

middle TOWN NEWS letter

July 2023

Joe Bruchac, Abenaki Storyteller At the Library – July 29



The Friends of the Library is pleased to announce that Joe Bruchac, Abenaki storyteller, musician, author and Poet Laureate of Saratoga Springs will be doing a presentation **Sunday, July 29 from 1pm-2:45pm** at the Middletown Springs Public Library.

The importance of listening, of inclusion, of conflict resolution, of kindness to others, and the importance of peace are consistent themes in his presentations.

This event is **free and open to all ages** of the public. Weather permitting, this presentation will take place outside at the library.

Church Camp at MSCC



It's back! And we're so excited! **Kids' Camp** will once again be happening at the Middletown Springs Community Church! Our theme is "**Food Truck Party, on a Roll with God!**" The program will take place from 9am–12pm on Monday- Thursday, July 10-13. Kids ages 5-12 are welcome!

To register your child please go to: middletown-springs-community-church.mycokesburyvbs.com and click on Child Registration at the top of the page. For more information contact Rita Hansen at 802-235-2436.

Wonderfeet Library Pass

The Friends of the Library is happy to announce that we have purchased a pass to the Wonderfeet Kids' Museum! The pass allows 5 people free admission. Wonderfeet is located in the GMP Energy Innovation Center, 66 Merchants Row, in downtown Rutland. Wonderfeet is open Tuesdays-Sundays 10am-4pm, and their interactive exhibits were designed with children ages 0-8 in mind.

For more information about Wonderfeet and their exhibits you can visit their website, <https://wonderfeetkidsmuseum.org/>.

Strawberry Thank You!

The Middletown Springs Historical Society board sends heartfelt thanks to all those who attended this year's Strawberry Festival fundraiser to support the Museum, the maintenance of Mineral Springs Park and the Adams House. In addition to enjoying delicious strawberry shortcake and beverages, many of you purchased baskets of berries to take home and bought raffle tickets for the donated Vermont County Store gift basket. Ninety visitors viewed Mary Lou Willits' new "Childhood in Middletown Springs" exhibit in the Museum.

We thank all the volunteers as well who made the festival a success – preparing the berries, serving the fresh-made shortcake and beverages, setting up and cleaning up. Thanks also to Paul Morgan for two hours of entertaining guitar and vocal music, and to Catherine Hunter for history-oriented activities and games for more than 30 children. Last but not least, we thank the craftspeople and vendors who set up colorful and attractive displays for the afternoon. We thank you one and all!

Beth Carmody, Pat Hemenway, Kim Gaylord,
Chris Hoyt, Pam Johnson, Bud Krouse,
Maureen McCormack, David Wright

WoodSpryte Arts Creative Learning

July 20 – August 24

Thursdays, 10am

Join us at the library for a series of six literacy-based joyful play and learning experiences! Designed and led by veteran Early Childhood Educator Rosemary Moser of WoodSpryte Arts Creative Learning, this program is ideal for children ages 2-8.

Rosemary will engage your child with books, musical instruments and songs, creative movement, dramatic play, visual arts, science, math, social & emotional learning, and even cooking projects!

Rosemary offers her program in other places in Rutland County. She is excited to bring it to her hometown library and the children of Middletown Springs. This series is free to attend, thanks to the Winnie Belle Learned Fund and the Vermont Library Foundation.

Pre-registration is encouraged, space is limited. For more info, please contact Rosemary directly, woodsprytearts@vermontel.net or 802-235-2209.

Summer Fun at the Library

Storytime with Heather (returns!)

Wednesdays, June 21 – July 12, at 10 am. Join us for stories, crafts/activities, and a snack. Returning after a short hiatus, Heather Heitkamp is thrilled to be back here with you! For ages 2-8 years old. Flexible activities that are doable for the youngest and challenging for older kids.

Remaining sessions:

July 5 – Community

July 12 – Community Helpers

Reading is Charming Summer Reading Challenge

Set your own reading/listening goals, something that is a bit of a stretch. Keep track and earn a charm each time you meet your goal. Collect as many as you can and make your own necklace, bracelet, or keychain. Sample goals: 30 minutes, 200 pages, or....

Drop-in for Self-Guided Activities

Learn to make friendship bracelets, fold origami, or draw with chalk on the library sidewalk. A new project, every few weeks.

Summer Reading Bingo for Teens and Adults

Pick up a bingo card. Complete at least one line of five squares, return it to the library to be entered into the raffle drawing! Stop in the Library to view the prizes.

NEW on the Library Shelves!

Adult Collection

Aurelia, Aurelia by Kathryn Davis

Trust by Hernan Diaz

The Five-Star Weekend by Elin Hilderbrand

The Measure by Nikki Erlick

The Glass Chateau by Stephen P. Kiernan

Yellowface by R. F. Kuang

The Art of Clear Thinking by Hasard Lee

Beaver Land: how one weird rodent made America

by Leila Philip

The Celebrants by Steven Rowley

Good Night, Irene by Luis Alberto Urrea

The Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese

Children's Room

Made for Me by Zach Bush

Two Degrees by Alan Gratz

Flower Talk by Sara Levine

Dad Bakes by Katie Yamasaki

Calendar of EVENTS

Reading Challenge Continues	Jul 1	All Summer	Library
MSCC Kid's Camp	Jul 10-13	Mon-Thurs 9am-12pm	Community Church
Last story time with Heather	Jul 12	Wed 10am	Library
Woodspryte Arts Begins	Jul 20	Thurs 10am	Library
Joe Bruchac, Abenaki Storyteller	Jul 29	Sun 1pm-2:45pm	Library

Calendar of REGULAR MEETINGS

Regular Meetings	Schedule	Location	Contact Person
Conservation Commission	2nd Tues / 5:30pm	Library	Elizabeth Cooper (235-1406)
Fire Dept. Association	2nd Wed / 7pm	Firehouse	Art Castle (235-2351)
Fire Dept. Training	Every Tues / 6:30pm	Firehouse	Joe Castle (235-2160)
Friends of the Library (FOL)	2nd Tues / 7:15pm	Library	Ashley Fioretti (235-3000)
Historical Society	1st Thurs / 7pm	MSSH	David Wright (235-2376)
Library Trustees	4th Wed / 7pm	Library	Kristal Hier (235-1297)
Planning Commission	1st Mon / TBA	via Zoom	Hilary Solomon (235-1115)
Selectboard	2nd & 4th Thurs / 7pm	Town Office	Herb Childress (235-2093)
Wells Springs Community Engagement Committee	2 nd Mon / 6:30PM		eric.montbriand@grcsu.org
Wells Springs School Board	2nd Wed / 6pm	MSES/WES	eric.montbriand@grcsu.org

Town Newsletter

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Submit News & Events to:

Middletown Springs Public Library
middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com
 PO Box 1206
 Middletown Springs, VT 05757
Deadline: 25th of the month

Sunday Soccer Fun for the Whole Family

Sundays, 3-5 pm, thru July 23

Join us Sundays at 3pm for soccer on the Middletown Springs Elementary School field. Sunday soccer is a 40+ year tradition in Middletown Springs.

Sunday soccer is fun, pickup soccer for ages 6-99. It is a chance for new or younger players to learn and for more experienced players to challenge each other. It is good competitive soccer, with room to learn, and always a focus on having a good time together.

With a new game every Sunday, we all play hard, get some good exercise, laugh a lot, and have fun. We hope to see you there! 🌍

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