

Greetings and Happy Holidays  
from the  
Simpson Memorial Library

The Board of Trustees and Ms. Becky, Library Director, would like to thank the citizens of Carmel and town officials for their support in the past year. We would like to express our appreciation to our many volunteers who have donated their time to help at our various programs and events. Many of the programs offered this year would not have been possible without the help of volunteers. Volunteers do many tasks from helping Ms. Becky run the summer read program, which had an average of 12-15 children a week, to baking for our monthly food sale and teen volunteers cleaning the library. We would also like to thank local businesses for supporting the library.

This year's summer read program, "Libraries Rock," guests included local musician, Robyn Dulac, who enthralled the children with her music and Ms. Jen and the Nutrition Detectives who had a rousing time with music, children and the parachute "popping popcorn" in the middle of the library. Ms. Evie thought we were a little loud that day. The library participated in the Federal Free Lunch program for the summer read children.

Adult programs presentations had Maine authors, Kay Hardy with "Saudi Women; Change and Challenge" and Sandra Neily with ~~her book~~, "Deadly Trespass."

Special thanks to Julia Soule, president of the Carmel Historical Society, for taking a group of adults on a "Cemetery Tour". It was a unique experience.

Ms. Becky wrote a grant for a story-walk. The grant purchased the books and paid for making the special holders to hold the book pages. Special thanks to town manager, Kevin Howell and the town for partnering with the library on this project. The entrance to the story-walk is located on the lower parking lot of the rec fields. During the winter the holders are stored at the library and will be put out again in the spring, once snow is gone and the trail is dry. There will be a new book then!

In 2019 Ms. Becky would like to present programs for a health community, such as "Self-defense and Situational Awareness for women and teenage girls," yoga, and guest speakers for summer read. If you are interested in any of these programs, please let Ms. Becky know.

As the year comes to a close and we look ahead to 2019, we, the Simpson Memorial Library Board of Trustees and Ms. Becky, Director, wish everyone good health, joy and prosperity.