

Harrison Village Library



Newsletter

Spring 2019

Harrison Village Library

Hours:

Monday & Wednesday 1 – 7 PM
Thursday 11 AM – 5 PM
Saturday 10 AM – 2 PM

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For more information on all
Library events, please
call or visit.

Board of Trustees

Trustees and Officers of Harrison Village Library are elected for one-year terms, each July, at the Annual Meeting.

Current Officers are:

Jon Whitney, *President*
Mark Heidmann, *Vice President*
Michael Sink, *Treasurer*

Additional Board Members:

Carole Harris
Meg Kirschner
Jan Monteiro
Karen Toohey
Bill Wood

Meet Sarah!

Sarah Bernard is our new Library Assistant. Sarah has been associated with Harrison Village Library for over ten years, first as a volunteer and then as a member of the board of trustees. Recently retired from Bates College, Sarah jumped at the opportunity to work at the library. She and her husband, Barry, moved to Harrison from Freeport over twelve years ago. Sarah enjoys hiking, gardening, spending time with her family and traveling; her favorite literary genres are mysteries, biographies and historical fiction. Stop in soon and say hello!



Reading with... Sarah Bernard

Book you're reading now?

I just checked out *The One-in-a-Million Boy* by Monica Wood. I am also reading Gelsey Kirkland's autobiography, *Dancing On My Grave*.

Next up?

I've been reading and enjoying John Sanford books ever since my oldest brother turned me on to them. I just finished *Holy Ghost*, so it looks like *Neon Prey* is next up!

Your favorite three books?

This is a difficult question! Every book is my favorite as I read it. I have been keeping a list of the books that I read each year so I remember what I have read. I can't tell you the number of titles listed that I couldn't even remember the storyline! These are three that stand out for me; one from many years ago and two more recent reads: *Christy* by Catherine Marshall, *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand, *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson.

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Summer Calendar

We have an exciting program of special events planned for you this summer! Check out the calendar on our website for details and the most up-to-date information, but here is what's definite right now:

For Adults:

Saturday, June 1, 2:00: Read ME Book Club: *After the Eclipse* by Sarah Perry

Saturday, June 29, 11:00: Mark Griffin, author of *Rock Hudson* biography *All That Heaven Allows*

Monday, July 1, 6:00: Classic Suspense Movie Night: *Notorious*

Monday, July 8, 6:00: Classic Suspense Movie Night: *Out of the Past*

Monday, July 15, 6:00: Classic Suspense Movie Night: *Mildred Pierce*

Monday, July 22, 6:00: Classic Suspense Movie Night: *The Uninvited*

Monday, July 29, 6:00: Classic Suspense Movie Night: *The Big Sleep*

Saturday, August 3, 2:00: ReadME Book Club: *Paris Was the Place* by Susan Conley

Monday, August 5, 6:00: Classic Suspense Movie Night: *Cat People*

For Kids:

Saturday, June 22, 10:30: HVL Kids: Summer Reading Kickoff Party

Monday, June 24, 1:00: HVL Kids: Create a Car for tonight's "drive-in" movie

4:30: HVL Kids: Read to Bear

6:00: HVL Kids: "Drive-in" Movie: *Mary Poppins Returns*

Wednesday, July 3, 4:00: HVL Kids: *Animal Adaptations with Chewonki* *Traveling Natural History*

Wednesday, July 10, 3:00: HVL Kids: *Mad Science*

Wednesday, July 17, 4:00: HVL Kids: *Steve Corning Variety Show*

Wednesday, July 24, 3:00: HVL Kids: *Fun with Green Screens* (ages 10 & up)

Wednesday, July 31, 3:00: HVL Kids: *Harry Potter's Birthday Celebration*

Don't forget about our Summer Reading Program! This is open to everyone, children and adults, and you can win fabulous prizes just by reading. Summer Reading begins June 17; please ask at the desk for more details on how to participate.

New Adventures for Saige

Saige McGinnis, our Teen Advisor to the Board of Trustees, will be graduating in June from Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. We have been fortunate to have her input and her help in planning and executing programs; earlier this year, she and a friend presented a workshop for elementary-aged girls introducing them to the various STEM fields as part of their senior project. We asked her to share her future plans:

"I have been a part of the Viking Mentor Program, Varsity Soccer and Track, National Honor Society, Student Body, Key Club, Debate Club, Upward Bound, Girls State and more, and will be graduating in the top 5% of my class. I grew up having the blessing of being thoroughly involved in my community, school, and of course



Saige McGinnis, right, and Hayley McLeod present Girls are STEM in March

Harrison Village Library. This early involvement sparked interest that would follow me through high school. Although I will miss our little village of Harrison, I am oh so excited to start my next chapter as I plan pursue higher education!

Currently I am planning on attending Wheaton College in Massachusetts this fall, with a concentration in biology. Hopefully, I will be able to take this and pursue my dream of attending medical school and to travel and become a pediatrician."

Thanks and best of luck to you, Saige!

Seed Starting



Matt Carter of Harrison, farm logistics manager at Pietree Orchard, presented Seed Starting in April.

Reading with... Sarah Bernard

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Book that changed your life?

Earlier this year I read *The Five Love Languages* by Gary Chapman. His concepts made a lot of sense to me and they have helped me think about how I relate with family and friends in a whole new way. Finding the right means of appreciation is key. I felt as if he uncovered for me truths that are hidden in plain sight.

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Meet the Trustees



Jan Monteiro

Jan Monteiro recently moved full time to Harrison with her husband, Bob, after seven years of commuting between Rhode Island and this beautiful region. A retired pediatric critical care RN, she volunteered regularly in her two children's schools, was active in professional organizations, held offices on the Little League board and Girl Scouts, and now contributes her time to Harrison Friendly Riders and Christmas in Harrison, in addition to the HVL board. Jan has many interests that

include gardening, hiking, snowmobiling, boating, and reading; she loves to travel, and is always searching for that next live music event!

Carole Harris

Carole Harris and her husband, Andrew, the Artistic & Executive Director of Deertrees Theatre, moved to the area permanently three years ago after several years of renovating their 1873 Folk Victorian summerhouse into a year-round home. As a child, Carole and her family summered at area campgrounds with their Airstream trailer while Carole's Dad worked as a golf pro at the Bridgton Highlands Golf Course.



She and her brother learned to swim at Crystal Lake, and visited the Caswell Public Library every summer to expand their summer reading. Carole has worked in the fields of public relations, marketing, and communications for over 35 years, most recently as the Marketing & Public Relations Director for Portland Stage. In addition to serving on the HVL board, Carole serves as Volunteer Marketing Director for Deertrees and oversees the Salt Lick Cafe & Bar for the theatre. With her free time Carole enjoys the arts, gardening, cooking, baking, photography, travel, and reading, as well as craft and restoration projects.

Reading with... Sarah Bernard

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Book that was better as a movie?

I'm not sure that I have read a book that I liked better as a movie (*Gone with the Wind?*). I will say, however, that the audio book, *The Help*, was fantastic! I don't think reading it on my own would have been as rich an experience.

Best book you've read this year?

Every Note Played by Lisa Genova. It's a sad and tragic story, but it

gives the reader a sense of what it's like to have ALS. Sometime in the near future, I also plan to read another book by an ALS victim, *We Know How This Ends* by Bruce Kramer (the brother-in-law of a former colleague of mine).

Favorite line from a book?

I'm stumped. All I can think of is a line from a Peanuts calendar (Charles Schulz): "Arms aren't made for throwing baseballs... they're for hugging!"

Volunteer Ernie Fitzmorris Leads After School Book Club

Last fall, Ernie Fitzmorris of Harrison was preparing to retire, but a little worried about how she would spend all her time. Luckily for us, she came up with a great idea: The After School Book Club.

"Well I was going to fully retire, and I was worried that I would be bored", Ernie recounted. "After some thought I arrived at the idea of a book club for kids. Most of my professional life has involved kids in one way or another; teaching, later as a school counselor and eventually as a mental health counselor. I have always loved reading and working with kids so a book club seemed like the perfect combination. I contacted Kathleen (Kramer, the library director), pitched the idea and the rest is history! I've really enjoyed the book club this year and hope to continue in the fall."

As a small (tiny?) library, there are lots of programs and services we would like to offer, but don't have the staffing for. If you are searching around for ways to help the community and pass your time, we hope you will consider volunteering as Ernie did!



Ernie Fitzmorris and Members of the After School Book Club

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Did You Know?

Ongoing Programs and Services, and Other News

--You can **borrow ebooks and audiobooks** for your tablet, smartphone or electronic reading device through the Maine InfoNet Download Library, aka the "Cloud Library." All library patrons may use this service, which may be accessed by the link on our website. Please call or stop by for your card number. If you need help, we'll be happy to walk you through the process of borrowing electronically

--In addition to the weekly **Storytime** (Thursdays at 10:00), we also offer a monthly Traveling Storytime for preschools and daycares. Please contact the library if you would like to arrange a visit to your daycare. We also have monthly visits from Bear the Reading Dog, a great way for young children to practice their read-aloud skills. Check the library calendar for the

date of Bear's next visit.

--**Large Print Titles** are available both from our own collection and from a rotating collection from the Maine State Library.

--You can **donate** to the library online! Just follow the link on our website.

--**Free and discounted passes** to the Portland Museum of Art and The Children's Museum and Theater of Maine are available for library members. Call or stop by to check availability.

--Free access to the **Ancestry.com** database (for genealogy) is available on all library computers.

--You can **renew and reserve books online!** Stop by or call to get your user name and password. Lists of recent acquisitions are also available online. Click the bookshelf icon on

the library's website that says "search the catalog"; when you are brought to the catalog, click "lists" to see what's new. (You don't need to be logged in to view the lists or search the catalog, but you do in order to renew or reserve.)

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