



CHILDREN'S NEWS

Story Times, Book Groups, and Big News

Spring story times will begin on March 14th and run for six weeks. Space is limited, so please call or stop by to reserve a spot. Feel free to call the Children's Room at 926-4729 for additional information. Here is the schedule:

Toddlers, 15-36 months:
Tuesdays or Wednesdays at 9:30 AM.

3 year olds: Wednesdays at 10:30 AM.

4-5 year olds: Thursdays at 10:30 AM.

Again, please do call or stop by to register for all story times.

Older kids with a lasting love for stories might be interested in joining one of our ongoing book groups.

3rd and 4th graders meet to share books every other Wednesday at 4:00 PM. Next meeting date is March 15th.

Middle Schoolers, in 5th-8th grades, meet every other Monday at 3:00 PM. Next meeting date is March 6th.

Please talk to Cheryl to learn more about the book groups. Additional groups are also possible, if there is interest and time available.

BIG NEWS!

The big news of the month is that we have hired our new children's librarian! Her name is Marybeth Varney, and we hope you will help us welcome her when she starts at the end of March.

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Special points of interest:

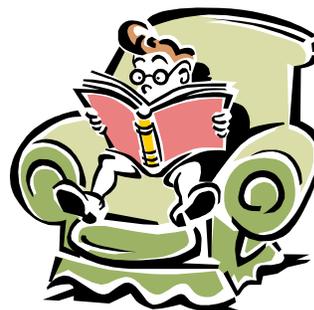
- ☉ Story Times
- ☉ Big News: Children's Librarian Hired!
- ☉ Donations
- ☉ Book Awards
- ☉ St. Patrick's Day AND Spring!

Call for "Gently Read" Children's Books

After a highly successful Sweetheart Tea in February, the Friends of the Lane Memorial Library are already gearing up for their next project. The Friends are now seeking donations of "gently read" children's books for an upcoming event scheduled with Hampton elementary school children during National Library Week (April 2-8). Please help the Friends

support and encourage our young readers by passing on the books you and your children are no longer reading. Donations may be dropped off in the Children's Room of the library throughout the month of March. Thank you!

Stay tuned for additional information about this and other activities celebrating National Library Week.



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

Books to Welcome Spring

Are you looking for a few good books to help you welcome the warm(er) spring days? Or perhaps you simply have a hankering for stories about St. Patrick's Day. Here are a few suggestions to get you started on your springtime reading:

IT'S SPRING by Linda Glaser

SPLISH, SPLASH, SPRING by Jan Carr

SPRING'S SPRUNG by Lynn Plourde

SPRING THAW by Steven Schnur

SPRING SONG by Barbara Seuling

SPRING HAS SPRUNG by Kiki Thorpe

WHEN WILL IT BE SPRING by Catherine Walters

HARP O' GOLD by Teresa Bateman

LEPRECHAUN GOLD by Teresa Bateman

ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN THE MORNING by Eve Bunting

MARY McLEAN AND THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE by Steven Kroll

THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY SHAMROCK MYSTERY by Marion M. Markham

THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY SHILLELAGH by Janet Nolan

JACK AND THE LEPRECHAUN by Ivan Robertson

A FINE ST. PATRICK'S DAY by Susan Wojciechowski



Of course, you do not need to limit your spring reading to stories specifically about spring or the luck of the Irish. Be sure to check out the recent award-winning titles, too.

The 2006 Caldecott Medal winner is *THE HELLO, GOODBYE WINDOW*. The story is by Norman Juster, with illustrations by Chris Raschka.

The 2006 Newbery Medal winner is *CRISS CROSS* by Lynne Rae Perkins. This is a story of identity and the decisions that shape our lives that will speak to many teens. (Note: this book is shelved in our teen collection upstairs, not in the Children's Room.)

6th Grade (and Up) Corner

Homework help at the library has a new day and time. Bring your homework questions to our high school volunteer on Wednesdays between 3:30 and 4:30 PM. Don't let this great resource go to waste. If you have questions, the homework helper will help you find the answers.

The **Teen Advisory Board** is scheduled to meet twice during March: Monday, March 13th at 3:00 PM and Monday, March 27th at 3:00 PM. The group is currently working on plans for a big

summer kick-off, so bring your ideas. Snacks will be provided!

Also coming up in March: a special **fabric painting workshop** just for students in grades 6 through 12, led by local Hampton artist Jar Bement. Materials will be provided, including a small bag on which participants may create their own designs. If they prefer, teens are welcome to bring their own bags, purses, jeans, or t-shirts to paint—just make sure they are clean and get permission from Mom or Dad

first. The workshop will be on **Saturday, March 25th at 1:00 PM**. Sign-ups will begin on March 6th. Space is limited, so please call or stop by the Children's Room to register.

Talk to Cheryl for information about these and other programs for teens and tweens: 926-4729.

