Moonstruck in Orleans

Moon mania hit Snow Library this summer. The 50th anniversary of the lunar landing in July inspired a space-themed children’s reading program (slogan: “A Universe of Stories”) and got us brewing rocket fuel in the park. Baking soda and vinegar foaming in their wake, missiles engineered from plastic bottles were launched from the green in front of the library on Aug. 8, our mission control a crew of eight- to 12-year-olds under the command of youth services librarian Ann Foster.

Those rocketships may not have made it to the moon—they just scaled the lamp-posts—but the Apollo 11 spacecraft made history in 1969 when it carried astronauts Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins to their lunar destination 238,000 miles away. Todd Douglas Miller’s documentary of the historic expedition was shown at the library on the eve of July 20, the anniversary of the day Armstrong and Aldrin piloted their lunar module to the surface of the moon. The “Apollo 11” screening marked the debut of the new large screen in the Craine Room, a cinema-sized drop-down contraption that should improve the viewing experience for movies, slideshows, Lifetime Learning classes and other programs held at the library. (Thank you to the Friends of Snow Library for funding this important technological upgrade.)

Craft activities with a cosmic bent

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**Around the Stacks**

*Colorful ‘Cadence’*
Rosa Pimenta’s art exhibit "Cadence of Memories," a collection of oil and acrylic paintings on metal and canvas, brightened the walls of the Craine Gallery in August. Summer exhibits in the gallery also showcased watercolors by Marianne Kinzer (July) and photography and digital art by Nancy Bray and Mary Hoyle (June).

*Hedgehogs & other adventures*
An African pygmy hedgehog named Bailey, a skunk named Flower and other critters adopted from the wild visited the library in July. The educational animal show was presented by Amazing Animal Ambassadors, a traveling menagerie headed by Bethany Jakubson and based in South Yarmouth.

*Sea creature song-writing*
Young people composed an "Ode to a Curious Seal" at a songwriting workshop led by musicians Rand Burkert and Chev Hardy in August. The program, held in the library’s makerspace, started with a natural history lesson on Cape sea creatures. Then kids got to work writing lyrics and composing a tune.

*Moon memos*
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“In Liverpool, England, they landed at 2 a.m. I was applauded and cheered as the American representing a truly American achievement!” - Philip, from Orleans

“Ten years old in Merced, CA. The whole family was gathered around the TV to watch. We were so excited to witness the culmination of science, engineering and the human spirit. I will never forget the sense of awe.” - DC

“I was at home and 23 years old. I wasn’t sure people should be on the moon. Still not sure.” - Anonymous

“Wellfleet. My dad rented us a TV. We slept in sleeping bags on the living room floor so we wouldn’t miss anything.” - Ann

“Was 15 years old. Left for holiday in Ireland 7/22/69. All said to me, ‘You landed on the moon!’” - Anonymous

“My husband and I hurried back from a wedding (can’t remember where) to see the moon landing. Watched on our cottage TV - Nauset Heights. Amazing!” - Anonymous

“I watched it through the window of a TV store in Salzburg, Austria, while traveling that summer in Europe.” - Anonymous

“JFK gave U.S.A. the challenge and so many people achieved the goal. Very impressive feat. We had a B+W TV brought into our 6th grade Harwich Jr. High School classroom and the teacher let us watch most of the day. Still amazed to this day!” - Steve C.
New season of Lifetime Learning begins
By Ellen Burleigh

The Fall Session of Lifetime Learning will begin on September 23 and run through November 21. We are offering 27 new fascinating courses - fuel for your brain, fuel for your soul. We try to find something for everyone. Many of your favorite presenters are back, along with some intriguing new ones. There are one-class courses and multi-class courses. Hopefully we will have at least one exciting course that will fit into your schedule.

Lifetime Learning is run by a team of volunteers as an enrichment to our community. It is sponsored by the Friends of Snow Library and supports our great library. $10 is our suggested donation per course. We greatly appreciate all donations. We welcome you to donate more or less depending on what is comfortable for you, but please join us.

Brochures and registration sheets are available at the circulation desk, at assorted venues around town, and online at www.friendsofsnowlibrary.org/lifetime-learning-program. You can register at the Snow Library circulation desk, by mail, online, and even at the door before one of the course classes.

Please check out what Lifetime Learning has for you this fall. What are your favorites - art, current events, film, health, history, literature, music, nature, plays, poetry, politics, science? We are proud to bring you 27 new and enticing Lifetime Learning courses!

[Burleigh is chair of the Friends of Snow Library's Lifetime Learning Committee.]

Fall art workshops

Make a travel journal with decorative artist Susan Casella on Sept. 28. Transform a book into a sculpture with Kitti Scibelli on Oct. 19. Decorate a pumpkin on Oct. 23. Autumn brings new opportunities to get crafty in the library’s makerspace, aka Snow Studio. All programs are free, with materials provided.

Over the summer, two drop-in still life drawing sessions led by local artists Wendy Olin and Paul Suggs were held in the studio. Look for more still life drawing workshops in late fall and winter (dates to be announced). All ages and all levels of experience are welcome to attend these informal drawing workshops, where participants may pick up a stick of charcoal to make their first gesture drawing or bring a paint set and work on a more finished piece. The still life remains in place for three days, with the artist-teacher on hand the first two days to guide and critique your work.

For more information about workshops, pick up a brochure at the circulation desk.
**Kids’ Stuff!**

**Story Hour**

Story Hour is back! Come to the children’s area every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and join Miss Ann for songs, stories and crafts. For newborns to five-year-olds.

**Babies’ First Year**

New moms and dads are invited to meet, share stories, ask questions and get familiar with resources on nutrition, parenting, breast-feeding and other topics every Monday from 10:30 a.m. to noon in our children’s room. Weekly discussion topics include the various developmental stages during baby’s first year. Sponsored by the Cape Cod Children’s Place.

**Paint a Pumpkin**

Bring a sugar pumpkin or a small pumpkin to the library and decorate it for Halloween. Librarian-crafter Jamie Forster leads the fun at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 23 in the Craine Room. Drop in; no registration needed.

**Halloween Concert**

Songs, silliness and storytelling combine in an interactive show sure to delight the little ones when the Toe Jam Puppet Band performs at the library at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26. Bring the kids in their costumes, if you’d like; the Halloween Stroll on Main Street begins at 2:30 p.m., right after the show.

**...And more!**

Play Catacombs & Castles, Labyrinth, Sushi Go Party and other ‘Wicked Fun Games’ with Matt Donle on Game Day, held every third Saturday of the month from 1 to 4 p.m.

**Move and Groove** with Acqua every third Friday of the month at 10:30 a.m.

**Afterschool crafts**

Beginning on Wednesday, Oct. 9 and continuing every month on the second Wednesday, at 3 p.m., an Afterschool Craft activity will be offered in the library’s makerspace. October’s activity will be making Origami bats, cats and other Halloween-y things.

**Have a chocolate chirp cookie**

Learn about Edible Insects with Larry Dapsis, Barnstable County’s chief entomologist, at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5. Dapsis will talk about the practice of entomophagy (eating insects), which is common in many cultures outside the U.S. Popular with children and families, the program includes an opportunity to try insect snacks like Chocolate “Chirp” Cookies (made with cricket flour) and sour-cream-and-onion-flavored crickets. In the Craine Room.

**Paint a Pumpkin**

One of the things we enjoyed most was reading the notes posted by library patrons on the giant cardboard moon in the reading lounge. We asked, “Where were you and what was your reaction?” when you heard that men had landed on the moon on July 20, 1969. Dozens of folks, of all ages, responded. You can read some of their answers in the “Moon Memos” box on page 3.

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