



CHILDREN'S NEWS

Fall Story Times



It's that time of year. The waning days of summer are upon us, days are getting shorter, nights are getting cooler, and schools are filling with teachers and students again. And that means it's time for the Children's Room to prepare for the regular fall story time routine.

Sign-ups begin: **September 8**
Story times begin: **September 23**

Space is limited, so please call or stop by to register: 926-4729.

Toddlers, 15-36 months: Tuesday or Wednesday mornings at 9:30
3 year olds: Wednesday mornings at 10:30
4-5 year olds: Thursday mornings at 10:00

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Introducing Amanda Reynolds Cooper

As many of you know, our former director, Catherine Redden, has retired. We wish her all the best.

Though we were sad to say goodbye to Catherine, we are pleased to introduce you to our new Library Director. Meet Amanda Reynolds Cooper:

Amanda was born into a second generation Air Force family so when you ask her where's she from there are a variety of answers. She was born in San Antonio, Texas but has lived in many states as well as overseas in England. Through her own history and her mother and fathers' families she can claim 10 states and 3 countries as "home".



began her career as a librarian. Amanda majored in Biology and minored in Spanish but one of the most important things that she took away from college (maybe 2nd most important after her husband) was 4 years of experience working in a library.

There followed 3 more years of library jobs before library school began to seem like a good idea. Amanda enrolled in the online program offered by Syracuse University and in 2004 joined the ranks of some of her favor-

ite people and became a professional librarian. She tested all she'd learned, learning many new things by being a small town public library Director at the Harvey-Mitchell Memorial Library in Epping, NH.

In each of those communities she found her way to the local library - whether it was the multi-floor Central Wichita Public Library or the modified trailer on R.A.F. Chicksands - and read. Sometimes for fun, like when she didn't make friends right away in the 3rd grade, and sometimes for school like at Ladd Library during her years at Bates College. Little did she know, but studying and working at Ladd Library

Our new director comes to Lane Memorial Library ready to be tested anew and learn even more about how to make a library match its community. Her office is off the beaten path but feel free to ask for her whenever you visit the library. Meeting patrons and serving them well is one of her favorite parts about being a librarian.

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Cynthia Lord Comes to Lane!

Cynthia Lord, the author of the amazing children's book, *Rules*, is coming to the Lane Room on Wed. Sept 10th at 4 p.m!!

Rules was the recipient of both the Newbery Honor and the New Hampshire Great Stone Face awards, as well as many other literary prizes nationwide. It is also a Marston School favorite (the students voted *Rules* their number one pick for the Great Stone Face Award).

Rules tells the story of Catherine, a Maine girl who makes up rules to help her autistic brother better navigate the world, even as she discovers through him that thinking outside the box brings unexpected friendship and opportunity. School Library Journal calls *Rules* a "lovely, warm read, and a great discussion starter," and Booklist praises it as "a heartwarming first novel."

Cynthia is a very popular speaker, who will not only discuss the writing of her book but will autograph copies of *Rules* that people bring in.

This is the one time she can come to Lane for the foreseeable future, as she is already booked at other venues until 2010.

Admission is free, and no sign ups are required. The presentation lasts approximately forty minutes.

You won't want to miss this wonderful and inspiring author!

The **3rd-5th Grade Book Group** meets every other Thursday to share the books they are reading. The first meeting of the school year is September 4 at 4:00 p.m. See Kirsten for more information. Newcomers are always welcome.

Questions? Call the Children's Room: 926-4729



6th Grade (and Up) Corner

The **Middle School Book Group**, grades 6-8, meets every month on Thursdays after school. The next scheduled book group meeting is on September 25 at 3:00 p.m.

Once again, middle and high school students are also welcome to join the brand new book blog, aptly named **LML Teen Book Blog**. This is an online forum hosted by Lane Memorial Library for students, teachers, and librarians in Hampton and surrounding towns to get together and talk about books. Contributors can write reviews, annotations, comments, or even simple lists of recommended or read-alike titles. If you are interested in joining, please send an e-mail to lmlteens@hampton.lib.nh.us. Look for a link to the blog on the Teen Space (www.hampton.lib.nh.us/teens/index.htm). See you online!

The **Teen Writers Group** has a new meeting place. To accommodate everyone's busy schedule, the group has moved online to a private wiki. Participants can share ideas, post their work, and discuss writing of all kinds, and they can do so whenever they want. The wiki is only visible to group members. If you are interested in joining, please talk to Kirsten.

Teen writers are also encouraged to submit work to **Zoom into Chompas**, whether they belong to the writers group or not.

Readers Theatre Troupe: After a fabulous performance over the summer, the readers theatre troupe will continue, as interest demands. If you enjoy reading stories aloud (or writing stories for others to read), give readers theatre a try.

Minimal time commitments required: just one or two meetings per performance. And you don't have to memorize your lines! Rehearsals and performance dates to be scheduled. We hope to have another performance in October.

The **Reading Buddies** program will start up again for the school year, as interest demands. All readers big and small, preschoolers through high schoolers, are welcome to participate. Talk to Kirsten if you are interested. Dates will be scheduled based on interest.

Check out the library's blog for the latest library news. Talk to Kirsten to learn more about programs for teens and tweens at the library: 926-4729 or krundquist@hampton.lib.nh.us.