



REHOBOTH ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY SUMMER 2023 NEWSLETTER

CARPENTER MUSEUM 3RD GRADE FIELD TRIPS RETURN

This past May and June the Carpenter Museum staff were excited to bring back Palmer River School field trips! We had around 120 students visit the museum where they had the opportunity to cook in our colonial hearth, make lanterns, and learn about their hometown.

The Carpenter Museum prides itself on being a space of learning for all ages, and we especially appreciate the chance to work with the Palmer River School to help educate our third graders. As they wove throughout the museum in two groups, the students got to explore what being a historian is like. They tried out historic tasks like pitching hay and tin punching, and explored the role that local museums have within towns like Rehoboth. We were very impressed with the students. They asked insightful questions, were enthusiastic about the range of topics, and tried things out for themselves.

These sort of programs are only possible because of the fantastic volunteers and parents that helped to make the day so special.

We thank the Palmer River School and its dedicated teachers for a wonderful time. It was a joy and we cannot wait to have you back!



UPCOMING MUSEUM EVENTS

Play Ball! The Rehoboth Milkmaids: Pioneers of Women's Softball Exhibit Extended Through November

Good news for softball fans! The exhibit will remain up through the summer season.

Passport to History Program Now - August 31st

Pick up your passport at the Carpenter Museum to gain free entry to 16 local historic sites and museums. This annual program is in partnership with the Old Colony History Museum. Visit their website to learn more and check out their planned day trips!

[www.oldcolonyhistorymuseum.org/
explore/passport-to-history](http://www.oldcolonyhistorymuseum.org/explore/passport-to-history)

First Saturday of the Month Museum and Research Center Open 1-4PM

July 1st
August 5th
September 2nd

Summer Workshop Series July 22

Calling all kids! Make a corn husk doll and learn about what play was like for early Pokanoket and Colonial children in the Rehoboth area.

August 3

Adult cloth printing workshop. Learn about the history of calico textiles in connection to Rehoboth, and try creating your own wood-block print!

August 12

Adult themed workshop exploring fiber arts, more information to come!

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STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL WRAP UP



This year's Strawberry Festival was our biggest yet! We hosted over 600 visitors at this year's event. Families enjoyed activities related to early American history including old favorites like candle dipping, weaving, butter making, clay pinch pot sculpting and so much more! New this year was a spinning demonstration and yard games. As always we sold strawberry shortcake, strawberry lemonade, and various other sweets at our bake table. The Festival was so popular that we sold out of most treats halfway through the afternoon. If you were one of the unlucky who arrived too late for strawberry shortcake, we will have more ready next year!

Many of this year's 3rd grade field trip students returned with their families to show them what they had learned in previous weeks. Our colonial kitchen is always a popular attraction with the students and festival attendees. Along with ginger bread we served corn pancakes.

We're so thankful for our donors and volunteers who make big events like Strawberry Festival possible. We would like to thank the Rehoboth Cultural Council for their support, as well as this year's supplies donors including Shaw's, Dunkin', Munroe Dairy, Rachel Smith, and Coggeshall Farm Museum, and all those bakers who donated to our bake sale. This year's volunteers include:

Sharon Beskid
 Connie Wenzel-Jordan
 Otter Brown
 Ethan Lescault
 Cathy Johnston
 Deb Craft
 Bev Baker
 Cindy Rourke
 Donna Wedge
 Al Smith
 Dave Downs and the Hornbine School
 Suzy Williams
 Maureen and Ron Whittemore
 Muriel Cawthorn
 Ann Sharpe
 Jane Williams
 Rebecca Smith

John Rourke
 Morgan Johston
 Kayla Fricker
 Linda Azevedo
 Thia Lord
 Elizabeth Oakely
 Judy Wilson
 Maggie Rourke
 Polly Carpenter
 Bea Lima and Ron
 Bob McMullen
 The Historical Commission
 Pat Burnona
 Wayne Taylor
 Helen Littrest



UPCOMING BLANDING PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS

Find Your Voice

Thursday, July 6, 2:00 - 2:45 PM

Our Summer 2023 Kick-off Starts this day with *Raising our Voices : A Summer Reading Celebration* with Davis Bates

Summer Fun With Legos

Saturday, July 8, 11AM - 2PM

You supply the imagination; we'll supply the LEGOs. No registration needed. Young children may work with a parent.

Honey Bee Book Club:

The Honey Bus

**Tuesday, July 18, 2 - 3PM
and Again 6:30 -7:30PM**

In celebration of 2023 as The Year of the Bee at Blanding Public Library, we're hosting a book club-style discussion of *The Honey Bus: a Memoir of Loss, Courage and a Girl Saved by Bees*, by Meredith May. Stop by the Library to pick up a copy today!



Baby / Toddler Story Time Tuesdays, 10:30-11:00AM

Children & caregivers are invited to join us in our hall for a fun interactive program of movement, books, music, games & more.

Please register for this event.

0-4 / siblings welcome

Story and Craft Time Thursdays, 10:30-11:15AM

Join us for a story or two! A simple craft will be available to make or take home. Please register for this event.

3+ / siblings welcome

BLANDING LIBRARY



Blanding Free Public Library has declared 2023 the Year of the Bee! In an effort to celebrate the important role that pollinators play and to provide education about supporting our favorite honey producers, we have held some (and have even more) bee-related programs and events for our community throughout the summer. Our celebration started May 19 with a screening of Bee Movie, starring Jerry Seinfeld as the voice of Barry B. Benson, a honey bee who tries to sue the human race for exploiting bees after learning that humans sell and consume honey. On May 23, we welcomed Jim DeTerra, a local professor and beekeeper, who brought a living bee hive to the library and educated the audience about honey bees and beekeeping. We had a taste of the sweet stuff on June 13, when Jen from Hudson Hives in Hudson, Massachusetts spoke about honey Bees and honey production and offered samples of their string blossom, summer wildflower, orange blossom, wild blueberry, and Japanese knotweed honeys. Melissa Treichler led a group of creative souls through the creation of a honey bee portrait on June 20, and she will return on July 10 to guide a group of children to create the same painting.

Other upcoming events include a meeting of the Honey Bee Book Club on July 18th at 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm to discuss *The Honey Bus* by Meredith May. Pick up a copy of the book at the Library, and come to the meeting time you prefer. Nikki Gardella will teach our elementary school age readers how to "Bee Kind to Bees" on July 20 at 10:30 am. Preteens and Teens can learn to cross stitch a Queen Bee pattern on July 25 at 10:30 am .



We are hosting "Bee-ing Artful: a Bee Related Art Exhibit" from August 17 to August 22. All ages are welcome and encouraged to participate, with a limit of two artworks from each entrant. The submission deadline is August 14, so get those creative juices flowing!

We will welcome back Jim DeTerra to talk about pollinator-friendly gardening soon. We're also planning a beehive craft night and a screening of *The Secret Life of Bees*. Bee Sure to check the Library's website, Facebook, and Instagram accounts for details of these programs and announcements of even more fun and educational activities.



Our statewide reading theme this summer is "Find Your Voice." The Statewide Summer Library Program is sponsored by Blanding Free Public Library, The Massachusetts Library System, the Boston Bruins, the Boston Pride and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

This summer, Blanding Free Public Library invites you to get creative, express yourself and Find Your Voice at through books, Reading & Beading, programs for all ages and more!

Our **Summer Kick-off Event** takes place **Thursday July 6 @ 2pm** with Parents' Choice Award Winner performer Davis Bates. Davis will lead the audience with fun stories, hand-clapping songs, a wooden dancing dog, and more - a fun family event. Reading logs, journals, "Brag Tags," reading log records, and more will be available for our young readers!

Our StoryWalk summer feature story is *How the Sun Was Brought Back to the Sky*, by Jose Aruego and Ariane Deway. Bee sure to visit the Library's front pollinator garden to enjoy this sunny tale along with an activity to take home.

Beginning on the Summer Solstice and throughout the summer, help us "Chalk the Walks" around the library walkways. We will supply the chalk, you supply the imagination.

The Rehoboth Cultural Council sponsors not only Davis Bates, but also Dream Tale Puppets, a story and puppet format where one performer provides the voices and the second operates the puppets. Both of these programs promise fun for the whole family.

As a special treat we are happy to welcome a live performance from The Storytime Quintet - five professional musicians who produced stories for libraries via the internet during the recent pandemic. They will perform the classic tale Peter and the Wolf live in Goff Hall for all ages using their instruments.

More summer events will feature Miss Joyce's Baby/Toddler Storytime, Tales & Tails Puppy Pals, and Family Yoga with Rebecca, all great events for our younger readers and their families.

BEE on the lookout for our BEE-themed programs for patrons ages 10 & older, such as: "BEE creative" painting with artist Melissa Treichler, "Bee Kind to Bees," led by nature educator Nikki Gardella, The Quickly Queen Bee Cross Stitch class with Pam Dumont, owner of Stitch New England in North Attleboro.

In August, Animal Adventures from Bolton, MA, will bring their up-close and personal learning experience with several of their animal friends, an educational event for the family.

Julie Stepanek will help you Find Your Voice through an instrument that is fun and easy to play - the Ukulele. This program is suggested for ages 5-9 years, with older siblings welcome.



Details of dates, times and reservations for these programs will be posted on the Library's website event calendar: Please visit

<http://eventkeeper.com/mars/xpages/B/BLANDING/ekp.cfm?curOrg=BLANDING>

Blanding Library provides our town schools' suggested reading lists, and all library staff members are eager to help you find your next favorite book! Our hope is that reading will become a lifelong pleasure for all!

Thank you to our Friends of the Blanding Library for their continued support!

PRESIDENT'S LETTER SUMMER 2023

Summer is often a time for travel, whether to visit family, see interesting places away from home, do research, or explore ancestral homelands. Our Society is part of all of this. Summer vacation brings families to both the museum and the library. Travel is preceded by checking out a few books to read on the trip and perhaps by looking up facts about the places we plan to visit. We have more time for the research center, and many descendants of Rehoboth founders travel here. Whether your summer explorations bring you to Rehoboth or away from it, I hope they are happy ones.

Rebecca H. Smith, RAS President

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 2023

CRAFTERS' MARKETPLACE SHOW

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 14TH
9AM TO 4PM**

IN THE HISTORIC REHOBOTH VILLAGE

FREE TO ENTER | FREE TO PARK

CARPENTER MUSEUM
GOFF MEMORIAL HALL
REHOBOTH CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH HALL



CARPENTER MUSEUM SUMMER WORKSHOP SERIES



Come by the Carpenter Museum to pick up a new skill and learn about early daily life in our historic town! Beginning in July, the Carpenter Museum will host a series of workshops on early historic crafts, sponsored by the Rehoboth Cultural Council. This hands-on series will give participants the opportunity to explore the history of fiber and printing arts, while honing a range of crafting skill-sets.

Have you ever wondered how the prints on our clothes are designed?

Do you want to learn how sheep's wool becomes warm clothing?

Do you have children who would like to learn history hands-on by making corn husk dolls?

Want to try your hand at any of the above? Then keep an eye out for our upcoming series!

The museum will also be open Tuesday and Thursdays from 1-4pm throughout the summer for tours and research so do not hesitate to swing by!

THE CARPENTER MUSEUM WAS SO EXCITED TO HAVE THE PALMER RIVER STUDENTS VISIT US AGAIN THIS SPRING! HERE ARE A SAMPLING OF THANK YOU'S FROM THIS BATCH OF WONDERFUL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLERS!

