

Friends Newsletter

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Craig Evans, Archivist

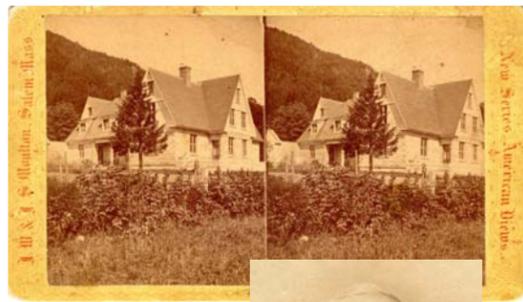
Meet Craig Evans, archivist The Bemis Collection in the Henney History Room

The Samuel A. Bemis Collection, acquired by the Conway Public Library in its entirety by a single private donation, records in detail both the personal and professional life and careers of S.A. Bemis. Additionally, through 18th century family papers, his ancestral family history is documented. The collection was donated to the Library by Inn keepers Ed Butler and Les Schoof of The Notchland Inn, originally the stone mansion Dr. Bemis built for himself in Hart's Location in the 1860s.

In the spring of 2015, Bob Cottrell, curator of the Henney History Room at C.P.L., wrote a grant to the NH State Library for "Moose Plate" funding to begin a preventative conservation project for the entire collection. In October, David Smolen and Bob announced the successful funding of \$2,284, through the Friends, to begin the project.

In mid-January, Craig Evans came on to work as the part-time archivist on this project, funded by the grant. Craig comes with a variety of archival experience over the past seventeen years. He has been a member of the NH Archives Group (NHAG) since its founding in 1993.

Other collections associated with Dr. Bemis can be found in the Henry Ford Museum, the American Antiquarian Society, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Getty Museum, the George Eastman House and private collections. The importance of this collections' association to these other repositories is significant.



The Notchland Inn,
Hart's Location



Samuel A. Bemis

Henney History Room Hours:

Monday
10am - 1pm & 3pm - 8pm
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
10am - 1pm
Friday: by appointment

F.O.L. Annual Meeting & Program Wednesday, September 21, 2016



Woody Pringle & Marek Bennett

The American Civil War Through Folksong: Song, Art and Politics Connect

Join us on Wednesday, September 21st at 6:30 p.m., as Woody Pringle and Marek Bennett present an overview of the Civil War through music of the period. Presenters will examine folksong as a means to enact living history, share perspectives, influence perceptions of events and conserve cultures in times of change. Showcasing numerous instruments, presenters challenge participants to find new connections between song, art and politics in American History. This event is made possible by a generous grant by the New Hampshire Humanities Council and is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Conway Public Library.



There will be a short directors meeting at 6:00 and the public is welcome. The program is free and will commence at 6:30 pm.

Election of the Friends Board of Directors takes place at our annual meeting in September. Anyone interested in running please contact Anne Smith.

The Agnes Kimball Children's Fund

We have a Big Book Picture Book Collection! Thanks to The Friends' distribution of monies from the Agnes Kimball Fund. These wonderful large books are being used for story time and story telling in-house. We have 12 different titles to choose from.

"We smile and hope you will smile as you read"

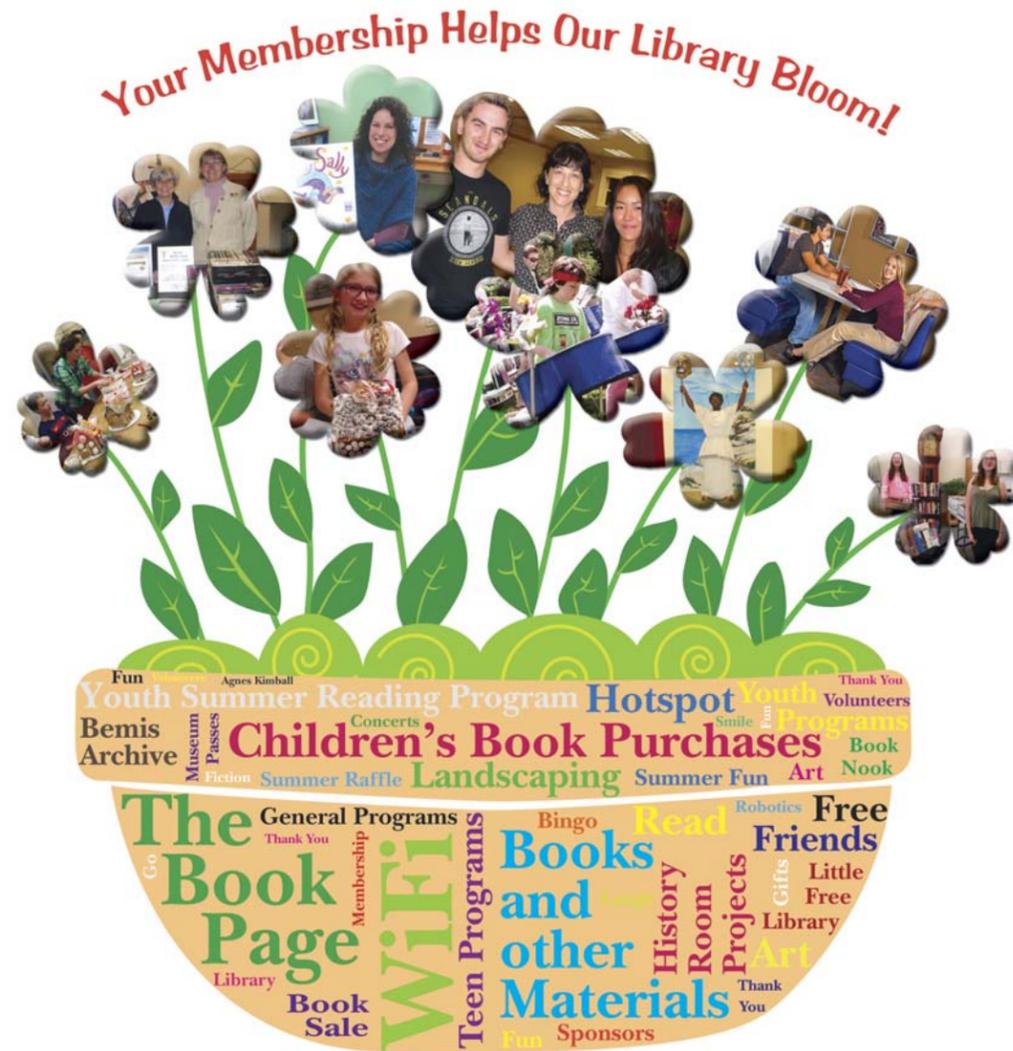
A generous gift from the Margolis, Parker, and Gerson families has allowed the Friends of the Conway Public Library to establish an investment fund in memory of Agnes Kimball. Agnes filled her life with children, both her own, Jeannette and Roger, and the many neighborhood children as well. Her house and heart were open to them all. To honor Agnes and her passion for children, this fund supplements funds set aside for children's books and audiobooks.



Tessa Narducci, Youth Services Assistant



Agnes Waterhouse Kimball
2/2/1914 - 3/3/2014



Friends' Memberships Dues Provide Many Services to Our Library; Please join us and help support these programs!

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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- \$10 Student/Senior
- \$20 Individual
- \$30 Family
- \$50 Supporting
- \$100 Benefactor
- Agnes Kimball Children's Fund _____

Make checks out to: Friends of the Conway Public Library (This membership is tax deductible.)
Please send this form with your check to Conway Public Library, 15 Greenwood Ave., Conway, NH 03818

The mission of the Friends is to help maintain the educational, cultural and recreational role of the library and to support all aspects and functions of the library.

Book Plate Order Form

I would like to donate \$20 for a book for the Conway Public Library collection with a book plate stating the following:

Please order a book in the genre of: _____

Example: Poetry, Romance, Sci Fi, Children's Fiction, or ask a librarian for suggestions.

The book plate should state:

A gift from _____

In the memory of _____

A gift in the name of* _____

* You will be given a certificate stating that a book has been purchased in their name and this book-plate will be placed inside with your dedication.



Friends of CPL Board of Directors:

Anne Smith, President
Colleen Hill, Treasurer

Directors:

Eileen Brochu, Dotty Blake, Marcia Cobl,
Andre Comeau, Pat Hoffman,
Carol Saunders, Shirley Young, & Janet Kucera



Friends Annual Report 2016

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Friends, I would like to thank you for your contributions during the past year. Your continued monetary support and your work in the library-- whether it be sorting and stocking shelves, volunteering with the two book sales or providing community programs -- keeps our library a vital focus in our town.

Presentations offered to the public in 2015 included a MountainAire Strings concert, "American Presidents" by Brian Wiggin, "Politics of the Salem Witch Culture" by Robin DeRosa, and in March, 2016, "Irish Songs" by Pat O'Brien. We are always delighted to meet the many community members that come out to enjoy our programs.

As a non-profit entity the Friends have received funds from several of the local businesses who offer fundraising events. We thank both Flatbread Restaurant and 99 Restaurant for supporting the library with their dine-to-donate programs. Their generosity helps us fund projects that are important to the library. The 99 Restaurant will donate a portion of their receipts on July 5. Mark that date on your calendar and join us for a great lunch or dinner. We continue our successful partnership with the TD Bank's Affinity Program which benefits both the library and participating bank clients.

Friends' membership dues, grants, and fundraising efforts give us the resources to provide the library with additional materials, special programs, and museum day passes for

family use. The additional seating planned for the Young Adults section of the library is just one of the many resources provided with Friends' funding. And, while Friends' funding supplements the library landscaping and gardens, much credit goes to the many Friends garden volunteers without whom our gardens would not grow.

Your membership provides critical support for our library. Thank you so much to our volunteers for all their hard work, our local businesses and other collaborators for joining us in our efforts, and to our community for believing in the importance of our library in our lives and in the future of our community.

Anne Smith, President

Summer Book Sale



Saturday, July 16th
10am - 2pm

Sale will be held indoors in the library during normal library hours.

Volunteers Needed

Please call Anne Smith at 356-3995 to sign up to help set up for the book sale or to help out during the sale.

Thank you!

SUMMER RAFFLE

Drawing - Sat. July 16th

- 'Lea' - American Doll
- HP Wireless Printer

Tickets available at the library starting June 1st. Winners need not be present to win.



The Book Nook

Good Books Cheap - year-round: Costing from .50 to \$1.00 for most books, located downstairs and at the entrance to the library.



Free Books Anytime At Our 2nd Little Free Library

24 hour access next to Leavitt's Bakery on Rt. 16 in Conway

Anyone can take a book at any time from our Little Libraries now located at both Conway Lake & Leavitt's Bakery, our new site added this year. Thanks to Bill Brochu for once again building our Little Library. These libraries are located all over the country. Travelers can take a book here and return or leave a book at another Little Library. The Little Free Library Association web site is:

www.LittleFreeLibraryAssociation.org



Left to Right: Christine Fleming, Bobbi Frasier, Shirley Young, Shirley Landry, Theresa Marcon, Ann John. Not Pictured: Carol and Bill Vose, Gay Folland, Janet Kucera, Chris Strout and Alan, Charlie Birch, Betty Parker, Colleen Hill, and Kathy Jaeger

Landscaping

Friends' funding enhances the outside of our library as well as the inside and the gardening could not be done without the volunteer help of our gardening Friends. Contact Christine Fleming to discuss how you might help with the weeding, watering and general maintenance.

A big THANK YOU for your contributions



Our next Fundraiser is July 5th.



Our next Fundraiser is Dec. 27th.



Every Saturday at Cranmore is "Cranapalooza Day." They have events for the children with part of the proceeds going to The Friends from their making of S'mores activity.

Certificates available at the library and at the venue.

From the Director, David M. Smolen

The outstanding work of our Friends group never ceases to amaze me. They are a dedicated group of volunteers who understand the ability of libraries to transform lives.

New investments in the Library this year by the Friends include a mobile WIFI hotspot and furniture for our teen area. Why would the library want to offer access to a device such as a Hotspot?

Working to close the "digital divide" has long been a part of the mission of the library. Wifi hotspots allow users to connect to the Internet with an internet capable device almost

anywhere. Providing access to this piece of hardware is a new way for the library to help patrons connect to the Internet. The new furniture for the teen area looks fantastic. Our goal is to make this space more comfortable, inviting and fun so we can improve the teen experience at the library. Thank you, Friends.

People such as Friends' President Anne Smith and Treasurer Colleen Hill have been wonderful "sounding boards" for me. I trust their judgment and have enjoyed discussing new ideas for the Library with them. Their unique perspectives on the institution provide valuable insight and help me chart a course for the institution.



Library Director David Smolen

I look forward to working with the Friends in 2016 and beyond! They are performing tremendous work in our community.

David Smolen

Youth Summer Reading Programs

The Conway Public Library enjoys the generous support of the Friends for several Youth Programs, including the Summer Reading Program. Every year we follow a national reading theme and encourage children and teens to have fun with reading during the summer months. Last year, the slogan was "Every Hero has a Story". We had over 300 readers participate in our reading contest. We had 9 fantastic performances in the afternoon, while providing our regular Tuesday and Wednesday story times. We gave out hundreds of donated prizes from area theme parks and businesses. It was a busy summer and we could not do it without the Friends!

For 2016, we are excited to work with many businesses for the theme of "Fitness". We have presentations and activities happening at the library, in the park, and at other businesses. The slogan is "On your mark, Get set, READ" and we are getting ready! With the Friends' support we are spotlighting teens this summer, providing a special BINGO sheet and prizes. Come on in to the library to find out more.

Each Bingo wins a raffle ticket. Each complete Bingo sheet = 12 Bingos.

Wednesday Programs (Please note that programs have different times & places.)

June 22nd	4 pm	Kinetic Art with K.H. Arts
June 29th	4 pm	Mini Tough Mudder with Nike
July 6th	4 pm	Yoga for Everyone with Dixie Lea
July 13th	4 pm	Smoothie Bike and Natural Ice Cream
July 20th	4 pm	Dance-A-Thon with Red Gallagher
July 27th	4 pm	Walk Like an Animal with Tin Mountain
August 3rd	4:30pm	Obstacle Course @ Saco Valley Gym
August 10th	4 pm	Steve Blunt



One Book One Valley Celebrates its 11th Anniversary

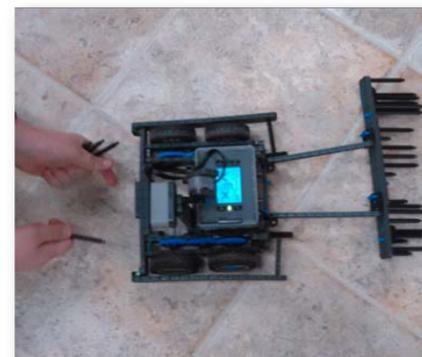
Sponsored by the Friends of the Conway Library, other libraries and participating institutions in New Hampshire and Maine.

"The Finest Hours: The True Story of the U.S. Coast Guard's Most Daring Sea Rescue" by Michael J. Tougias and Casey Sherman.

The book describes the simultaneous rescue missions for two oil tankers, each of which split in two during a severe winter storm off the coast of Cape Cod in 1952. It is a fast-paced, thrilling read, and it comes in a young reader's version as well as the original adult edition. A feature film based on the book was released in theaters in January 2016.

One Book One Valley 2016 will kick off in September after Labor Day. Participating libraries, schools, and White Birch Books will have copies of "The Finest Hours" to borrow or purchase. The book comes in both adult and young reader's editions. The big event will feature author Michael Tougias on October 27 at Kennett High School. Casey Sherman will talk at a separate event (TBA).

Robotics



The Youth Robotics Program, supported by Project Succeed and The Friends of the Conway Public Library, is a program where students build, engineer, code, and problem-solve with VEX-IQ Robots. Fourth-through-sixth-graders learn basic engineering and programming knowledge as well as team-building skills in these classes. The Beginning Robotics has been so popular that we are now offering Advanced Robotics, taught by our own Tara McKenzie.



TD Bank Contribution Program is Safe, Effortless AND Supports the Library

You pay nothing; just tell the bank you want the bank's contribution to go to the Friends of the Conway Public Library and TD Bank makes a contribution to the library. Your information is confidential. No names, account numbers, or personal information is disseminated.

Call the library for more information or talk to someone at TD Bank.