



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 10**
Story times begin: **September 25**

Introducing Kirsten

As many of you know, our Young Adult Librarian, Cheryl, has returned home to New York and to an entirely different career. We wish her all the best.

Though we were sad to say goodbye to Cheryl, we are pleased to introduce you to our new YA Librarian. Meet Kirsten Rundquist (soon to be Corbett!!):

Kirsten was born in Utah the day after her dad graduated from college, then moved to California two weeks later. That's where her love of reading and libraries began. In second grade, she won an "I Love to Read" trophy for reading the most in her grade. She loved reading about Danny Dunn or Nancy Drew, and their adventures.

Kirsten's love of reading followed her from California to New Jersey to New Hampshire. In high school, Kirsten decided to be an English teacher, because she knew that she could help her students love the books they read in school. When she went to college, Kirsten planned to get her teaching creden-

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

tials and continue on to library school if she still had the energy and time to do it, but eventually decided that working with teens in a public library setting would be more interesting than teaching.

Kirsten comes to us from the Manchester City Library, where she was responsible for young adult services, and where she met her future husband.



Kirsten earned her B.A. in English Literature from the University of New Hampshire and recently graduated from the University of Rhode Island with a Master's in Library Science. It is

Kirsten's mission to imbue teens with her love of books and reading, as well as to provide a fun and safe environment for them. She is excited to be part of Lane Memorial Library, and looks forward to working with the staff and community.

Drop by the Children's Room to say hello to our newest staff member!

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Special points of interest:

- ☉ Good luck, Cheryl!
- ☉ Hello, Kirsten!
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Hot Diggety Dog!



Lane Library Children's Room is going to the dogs!! Or, more accurately, a dog.

Tosca, an adorable Labradoodle (part Labrador, part poodle) is joining our library team. Her job? Listening to kids read!

She and Nancy, her trainer and handler, will come to the Children's Room on September 6th from 4:30-5:15 p.m. so that children can practice reading with a furry friend. Sign ups are required, and each child or group of siblings will have fifteen minutes to spend with Tosca. Availability is limited, so please call the Children's Room at 926-4729 to reserve a session.

Tosca is certified as a pet therapy animal, so she's had lots of practice meeting new people. You will not believe how cute she is—or how well she pays attention when you share a good story with her. She's too dog-gone wonderful to miss!

September is Library Card Sign-up Month

Why have a library card?

A library card can open up so many worlds right in your own town. It gives you access to books, movies, magazines, audiobooks, puzzles, puppets, extended-use computers, admission to local museums, and more. And, as long as you bring everything back on time, it doesn't cost a thing.

How do you get a library card?



If you live in Hampton, are at least five years old, able to write your name, and know your address and telephone number, come on down to the Children's Room and you may get your very own library card. Don't forget to bring a parent or guardian along, too, with two forms of ID and proof of residence. Then visit frequently, borrow lots of books and other neat library materials, and have fun!

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



The 3rd-5th Grade Book Group meets every other week to share the books they are reading. Fall schedule is currently being decided. See Kirsten for more information. Newcomers are always welcome.

6th Grade (and Up) Corner



Programming will begin after Kirsten's wedding and honeymoon in September.

The **Middle School Book Group**, grades 6-8, meets every other week after school. Details in the works.

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 rave reviews last year, the readers theatre troupe will continue. If you enjoy reading stories aloud (or writing sto-

ries 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. All readers big and small, preschoolers through high schoolers, are welcome to participate. Schedules to be announced.

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.

