

Hitchcock Herald

News from the Hitchcock Museum & Library in Westfield, VT



An Exciting Summer at the Hitchcock

You might think that a library & museum built in 1899 wouldn't have a lot of excitement left in it, but that couldn't be further from the truth! From live reptiles at our Summer Reading Kick-Off Event, to a playgroup brimming with energetic youth, to our new free audiobook and eBook service, I am so excited by everything happening at the HMML right now (not to mention the free passes to Vermont state parks and historic sites available for check-out!)

I hope that whether it is a beautiful summer day and you're on the way to the lake, or it's one of those pesky rainy days, you'll consider adding the Hitchcock to your summer plans.

Yours,

Jennifer Johnson



Speaking of exciting: meet the Hitchcock's new Substitute Librarian, Teka Slagle!

Please note that HMML will be closed on Thursday, July 4.

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Hours*:

- Tuesday 10am-3pm
- Thursday 2pm-7pm
- Sunday 11am-3pm

*New hours!

Summer Reading Kick-Off Event with 802 Reptiles - A Success!

On Tuesday, June 25, the Hitchcock hosted our Summer Reading Kick-Off Event with 802 Reptiles! Over 50 children and adults attended the event, during which 802 Reptiles proprietor Kevin Clarkson presented five different live snakes and facts about each one! Attendees were able to hold a snake and get their photo taken if they wished, including library director Jennifer Johnson, pictured to the right with Kevin Clarkson. The event finished up with everyone enjoying pizza outside. Jennifer would like to thank HMML board member Jenn Stelma and her son Soren, HMML board member Karen Blais, and HMML board member Carrie Glessner and family for their assistance making this a wonderful event!



There is still time to sign up for summer reading, which started on June 25 and will run through August 13. Families can visit bit.ly/HitchcockSRP to sign up, and reading logs can be picked up at the library. Participants who make progress with their reading each week are eligible to stop by the library, show Jennifer their log, and pick a prize from the prize bin! Feel free to reach out with any questions: hitchcockmemorial8258@gmail.com.

Playgroup with NEKCA Parent Child Center

Playgroup has begun! Join NEKCA Parent Child Center's Sara Guyette for free play, activities, and snacks at the Hitchcock on Tuesdays at 10:30am. All youth aged 0-6 and their caregivers are welcome! No sign-up or registration is required. Contact Sara with any questions: sguyette@nekcavt.org, 802-624-0997.

Free eBooks and Audiobooks with the Palace Project

The Hitchcock is pleased to announce that our patrons now have access to the **Palace Project**, a free eBook and audiobook platform! Thanks to the Vermont Department of Libraries, Hitchcock patrons are able to not only access items from Palace's base library, but other titles by Vermont authors and winners of our various Vermont book awards. To get started, follow the instructions below!

- Step 1: Download the Palace App from the Apple Store or Google Play Store.
- Step 2: Find Hitchcock Memorial Museum & Library in the app.
- Step 3: Click on Settings.
- Step 4: Click on Hitchcock Memorial Museum & Library.
- Step 5: Click on Create a Card and follow the instructions.
- Step 6: Open the verification email you receive and click the verification link. Your virtual library card number will also be included in this email. Save this library card number and go back to the "Settings" screen in the app. Input the number and the password you initially created, and "Sign in."
- Step 7: Find your first book!



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Jennifer Stelma - *Chair* * Carrie Glessner - *Co-Chair* * Karen Blais - *Treasurer*
Beth Berchick - *Secretary* * Carolyn Lyster - *Facilities Director*

NEXT TRUSTEE MEETING: July 9, 2024 @ 4pm