



BARNSTEAD BANNER

Good News from a Small Town

Back-to-School...at the Library?!

It's September and time for the kiddos to head off to school. The photo below, taken in 1963, comes courtesy of Nancy Carr and shows a kindergarten class of young Barnsteadians. Can you believe their classes took place right here at OFML? Class sizes are bigger nowadays, as are the classrooms, but the cute factor in this photo can't be beat!



Front Row, L to R:

Barbara Tasker, Ken Thoroughgood, Melanie Chamberlain, Nancy Carr, Robert Dumont, Michael Chamberlain

Back Row, L to R:

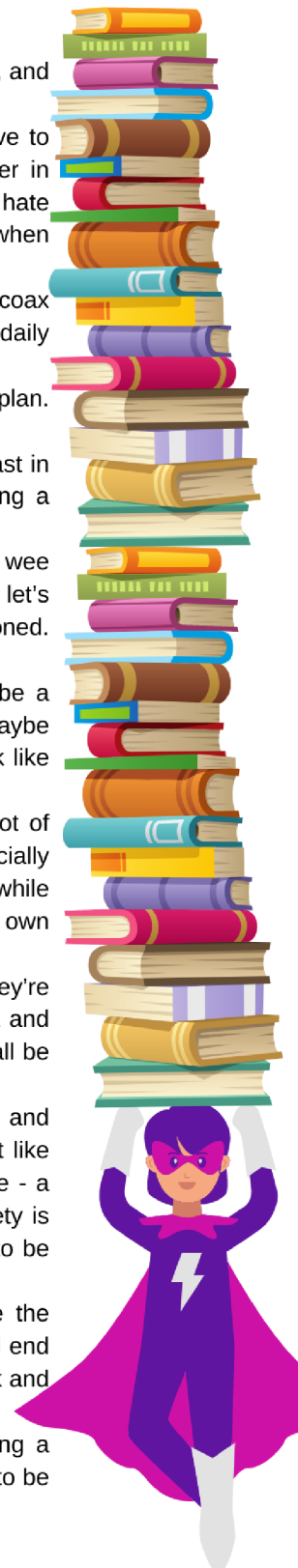
John Carr, Unknown, Rosemary Kelley, Robert Welch, Tammy Riel, Unknown First Name Rigor da Eva

Teacher: Miss Christine Sanborn

How to be a Librarian

by Kristina Schram

1. This one is obvious, but you should probably like reading and books. And libraries.
2. You might need to get along reasonably well with people. Because there are a lot of them, and they come into the library. All ages, all walks of life, all the time. And they need stuff.
3. You should know how to make copies and fax things. (Yes, faxing still exists.) You have to know how to replace ink cartridges without getting ink everywhere and put more paper in without overdoing it, and then how to fix paper jams when you overdo it. You should not hate printers even though they are wily beasts who bide their time, waiting to create havoc when the library is at its busiest. Because you need them more than they need you.
4. Having a cursory knowledge of computers isn't enough. You must know how to fix them, coax them, reconfigure them, beg them, update them, do research on them, and more. It's a daily battle, and some of us are not as well-armed as others.
5. If you are bad at remembering titles and authors (like me), you better have a back-up plan. Running from enquiring patrons and hiding under your desk is not an option.
6. You should know how to do a lot with a little. Library budgets are notoriously tight, at least in small towns. So if you don't believe you can make a mask out of a paper plate, being a librarian could be a challenge for you.
7. Do you like small children? No? Hmmm. I sense trouble. You need to not only like the wee ones, you must be able to connect to them on their level. Which is about 2-3 feet high. But let's say you don't exactly vibe with the littles, then your dodging skills had better be well-honed. They are all over the place here.
8. Creativity is highly prized in librarian circles. If you have no interest in pretending to be a character from a much beloved children's book (like, say, Captain Underpants), then maybe this isn't the job for you. You should also know how to put together flyers that don't look like they were made by a two-year-old. It's harder than it sounds, so don't judge me.
9. Can you talk on the phone? Because you'll have to make phone calls. Sometimes a lot of them. You'll have to speak like a normal human being and not an introverted, shy, socially inept person. You have to leave sensible messages. You can't let your attention wander while the phone is ringing, then forget who you are calling, why you're calling, and what your own name is. That ends badly.
10. You should be okay with chaos. No matter how many times you put books back where they're supposed to be and straighten DVDs and chairs and pick up toys in the children's area and clean paper towel bits off the bathroom floor and clear space to cover new books, it will all be messed up within an hour.
11. You do not have to be that person who can find a book the patron only describes as red, and about an adventure with this one person, or was it an animal? And someone in it didn't like goats. That is not realistic. But you do have to be able to discuss - at length, if need be - a wide variety of topics, ranging from someone's sick horse to the library cat to how society is going down the drain faster than a beloved ring. Because sometimes people just need to be heard and feel listened to.
12. And finally, you have to love libraries like they're your own home. Because they are the bedrock of any good town/city/civilization and they need to be well-cared for or we will all end up living in caves again. And while caves are super awesome, they are also cold and dark and hard to read in. Plus, no pizza delivery.
13. So, in sum, librarians are basically superheroes without the cape. Unless we're running a program where we dress up in capes. Then we wear capes. So maybe, also, if you want to be a librarian - a really good one - get a cape.



BARNSTEAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Education in Barnstead

On March 15, 1792, town meeting approved to have “agents in each school district, to build a school-house in each district” (Jeremiah P. Jewett’s History of Barnstead New Hampshire). The first teacher employed by the town, however, was Cornelius Kirby, in 1784, and his school was in the private home of William Newall in south part of town. By 1800, five schoolhouses had been built. Most were single room schools, with a handful that later became two rooms.

1. White Oak
2. Beauty Hill
3. Dennett
4. Parade
5. Bickford
6. Nutter
7. Tasker
8. South Barnstead
9. Interval
10. Center
11. Pitman
12. Munsey
13. Shackford Corner
14. Berry
15. One never named, also used as a church
16. Village
17. North Barnstead
18. Locke Corner

A ceremony opening the new elementary school was held on August 24, 1958. A handful of these original schoolhouses remain in use as private residences.



North Barnstead Schoolhouse

Library Happenings

Library Hours: Starting 9/9, we are back to being open on Saturdays from 10:00AM-1:00PM! We will still be open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:00AM-6:00PM and Thursdays and Fridays from 12:00PM-8:00PM. Please be aware that we are closed for staff training on the second Thursday of every month until 3:00PM.

Fri. 9/1 @ 6-8PM Family Movie Night: Our Family Movie Night is back! We will be showing *Hotel Transylvania: Transformania*, a spine-tingling adventure where the worst has happened: the monsters have all been turned into humans. Oh, my! Rated G for the whole family, so come one, come all, and get your monster fix at the library! Light refreshments will be served.

Wed. 9/6 @ 6-7:30PM Mead and Read: *Killers of a Certain Age* is on the agenda for September. Sound intriguing? If you are of a 'certain' age (18+), come join us at Over the Moon Farmstead in Pittsfield for what should be a thrilling discussion about murder most foul! Copies of book club books are available at the library. Our book for October is *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson.

Sat. 9/9 @ 11:00AM Fairy House Building: Are you a connoisseur of the fay? Knowledgeable about fairy ways? A follower of Bob the Builder? Bring your skills to this whimsical event hosted by Barnstead Parks & Rec and OFML. The plan is to meet outside the library to build a fantastical neighborhood using all-natural materials. Winter is coming, so it is extremely important we get these homes built asap!

Fri. 9/15 @ 4-5PM Family Crafternoon: Where everybody can be an artist! All ages are welcome to join us. Come for an afternoon of fabulous painting, leave with a masterpiece! Supplies are provided. Space is limited, so registration is required.

Thurs. 9/21 @ 5-7PM Teen and Tween DnD: How does a ragtag group of adventurers go on a shopping spree while trapped in the underdark? Join our campaign to find out! Anyone can join the campaign at any point. Light refreshments provided.

Fri. 9/22 @ 6-7PM Teen Advisory: This group offers the perfect way for teens to help out their community while earning volunteer hours. Or they can just do it for fun! Have a say in what goes on in the library. Talk about what books and events you want to see. Plus, this month you will learn about volunteer opportunities for our upcoming Haunted Library! Light refreshments provided.

Fri. 9/22 @ 6-7:30PM Writers Forum: Writers Forum is back! Have you always wanted to be a writer? Maybe even a published author? Well, it's time to do something to make that dream come true. Every 4th Friday of the month, OFML hosts Writers Forum - a group created and run by fellow writers to help you in your writing process, wherever that might be. This group is for ages 14+ and all levels of writing experience/expertise.

Thurs. 9/28 @ 6:00PM Barnstead Community Art Night: Stop by the library to see how creative Barnsteadians can be! Participants can drop off their art for display any time between 9/12 and 9/22. Artwork should include the artist's name, age or "adult," and contact information. The art will be on display in the meeting room and main library on 9/28, along with the amazing Community Quilt Project quilt. We will be selling raffle tickets for the quilt that evening and proceeds will go to support library programming. Light refreshments will be served.

For events that require registration, please contact us at 269-3900 or ofmlstaff@gmail.com.





BARNSTEAD FARMERS MARKET
 June 3rd– September 30th | 9 AM– 1 PM

NEW LOCATION
*Parade Congregational Church of Barnstead.
 1 Parade Circle. Barnstead, NH 03218*

Find your favorite locally sourced goodies at the farmer's market, fresh from the farm to your table! *Live music and food trucks*



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SENIOR SERVICES

Brunch Event

9/20/2023 AT 11AM
 BARNSTEAD PARADE FIRE DEPT.

Don't miss out on this scrumptious event!
 Carissa Elphick from the Partnership for Public Health will be there to present information about ServiceLink resources.
 Brunch provided by Center Barnstead Christian Church.
 Attendees are welcome to bring a dish, but it's not required.



ServiceLink
 Aging & Disability Resource Center

Event sponsored by the Barnstead Senior Services Committee
 For more information, contact Danielle at dhintonofml@gmail.com




CALLING ALL LOCAL ARTISTS!

OSCAR FOSS MEMORIAL LIBRARY WILL BE SPONSORING A CREATIVE ARTS EXHIBIT TO SHOWCASE BARNSTEAD ARTISTS OF ALL AGES AND WE NEED YOU!



ALL TYPES OF ART WELCOME (TEXTILE, POTTERY, PAINTINGS, JEWELRY, ETC.)
 ITEMS SHOULD BE DROPPED OFF AT THE LIBRARY BETWEEN 9/12 AND 9/22.
 ARTWORK SHOULD INCLUDE THE ARTIST'S NAME, AGE OR "ADULT," AND CONTACT INFORMATION. THE ART WILL BE ON DISPLAY IN THE MEETING ROOM AND MAIN LIBRARY ON 9/28, ALONG WITH THE AMAZING COMMUNITY QUILT PROJECT QUILT.

CALL OR EMAIL FOR MORE INFORMATION 603-269-3900
 OFMLSTAFF@GMAIL.COM



Build a Fairy House

9/9 at 11am @ Oscar Foss Memorial Library

Some supplies will be available, but please feel free to bring your own natural items like moss, shells and bark!
 Sponsored by Oscar Foss Memorial Library and Barnstead Parks and Recreation. All ages welcome!



Fuel Assistance

Now is the time to plan for winter fuels bills. The Community Action Program (CAP) which manages the fuel assistance program, is already taking applications from everyone. Call 603-225-3295 or 603-524-5512 ext 1. They have already sent applications to seniors and disabled persons who were approved last year.

Take the time to fill out the application now and if you need assistance with the process, contact our local Family Resource Center staff person, Jocelyn Allain at 603-267-4520. .

REAP

Are you age 60 or older, a caregiver or family member of an older adult living in NH, or living in a NH Senior Housing site and in need of counseling support?

REAP (Referral, Education and Assistance and Prevention Program) may be for you! Counselors are trained to help you with stress, relationships, family dynamics, grief, emotional well-being, substance use, quality of life or other personal concerns.

REAP is a program that is free of cost and counselors can meet with you in the privacy of your own home, or elsewhere if preferred, and also provides information by phone.

REAP provides education to help you better understand and deal with the many life-changes you might encounter. The program is designed to help you take control of your life, and to live a happy, healthy, and independent lifestyle.

REAP is available to all older adults in New Hampshire. Call 603-524-1100 ext. 184 at the Lakes Region Mental Health Center to reach a REAP Counselor.

BE THE CHURCH
Protect the environment. Care for the poor.
Forgive often. Reject racism.
Fight for the powerless.
Share earthy and spiritual resources
Embrace diversity. Love God. Enjoy this life.

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or join on Zoom at 10am**

**BARNSTEAD PARADE
CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH**

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**Worship Service 9:00 A.M.
Rev. Sandy Pierson—483-2846**

Old Home Day 2023

Another successful Old Home Day is in the books! Congratulations to Steve Kelley for placing first in the Blueberry Baking Contest. Steve's entry of Blueberry Lemon Icebox Pie tied for 1st place with Judy Clemmons' Blueberry Buckle. There was an exciting tiebreaker with an impartial judge who eventually went with the pie as the winner. Steve received a lovely gift bag with 5 lbs of flour, 2 mixing spoons, 2 oven mitts, 1 dishcloth, and a container of frozen blueberries (so he can make us some more of that pie!). Thank you to all who entered the contest and we hope you try again next year! Thank you, as well, to our judges: Selectboard Chair Paula Penny, Fire Chief Al Poulin, and Police Chief Paul Poirier. We are grateful to you for taking on this 'difficult' task!



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We also want to extend a big congratulations to Kathy Preston, who received the 2023 Barnstead Citizen of the Year award! Kathy and her husband Gordon and family moved to Barnstead many years ago and soon made the town their home. Kathy was a volunteer on the ambulance crew, a member of the Barnstead School Board for 20 years, and a member of the Barnstead Planning Board for 12 years. She is the epitome of a good neighbor and her generous heart has helped many a Barnstead citizen. When people are sick, she's even been known to cook them food and bring them books. Governor Chris Sununu has called Kathy a 'Gem for the State of New Hampshire.' We think she is a gem for Barnstead.



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The Barnstead Old Home Committee worked tirelessly to bring the town an event that was fun, family-friendly, and full of positivity. And we succeeded! Thank you to the Barnstead Parade Congregational Church, the Barnstead Farmer's Market, Parks & Rec, Barnstead Fire Rescue, Barnstead Police Department, the Belknap County Sheriff's Department, plus all those individuals who generously volunteered their time to make this event run smoothly. We would also like to thank all of you who attended, especially the exhibitors and vendors - you helped make the day a great success! A special thank you goes out to the Old Home Day planning committee: Andy Sylvester, Ann Philbrick, Anne Watson, Priscilla Tiede, Erin Stone, Barbara Comtois, and Hilary Henry. Your tireless work in putting this wonderful event together is very much appreciated!



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