



The cast of Halfway to Broadway's August production of *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*
Staff photo: Charlie Darling



Back, l-r: Megan Hanscom and Michaela Trefethen. Front: Andrew Croteau, Rachael Collette, Dana Buswell, and Kieran Cox. Photo: Madison Trefethen

Halfway to Broadway Accepting Applications

Halfway to Broadway press release

Halfway to Broadway is now accepting applications for students to be a part of a new and exciting artistic experience. Halfway to Broadway's community center for the arts will open at 207 Main Street (the old ski shop) on Saturday, October 1. The community center will offer dance, acting, piano, and vocal training by professionals who all have their degree in their area of expertise.

Along with providing classes, the community center will have a homework club for students to get assistance with homework, and there will be monthly events such as classic movie nights, coffee nights, and local bands playing. To get your child enrolled in dance, voice, piano, or the year-round theater program, please e-mail Halfway-ToBroadway@gmail.com with your mail-

ing information.

At the helm of this project is local award-winning director Jason Roy, who feels that the community can truly benefit from having a performing arts program. Studies show that students who take performing arts classes at an early age have higher reading levels, better hand-eye coordination, and higher grade point averages.

A community center where students can fine-tune their skills or learn basic skills will help not only them – Halfway to Broadway's long-term goal is to have a summer stock theater in town. This would help local tourism and provide entertainment all summer long for families to enjoy.

For more information, call 998-4829 or swing by 207 Main Street between 2 and 9 PM, Monday through Friday.



Summer Reading Program

By Priscilla Poulin
Andover Libraries

On August 12, Andover Libraries wrapped up their Summer Reading Program (SRP) with an Open House at the Bachelder Library. Many of the over 20 Summer Readers that participated this year came with their families.

SRP group leaders Megan Hanscom and Michaela Trefethen set up displays of the many art projects the young readers created throughout the summer and displayed the books their group read during the Program, all tied to this year's SRP theme: *One World, Many Stories*.

There were books and items based on the cultures of these countries: Italy, Mexico, Kenya, Norway, China, and Australia. Refreshments were served, and some kids and their parents even checked out more books that evening to carry them through the rest of the summer.

Here is a list of this year's proud SRP participants:

Grades K-4 Group Leaders: Megan Hanscom and Michaela Trefethen

- K-4 Readers:**
- Helen Armstrong
 - Dana Buswell

- Rachael Collette
- Kieran Cox
- Andrew Croteau
- Colby Jones
- Ani McIntyre
- Elliott Norris*
- Olivia Place
- Liberty Spaulding*
- Caleb Warzocha
- Delaney Young

*These two Summer Readers had perfect attendance!

Together, and with their parents, this group read over 90 books since July 4!

Grades K-5 Group Leader: Pam Brown

K-5 Readers:

- Scout Armstrong
- Avery Bouthiette
- Gloriana Brown
- Hayden Buswell
- Ethan Collette
- Samantha Parkman
- Tiffany Poulin
- DJ Rankins

This group had an end-of-the-season party of their own, earned by reading the over 35 books this summer! They met on August 24 at the Andover Public Library for their closing party.

Great job, summer readers!



Beautiful images and colors abound in the hallways of New London Hospital, thanks to local area artists, including Tom Barber, right, an oil painter from Andover, who have hung their work for the enjoyment of patients and visitors. There was a reception on May 24 to celebrate the artists and their work. The show will be on display through the beginning of September.

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