

BROWNELL LIBRARY ~ CALENDAR OF EVENTS ~ February 2012
Closing: Monday, Feb. 20 for President's Day

~ Programs in the Viewing & Discussion Series ~ Travels, Treks, Pilgrimage and Survival ~

Wed., Feb. 1, 7pm – Susan Cooke Kittredge: *The Unseen Alistair Cooke*

One of the twentieth century's preeminent journalists, Alistair Cooke reported on the events of his time. His daughter, Susan Cooke Kittredge, speaks about her father and his life away from the public eye. This is a program of the **Vermont Humanities Council 1st Wednesdays Lecture Series**. Library's Main Reading Room

Thurs., Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23 and Mon., Feb. 6, 13, 27, 9:15am, 10am, 10:45am, 11:30 time slots. – Free Tax Help for taxpayers w/low and middle incomes, especially those age 60 and older. Volunteer AARP foundation certified expert tax preparers Tak and Dorothy Ng will help. Sign up for a 45 minute appointment by calling 878-6955 or by dropping by the library's circulation desk. Appointments available on Monday & Thursday mornings until April 12th. Reserve your place for tax-preparation.

Thurs., Feb. 2, 6:30pm – Knitters! Project Finishing Night (First Thursdays of the month). All levels of proficiency welcome. Get to the Kolvoord Room where we meet by the back entrance.

Mon., Feb. 6, 7:30pm – Vermont Astronomical Society Sky Path Project with Tricia Finkle, a science project held in Grand Isle Orchard Hill Observatory with middle school teachers learning about astronomy and astrophotography and given Student astronomy kits to help kids navigate the night sky. Learn more from Tricia, Co-Director of the Vt. State Science & Mathematics Fair. Sponsored by the Vt. Astronomical Soc.

Sat., Feb. 11, 10:30 & 11:30am – Seniors: Computer Tutor, One-on-One. Phone 878-6955 for waiting list.

Mon., Feb. 13, 7-8:30pm – Game Night! Come get your game on @ Brownell Library! Board games will be provided or fee free to bring your own. Open to adults and High school students.

~ **Wed., Feb. 15, 7:00pm – Serendipity: A Return to Poland**, photos and commentary by Martha A. Penzer

Thurs., Feb 16 , 6:30pm – Winter Sustainability – Screening and discussion of “*Forks over Knives*” that examines the claim that most, if not all, of the degenerative diseases that afflict us can be controlled, or even reversed, by rejecting our present menu of animal-based and processed foods. The major storyline traces the personal journeys of Dr. T. Colin Campbell, a nutritional scientist from Cornell University, and Dr. Caldwell Esselstyn, a former top surgeon at the world renowned Cleveland Clinic. Their separate research led them to the same conclusion: degenerative diseases like heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and even several forms of cancer, could almost always be prevented—and in many cases reversed—by adopting a whole foods, plant-based diet. [1 hr. 30 min.]

Fri., Feb. 17, 6:30pm – Adult Movie – “*The Debt*.” Even the best secret agents carry a debt from a past mission. Rachel Singer, played by Helen Mirren, must now face up to hers. Filmed on location in Tel Aviv, the U.K., and Budapest, this prize-winning espionage thriller is directed by Academy Award nominee John Madden (*Shakespeare in Love*). Also starring Sam Worthington. [1 hr. 55 min.]

Tues., Feb. 21, 7:00pm – Brownell Library Trustees

~ **Wed., Feb. 22, 4:30pm – Cuba Today!** A travelogue to the island with Alex Sanchez. Join Alex as she shares her exploration of this elusive destination. She'll discuss her experience and show breathtaking photos of her “no-guidebook, no-tour guide, off-roading” journey to connect to her Cuban roots. ~

Mon., Feb. 27, 7pm – Vermont's Railroads Right Now and Prospects, presented by Christopher Parker, Executive Director of Vermont Rail Action Network.

~ **Wed., Feb. 29, 6-8:30pm – Dine & Discuss Paul Coelho's *The Pilgrimage: a Contemporary Quest for Ancient Wisdom*.** Discussion Leader, Ed Cashman. A captivating account of Paulo Coelho's pilgrimage along the road to Santiago, Spain-(as seen in the movie “The Way”). This parable explores the need to find one's own path. In the end, discover that the extraordinary is always found in the ordinary and simple ways of everyday people. Part adventure story, part guide to self-discovery, this tale delivers a combination of enchantment and insight. Try to bring some Spanish or European cuisine for the potluck. The library provides tableware and decaf. 878-6955 to register. ~

Youth Library

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Story Times are offered on a weekly basis and regular attendance is encouraged. We share Early Literacy Tips that you can use with your kids at home. Here's the schedule:

Tuesday Story Time for Toddlers (18-36 months) with Adult – 9:10-9:30am – Picture books, songs, rhymes & puppets for toddlers with an adult. (Feb. 7, 14, 21)

Tuesday Story Time for 3-5 Year Olds – 10-10:45am – Picture books, songs, rhymes, puppets & math activities for preschoolers. (Feb. 7, 14, 21)

Wednesday Story Time for 3-5 Year Olds – 10-10:45am – Repeat of Tuesday program. (Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22)

Wed., Feb. 1, 9-10am – DCF Booktalks for Homeschoolers – Each month, students in Gr. 4-8 hear booktalks from this year's DCF list. Students keep a log & vote for their favorite to win the DCF Book Award in the spring. Group discussion is encouraged.

Wed., Feb. 1, 9-10am – Red Clover Picture Books for Homeschoolers – Each month, students in Gr. K-3 read and do activities with two titles on the list for this year's Red Clover Award. Voting takes place in the spring. Program continues the first Wed. of each month.

Fri., Feb. 3 & 17, 10-10:45am – Songs and Stories with Matthew — Matthew Witten performs songs about our world and tells adventurous tales. For all ages - no registration. Funded by the Friends of Brownell Library.

Fri., Feb. 3 & 17, 6-8pm – Dungeons and Dragons – Each player creates a specific character to play. These characters embark upon imaginary adventures within a fantasy setting. A Dungeon Master (DM) serves as the game's referee and storyteller, while also maintaining the setting in which the adventures occur and playing the role of the inhabitants. Gr. 6 and up.

Sat., Feb. 4, 10-10:45 – Read to Sara, Therapy Dog – Sara, a Chocolate Lab, loves to listen to kids read! Her owner is an elementary teacher who will help you find a book to read to Sara. For kids in Gr. K & up. Register at 878-6956, or just come!

Mon., Feb. 6, 3-4:30pm – Teen Advisory Board – For teens, by teens. Plan programs you'd like to see, suggest books and DVDs for the collection, have fun, bring friends. Snacks provided! New members always welcome. Gr. 9-12.

Fri., Feb. 10 & 24, 10-10:45am – Drop-In Story Time for Kids of All Ages – Babies, Toddlers and Preschoolers are welcome to come listen to Picture Book Stories and have fun with Finger Plays and Action Rhymes. No registration required.

Fri., Feb. 10, 3-4:30pm – Wii-tastic! – Come try our new **LEGO Star Wars** game, plus **Wii Sports Resort, MarioKart, and Other Games!**

Fri., Feb. 10, 6:30-8:34pm – Teen Movie: "Captain America" – After being deemed unfit for military service, Steve Rogers volunteers for a top secret research project that turns him into Captain America, a superhero dedicated to defending the USA's ideals. Free popcorn & soda. (124mins, PG-13)

Mon., Feb. 13, 7:00-8:30pm – Game Night at Brownell Come get your game on ...enjoy an evening of board games and fun!! Open to adults and to high school students.

Wed. Feb. 15, 3:30-4:14 – American Stories – Storyteller Linda Costello entertains with legendary stories from our nation's past, including *Wiley and the Hairy Man*. For students in Gr. 1-5.

Thu., Feb. 16, 3:30-4:40pm – MPH (Middle School Planners and Helpers) – Students in Gr. 6-8 come play fun group games, help out with cool projects, and talk about what's on your minds! Snacks too!

Fri., Feb. 17, 3-4:30pm – Booklust/GMBA Book Discussions – Read and chat about some of the 2011-2012 Green Mountain Book Award nominees and feel free to share what else you're reading. Choose one or more of the following to read and talk about: ***Nation, 101 Places Not to See Before You Die, The Secret Story of Sonia Rodriguez, Marcelo in the Real World, and Monstrumologist.***

Sat., Feb. 18, 2-3pm – "The Page Travelers Club," Stories and Drawing with Jim DuVal –Every month artist and parent, JimDuVal, reads a variety of stories while kids relax and draw pictures. After, the group talks about the stories and art, and Jim helps kids with their drawing skills! You can bring a blanket and pillow to get comfy, and a sketch book and anything else you want to draw with. We also provide supplies if you want to leave yours at home. Drop in or call ahead, 878-6956.

Fri., Feb. 24, 3-4:30pm – Lego Fun and Games – Participate in fun and friendly building with LEGOs. For kids in K up.

Fri., Feb. 24, 6:30-8:00pm – Family Movie: "The Smurfs" – When the evil wizard Gargamel chases the tiny blue Smurfs out of their village, they tumble from their magical world into New York City. Free popcorn and soda. (103min, PG)

Wed., Feb. 29, 1-2:34pm – Vacation Movie: "Mr. Popper's Penguins" – The life of a businessman begins to change after he inherits six penguins, and as he transforms his apartment into a winter wonderland, his professional side starts to unravel. Free popcorn and soda! (94min, PG)

Coming in March:

Thu., Mar. 1, 1-3pm – Star Wars Club: Vacation Super Session! – We're going wild for Star Wars! Lego, art projects, movies, trivia, oh my! Fans will rotate through a wide variety of activities for the full Star Wars experience! All fans welcome.

Reading Buddies – Students in Gr. K-5 will get one-on-one reading time with **8th Grade Volunteers from A.D. Lawton's Team Alchemy Citizenship Project**. Sessions will run on **Wednesday & Thursday afternoons from 3:45-4:45pm**. Reading Buddies will run from **March to May**. Limited spaces, so sign your kids up now! **For more info on programs, call 878-6956.**

First Wednesdays (unless otherwise noted) Series

7 p.m. – @ Brownell Library
in the Main Reading Room

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February 1

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March 7

Barrie Dunsmore: *A Look at the Republican Presidential Candidates*

The retired veteran ABC news journalist looks at the slate of Republican presidential hopefuls. The results of the Iowa Caucuses and the New Hampshire Primary will be in. Barrie Dunsmore will handicap the race to decide which Republican will face President Barack Obama in November 2012, and he will analyze the domestic and foreign policy issues that will most likely dominate that campaign.

April 3 (*PLEASE NOTE: not on the usual First Wed., April 4 - off-cycle to accommodate the library's schedule)**

Katy Abbot: *Competition and Collaboration: Painting in Early Renaissance Florence*

In this talk, Middlebury College professor Katy Smith Abbott explores the twin realities of artistic production in 15th-century Florence. Competition either inferred or explicit to some of the great achievements of the period. At the same time, however, a tight network of collaboration between artists, workshops, and patrons characterized the daily experience of most painters, and lay behind the actual production and timely delivery of their work.

May 2

Michael Arnowitt: *Beethoven's Sketchbooks*

In this performance lecture, pianist Michael Arnowitt considers Beethoven's creative process by exploring Beethoven's sketchbooks.

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