



## Build -A- Bunny at the Monson Free Library

Monson Free Library is offering a great opportunity for kids! Get your child interested in reading with our “Build-A-Bunny” reading program. Starting on March 1<sup>st</sup> and running through April children are encouraged to read or be read to at least 20 minutes per day. To start, pick up a reading log and the beginnings of your bunny plus some good books to read... and you’re ready to go! For every 5 days of reading, visit the library with your reading log to receive an additional bunny part to glue on to your rabbit and choose a fun prize from our basket of goodies! Keep your completed bunny or hang it proudly in our children’s room. This program is open to children pre-K through 4<sup>th</sup> grade.



## APRIL SCHOOL VACATION EVENTS!

On Tuesday, April 20th at 1:00 P.M. join the Friends of the Library for the latest Disney Movie to hit the small screen! The Princess and the Frog! Feel free to come dressed as your favorite prince or princess! Popcorn and juice will be provided by the Friends but BYOF (bring your own frog)! Hope to see you there!

On Wednesday, April 21st, the Friends of the Monson Free Library invite all Pre-school and elementary School aged youngsters to a special program during the regularly scheduled story time 10:30-11:30 A.M. Joan Lowbridge-Sisley, Communications Health Education Specialist for Partners for a Healthier Community, Inc., will conduct a program entitled, “The Importance of Oral Health and Wellness” as part of the BEST Oral Health Program at Bay State Medical Center. There will be a film, power point presentation, demonstrations, as well as crafts and snacks.

Please tell us what you think of our newsletter. Email comments and suggestions to [monsonfl@cwmar.org](mailto:monsonfl@cwmar.org) or call us at 413-267-3866. To unsubscribe to this newsletter please email us at [monsonfl@cwmar.org](mailto:monsonfl@cwmar.org) with the subject “unsubscribe enews”.

## QUARRY HILL KIDS!!!!

As part of the "Character Education" that you are learning in school, the library has put up a display of "Friendship" books. Stop by our Children's Room and check some out!

## Appetite for Books: A Book Discussion

April 7, 2010

On **Wednesday, at 12:00 pm** bring a brown bag lunch and your enthusiasm. We will provide coffee, tea and books! We will be exploring the book Leap of Faith by Queen Noor. There are no wrong answers and no experience necessary. This program is free and everyone is welcome.

## APPETITE FOR ART

April 21 @ 12:00 pm

Would you like to learn about Art? There are no wrong answers, we just like to sit around and talk about art! No experience necessary. Bring a brown bag lunch and your enthusiasm! We will provide coffee and tea. This program is free! Call the library for more info at 267-3866.

## SCRABBLE NIGHT!

Join us on the 4th Tuesday of every month for a friendly game of Scrabble! Next scheduled evening is April 27 from 6-8 pm at the library! Everyone is always welcome.

## Library Hours

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>2:00-8:00</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>10:00-6:00</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>2:00-8:00</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>10:00-2:00</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>10:00-2:00</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>

**20 % OFF GENERAL ADMISSION TO THE CONNECTICUT SCIENCE CENTER FOR UP TO FOUR PEOPLE!** Coupons now available at the library! One coupon per party and per transaction. Offer expires 5-31-10. Hurry in! We only have a few left!

## FRIENDS HAPPENINGS!

### YOU ARE INVITED TO BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR FRIENDS GROUP!

The next meeting will be held on April 15th at 6:30 pm at the library. You are welcome to be as involved as time and interest allow!

### STORY HOUR!

Join us every Wednesday morning from 10:30-11:30. There is a theme each month that we follow with stories, crafts and songs. Please sign up at the library—ages 2-5 welcome! Call 413-267-3866.

Visit: <http://monsonfreelibrary.blogspot.com> for reviews, rants and library

## Monson's 250th Anniversary Steering Committee

Monson is turning 250 this year and the Monson 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Steering Committee is creating a sampler quilt made by quilters residing in Monson. Blocks must be completed by May 1, 2010. So don't forget Quilters!

For more information contact Dawn Sullivan or Hope Bodwell. Dawn can be reached at 267-4622 or dsull54@comcast.net or contact Hope at 267-3866 or hbodwell@cwmar.org. Please stay tuned for upcoming 250<sup>th</sup> celebration activities as well as more quilting events. Visit [www.monson250.wordpress.com](http://www.monson250.wordpress.com) for the latest updates. The public is invited to attend all meetings of the Anniversary Steering Committee. The next meeting will be held on April 6th at 6:00 p.m. at the Keep Homestead Museum.



### Monson 250th Anniversary's First Event!

A bonfire celebration will be held to kickoff the 250th Anniversary of the town of Monson, MA at Veterans Field beginning at 5:30 p.m. on April 25th, 2010. Local organizations will be present and this will be a great event to learn about all of the upcoming festivities! Fun and refreshments!!!

Visit [www.monson250.wordpress.com](http://www.monson250.wordpress.com) for the latest updates.

### \*\*\*\*\*TEN NEW Wii GAMES AT THE LIBRARY!\*\*\*\*\*

The Library has just purchased new video games for your Wii game system.

MarioKart	Animal Crossing - City Folk
Endless Ocean	Lego Star Wars
Super Mario Brothers	Lego Indiana Jones
Lego Batman	Walk it Out
Family Game Night	Rayman Raving Rabbids

Come in and take one to enjoy!

## 3RD ANNUAL FRIENDS LOVE YOUR LIBRARY WINE TASTING!

### SAVE THE DATE!

The 3rd Annual Love Your Library wine tasting event will be held Friday, May 21st at 7:00pm at the Monson Free Library. Show your love for the library by joining us for a variety of wines, presented by Paul Lepenas of Baystate Wines, paired with delicious food. As an added treat, some of the evening's recipes will be straight out of "Cooking With The Friends," a fabulous cookbook originally printed in 1983 by the Friends of the Monson Free Library and re-printed this year in celebration of the history of our town and our library!

Cookbooks and tickets will be on sale soon! Stop by the Library for more info!

The Friends would also like to thank everyone who came to shop at our Friends Book & Bake Sale!. Over \$900 was raised to support Library programs and purchases! A special thanks goes out to all of you that donated baked goods (yum!) and books to support this effort - our Library is certainly blessed with great FRIENDS!