

Tuftonboro Times
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Tuftonboro Free Library

Building update: The project is moving right along, ahead of schedule. The handsome exterior siding is complete, and the old building was re-roofed just ahead of the first snowstorm – timing is everything! Inside, the walls are all painted, including distinctive single accent walls of blue/grey in the NH History Room and the Meeting/Community Room, and sienna red in the circulation area and the north end of the Children’s Room. Natural maple beadboard lines the back entry hallway and the new main entrance. And at long last, there’s a baby changing station in one of the new bathrooms – no more diapering on the floor! Speaking of which, the sturdy new carpet tiles, which pick up all of the paint and accent wall colors, will be installed just as soon as the hanging lamps and ceiling lights and tiles are all in.

Sometime around the end of February, we will be recruiting volunteers with strong backs to help move the entire contents of the current building into the new addition – books, stacks, furniture, supplies, computers, Legos, puppets -- the whole shebang. This will make way for extensive renovations to the 1970 and 1991 parts of the library, including installing additional insulation, new wiring and heat pipes, new windows, new ceiling and LED lighting, repainting and carpeting, and finally, demolishing interior walls and work areas to open up the old space to the new.

When we get a firm date to move, we will spread the word and post volunteer sign-up sheets at the circulation desk. This is something that will probably take a few days to accomplish, so there will be plenty of opportunities to help out (and perhaps fulfill a KRHS community service requirement or two...).

As the project progresses, we run into “extras” both small (cupola replacement) and larger (shingling the old roof) that weren’t included in the original plan. If you are in a position to consider making a new or additional gift to the Tuftonboro Library Building Fund before April 30th, tax-deductible donations are still most welcome!

In the meantime, life goes on at TFL. Story Hour for preschoolers continues on Friday mornings at 10:00-ish, the first graders still trek over on Thursday afternoons, and next month the kindergarteners will begin making their own weekly field trips for stories and book selection. All the kids are excited at the prospect of LOTS more room for them (and the Legos), and we’re filling online wish lists and shopping carts from their inspired suggestions for furnishings – cozy reading nooks, giant foam building blocks, squishy comfy chairs, maker tables.

Both adult book groups plan to meet throughout the winter and spring. The History Book Group considers ***On Desperate Ground*** by Hampton Sides on Wednesday, January 29th at 7:00 p.m. Selections for the February 26th and March 25th sessions are pending – suggestions and new members are both most welcome.

The Readers’ Choice Book Group meets on the third Wednesdays, from 10:00 to noon. On February 19th, the focus is on ***The Green Mile*** by Stephen King. The March 18th session switches up genres with ***Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine*** by Gail Honeyman, and on April 15th it’s ***Little Fires Everywhere*** by Celeste Ng. Books for both groups are always available to read in advance.

Our December exhibitors were kind enough to extend their displays through January. We are exploring new exhibit/display hanging options for the addition, and will resume scheduling regular exhibits sometime this spring. For now, Scott Evans’s graceful half-hull nautical carvings feature working-class boats that sailed at the turn of the 20th century. He mounts them on pieces of driftwood found while walking the shorelines of Maine and New Hampshire. Many of these unique pieces are available for sale, and 25% of all sales will benefit the Library Building Fund.

The silver snowflake pendants, brooches, and bracelets in the display case represent just a small sample from Marcy Weeks's extensive collection of Gotshall sterling heirloom jewelry, produced by three generations of Sanwich, NH silversmiths from the 1940s to the 1990s. Marcy has been collecting Gotshall jewelry since she was 16, and she is now researching and writing a book about the family and their craft. If you have a Gotshall story to share, please let her know!

A reminder that the Wolfeboro X-C ski passes and snowshoes for adults and kids are now available to check out. Also, many museum passes are also valid this winter: the Currier Museum of Art, the Museum of Fine Art in Boston, the NH Historical Society Museum, the Seacoast Science Center, and the Wright Museum. Road trip time!

Addition Photos:



North side, Children's Area



South side, Children's Area – awaiting ceiling lights and tiles



Meeting/Community Room, with indent for kitchenette, open door to storage, and emergency exit door.