



At the Ice Cream Social: (l-r) Miya Gagne, age 9; Tiffany Poulin, 7; Rachelle Collette, 3; and Gloria Brown, 7. Photo: Bob Bussey

Summer Reading Program

By Brandy Collette
Friends of the Andover Libraries

For many of us, the month of August brings backyard barbecuing with friends and families, last minute trips to the White Mountains, and of course, back to school shopping. Yet, for the Andover Libraries, August brings with it the end of our Summer Reading Program. This year, the Andover Libraries had 42 children ranging from toddlers to teenagers sign up for the Summer Reading Program, and they read over 500 books!

On August 10, Andover families and friends were treated to a fun and very entertaining trip through time. Thanks to the New Hampshire Humanities Council, the Friends of the Andover Libraries, and Sir Tom of Warwick, the families were able to enter a time of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table.

The children enjoyed making crowns and shields with a wonderful plethora of gemstones, feathers, and glitter glue. A few children also attempted to pull the infamous Excalibur from its stone. The lucky child who freed Excalibur was treated to his very own adventures into knighthood.

We also had our annual program's Ice Cream Social at the Andover Public Library on August 15. Many children and parents attended for ice cream sundaes with all the trimmings, homemade cookies, and fun prizes rewarding the children for a fantastic

summer filled with reading.

The summer reading book clubs for elementary and middle school children were also a wonderful success. Each group read two different books during the summer months. The children were then treated to a pizza party and desserts during the discussions.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the friends and families of Andover who sent postcards from their road trips all over the United States. The Armstrong family alone sent over 15 postcards of their road trip out west and back! They kept many who visited the Bachelder Library entertained with stunning postcards from their road trip.

Many children looked forward to stopping at the Bachelder Library to see if there happened to be more postcards recently picked up from the post office. Be sure to stop by the Bachelder Library to check out the many postcards which will be on display during the month of September. They have inspired a few families to go on a road trip of their own!

The Andover Libraries would also like to thank its many friends who donated time, energy, and materials to our program, and the Friends of the Andover Libraries, the Andover Post Office, Jake's Market, and Pizza Chef, who donated over \$100 in gift certificates. With your help, we were able to make this program a huge success!

Bachelder Book Club

By Brandy Collette
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After a brief summer hiatus, the Bachelder Book Club will be holding their first of many meetings on September 8 at 9 AM at the W. A. Bachelder Library in East Andover.

We will be discussing books we may have read during the summer months, and we will also choose

books for our September and October meetings.

Be sure to come with a few book titles that you would like to share with the group for future reading. We hope to see everyone there!

If you are interested in joining us or should you have any questions, please call Brandy Collette at 735-4064 or Mary Sell at 735-5333.

Andover Libraries

By Ray Mitchell
Friends of the Andover Libraries

As the Master Plan is debated, we hear the voices of many who want to keep Andover the way it is now. Some go another step and put land into conservation trusts so that the fields and forests cannot be developed. We know that the modern world will impinge on us. How much? To what extent do we let development change the nature of our town?

Recently I was reading about the way the conservation movement began a century ago. When Theodore Roosevelt was president he brought his love of the wild into his executive considerations. He saw how big business could use resources and despoil the landscape. Places that he loved to hike and hunt were damaged irrevocably by industrial activity.

In order to save the natural wonders of our nation he began the national park movement. We now have Yellowstone Park and White Mountain National Forest and St. Gaudens as a result of

the movement he began. You may read about his work as president in *Theodore Rex* by Edmund Morris. Our libraries have the Pulitzer Prize winning book in print and on CD.

We are fortunate that the work is carried on today by individuals and organizations. Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust has helped generous members of our community preserve portions of undeveloped land so that our progeny may enjoy open space.

The Society for the Preservation of New Hampshire Forests has saved large tracts for our enjoyment and for our children's children. Read Dave Anderson's column in the *Sunday Monitor* to see what is happening in our wooded areas.

We are able to live in this beautiful place because of the efforts of government and organizations and individuals, some in our own community. As we travel our trails and roads, let's remember the efforts of those who have preserved the natural places and keep the tradition.



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