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## **Lecture: Every Child in the Woods**

**How I Parented my Children to Bond them with the Natural World**

**Thursday, May 20, 6:30 pm  
Main Library, 53 Main Street**

Richard Louv, in his groundbreaking book, Last Child in the Woods, helped us see that children are becoming alienated from nature and that this "nature- deficit-disorder" is unhealthy for kids and communities.

David Sobel will summarize some of the research highlighted in that book, and tell stories about parenting children from early childhood through adolescence that suggest healthy ways to engage children in feeling at home in the natural world.



*David Sobel is a core faculty member and director of certification programs in ANE's Department of Education. He was co-founder of the Harrisville Children's Center in Harrisville, New Hampshire and now serves on the editorial board of the Encounter Magazine and is the author of Children's Special Places, Beyond Ecophobia, Place-based Education and Mapmaking with Children.*

## **Event and Activities Reminder!**

## Easton Reads Together Events and More



Easton Reads Together is a community-wide program that encourages everyone to read two books, Last Child in the Woods by Richard Louv and A Walk in the Woods by Bill Bryson, and to engage in wide-ranging discussions. Copies of these books are available for borrowing or may be purchased at the library.

## Easton Reads Together Events

### Film - Where do the Children Play

Tuesday, May 11, 6:30 pm - 8:30pm  
Main Library, 53 Main Street

This film is a PBS documentary, book, and outreach project about the vital importance of open-ended play for the healthy development of children. The film will be followed by a discussion facilitated by Paula Peterson, Executive Director of the Children's Museum in Easton. Call 508-230-3789 to pre-register. Presented by the Children's Museum in Easton.

### Sheep Pasture Weekend Nature Walks

Saturdays, May 15, 29, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm  
Sheep Pasture, 307 Main Street

They are back! A new season of popular Nature Walks has been scheduled for everyone to enjoy. Join Ed Hands for themed nature walks that are a joy for naturalists of every age. No registration required. Presented by NRT.

### Easton Landscapes - Natural and Manmade

Tuesday, June 22nd, 10:00 - 12:00 pm  
Main Library, 53 Main Street  
Registration Required - call 508-238-2000 Ext. 3

Walk with historian Ed Hands through two of Easton's unique outdoor jewels: the newly recreated Queset Gardens and the famous Rockery. Learn about the rich history associated with these creations, even as you enjoy a pleasant morning out in the open! The group will meet at the front of the main library building.

*Easton Reads Together is presented by the Ames Free Library and funded by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners with federal funds provided by the Libraries Services and Technology Act. For more information, please call Uma Hiremath, Assistant Director, 508-238-2000 or visit [www.amesfreelibrary.org](http://www.amesfreelibrary.org). Library programs are free and open to all.*

## Book Clubs

### CHILDREN'S BOOK CLUBS

**Tweens Book Club for Grades 4- 6**

Gregor the Overlander, by Suzanne Collins

Tuesday, May 11, 6:30 -7:30 pm

Registration Required:Contact [Cathie Coyne](#)

**Chapter Book Club for Readers in Grades 1- 3**

Ivy and the Bean by Annie Barrows

Monday, May 24th at 6:30 pm

Registration Required:Contact [Cathie Coyne](#)

**Tweens Book Club for Grades 4 - 6**

The Red Pyramid by Rick Riordan

Tuesday, June 8th at 6:30 pm

Registration Required:Contact [Cathie Coyne](#)

**Chapter Book Club for Readers in Grades 1-3**

Calvin Coonut: Trouble Magnet by Graham Salisbury

Monday, June 21st at 6:30 pm

Registration Required:Contact [Cathie Coyne](#)

**BOOK CLUBS FOR ADULTS****How Elizabeth Barrett Browning Saved My Life, by Mameve Medwood**

Wednesday, May 12th, at 1:30 pm

Main Library, 53 Main Street

Call 508-238-2000 for information

**Book Discussion**

Have a Little Faith: A True Story by Mitch Albom

Monday, May 17th at 7:30 pm

The Pink Cottage, 56 Main Street

Contact : Rabbi [Randy Kafka](#)

**The Heretic's Daughter, by Kathleen Kent**

Wednesday, June 9th at 1:30 pm, and Monday, June 14th, at 6:30 pm

Main Library, 53 Main Street

Call 508-238-2000 for information

**Adult Events****Spanish Conversation Group**

Spanish Poetry with Eleanor Freitas

Wednesday, May 19th, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Cottage, 56 Main Street

**French Conversation Group**

Friday, May 28th at 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Cottage, 56 Main Street

**Alzheimer's - Educational Programs**

"Getting Started" by Peter Ham

Wednesday , May 26th at 5:00 pm

Cottage, 56 Main Street

**Foodie Group Event: Make Food Not Lawn: A Permaculture Perspective**

Wednesday, June 2nd, 7:00 -8:00 pm  
Main Library, 53 Main Street

**Alzheimer's - Educational Programs**

"Legal and Financial" by Pamela McCormack  
Wednesday , June 23rd at 5:00 -8:30 pm  
Cottage, 56 Main Street

**Young Adult Events**

**Magic the Gathering - Game**

Saturdays, 2:15 pm - 4:00 pm  
Cottage, 56 Main Street

**In the Display Case  
Boston Harbor Islands**

As part of the theme of getting families out into nature, this month features an informative exhibit about our very own urban archipelago, Boston Harbor Islands National Park.

The 34 islands and peninsulas that make up this chain are steeped in local culture, history, and unique waterbound habitats. Despite being minutes away from the Boston metropolis, the islands host a surprising range of bird species such as the Glossy ibis, the Double-crested cormorant, and the comical American oystercatcher; and plant species ranging from cattails to Staghorn sumac and glassworts.

The display includes a map of the National Park, its origins, how to get there, geological features, historical information and pictures, as well as current recreational opportunities. There is also information about America's first lighthouse ( Boston Light) as well as other harbor lighthouses.

Informational brochures on cruising the Islands, volunteering, or becoming part of the Friends group, are handily available for you when you next visit the library.



*Kevin Rogers of the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands set up the display.*

**News About the Queset Garden**



*(from left to right) Jay Thomas - Architect, Madeline Miele Holt - Librarv Director. Colleen Corona -*

On April 30th, Arbor Day, four trees were planted, which now beautify the library landscape.

The Copper Beech and Linden Greenspire, providing shade near the handicapped parking area and the picnic table are gifts to the Library and Gardens from the Richman Family in memory of their uncle Irwin L. Kipness.

Thanks to careful planting by staff members of Easton's DPW and those from Blueview Nurseries, these trees are

sure to get a good start in their new locations.

- The Town of Easton provided two Tulip trees on either side of the entrance to the Queset Garden.
- The Easton Garden Club donated two of the same trees, one to be planted on the side of the Lake House gate, and the other on the front lawn of the library.
- An Elm tree, was donated by Ed Hands.

*Your donations are welcome in the continued effort of improving the Queset Garden!*

## Of Stone Benches and You

There may be better ways to spend a summer afternoon than sitting on a sun-warmed stone bench, surrounded by bird sound and the tranquil beauty of Queset Gardens, with a much loved library book in hand, and no plans for the immediate future. But, really, it would be hard to think of too many.

As Annie Dillard said, "Spend the afternoon. You can't take it with you." Come and spend an afternoon celebrating the installation of a ring of elegant stone benches at the gardens behind the library.



*Cindy makes the most of newly installed stone bench*

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