

CHRISTMAS HAS ARRIVED AT THE LIBRARY

Yes, Christmas has come to the Taylor Library a little early once again this year. Our collection of "Barney" books was here before the library was decorated for the season and our holiday books had come out of hiding from the attic.

If you recall, Barney was the beloved cat of Bob Thistle. Barney lived to the ripe old age of 15. His owner, Bob wanted to do something special in memory of his beloved cat and to inspire the love of reading. His daughter Pam is a trustee of the Taylor Library. He asked Pam if the children of the library would like some new cat books. Sure enough, the cat collection was in need of some new titles. In 2004, we received our first donation of fifteen titles. Since then every year, Bob has donated another five books. This year our present from Barney came early. Each book has a book plate in it to let the children know that this is a special book and it is part of the Barney collection. The book plate with Barney's picture is inscribed as follows:

From Barney's Book Collection
Donated to the Taylor Library
In Loving Memory of Barney
From His Dad

This collection is displayed year round on the mantel of the fireplace in the children's section of the library. The overflow of books are found in the cat section of the browsers.

This year we received these books in memory of Barney: ***Love Splat*** by Rob Scotton, ***Posy*** by Linda Newberry, ***Where to Sleep*** by Kandy Radzinski, ***How Many Cats?*** by Lauren Thompson and ***Cat in the Clouds*** by Eric Pinder.

The last title, ***Cat in the Clouds*** published in 2009 will be a favorite of New Hampshire children as it takes place in New Hampshire. Nin, a stray cat drifts from home to home in search of food and friendship. Nin meets up with a friendly meteorologist named Mark. From garbage cans and dumpsters, Nin becomes the cat who lives at the summit of Mount Washington with the other meteorologists forecasting and keeping track of the weather changes on top of the highest peak in New Hampshire. This book is a charming read for ages nine and up. Pam is in the process of getting the author to sign the book for the children of Taylor Library.

The other four books are appropriate for ages four and up. All are simple to read with beautiful illustrations. Why not stop by the library to view or check out these new Barney books or others in the collection. You can also call for more information at 432-7186 or go to our website www.taylorlibrary.org and browse our collection from the comforts of your home. There are many updates on the website of coming events.

On behalf of the staff and trustees of the Taylor Library, thank you Bob for your generous donation to the children. We hope these books will instill the love of reading and make these children life long users of the library.

We wish you all a very Happy Holiday and a Healthy New Year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 6 -10AM Preschool Story Hour Registration. We hold five story hours per week. Call for more details of age groups and hours that are offered.

January 11 – 7PM Adult Book Group. Call the library for more details and the Book being read this month

Make sure you call the library to reserve your museum passes in plenty of time so you won't be disappointed during Christmas Vacation. Check out our website for the passes we offer.