



# CHILDREN'S NEWS

## The Search for Treasure

The quest for Treasure Reading has begun! Young readers from all around the Hampton area are busily discovering new worlds, revisiting old ones, devouring facts, savoring fictions, and generally having fun. (We hope!)

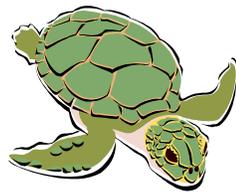
Steve Blunt led a rockin' official kick-off party for the "Treasure Reading" program on June 29th. After a fun-filled morning of songs of all kinds, everyone was inspired to get serious (and seriously silly) about summer reading. The fun continues through August 3rd and is open to children under age 12.

To participate, children need to read (or be read to) at least 30 minutes a day and keep track of what they read in a reading log. For each 30-minute period recorded in the log, participants receive a special ticket to put in the treasure chest for a chance to win some great prizes. So, the more you read, the more tickets go into the chest; and the more tickets you put in the treasure chest, the better your chances to win some treasures. Sound good?

Remember: in addition to encouraging lots of reading, the library also has special events

and open story times, as well as weekly drop-in crafts and coloring pages. Visit the Children's Room and join in the fun!

**Thursday, July 6th at 10:30 a.m.:**  
**Audubon Society of New Hampshire presents "Turtles of the Deep."** Note: As of press time, registration for this program has already closed. But the remaining summer events are open to all.



**Thursday, July 13th at 10:30 a.m.:** Seacoast Science Museum presents "Rocky Shore."

**Thursday, July 20th at 10:30 a.m.:** Martha Dana.

**Thursday, July 27th at 10:30 a.m.:** Partners in Rhyme, "Pirate Stories."

**Thursday, August 3rd at 6:30 p.m.:** Pirate Party Grand Finale with a puppet show by Carol Sanborn.

Open story times are on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. from July 6th through July 27th. No sign-ups are necessary—just come and enjoy the stories!

## Lane Memorial Library

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### Special points of interest:

- ☺ Summer Reading 2006
- ☺ Special Summer Events
- ☺ Open Story Times
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926-4729**

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

### Coming up in August:

The Friends of Lane Memorial Library will sponsor a big summer **book sale** on August 10th, 11th, and 12th. In preparation for the sale, the Friends are currently seeking donations of gently read adult and children's books. Please drop-off donations at the library during the month of July.



**The 3rd-5th Grade Book Group meets every other Monday at 11 a.m. to share books. Newcomers are always welcome. Next meeting: July 10th.**

## 6th Grade (and Up) Corner

The summer programs for students entering grades 6-12 are up and running. Lots of teens have signed up for the **NHSPCA Reading Program** and are already logging great reading time. The program will continue through August 5th, so it's not too late to sign up and join the cause. Talk to Cheryl to learn more about this reading program.

Teens who enjoy doing some good in the community and helping out our neighbors are invited to participate in the library's summer community outreach programs. For the **Dearborn House Project**, teens act as the legs for some of the older residents of Hampton who may not be able to get themselves to the library to borrow and return books. Aside from a little legwork, all that is required to participate is checking in with Cheryl regularly throughout the summer. We have made one big delivery so far, and look forward to delivering more books soon.

The **Library Clean-Up Project** is still merely theoretical at this time, so it needs a little action. Summer is for hanging out outdoors, but who wants to sit somewhere that is full of litter? Why not help make the outdoors a nicer place to be? Sign up, visit the library from time-to-time, and help pick up litter and spruce things up around here. Remember: it's your library, too.

The **Middle School Book Group**, grades 6-8, meets weekly all summer for a brown-bag book discussion. Bring lunch and come ready to talk about books. Mondays at 12 noon.

The **Teen Writers Group** meets every other week to share ideas and discuss writing of all kinds. Bring lunch, paper, pen or pencil, and be prepared to jump in and talk shop. Teen writers are also encouraged to submit work to *Zoom into Chompas*, whether they belong to the group or not. Every other Tuesday at 12 noon.

**Readers Theatre Group:** Entertain and educate younger readers with stories, both new and old. And you don't have to memorize your lines! Rehearsals and performance dates to be scheduled.

**Weekly Teen Movies:** Enjoy the brown-bag film series open to students entering grades 6-12 who have permission to watch PG or PG-13 movies. Bring lunch, watch a flick, and savor the chill of the air-conditioned Lane Room. Wednesdays at 12 noon through August 2nd.

Check out the library's blog for the latest library news. Talk to Cheryl to learn more about these and other programs for teens at the library: 926-4729.

