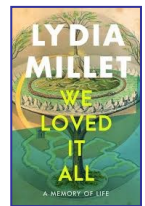
Betsy and David Tisdale – July 11 at 7:00 PM
 Colleen and Jim Van Hoven – August 1 at 7:00
 September 5 – there's a possibility!

What We're Reading



Colleen Van Hoven: The Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese

An epic novel about love, faith and medicine. The book follows three generations of a family seeking the answer to a strange "condition" that plagues its members.



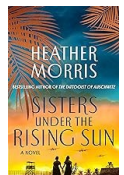
Kathy Nadire: We Loved It All by Lydia Millet

This book uses personal, historical, societal, and scientific references to frame our relationship to our time on earth, and what we have done to the planet and to the animals who share this earth with us.



Maureen DeLaughter: South To America: A Journey Below the Mason Dixon Line to Understand the Soul of a Nation

Author Imani Perry, professor of African American studies at Princeton, returns to the south where she was raised and aims to correct the common stereotypes many have of the south. She "shows that the meaning of America is inextricably linked with the South and that our understanding of it is the key to understanding the nation as a whole" and that "if we want to build a more humane future for the United States, we must center our concern below the Mason Dixon line" - Harper Collins



Joyce Sukel: Sisters Under the Rising Sun by Heather Morris is a wonderful historical fiction that portrays a story of women at war and their bravery, friendship and survival.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Summer residents may get a library card by visiting the library with a valid ID.
- You can follow us on Instagram at [instagram.com/bnmlibrary](https://www.instagram.com/bnmlibrary).
- We have copy and FAX services for a nominal fee.
- We offer free wifi and computer use.
- We are a designated cooling station for people and pets in case of extreme weather.
- Your library card gives you access to materials from 30 local libraries and even libraries in other states and countries.

Movie Binge Boxes

Julie has worked hard to curate a series of movie binge boxes for your viewing pleasure. Binge Watching Made Easy!

Each box contains 4-6 DVDs that share a theme based on a subject, an actor, a director, or things we think go together well. As an example, the "Don't Travel with Tom Hanks" box includes Cast Away, Apollo 13, Captain Phillips, and Sully. Other boxes to be rolled out are: "Screen Queens", "Getting Political", "Pretentious? Moi?", and "Unhinged and In Love."

Each box of bingeables will be securely packaged in a plastic tote. Binge Boxes will be loaned for two weeks as a set, and should be returned as such.



2023 DONORS

Our 2024 donors will be listed in the Summer 2025 newsletter

If we have missed your name here, please let us know so we can include it in the next newsletter.

Individuals

Donna and Wayne Bailey
 Livingston Bailey
 Jere and Eileen Buch
 Emilie Budd
 Jeff and Martha Clark
 Mary Close
 Catherine Conover Covert
 Maureen and Kevin DeLaughter
 Dick and Leanna DeNeale
 Andrew and Tracy Dolan
 Laura Sells Doyle and John Doyle
 Frank and Karen East
 Maureen Ecclesine
 Peggyanne Ecclesine
 Steven Engelhart
 Paul Fine and Valerie Beral
 Rinda Foster
 Norma Goff
 Peter Gow
 Margaret and David Graves
 Paul Gray
 Meredith Hanna
 Peggy Harris
 Bob and Carole Harsh
 Amy Heffner
 Gary F. Heurich
 Daniel and Kathleen Holtzman
 Ken Hughes

Robert and Amy Ivy
 Ron Jackson
 Steven Kellogg
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 Dianne Lansing
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 Tom and MaryAnne Mangano
 Kathie Manthorne
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 Tom and Martha McGraw
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 Jan and Alan Moran
 Etta Moredock
 Lauren Murphy
 Kathy and Ben Nadire
 Christopher and Sandra Neuzil
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 Jim and Paula Van Hoven
 Julie Wever and Kevin O'Neill

Foundations

Adirondack Foundation
 Essex County Arts Council
 Essex Community Fund
 Stewart's Holiday Wish

Thanks also to:

Blackbaud Giving Group
 Champlain Peony Company
 Echo Farm
 Lake Champlain Ferry
 Wild Orchard Farm Fund
 Town of Essex



Thanks, Essex Community Church!

Who's a good neighbor? Someone who allows a neighbor in need to take over half their living space. Someone who foregoes their usual activities because the logistics are impossible due to the new "tenant." Someone who makes necessary concessions cheerfully and willingly.

Who's a good neighbor? The Essex Community Church. Without their patience and support, the library would not have been able to function during the past eight months.

Thank you, Essex Community Church, for all you did for us!

THANK YOU!!!

In addition to cash donations, many of our patrons donate services such as volunteer hours, and items for our tag sales, bake sales, Silent Auction, and 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 and in-kind with items or services.

Thanks to help from dedicated volunteers, your library is open six days a week from May 1 to September 30. 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.

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.

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Mailing address: _____ State _____ Zip _____