

LIBRARY SHELF

Blue Hill Public Library

The library will host free SAT math preparation sessions on Thursday, March 1, and Monday, March 5, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., and on Wednesday, March 7, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Students who would like to sharpen their math skills, understand the thinking behind test problems and develop effective strategies for arriving at correct answers are invited to join any or all of three sessions

Jim Kosinski will lead the sessions. He is an engineer, designer and photographer who has taught science, math and photography in high school, college and beyond.

Each session will cover similar material but the problems will be different, so that students wanting more practice can come to two or three sessions. The sessions are appropriate for anyone taking the test for the first time, or for those wishing to improve on a previous test result.

In addition, Jim will demonstrate different approaches to problems in order to help students with different learning styles. Participants may register for a session or sessions using the interactive calendar on the Library’s web site at www.bhpl.net.

Local artist Mary Ann Schwarcz will show her artwork at the library in March. The show, which starts Friday, March 2, is a mixed media collection of drawings, paper objects, prints and hooked rugs, representing different phases of her art career.

Two years after receiving an MFA in print-making, Mary Ann returned to the University of Iowa to study hand papermaking with Tim



“Back Pasture in Winter,” by Mary Ann Schwarcz. Photo courtesy of Blue Hill Public Library

Barrett at the Center for the Book. In the years that followed, most of her works were paper

objects created from hardy pigmented flax sheets, and traditional gossamer kozo paper.

Some of these pieces became sculptural masks and others were to become artist’s books.

Ten years after settling in rural Maine, Mary Ann took an introductory class in wool rug-making from Ken Carpenter at his shop in Brooklin, Maine Hooked Rugs.

The library is offering a new reading program for children from Saturday, March 3, to Friday, April 20.

The Idita-Read is a reading-incentive event for K-12 students that mirrors Alaska’s sled dog race. Readers rely on reading minutes to “travel” the distance along what’s known as the Iditarod trail from Anchorage to Nome, starting on March 3, when the actual Iditarod Race starts.

Each minute spent reading will equal one mile on the trail.

Participants can read anything they want and log their reading minutes on their Read-A-Route mileage worksheet. Youth Services Librarian Pat Horton will log the minutes on the team’s online record so that everyone can follow the team’s progress online.

Readers’ progress will also be tracked on a trail map at the library. The goal for the team is to collectively read all 1,112 minutes (miles) of the Iditarod Trail.

Throughout the program, special events will be scheduled at the library, and to celebrate the end of the race, there will be a party.

The Downeast Dog Scout Troop 159 of Mount Desert Island, a chapter of Dog Scouts of America, will sponsor the library’s team, The Blue Hill Extreme Readers, so participation is free. Space on the team is limited, however, so participants must register using the interactive calendar at www.bhpl or call Pat at 374-5515.

PACKETTE

Meeting set for Blue Hill Bay needs assessment

The public is invited to a meeting to kick-off an 18-month needs assessment for Blue Hill Bay on Monday, March 5, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Ellsworth City Hall Auditorium. The assessment, staffed by the Hancock County Planning Commission and BSA Associates, is a “multi-town, multi-

stakeholder initiative, engaging communities, businesses, residents and local organizations to assess Blue Hill Bay resources, identify existing and potential threats and make recommendations about coastal activities affecting the bay,” a press release says.

For more information, visit www.hcpcme.org/bluehillbay or contact Martin at 667-7131 or tmartin@hcpcme.org.



Youth group makes donation to Tree of Life

Members of the Youth Group at the First Congregational Church of Blue Hill present a \$100 check and approximately \$100 worth of canned goods and pet food to Rusty Roberts, front right, manager of the Tree of Life Food Pantry on February 12. Pictured with Roberts are, back row, from left, Sunday School Director Wendy Ritger, Tillie Marsh, Nellie Haldane and John Larson; front row, from left, Payson Allen and Isla Brownlow. Not pictured: Youth group co-leader Tina Allen. The young people raised the money and collected much of the food at their Cabin Fever Reliever earlier this month. They also selected the charity that would benefit, and picked the Tree of Life “so people who don’t have food will have food,” explained John Larson, 12, of Blue Hill. Other youth group members who contributed to this fundraiser are Beck Brownlow, Joseph Boulet, Abigail Jakub, Lucy Jakub, Kessler Parrott, Tyler Ray, Jordon Soper, Elijah Woodye, Ezra Woodye and Wendy Xu. Photo by Tina Allen

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