



CHILDREN'S NEWS

November News

Well, we sort of took it easy during October—we were busy, yes, but just with the usual story times, book groups, and homework stuff. But we will more than make up for that in November. Of course, the usual stuff will continue, too.

The **5th and 6th grade book group** still meets every other Monday at 3:00 PM, though we'll have a special "Day of the Dead" meeting on Tuesday, November 1st, in lieu of our regular Monday meeting that week.

The new **3rd and 4th grade book group** is off to a great start. The kids are really doing a wonderful job of presenting the books they have read and are having fun discovering new books. That

group meets every other Wednesday at 4:00 PM, with our first meeting of the month on November 2nd.

For the littler ones, we'll have an **open story hour** for ages 2 and up every Wednesday morning at 10:30 AM from November 2nd through December 21st. There will be no story time on November 23rd because of the Thanksgiving holiday. Old and new favorite books will be shared.

Also in November, we will celebrate **Children's Book Week** (November 14th-19th) with a host of activities, including the much anticipated voting on the **Ladybug Award**. A sharing of the nominated books will take place on

Monday, November 14th and Wednesday November 16th at 10:30 AM. And the books will be available in the Children's Room all week, so be sure to read them all!

The big show of the week: Puppeteer **Martha Dana** will present one of her award winning shows on Tuesday evening, November 15th, at 6:30 PM. Come one, come all!

To wrap up the festivities, the Friends of the Library will sponsor a **book sale** on Thursday, Friday and Saturday—all books will be a mere \$0.25 each.

All this should certainly keep our small patrons busy. Please call 926-4729 for more information.

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Special points of interest:

- ☺ Open Story Hour
- ☺ Children's Book Week, Nov. 14-19
- ☺ Ladybug Voting
- ☺ Friends' Book Sale, Nov. 17-19
- ☺ Martha Dana, Nov. 15
- ☺ Career Night, Nov. 17

About Children's Book Week

In 1919, a group of educators, librarians, parents and booksellers came together to dedicate a week to children's books, to increase the awareness of the need for better children's books. Back then, there was not the vast number to choose from, nor the extensive range of subjects,

but the connection of books to reading was already important. So, 86 years ago the week before Thanksgiving was designated as Children's Book Week. The tradition has been going strong since that time, and each November one week is devoted to children's books. Not that

only one week a year is enough celebration of the wonderful works that are produced and added to existing favorites each year, but it is a chance to pay special attention to the power of books to influence our emerging readers, our new readers, and our growing readers.

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Just for the Middle Schoolers

Although middle school students often fall into the limbo realm at the library, somewhere between upstairs and down, this year's teens and tweens are making their presence known in a very good way. The town of Hampton really has an amazing group that has become an important part of each day at the library, and we like to brag about them and their many accomplishments every time we have a chance—in this newsletter, in the Lane Library Lines newsletter, in the Library Blog, and even in the local newspaper.

In addition to the already-mentioned 5th and 6th grade book group, here is a taste of the many activities Hampton kids are working on at the library:

Every Monday and Wednesday after school, **homework help** is available for the students. The library is currently looking for additional volunteers, in grade 8 and up, to assist with this great service. Any interested student should submit a paragraph explaining his or her experiences, availability, and why he or she would like to help. If you like to help others, this could be a perfect opportunity for you to

earn some community service points or get an early start on impressing college admissions committees.

Alternating with the 5th and 6th grade book group, every other Monday at 2:30 PM, **7th grade** students are invited to participate in an on-going **book group**. Call Cheryl at 926-4729 for more information.

On Tuesday and Friday afternoons the Lane Room is open as a drop-in center / **study hall** for our "teens." It is a place for them to work together on projects, spend time with friends, or just relax. Cheryl is almost always available and has been encouraging the students to help with various teen-oriented projects around the library.

Thursday is "**Teen Time**" in the Lane Room, an informal gathering where students can meet, read, relax, play board games, visit with friends, and work on homework. One Thursday a month, we show a "teen chosen" movie. Please note: Permission slips are required to attend the movie. See Cheryl for more information.



Finally, the middle school students are making their voices heard via the brand new **Teen Advisory Board**. Membership is open to anyone in grade 6 and up. The group is currently about 12 members strong, and they are already doing a fine job of keeping the library informed of the needs and desires of the teens. They are a very active group and will be working toward expanding programs and activities that will include all teens. Again, talk to Cheryl to learn more.

The big Children's Book Week show for teens: **Career Night**, Thursday, November 17th, at 6:30 PM. We have invited five guests to come and talk about their careers. Families are welcome. And we will have refreshments. Spread the word!

Coming Up in December...

Here are some dates for you to keep in mind for the month of December:

Again, Wednesdays through December 21st are our open **story times** at 10:30 AM.

December 15th is the date for our annual "**Polar Express Party**" at 6:30 PM. Please call 926-4729 or come in to the Children's Room for registration beginning December 1st.

And December 17th at 10:00 AM will be a **Gingerbread House Decorating Party** for ages four and up. The children will each have a small house to decorate with goodies after sharing some special stories. Space is very limited so you must call or come into the Children's Room to register beginning December 5th.

See you next month!

