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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2011!!!!



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As a mother and a grandmother I have many classic tales about my children and grandchildren that I like to share from time to time. This, however, is not the venue for *those* stories about my children. However, I do have a recent story about my grandchildren that is pertinent to the library. Several weeks ago my daughter brought my grandchildren into the library to choose some books. It took a while, but they all left with an armload each. The next morning, as the household was trying to get ready for work and school, my daughter and her husband stopped their usual routine to discover that the house was quiet, too quiet. They flew upstairs to see what kind of mischief the kids were getting into, expecting the worst possible scenario. Instead, they found all three children sitting on the floor quietly reading their library books. Now in all honesty I can't tell you that there wouldn't be times when those parents were right to run up those stairs in a panic. And I can't guarantee you that if you bring your children to the library they will become quiet, well behaved angels all of the time. But I can predict that you will have some moments of wonder and peace when you watch them totally engaged in their reading. Reading is the key to learning vocabulary, language, values, creativity, concentration, and critical thinking. It is also fun! These skills will help children grow up to become successful adults who can think for themselves and make informed decisions. Take advantage of the public library's gift to the community of tens of thousands of books to read – for free! So, in an effort to promote peace and tranquility, why not come into the library with your children and bring home some books, or DVDs, books on CD... If you haven't come in for a while, check out our new children's room. We think you'll find it airy and inspiring. Once again we invite you to come home to your library. *Your Director, Katie Krol*

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Monson Free Library are on Facebook!!!!
Visit us to see pictures and articles about the events and fundraising efforts the Friends are now doing to support your library! You are invited to become a member of our Friends group. The next meeting will be held on January 19 at 6:30 pm at the Library. You are welcome to be as involved as time and interest allow.

The Monson Free Library is not accepting material donations at this time—we're all out of room!

Children's Programs

Baby Story Time

Friday mornings at 10:30 am

For children birth through 2 years! Join us for a brand new program for the smallest of all! We'll read stories, sing songs and have fun!

Story Hour

Every Wednesday morning from 10:30–11:30 am

Join the Friends of the Library for stories, crafts and songs!

No registration necessary.

Family Movie Night Thursday January 13rd at 6 pm

We're showing Alpha and Omega ^{©Lionsgate} on the big screen! Popcorn and water will be provided by the Friends of the Library. Kids are welcome to come in their pajamas and to bring pillows and blankets to soften up the floor if they want! Movie is rated PG and is 85 minutes long.

Pajama Story Time Thursday, January 27th at 6:30 pm

Join us for an evening story time! We'll be reading some New Year's stories, doing crafts and maybe even making some resolutions! Kids are welcome to come in their pajamas!

Fancy Tea Party Wednesday, February 23rd at 2 pm

Bring your favorite doll! Fancy Nancy, American Girl, or any other doll who likes to dress up! Please wear your fanciest ensemble! Have tea & cake! Make your own tutu! Listen to stories! Decorate cup cakes!

"There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all."

—*Jacqueline*

Kennedy

The Children's Room is now in the former Reading Room (where the fish tank is!)

We've been so busy moving (and moving and moving) all the materials around and everything is almost all settled.

Come in and take a look!





Adult Programs

Appetite For Art Jan 19th at noon

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. This month we will be discussing the Impressionists. 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 Tues. Jan 25th 6-8 pm

Join us on the 4th Tuesday of every month for a friendly game of Scrabble! Everyone is always welcome.

Holiday Hours

January 1 **Closed**
 January 17 **Closed**

Library Hours

Monday **Closed**
 Tuesday **2 pm—8 pm**
 Wednesday **10 am—6 pm**
 Thursday **2 pm—8 pm**
 Friday **10 am—2 pm**
 Saturday **10 am—2pm**
 Sunday **Closed**



Help Wanted

The Library is in need of a few good handy-people to help us take care of some chores. If you have a little free time and are good with tools please stop in anytime we're open and offer to lend a hand, we'd really appreciate it!

