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Celebrating Students and Tutors

The annual Pot Luck party in celebration of tutors and students was held at the Barrows House on January 13. Tutors, students, members of the Board of Directors, and their families attended. Thanks to the generosity of Mack Molding Co., each student was honored with a new book and tutors were honored with a rose. A table of community-donated books was part of the celebration, as well as were Books to Go Bags. The photos demonstrate their popularity. Each attendee contributed a pot luck dish; the curried Jamaican chicken was a special favorite.



Girls with Books to Go Bags



Party goes.

"Reach Your Goal in Reading" Charity Hockey Match

On February 17, 2013, Vermont Reading Partners hosted their 14th Annual Hockey Fundraiser at Riley Rink. Everyone enjoyed the spirited game between the Vermont Law Enforcement Hockey Club and the Green Mountain Boys. The Green Mountain Boys took home the victory. In addition to the match, many books found new homes as children made selections from the Bookshare table.

Ten reasons to attend the annual VRP "Reach Your Goal in Reading" Charity Hockey Match:

10. It's for charity, Vermont Reading Partners.
9. Admission is free.
8. It's fun.
7. Win a raffle basket.
6. Win at Chuck-a-Puck.
5. Books for children of all ages are given away all afternoon.
4. Cheer for the Vermont Law Enforcement Hockey Club.
3. Cheer for the Green Mt. Boys Hockey Club.
2. Spend quality time at the wonderful Riley Rink.
1. The roar of the crowd.

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For the love of books.



New Bookshare

VRP has teamed up with the Mark Skinner Library to host a Bookshare for children. Suzanne Rose, President of VRP, worked with Betsy Bleakie, MSL Executive Director, to put it all together. You will find the Bookshare in the lower level lobby. Children are encouraged to stop by and choose a book to take home and keep. All of the gently-used books on display have been donated to VRP by the community. This Bookshare is one of nine VRP Bookshares in Bennington County. If you wish to become involved in our book sharing program, please call 802-362-2323, or email vrp2323@sover.net



Suzanne Rose shows off new Bookshare.

Public Bookshare Locations

Books for Children from Early Childhood Through Teens

Mark Skinner Library, Manchester
 Shaftsbury Country Store
 Stewart's Shops, Manchester
 Winchester's, Pownal

Agency Bookshare Locations

Bennington Area Food Cupboards
 Bennington Farmer's Market
 Oak Hill Child Center, Pownal
 Sunrise Family Resource Center, Bennington
 WIC -Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Program,
 Bennington

If you wish to donate children's books to VRP, please drop them at the VRP office located at Zion Episcopal Church in Manchester Center.

Craft Fair Extraordinaire, MAY 18

Vermont Reading Partners presents a Spring Craft Fair on Saturday, May 18, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Burr & Burton Academy's Rowland Center. Admission is free. There will be concessions, raffles, and free books for children. The show will feature American-made specialty crafts including pottery, sewing, mosaics, jewelry, purses, bags and totes, woodworking, knitting, jams and jellies, rugs, quilts, hair accessories, silk scarves, frames, mirrors and much more !

VRP will host a Bookshare table at Northshire School's First Annual Wellness Fair, Saturday, April 20, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

VRP will host a Bookshare table at Northshire Day School/Head Start Literacy Fair at Dana Thompson Rec Park, Saturday, May 18th from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

Friendly's Fundraiser

From February 15, 2013, through February 23, 2013, Vermont Reading Partners participated in a fundraising week with Friendly's Manchester store. During that period, anyone who visited the Manchester Friendly's with a voucher from Vermont Reading Partners generated a donation of 20% of their check to Vermont Reading Partners. We are grateful to Friendly's for the opportunity to participate in this fundraiser and to our supporters who presented vouchers during the fundraising event. In addition, a raffle for a \$25 Friendly's gift card was offered to all voucher participants and we are happy to announce that Mark Carthy, a fourth grade student at MEMS, was the winner of the raffle.

One More Thing

"Tchau" to Brazilian students from our international program who have been working with tutor Curt Russell for the past ten weeks.



L-r, Thaisa Prado Ribeiro, Yuval Sela, Ass't tutor, Geraldo Schuetze, Jr., Kleber Willy Costa Bomfim, Curt Russell, tutor, Marcel H.R. Machado, Rafael Bertho. Missing: Hugo Morales Zorfrilla