



# HARBOR HILL

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CAMDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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## “All Politics is Local” Month

The Camden Public Library is hosting a series of talks on current politics and on politics in history during “All Politics is Local” month. This series is designed to provide an array of politically themed programs which we hope will spark interest and conversation in our community – especially during an historic election year. The programs range from a discussion of the 1908 election and ponderings on the American Presidency, to the politics of 15th Century Europe and Prince Vlad Dracul’s (Dracula) role in stopping a Muslim advance on Christian Europe. While we recognize that all politics is “local” we are also willing to admit that all politics is “loco”! We hope to have some fun this month with these politically charged topics – please come and join us. The programs all begin at 6:30 pm in the Jean Picker Room.

### Ralph Moore on “The Common Good,” October 7

“The common good” is a value that most cultures uphold, but the specifics of how to achieve such a goal differ widely among nations and societies. As U.S. citizens, we carry biases that affect our perceptions of how other people define “the common good” for their lives. This presentation will examine concepts and tools for our work as U.S. citizens in the world’s search for “the common good.” This community event is offered as part of the 22nd Annual Camden Conference: Global Leadership and the U.S. Role in World Affairs, February 20-22, 2009. For more information, please visit [www.camdenconference.org](http://www.camdenconference.org).

The Rev. Dr. Ralph Moore is a retired Episcopal priest living in Rockland. He has served parishes in Oregon, Idaho, Massachusetts, and Maine, most recently at St. Peter’s in Rockland. He was director for 12 years of the Protestant center at the University of Pennsylvania and he served five years in Central America in pastoral and community service projects. Dr. Moore is a teacher and trustee of the Watershed School in Rockland and serves on the Camden Conference Board of Directors.

### Richard Cornelia on “The True Dracula,” October 9

Dr. Richard Cornelia will present a talk and slide show on the historical Prince Vlad Dracul, “Dracula,” the heroic leader of the Balkan Crusades in the 15th century who blocked the advance of Islamic Turkey into Europe. His military exploits saved Christian Europe at a critical time when Europe was disorganized and vulnerable. Forget Bram Stoker’s version of Dracula, it’s total fiction. Dr. Cornelia will present the historical Dracula.

Dick Cornelia worked for DuPont and lived in the Mideast for years while working for DuPont. He has a life-long interest in history and has lectured at the Camden Public Library on Muhammed and on England’s King Henry II. Dr. Cornelia is known to give strongly opinionated lectures.

### Lee Webb on “The Newcomer vs the Veteran: the 1908 Election and Maine Politics of 100 years ago,” October 21

Lee Webb is a Senior Fellow at the Margaret Chase Smith Center for Public Policy and will share part of his studies on Maine politics at the Camden Public Library. His talk will be on the parallels between the 1908 and the 2008 elections.

### Don Lord on “The American Presidency,” October 23

Join historian Don Lord for a discussion of “The American Presidency” at the Camden Public Library. Dr. Lord is a retired history professor and author. He has written two books on presidents: one about a president who is on the “great” list, and one about a president who is not. This event is another Camden Conference Community Event.

### Nicholas Von Hoffman: Author, Pundit, and Journalist, October 28

Nicholas Von Hoffman’s most recent book is *A Devils Dictionary of Business, Monkey Business, High Finance and Low; Money, the Making, Losing and Printing Thereof; Commerce; Trade; Clever Tricks; Tours de Force; Globalism and Globaloney; Industry; Invention; the Stock Market; Marvelous Explanations and Clarifications; All Presented with Wit and Attitude*. Von Hoffman will host a question-and-answer session about this political season, based on his observation, “I think we can say this is the wackiest and most pivotal campaign since Bryan v. McKinley in 1896.”

Von Hoffman wrote for the Washington Post and later became well known to TV audiences as a “Point-Counterpoint” commentator for CBS’s 60 Minutes. He is the author of more than a dozen books, notably: *Capitalist Fools: Tales of American Business, from Carnegie to Forbes to the Milken Gang* (1992) and *Citizen Cohn* (1988), a biography of Roy Cohn, which was made into an HBO movie. His most recent title is *Hoax: Why Americans Are Suckered by White House Lies* (2004).

## Fall Book Sale October 3-4-5

Friday, October 3, 1:30-4:30 pm – Children’s Books Only

Saturday, October 4, 8:30 am-4:30 pm – All Books

Sunday, October 5, 9:00 am-3:00 pm – All Books

There will be over 3,000 books for sale; music on tapes, CDs, and vinyl records; and DVDs and VHS movies too. Collectible and antiquarian books will be on sale and there will also be a selection of paintings and sketches for sale. Quench your thirst for fall and winter reading and help support the Camden Public Library at our annual fall book sale under the tents!

**Book donations are welcome and volunteers are needed!**

# October Events at the Library

**Thursday, October 2, 6:30 pm** – author **Beckie Weinheimer** presents *Converting Kate*, winner of a Young Adult Best Book Award of 2008 from the American Library Association. Like Kate's fictional church, Beckie Weinheimer's real denomination controlled every aspect of her life until she broke from it.

**October 3, 4, 5 – Fall Book Sale!** Friday, October 3, Children's Book Sale 1:30 to 4:30 pm. Saturday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, and Sunday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, full sale.

**Saturday, October 4, 1:00-4:00 pm** – **Rug braiding demonstration** by Lisa Scofield as part of her exhibit, "Braided Rugs and Tied Quilts" on display at the library during the month of October. See back page for more information. The braiding demonstration will also continue on Sunday.

**Sunday, October 5, 1:00-4:00 pm** – **Rug braiding demonstration** by Lisa Scofield, the Artist of the Month for October.

**Tuesday, October 7, 6:30 pm** – **The Rev. Dr. Ralph Moore** will give a talk on "**The Common Good**" hosted by the Camden Conference. "The common good" is a value that most cultures uphold, but the specifics of how to achieve such a goal differ widely among nations and societies. See front page for more information.

**Thursday, October 9, 6:00 pm** – **book discussion on *The Price of Privilege*** hosted by the Parent Cafe and the Camden Rockport PTA, in the 2nd Floor Meeting Room. Over one hundred free copies of *The Price of Privilege* have been distributed to libraries in Camden, Rockport, Hope, and Appleton, on a "read and return" basis. The discussion series is intended as an engaged, spirited, and focused discussion about growing up in mid-coast Maine. The provocative but highly respected book, *The Price of Privilege: How Parental Pressure and Material Advantage are Creating a Generation of Disconnected Unhappy Kids*, by Madeline Levine, Ph.D, is described as "a good book not only for 'the affluent' but for anyone who has paid enough attention to know that all is not right with our culture, values and parenting skills" (Amazon book review). For more information contact parentcafe@gmail.com.

**Thursday, October 9, 6:30 pm** – **Dr. Richard Cornelia** will present "**The True Dracula**," a slide show and talk on the historical Prince Vlad Dracul, "Dracula." See front page for more information.



**CLOSED Monday, October 13, for Columbus Day**

**Tuesday, October 14, 2:00 pm** – **Quarry Hill** presents **Richard Clark** as **Ernest Hemingway** in a free performance for those age 55 & over. See back page for more information. For the afternoon event, please call Quarry Hill at 230-6114 to register.

**Tuesday, October 14, 6:30 pm** – "**Life, Language, and the Pursuit of Happiness: Ernest Hemingway Alive!**" presented by actor **Richard Clark**. Relive with Ernest those days from WWI to the inauguration of JFK. The tragedies and triumphs,

the joys and sorrows, the sacred and the profane, the loves and losses, the life force of the master craftsman considered by his peers to be "the greatest writer since Shakespeare!" There is no charge for the performance.

**Thursday, October 16, 6:30 pm** – the **Midcoast Audubon Society** presents mycologist **Greg Marley** and "**The Magic of Mushrooms**."

**Tuesday, October 21, all day** – "**An Empty Place at the Table**" display by New Hope for Women. The memorial consists of a dining table surrounded by empty chairs, a powerful reminder that the tragic deaths left an empty place not only in the lives of their families, but in the community as well. The donated items either belonged to the victims or were selected to reflect and celebrate their personalities, passions, and dreams. They were parents, children, neighbors, friends, and valued members of the community. Their deaths have left us with many empty places at the table.

**Tuesday, October 21, 6:30 pm** – "**The Newcomer vs the Veteran: the 1908 Election and Maine Politics of 100 years ago**," a talk by **Lee Webb**, part of the library's "All Politics is Local" Month.

**Thursday, October 23, 4:00 pm** – **regular meeting of the Camden Philosophical Society Reading Group**, all are welcome, for more information contact info@philosophyedge.com.

**Thursday, October 23, 6:30 pm** – **Join historian Don Lord** for a discussion of "**The American Presidency**." Dr. Lord is a retired history professor and author. He has written two books on presidents: one about a president who is on the "great" list, and one about a president who is not. Part of the library's "All Politics is Local" Month.

**Tuesday, October 28, 6:30 pm** – **Pundit, author, and political journalist Nicholas von Hoffman** presents a discussion and question-and-answer session on "the wackiest and most pivotal campaign since Bryan v. McKinley in 1896," as part of the library's "All Politics is Local" Month.

**Thursday, October 30, 6:00 pm** – **Halloween party**. Join Amy and Susan for spooktacular stories, games, crafts and don't forget to come in costume! Bring your carved Jack-o-lanterns to show off and display on the steps in the amphitheater. All ages welcome! Stories and activities at 6:00, and the pumpkin lighting will take place in the amphitheater at 7:15.

**Tuesday, November 4** – **Election Day! Please vote!**

## Non-resident Library Card Change

The Camden Public Library makes library cards available to Camden residents at no charge. Non-residents pay an annual fee. Beginning October 1, the library will offer only one level of membership for non-residents. The fee for this card will be \$25 and will cover an individual or as many household members as you would like to include. Annual renewals for all non-resident cards will also be \$25.

## We're Going Green!

Sign up for our new e-newsletter today by visiting [www.librarycamden.org](http://www.librarycamden.org)!

After December, special editions of Harbor Hill will be published only a few times a year.

We will continue to print our Calendar of Events on paper and it will be available at the library. If you wish to receive our events newsletter at home, please sign up for our e-newsletter at [www.librarycamden.org](http://www.librarycamden.org)

## The Children's Corner

**Babbling Books** An informal read-aloud program. Join Amy in the children's room every Monday morning at 10:00 am for pre-school and toddler stories. Read with someone, it's twice the fun!

**The Beginning Reader Chapter Book Club** on Monday afternoons begins at 4:00 pm, Monday October 6. (The Beginning Reader Chapter Book Club replaces Manic Mondays.) This club is geared for new readers who are ready for early chapter books. We will read aloud together, or do booktalks, and sometimes we have a craft. It's a lot of fun and we'd love to have you join the group! Call Ms. Amy with questions.

**BookTime for Babies** Developing Great Minds! For children birth to age 2, every Wednesday morning at 10:00 am in the Jean Picker Room. Join Miss Amy for songs, finger plays, read-alouds, and more!

**Pre-School Story Hours** Join Miss Amy Thursdays at 10:00 am for four and five year olds, and on Fridays at 10:00 for two and three year olds. Come join the magic and wonder of reading through books, rhymes, songs, flannel board stories, finger plays, puppets, dramatic play, and thematic crafts.

**Oct. 2 & 3 – Scaredy Cats!**

**Oct. 9 & 10 – Back in Time with Dinosaurs**

**Oct. 16 & 17 – Bats in the Library!**

**Oct. 24 – Pumpkin Day! [No Story Hour on October 23]**

**Oct. 30 & 31 – Spooky Tales**

**NEW! Saturday Stories!** Drop in and listen to some stories in the children's room! Susan will read aloud selected favorites, as well as introducing some new books to all ages of children. Storytime begins at 10:00 am.

**Author Talk** Beckie Weinheimer's first novel, *Converting Kate*, is set in coastal Maine and is about the struggle of a teenager to free herself from the restrictions of her conservative church. Weinheimer will present her book at the Camden Public Library on Thursday evening, October 2, at 6:30 pm. This a very powerful coming of age story, with a strong female character. All are welcome.

**Creative Art Afternoon** Wednesday, October 15, 3:30-4:30 pm – There is a new art craze sweeping the nation where artists create unique individual trading cards. They are 2.5 x 3" and each one is unique. This is not artwork to be sold, but traded. Some of you caught the ATC fever last year at the workshop in March, and we hope you'll be back with friends and that we'll entice some new artists to the craze! Artists of ALL age are welcome to attend. In this workshop, we will provide supplies and each artist will be free to create! Draw, paint, collage, cut, layer, etc. Bring your own supplies as well, if you want. On Thursday October 16 at 3:30 we will gather to share and trade. Questions, call Amy at 236-3440. Check out this website to get inspired: [www.cedarseed.com/air/atc.html](http://www.cedarseed.com/air/atc.html)

**Maine Student Book Award Club!** MSBA club begins this month! Tuesday, October 21, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm in the J-area. All 4th to 8th graders are welcome to join our book group. We read books from the list and talk about them while enjoying pizza and hanging out together! Come join Susan and Amy for pizza and book talks! Please call to let us know you're coming so we'll have enough pizza (236-3440). Bring a friend, it's even more fun!

**T-Rex** We will be host to a life-sized replica of Black Beauty, a T-Rex skull. The skull is on loan from educator Tony Sohns. Come see just how big T-Rex was, bring your cameras, and check out some dino books!

### Halloween Pumpkin Party!

Thursday October 30, join Amy and Susan for spooktacular stories, games, crafts and don't forget to come in costume! Bring your carved Jack-o-lanterns to show off and display on the steps in the amphitheater, fully lit for an amazing and spooky spectacular. Everyone is encouraged to come out with their masterpieces for a community display of fabulous pumpkin carvings! All ages welcome!

Fun stories and activities at 6:00, and the pumpkin lighting will take place at the amphitheater at 7:15. Call Amy with questions at 236-3440. Haunted snack volunteers needed!

## Life, Language and the Pursuit of Happiness Ernest Hemingway Alive!

Actor Richard Clark will bring the genius of Ernest Hemingway to life in this fabulous one-man show on Tuesday, October 14. There will be two showings, both for free. Quarry Hill is hosting the first showing, at 2:00 pm, as part of Quarry Hill's ongoing Adventures in Living Well series. This special performance is just for older adults aged 55 and over. Reservations are necessary for this afternoon performance and can be made by calling Quarry Hill Retirement Community at 230-6114. The Camden Public Library is hosting the evening performance at 6:30 pm, no pre-registration is required.

Richard Clark has been acting professionally for over 30 years in both theater and television and is known for his re-creations of historical figures ranging from William Shakespeare to Andrew Carnegie. Relive through Hemingway's eyes, as portrayed by Clark, those tumultuous days from World War II through the inauguration of JFK.

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## "Braided Rugs and Tied Quilts"

Lisa Scofield will give rug braiding demonstrations at the Camden Public Library as part of her exhibit, "Braided Rugs and Tied Quilts" on display at the library during the month of October. The rug demonstrations are Saturday and Sunday afternoon, October 4 and 5, 1:00 to 4:00 pm. All are welcome. Interested braiders should bring in their wool scraps or use those supplied by the instructor. Although largely self-taught, Scofield has taken several courses with master braider Nancy Young of Winthrop, Maine, and enjoys working with both novice and advanced braiders.

The show features handmade quilts and wool floor rugs by Lisa Scofield of Hope. Scofield, a public high school teacher and mother of three, calls her braiding and quilting hobbies "my Saturday morning meditation." Four quilts representing the four seasons will be on display alongside their braided rug companions. The centerpiece of the show is a large 6' x 9' living room rug whose colors complement a print by local artist Mary Bourke. Also on display will be three unusual antique braided rugs.



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### Mission Statement

*The Camden Public Library is a cultural and intellectual center for the community. It provides, at a reasonable cost and in a friendly atmosphere, universal access to knowledge and life-long learning through print, electronic resources, cultural activities, programs, and services. The library collaborates with other community groups to meet the educational, informational, and recreational needs of the entire community.*

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