



CHILDREN'S NEWS

December Events

We have a lot going on in the Children's Room during the month of December. Stop by for a visit to learn more!

Monday, December 11th @ 4:00 p.m.: **Reading Buddies Program** for students in pre-school through high school. Advanced registration requested.

Tuesday, December 12 @ 4:30 p.m.: **A Free Reading by the LML Readers Theatre Troupe.** Open to all ages, best appreciated by elementary students.

Thursday, December 14 @ 6:30 p.m.: **Polar Express Party!** Hop aboard and enjoy

the ride. PJ parade, story, songs, and treats—there might just be a special guest, too. Please register in advance, and wear pajamas!

Thursday, December 28, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.: **Family Read-a-Thon** at the Library. Take a break from the end-of-year craziness and spend the day reading in the library. Open to all Hampton students and families with young children. Stay for the whole day or just part of the day. Bring your own lunch. Beverages, snacks, and dessert provided. When not eating, participants are welcome to sit anywhere in the library.

We also invite you to wear comfy clothes and bring sleeping bags, blankets, and pillows to create your own cozy spot in the Lane Room. Reading at the library—what a novel idea!

Only a few more days left to vote for your favorite piece in the **Art Show for the Young & Hip.** The show closes on December 13. Huge thanks to the artists who entered their work and to the many people who have already voted. Thanks also to Brush & Palette for the generous donation of two \$25 gift certificates for the raffle.



Book Groups

The two book groups for the older kids continue throughout the year. New members are welcome to join either group, and new groups are always a possibility. Talk to Cheryl to learn more.

3rd, 4th, and 5th graders meet every other Thursday at 4:00 p.m. to share the books they are reading. Next meeting: **December 7.**



Middle School students usually meet on the 4th Monday of each month at 2:30 p.m. The meeting for this month, however, will be on **December 11.** We'll be discussing faraway places.

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Special Points of Interest:

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**Children's Room:
926-4729**

<http://www.hampton.lib.nh.us>



THE POLAR EXPRESS PARTY!

The train pulls into the station at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 14. Don't forget to wear your pajamas! Space is limited, so please sign up ahead of time in the Children's Room: 926-4729.



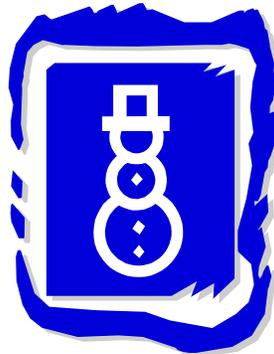
New Picture Books

By Paulina Shadowens

What do a ballet-dancing pig, a musical mouse, a winter storm, and a day at the beach have in common? They're the subjects of four outstanding picture books new to the Children's Room. Come check out:

The One and Only by Holly Hobbie

Bubbles likes to do whatever Opal does—only she always does it better. Can Opal find a way to stay friends with Bubbles AND to shine? The gentle text and winsome piglets are sure to charm. (You may also want to check out Hobbie's other stories starring boy pigs Toot and Puddle).



Snow Sounds: An Onomatopoeic Story by David A. Johnson

Swoosh! Crash! Glug! These are some of the noises a young boy hears as he and his family dig out of a December snowstorm so he can attend school and deliver a gift. Children will identify with this familiar situation, perfectly captured by the superb illustrations.

The Little Drummer Mouse by Mercer Mayer

"The greatest king of all" is on his way, and the animals of the forest want to celebrate his arrival, especially a little mouse that plays an acorn drum. Mercer Mayer illustrates this variation of the Christmas story with gorgeous, detailed paintings that deserve repeated viewings.

Flotsam by David Wiesner

Octopus story times, blowfish balloons, and mechanical fish are only some of the wonders in this wildly imaginative book about a day at a most unusual beach. Wiesner's wordless book portrays the look of the seashore impeccably, while enticing readers to use their imaginations—and to prepare for a lot of surprises.