



BARNSTEAD BANNER

Good News from a Small Town

100/500 “Books Before” Programs Offered at Oscar Foss Memorial Library

“Inspire a life-long love of reading.” Sign your child (or children) up for the 500 Books Before Middle School (grades K-5) or the 100 Books Before High School programs (grades 6-8) going on here at OFML! Young people who sign up for either program will receive a tote bag with instructions, a book log, and a book passport. Participants can read the old-fashioned way, listen to an audiobook, read on a device, or share reading with a partner. Comic books, graphic novels, and books read for school or clubs all count!

For the 500 Books challenge, for every 25 books read, come in and get your book passport stamped and pick out a small prize from our prize bucket. At 250 books, you’ll get a bigger prize. At your 500th book, you receive a free book, a prize, and you’ll be invited to an awards ceremony party to receive your certificate of completion. For the 100 books challenge, you get a small prize for every 10 books read, a bigger one at 50 books, and at 100 books, you receive a free book, a prize, and an invitation to an awards ceremony party. It’s a win-win situation all around. You learn all sorts of neat stuff, get to go on countless adventures, and develop strong reading habits and skills that will contribute to your success in school and later in life. Plus, you win prizes!

Funding for these programs was made possible by Save the Children and the Rural Library Network. Save the Children works to ensure that every child has access to great learning opportunities by increasing funding for early child development programs. These programs are proven to accelerate achievement for children who are at-risk, and are open to all Barnstead students grades K-8.



Barnstead Parks and Recreation News

SPLISHES, SPLASHES, AND JUMPS FROM PARKS & REC

We just received notice that our request for \$75,000 of Land and Conservation funds has been approved!!!! The money will help us build a Family Park and Nature Playscape behind the Oscar Foss Library and the Ice Rink. We will probably start moving earth in the spring.

Fab Cusson, Barnstead's Building Agent, reviewed the almost complete plans yesterday and expressed enthusiasm and his interest in helping to make the project work.

The federal grant allows us three years to complete the project. Our goal will be to have sections of the park usable by the end of next summer.

If you can't wait that long for some Parks & Rec fun, start planning to be part of this year's Trunk or Treat. As usual, we need people who want to dress up their cars, trucks, Humvees, tractors, etc for Halloween, and people who want to fill their cars with excited children to come check out the show. Watch Facebook and the Banner for more details coming up.

Don't let the weather demons see this but it's time to start planning for winter activities. We're going to need volunteers again to put the liner in the ice rink (It worked perfectly last winter) And we'd love to have some people who will lead snowshoeing or cross-country skiing outings this winter as well. Send us a note on Facebook.

Sadly, our wonderful Parks & Rec Coordinator, Rhiannon Fee has left for greener pastures. We can't thank her enough for her hard work, friendly face, and professionalism. She did a wonderful job of launching Parks & Rec's part time staff position.

Could you be our next Coordinator? We'd love to have a Barnstead resident who loves to organize fun and engaging activities for people of all ages. Watch for the formal posting on our Facebook page, in the Baysider, at Town Hall, the Post Office, or the Library.

Recently the Barnstead Parks and Recreation (PnR) had a tie dye t-shirt event at the farmer's market. As with any volunteer event our community stepping forward to help make visions become reality is always a requirement.

This event was no different. PnR wanted to make the shirts memorable and reached out to a local small business to see about applying vinyl logos. Kara at KLB Creations NH stepped up to the plate.

By providing her services for FREE, PnR was able to offer the shirts at a suggested donation instead of a fixed price.

KLB Creations NH can be found on their Facebook page of the same name, or reach out directly to Kara at (603) 856-4833.

Shirts are only the beginning; decals, signs, and many other creative gift ideas are available.

Please help us support Kara and local businesses (Early holiday shopping is never a bad thing) by either shopping local or even jumping over to her Facebook page and giving it a "follow" or a "like".



Barnstead Historical Society

BOSTON POST CANE 1909

Throughout New England, gold-headed canes were given to the oldest residents of towns and cities. This practice was instituted as an advertising scheme by Edwin A. Grozier, editor of the Boston Post. The selectmen or mayor tracked down their oldest resident and town or city officials presented the cane to the “lucky” winner. Typically the Boston Post printed a picture and an article about the recipient, as well. In all, there were 700 canes given out in New England towns and cities. It is a traditional honor that these towns continue to bestow upon their oldest citizen. Our own “Barnstead” cane has been passed along throughout the years, though not everyone wants it. Some recipients have refused the cane, and it is then given to the next oldest citizen. At one time only men were allowed to enjoy the title of eldest.

Through our extensive research, we have determined that the first recipient of the Boston Post cane was Joseph Prime. He lived in South Barnstead and died in 1911 at the ripe old age of 96. The next recipient was Asa Hurd, who died in 1918 at the age of 95. Charles Holmes received the cane in 1953 at the age of 93. Herbert Hill was next in line at 94 - he died in 1956. Frank Holmes got his at 94; he died in 1961. Coran Davis became a recipient at 95, and died in 1961. Walter Hillsgrove was a relatively young 86 when he received his; he died in 1966. Emily Finlayson was 99 and 6 months when she got hers. The list goes on and on. In the years that followed the recipients were mostly women, and in fact, Gertrude “Trudy” Romansky is the current cane holder. The canes were made of ebony, with gold-capped tops. In 1960 it was reported that only 14 of the original canes could be accounted for in the New England area. Barnstead is very lucky it still possesses the original cane!

HISTORICAL SOCIETY UPDATES

The Barnstead Historical Society will not be meeting in October. The last meeting was held on September 30th at 7:00 PM.

Please keep an eye out for the announcement of the time and date of the dedication ceremony of the granite bench created to honor the memory of Stuart “Twink” Merrill.

If you are interested in railroads—check out *A History of the Suncook Valley Railroad “The Blueberry Express”*. Included are wonderful pictures of the trains, depots, and local people (of years past) who worked on the train lines.

We look forward to seeing you in the spring. If any of you would like to donate pictures or artifacts to the society, you may leave them at the Town Hall.

Let’s Keep Barnstead History Alive!

BARNSTEAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Barnstead Historical Society meets four times a year on the 4th Thursday of April, June, August, and October at 7:00pm at the Barnstead Town Hall, unless otherwise notified. All are welcome to attend.

The society has four books available for sale:

Barnstead’s Early Families 1727-1979 by
Stuart “Twink” Merrill

Barnstead Fire History by Stuart “Twink”
Merrill

The Last Stories by G. Malcolm Locke

History of Barnstead 1727-1872 by Jeremiah P
Jewett, M.D.

We look forward to seeing you—Let’s Keep
Barnstead History Alive!

Library Corner

NEW BOOKS COMING IN OCTOBER!

- Miss Eliza's English Kitchen by Annabel Abbs
- Applesed by Matt Bell
- No Cure for Being Human by Kate Bowler
- The Charm Offensive by Alison Cochrun
- The Lighthouse Witches by C. J. Cooke
- Cloud Cuckoo Land by Anthony Doerr
- The Book of Magic by Alice Hoffman
- A Line to Kill by Anthony Horowitz
- Horrid by Katrina Leno
- Summer Sons by Lee Mandelo
- Feels Like Home by Marian Parsons
- The Night of Many Endings by Melissa Payne
- Mordew by Alex Pheby
- Hyde by Craig Russell
- The Death of Jane Lawrence by Caitlin Starling
- An Elderly Lady Must Not Be Crossed by Helene Tursten
- The Night She Disappeared by Lisa Jewell
- The Book of Form and Emptiness by Ruth Ozeki
- 1984: The Graphic Novel by George Orwell

VISIT OUR NEW STORYWALK!

Have you checked out the Two Rivers Trail behind the library? The library recently received a Storywalk grant that awarded us a copy of Sy Montgomery's "Becoming a Good Creature", as well as a storytelling event on 11/10 with Marek Bennet!

The trail is a great walk for kids to practice their reading on, and there's a little picnic area to sit down for a snack when you're done. The entrance to the trail is in the Barnstead Parks & Recreation area behind the skating rink.

Funding for the Storywalk is provided by NH Humanities. Funding for the storytelling event is provided by the NH State Council on the Arts as well as funds administered by the NH State Library and provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

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The Congregational Church of North Barnstead
presents their annual



Saturday, October 23, 2021, from 9-2

Baked Goods - Treasures - Silent Auction
 Collectables - Cafe Meals-to-Go

504 North Barnstead Road, Barnstead



Across

- 1. Turner of "Peyton Place"
- 5. Mayberry boy
- 9. Loses steam
- 14. Like some twins
- 15. Something to pop
- 16. Give or take
- 17. "Yesterday," "Today," or "Tomorrow"
- 18. Trail activity
- 19. Arctic diving bird
- 20. Make better, as a deal
- 22. Swimmer's kick
- 24. Sailor's bed
- 26. Anxiety
- 27. Cause for alarm
- 30. ____ of bad news

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- 32. Area under dispute
- 34. Messy dresser
- 38. Royal flush card
- 39. Shake up
- 41. Hail to Caesar
- 42. What hot dogs do?
- 44. Truthful
- 46. Nine-to-fiver
- 48. Wield, as influence
- 49. Actress Foy of "First Man"
- 52. Gunslinger's mark
- 54. Go back
- 56. Lamentable
- 60. In the least
- 61. Familiar with
- 63. Treat for Fido
- 64. Some street performers

- 65. Drought ender
 - 66. Van Gogh flower
 - 67. Trapping device
 - 68. Singer Arnold
 - 69. Modern message
- Down**
- 1. Not as much
 - 2. Confess
 - 3. Opening time, maybe
 - 4. Math course
 - 5. Brownish yellow
 - 6. One way to ask a question
 - 7. Aggravate
 - 8. Barely gets, with "out"
 - 9. Feast's opposite
 - 10. Addicts, e.g.

- 11. Backs, in anatomy class
- 12. Continental money
- 13. Cubic meter
- 21. Winter temps, perhaps
- 23. Turn bad, as milk
- 25. Cheer
- 27. Become unhinged
- 28. Cola lead-in
- 29. "I'll second that!"
- 31. 2016 film about a WWII assassination operation
- 33. Mail tenants
- 35. Wash up
- 36. Part of OTC
- 37. Boxing prize
- 40. Put in office

- 43. Drum majorette
- 45. Museum offering
- 47. End of a threat
- 49. Studies all night
- 50. Allow entry
- 51. Old World lizard
- 53. Metallic-sounding
- 55. "No problem!"
- 57. Golfer's cry
- 58. Operating system
- 59. For fear that
- 62. Crash site?

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Barnstead Cub & Troop Scouts



The Scouts have been busy getting ready for the fall start up of Scouts again. We have Dens for each age level - Kindergarten Lions, First Grade Tigers, Second Grade Wolves, Third Grade Bears, Fourth Grade WEBELOS, Fifth Grade Arrow of Lights. Sixth grade to 18 year olds are in the Troop earning ranks.

Our Troop and Pack are available to all area scouts. Pittsfield and Strafford children are invited to our groups as theirs have closed. Meetings are held at the American Legion Hall at 1078 Beauty Hill Road in the Parade area of Barnstead on Wednesday or Thursday nights. If you would like to come and visit us, email mommydoris@metrocast.net or leave a message at 603-435-7054. Fliers will also be available at the school.

Some activities planned for this year include fishing, hiking, camping, campfires, Fun with Friends, as well as Lifetime Skills like cooking, whittling, campfire starting safety, helping others, conservation, winter skills, and many others. Come Join us!

Sales at the Barnstead Farmers Market have finished and we had 9 Scouts who earned a range of \$21.50 to \$86.00 toward their individual dues by helping out at the market. They also practiced talking to customers, straightening the display, helping some customers carry their campfire wood to their car, and making correct change (a little math in the summer!)

We have a lot planned that I will be reporting on later throughout the year.

Looking for you at our meetings,

Doris Williams

Committee Chair

RECIPE CORNER

Janelle Statzer's Breakfast Casserole

~ Serves 10~

2 cups shredded Jack and Cheddar Cheese (1 cup each)

4 oz can diced green chilies

32 oz cottage cheese

1/2 cup flour

1 teas baking powder

1/2 cup melted butter

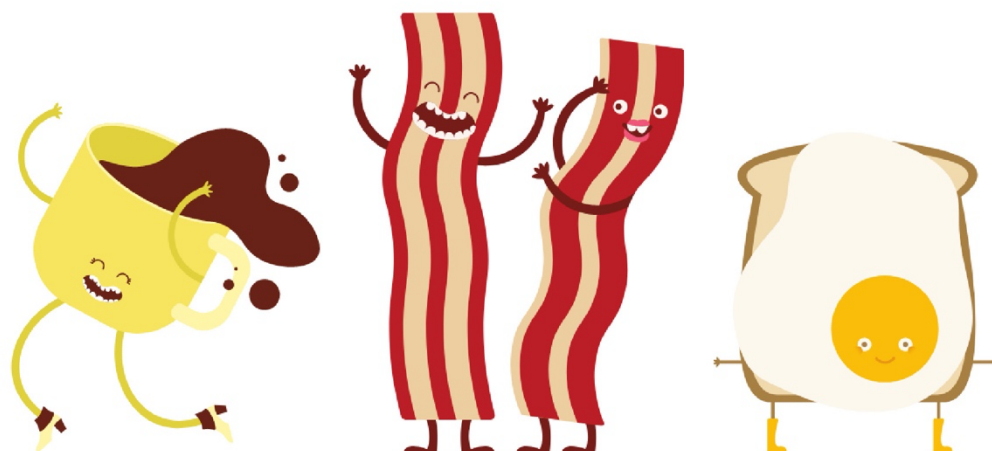
10 eggs

1 lb cooked bacon, sausage, or ham (optional)

Mix all together. Spray or butter a 9x13 pan or casserole dish.

Pour mixture into pan or casserole. Bake 15 min at 400 degrees, then 30 min at 350 degrees. (Can be made the night before, refrigerated, then baked in the morning. Add 5 min baking time if refrigerated.)

Submitted by Linda Nelson



Community Events

Story Time at Oscar Foss Memorial Library - Every Wednesday at 10:30am - Join us for stories, songs, dancing and crafts! Ages up to 5yrs.

Yoga at the Library - All Levels Yoga every Monday at 10:15AM, Senior Yoga every Monday at 12:00PM, Beginner Yoga every Tuesday at 4:15PM, Intermediate Yoga every Tuesday at 5:30PM

Time Out! Coffee and Conversation for Parents and Caregivers - Every 3rd Wednesday at 1:00PM at the library

ProCRAFTinators Meetup - Every 2nd Thursday at 6PM at the library

Teen Advisory Board Meeting - 10/28 at 4:00PM at Oscar Foss Memorial Library

After School Club - Every 3rd Friday at 4PM at the library

Family Movie Night at the Library: Hocus Pocus - October 8th at 6PM

Haunted Library Walk-Thru - October 14, 5PM for younger kids, 6PM for older kids.

Local Lore Night - Come share your spooky Barnstead Lore around the campfire! Event is sponsored by the library and will be held in the Parks and Rec area. S'mores will be served! 10/21 at 6PM

Lock-in at the Library - 10/22 from 7:30PM-11PM - Lock-in Night is sponsored by our Teen Advisory Group. The evening will include pizza and snacks, a movie, crafts, flashlight tag and scary stories! Ages 14-18 are welcome to this event.

**Pumpkin & Pine Fair, October 23rd, 9am - 2pm, lunch served in Cafe
North Barnstead Congregational Church, 504 N. Barnstead Rd. (above Peacham Rd)
This fair is an annual community favorite with a silent auction, collectibles, baked goods, seasonal decorations and beautiful products from Ghana.**

If you would like to submit an event or classified for the Barnstead Banner, please email danielle@oscarfoss.org with the details.

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Two Rivers Trail