A VIRTUAL PROGRAM via Zoom
Wednesday, October 7, 2020
at 7:00pm

New Hampshire’s Long Love-Hate Relationship with Its Agricultural Fairs

The first agricultural fair in North America was held in what is now Londonderry in 1722, and it would become a wildly popular event lasting for generations until it came to be so dominated by gambling, flim-flam, and other "scandalous dimensions" that the legislature revoked its charter in 1850. But fairs have always had strong supporters and eventually the state came around to appropriating modest sums to help them succeed. Temperance groups and others would continue to attack the fairs on moral grounds and their close connection to horse racing was a chronic flashpoint. Steve Taylor will discuss the ups and downs of the fairs down through years and how public affection for rural traditions helps them survive in contemporary times.

Presented by Steve Taylor.

Steve Taylor is an independent scholar, farmer, journalist, and longtime public official. With his sons, Taylor operates a dairy, maple syrup, and cheese making enterprise in Meriden Village. He has been a newspaper reporter and editor, and served for 25 years as New Hampshire's commissioner of agriculture. Taylor was the founding executive director of the New Hampshire Humanities Council and is a lifelong student of the state's rural culture.

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Program brought to you by the New Hampshire Humanities Council, the Lee Public Library and the Lee Historical Society.
Adult Book Discussion Group-Online
Monday, October 19 @ 7 p.m.
Major’s Pettigrew’s Last Stand
by Helen Simonson

You are about to travel to Edgecombe St. Mary, a small village in the English countryside filled with rolling hills, thatched cottages, and a cast of characters both hilariously original and as familiar as the members of your own family. Among them is Major Ernest Pettigrew (retired), the unlikely hero of Helen Simonson’s wondrous debut. Wry, courtly, opinionated, and completely endearing, Major Pettigrew is one of the most indelible characters in contemporary fiction, and from the very first page of this remarkable novel he will steal your heart. Available as an eBook on Overdrive Join us online via Zoom. Here’s how: Just before 7 p.m., go to Zoom.us.
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We have copies of this book available to pick up—just call us 659-2626

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We are open for in-library visits. We request you wear a mask when visiting the library and limit your time in the library to 15-20 minutes. We have two public computers available for 30 minutes, and our printer and fax machine are also available.
We have lots of new items to borrow. You can view what is new and what is coming by clicking here.

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Book Drop is Open 24/7
All items returned to the library will remain in quarantine for 72 hours or longer before they are checked in to our system.
Squam Lakes Natural Science Center
Virtual Live Animal Program
“Creatures of the Night”
Saturday, October 17, 2020
10:30 am

Join us as we discover what animals are found at night. Sponsored by the Lee, Madbury and Durham Public Libraries and the Friends of the Lee Library. A virtual zoom program.
Visit the Durham Public Library Website to sign up for this program. All ages welcome.

Historical Fiction: Focus on World War I, 1914-1918

Here is a selection of the books and CDs we have that take place during World War I, 1914-1918.

The Alice Network by Kate Quinn
Lost Roses by Martha Kelly (Book and Book on CD)
A question of honor by Charles Todd
The walnut tree by Charles Todd
An unmarked grave by Charles Todd
A bend in the stars by Rachel Barenbaum
Cavendon Hall by Barbara Taylor Bradford
A cup of tea by Amy Ephron
To the last man by Jeff Shaara
Maisie Dobbs by Jacqueline Winspear
The mapping of love and death by Jacqueline Winspear

The victory garden by Rhys Bowen
A farewell to arms by Ernest Hemingway
All the ways we said goodbye by Beatriz Williams
The fall of giants by Ken Follett (Book and Book on CD)
The blindness of the heart by Julia Franck
Birds without wings by Louis De Bernieres

Youth Titles
When Christmas comes again, “Dear America” series
In darkling wood by Emma Carroll
War Horse by Michael Morpurgo
Love to everyone by Hilary McKay

A VIRTUAL PROGRAM—October 28, 7:00pm via Zoom
The Founding Fathers: What were they thinking?

In 1787 delegates gathered in Philadelphia to address a wide variety of crises facing the young United States of America and produced a charter for a new government. In modern times, competing political and legal claims are frequently based on what those delegates intended. Mythology about the founders and their work at the 1787 Convention has obscured both fact and legitimate analysis of the events leading to the agreement called the Constitution. Richard Hesse explores the cast of characters called "founders," the problems they faced, and the solutions they fashioned. Presented by Richard Hesse, Professor Emeritus at the UNH School of Law.

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Youth Programs October 2020
Most of our fall youth programs will be virtual.
We will be doing Facebook Live! Programs.

Grab and Go Crafts—Pick up on Tuesdays
We will put out new craft kits and activities every Tuesday at 2:00 pm.
October 6 & 13 Paper bag scarecrow, Pom-pom monsters, pom-pom pumpkins
October 20 Tissue paper leaf crafts
October 27 Spider web craft/Spider game

In Person Story Time—Thursday at 10:00 on the library lawn. This program will be held outside at the library weather permitting. Bring a blanket and your mask.

Preschool Story-time—Thursdays—11:00-11:45
We will continue to do our preschool story-time on Facebook Live! every Thursday.
October 1—Froggy Storytime
October 8—Animals at night
October 15—Pumpkin stories and counting
October 22—Halloween stories/costumes
October 29—Halloween stories/favorites

Lap Sit Story-time October 7 & 21 11:30-noon
We will do some movement activities and read a story or two. This will be a Facebook Live! Program.

Music and movement Story-time—October 14—2:30-3:00
We will sing and move to some fun stories and songs. A Facebook Live! Program.

Pajama Story-time—October 28-6:00-6:45
We will read some fun stories, do some activities and learn some fun facts. A Facebook Live! Program.