



Greetings from your new green director.

I am delighted and honored to represent the people of Monson in their beautiful library. Please stop by to say hello; I look forward to meeting each and every one of you. You might be asking why I chose the term “green” to describe myself. Well, I am certainly new to the job, as in “at the beginning stages” of my term as director. But I also chose this term in reference to our summer reading program, “Go Green at your Library.” We kicked off summer reading on Tuesday, June 22 with much fanfare and fun and lots of folks of all ages. This initiative focuses on the theme of the environment, conservation, recycling, and sustainable living. Families who read together provide the strongest model for future reading, and research has shown that children who participate in summer reading programs reap the benefits of greater academic achievement. Come in to the library to sign up, and to sign up for the raffle prizes, and to see the wonderful displays our staff members have created with related books and media. Summer Reading is open to all ages: children, young adults, and adults. The library is the ultimate “green machine,” buying materials once to be used and reused by many. And – it’s free! So please drop by and see us. I invite you to come home to your library.

Thanks,
Katie Krol



Summer Reading

Summer Reading will start June 22 and end on August 4 this year. Since our theme this year is Go Green we will be hosting earth-friendly activities all summer long!



Children's Activities for July

July 13— Selectmen's meeting room at 10:30 am for a visit and stories with Police Chief Kozloski and the police dog followed with a tour of the station!

July 17- Craft in the morning at 10:30 am. Make a picture frame from a CD!

July 20—Join us at Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary at 10:30 am for stories and a tour!

July 20 –Join us at 6:00pm for family movie night

July 27 - Join us at the Monson Fire Department at 10:30 am for a visit and stories with Chief Robichaud followed by a tour!

Teen Activities for July

July 8- 4:00 pm Tie Dye with Sandy, bring your own white t-shirt.

July 22 - 4:00 pm Altered T-shirts, bring your own t-shirt and turn it into something completely new.

Adult Activities for July

July 8th - 6:00 pm Vegetable Oil Powered Car - View the car and then discussion!

July 15th - 7:00 pm Geocaching with Steve Kosloski - Join us for the basics of using GPS receiver to hide and seek containers all over the world!

July 22nd - 7:00 pm Solar Power and the Environment

July 29th - 7:-00 pm Movie - The Cove - Academy Winner for best documentary!

“Go green at your library” is sponsored by your local library, the MA Regional Library System, the Boston Bruins and the MA Board of Library Commissioners

Did you buy school summer reading books last year that are still hanging around your house? Consider donating them to the library—we can always use more copies!

Appetite for Books: A Book Discussion JULY 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 The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd. There are no wrong answers and no experience necessary. This program is free and everyone is welcome.

Library Hours

MONDAY	CLOSED
TUESDAY	2:00-8:00
WEDNESDAY	10:00-6:00
THURSDAY	2:00-8:00
FRIDAY	10:00-2:00
SATURDAY	10:00-2:00
SUNDAY	CLOSED

APPETITE FOR ART

July 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 July 27th from 6-8 pm at the library! Everyone is always welcome.

The library will be closed on July 3,4 & 5 due to the Holiday Weekend. Have a wonderful 4th of July!

Garden Pasta Salad with Chicken

Ingredients

- 4 (8-ounce) bone-in chicken breast halves, with skin
- Coarse salt and pepper
- Juice of half a lemon
- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 4 cups whole wheat rotini
- 2 cups broccoli florets
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 cup frozen edamame, thawed
- 1 cup matchstick carrots
- 1 cup baby spinach, chopped

Instructions

1. Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Line a rimmed baking sheet with foil. Season the chicken with salt and pepper and transfer it to the baking sheet. Drizzle on the lemon juice and oil, then bake the chicken until the juices run clear when pierced with a knife, about 1 hour. Transfer the meat to a plate to cool, reserving the cooking juices.
2. Cook the rotini according to the package instructions, adding the broccoli to the pot for the last 2 minutes. Drain, reserving 1/4 cup of the water, plus 2 tablespoons if you're using a rotisserie chicken that has no cooking juices. Transfer the rotini and broccoli to a large bowl. Add the reserved cooking juices and pasta water and toss to coat the ingredients.
3. When the chicken has cooled, remove the skin. Pull the meat from the bone, tear it into bite-size pieces, and add it to the pasta.
4. In a small bowl, stir together the mayonnaise and mustard until well blended. Add the mixture, along with the remaining ingredients, to the bowl and toss well. Taste and adjust the seasoning with salt and pepper, if desired. Serves 8.



Monson's 250th Anniversary

The Story of Monson by Mary Reed Newland originally printed in 1960 to celebrate the town's bicentennial has now been reprinted to commemorate the 250th anniversary of Monson. This new version contains a dedication to the author by her son, James Newland.

Mary Newland wrote this for the children of Monson so they may have an appreciation for their history. We hope by re-introducing this treasure all residents may get that chance once again. This book is available at the Library for \$5.00 each. Proceeds will benefit the library where Mary spent much time entertaining children with her magical story hours.

The Monson Free Library is proud to host a revolving year-long display highlighting notable Monson people in honor of the 250th anniversary of the town taking place this year.

Monson native, Dr. Richard LaFond has dedicated countless hours to researching Monson residents and Monson Academy alum. He has compiled photos and facts on such Monson notables as Calvin Munn, William Halsted, Hazel Munsell, Carl Rand, Frederick Ellis, Mary Reed Newland and Alice Cahill among others. Many names will be familiar but many may be unknown to residents today. Do you know who performed the first operation to remove gallstones? Who was Monson's connection to the Kennedy family? Or which Monson Academy teacher was the first woman to hold a U.S. Cabinet position? Visit the library throughout the year to get answers to these questions!

Please stay tuned for upcoming 250th celebration activities. Visit www.monson250.wordpress.com for the latest updates. The public is invited to attend all meetings of the Anniversary Steering Committee.

FRIENDS HAPPENINGS!

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

The next meeting will be held on July 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.

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!

Please tell us what you think of our newsletter. Email comments and suggestions to monsonfl@cwars.org or call us at 413-267-3866. To unsubscribe to this newsletter please email us at monsonfl@cwars.org with the subject "unsubscribe enews".