Solstice Poetry Reading with Erin Coughlin Hollowell, Peggy Shumaker and James Englehardt

What’s the best way to spend Solstice? With poetry of course! Friends of the Homer Library is excited to celebrate the release of three collections of poetry by Alaskan authors James Englehardt, Peggy Shumaker and Erin Hollowell on Thursday, June 21, 6:30 pm at the library.

Homer’s own Erin Coughlin Hollowell will read from her second poetry collection Every Atom, which explores the ways her mother’s memory loss changes not only how mother and daughter relate to each other, but how they relate to the past. Louis Alberto Ureña writes: “There comes a moment in every Erin Hollowell poem where the heart threatens to burst open and spill out light.” Hollowell’s recent literary publications include Prairie Schooner, Sugar House Review, and Alaska Quarterly Review, among others. She is also the Executive Director of Storyknife Writers Retreat, a writing residency for women.

Peggy Shumaker, a well-known teacher and poet, will present her new collection Cairn: New and Selected. This is her eighth book of poetry, and it spans 40 years of poetry informed by the Sonoran desert where she grew up and the subarctic desert of Interior Alaska where she now lives. The Rasmuson Foundation has recognized her as a Distinguished Artist, she served as Alaska State Writer Laureate, and she received a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts. Continued on page 3.

Are you ready to rock this month? There is so much fun to be had at the library! We’ll kick the month off with Kids Rock Book Club, Friday, June 1, 2:00-3:00 pm, for 6-8 year olds. Then on June 4th meet world-famous cartoonist and author of the popular Hazardous Tales series, Nathan Hale. Two workshop sessions are offered; registration is available online. Both workshops are filling quickly—we anticipate there will be a wait list. We’ll continue to explore the summer theme “libraries rock” with Rockapalooza, Friday June 8, 6:00-8:00 pm. Kids will get into the groove with a crazy hairdo and make up, pose at the photo booth, and perform karaoke or dance along with friends. For 8-11 year olds, please register online.

During the five day camp <HPL Code>Music and Sound, kids will learn computer programming basics and create music. Using Scratch, kids will play musical notes, create a music video and build an interactive music display. For ages 9-11, June 11-15, 10:00 am-12:00 pm, register online. Continued on page 4.
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Volunteer Opportunity: Reading Between the Lines

The Friends are looking for some new voices for their Reading Between the Lines radio spot, which is featured each Sunday on KBBI at 9:35 am. This is a three-minute spot (typically 500-600 words), highlighting either a good book or some other service available from the library (audio or video materials, magazines, etc.). We will provide new readers with some basic guidelines and a template for the introduction/closing, but the "middle" is up to you. The general idea is to encourage reading and to let folks know what great things are going on at the library.

Regular RBL readers can expect to write and record a spot every couple of months (depending on how many readers we have). Some readers may choose to participate less frequently. We set up a new schedule every 6 months, and it is very important that, once scheduled, readers follow through on their commitment for a certain date (or if they can’t, that they contact the RBL coordinator far enough in advance to line up someone else). Each month our RBL coordinator sends out a reminder email to the readers scheduled for that month. Readers contact KBBI directly to set up a time to record their session - usually early to mid week prior to their scheduled time, but sessions can also be recorded in advance. It’s a very painless process and takes about 10 minutes.

"Reading Between the Lines" has been a regularly-scheduled feature on KBJI for many years, and we want to keep it fresh and interesting. If you would like to participate, please contact us at info@friendshomerlibrary.org. We would love to hear from you.
Ongoing Library Programs

**SPARC Radio Club**
Tuesday, June 5, 6:30-7:45 pm.
- Amateur radio club. (Repeats every 1st Tuesday.)

**Ham Radio Classes**
Tuesday, June 5, 5:00 pm, Saturday, June 9, 12:00 pm.
- Learn to use Ham Radio technology.

**Walk-In Tech Help**
Saturdays, June 2 and 16, 10:00 am–12:00 pm.
- Bring your computer, tablet, or smartphone and get help with your tech questions. (Repeats every 1st and 3rd Saturday.)

**Homer Storytellers**
Saturday, June 16, 3:00 pm.
- Develop your storytelling skills in a friendly atmosphere. (Repeats every 3rd Saturday.)

**Writer’s Refuge**
Tuesday, June 19, 5:45-7:45 pm.
- A Writer’s Critique group. (Repeats every 3rd Tuesday.)

**HPL Book Club**
Tuesday, June 26, 4:30-6:30 pm.
- *We Are All Poets Here* by Kathleen Witkowska Tarr. (Repeats every 4th Tuesday.)

**Knitting Circle**
Every Monday, 1:30 –4:30 pm.
- All are welcome. Refreshments.

**Explore Preschool Storytime**
Every Wednesday, 10:00-11:00 am.

**Small Fry Storytime**
Every Thursday, 11:30 am-noon.

**LARP: Live Action Roleplay**
Every Friday 3:00-5:45 pm.
- Live Action Roleplay, crafts, and quests. 10-18yr olds.

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**Upcoming Special Events @ The Homer Public Library**

**Summer@HPL:** Online registration begins May 14!
https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/library/

**Comics Camp with Nathan Hale:** Learn to write comics from a world famous author! Register online. Monday, June 4. 9:00am-12:00 pm: ages 8-11, 2:00-5:00 pm: ages 11-14.

**Chess Club:** Meet your friends at the library to play chess! Ages 6-12. Wednesdays, 10:30 am-12:00 pm

**Rockapalooza @ the Library:** An evening of rock at the library for kids! 8-11 years old. Register online. Friday, June 8, 6:00-8:00 pm.

**<HPLCode> Music & Sound:** During this 5-day camp, kids will learn computer programming basics and create music! Ages 9-11. Register online. Monday-Friday, June 11 –15, 10:00am-12:00 pm.

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**We Are All Poets Here:** Kathleen Witkowska Tarr will answer questions at HPL Book Club. Tuesday, June 26, 4:30 pm.

**Geocaching at the Library:** Cathy Wilmeth will introduce families to geocaching. Saturday, June 30, 4:00 pm-6:00 pm

If you need to register online go to: https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/library

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**HPL Book Club**

We’re excited to invite Kathleen Witkowska Tarr back! She’ll answer questions and talk about the process of writing *We Are All Poets Here*. June 26, 4:30 pm

A monthly discussion group. Meets the 4th Tuesday.

**2018 Lit Lineup. Resolve to read more.**

Find out more at: https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/library/2018-lit-lineup
The Friends of the Homer Public Library is a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) community organization established in 1982 that encourages public use and enjoyment of the Homer Public Library services and facilities. With the financial and volunteer support of its members, FHL provides resources for programs such as the Summer Reading Program, the Top Drawer Collection, preschool story hour, and author readings, among others. FHL volunteers work closely with the library staff to publicize the valuable tools and services available at the library to all community members at no cost, without discrimination. FHL also provides resources for capital improvements to the facility.

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Friends of the Homer Library is pleased to announce that we have received an honorable mention for the Innovations in Reading Prize, given by the National Book Foundation! The award was given in recognition of the work we are doing with BOB to promote the library, literacy, and learning. They write, “Thanks to your ingenuity, commitment, and passion, the Friends of the Homer Library is a remarkable example of how the transformative power of reading can be incorporated into every day life.” We are grateful for the support and commendation from the National Book Foundation.

Thank you also to all of the volunteers, book lovers, library enthusiasts, and fabulous members of our community who help to create a culture where lifelong learning is valued, encouraged, and embraced.

This summer be sure to bring your kids, friends, and neighbors to meet BOB! We’ll be introducing The Great Book Exchange! The concept is straightforward: bring a book, take a book. Bring us the once well loved kid book hiding under your bed, and come pick out a new favorite! This is our schedule:

**BOB the Bookmobile**

**Summer Schedule**
Karen Hornaday Park
Every Thursday, 4:30-6:30 pm
The Great Book Exchange!

BOB @ Triangle Park with Sprout (next to McDonalds)
2nd Tuesdays of the month,
June 12 & July 10, 11:00 am
Come read a story with us and play!

Story Walk Storytime @ HPL
2nd Wednesdays of the month,
June 13 & July 11, 10:00 am
Go on a Storytime adventure and read the new book on the Story Walk!

Storytime on the Go! @ Bishops Beach
4th Wednesdays of the month,
June 27 & July 25, 10:00 am
BOB heads to the beach!

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And don’t forget...Explore Family Storytime continues all summer. No registration is required, bring your kids every Wednesday at 10:00 am and dress to get messy. We’ll combine early literacy with STEAM: science, technology, engineering, art and math. We’ll read stories, do crafts, and try out some experiments! Chess Club also starts this month, for 6-12 year olds, every Wednesday 10:30 am-12:00 pm.

We’ll close out June with Geocaching at the Library. Led by Cathy Wilmeth, families will learn the basics of geocaching. Saturday, June 30, 4:00-6:00 pm.

Be sure to log your reading time and family Learning activities!