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# Reading Matters

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## Job Searching?

If you are searching for a job and need to update your resume, do a cover letter or fill out job applications online, the Cobleigh Library has resources for you.

The Cobleigh Computer Lab has high speed access for you to search the Internet for job employment, email, or applications.

If you are registered with Employment Services and need to list your job contacts, you can sign into your account and do that here as well. The printed confirmation sheet is free.

The Library has resources and Word Templates for resumes and cover letters and would be happy to help you get your information updated and ready to give, send or email to

prospective employers. All resume printing is free.

Job searching can be stressful. We are here to help! 626-5475. The library web site under Links



has web sites useful for finding employment. Look under Interview and Jobs. The Interview has you-tube links to how to conduct a better interview. Under Jobs "Indeed, One Search, All Jobs" at [www.indeed.com](http://www.indeed.com) is very

helpful. If you wish you could search using a 50 mile radius with the type of job you are looking for.

Feel free to brush up on your skills by using the free classes offered by the library. Just click on the icon on the home page that says, "Learn Something New Today." There are over 500 free non-credit courses including Accounting and Bookkeeping, Business, Career Training, Computers and Technology, Entrepreneurship, Financial Management, Office Skills, Web Development and many other topics. Other classes are in cooking, gardening, writing and other fun skills.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask us.

## Computer Classes and Tech Tutor

Computers are a fixture of modern living and they are here to stay. Whether or not you have your own computer, it is likely that you are going to see an increase in having to use a computer in your daily life, whether it be for banking, communicating by email or Skype with friends and family, or filling out tax forms or job applications. The Cobleigh Library computer lab is a great

place to learn new skills or update your current knowledge. Every Thursday morning from 10:00 a.m. to noon we have a Computer Workshop and we can help you work on the skills you need most. If you have a laptop, bring that along and you can have questions answered about your own equipment.

If you have questions about cell phones, iPads, Kindles and other

devices, you can book an hour to work one on one with Blake Kincaid, our Tech Tutor. Blake is available on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Both the computer class and the time with Blake are free of charge.

Call the Library at 626-5475 for more information or to sign up for a tutoring session. You'll be glad you did!



## We'll Have You Seeing Stars!!

If you are seeing stars at the Cobleigh Library, it doesn't mean you bopped your head.

The Northeast Kingdom Astronomy Foundation proudly presents the Cobleigh Library Astronomy Event!

Called "Building Community through Astronomy: Intergenerational STEM Learning" the program will take place at the Cobleigh Library on Saturday, May 3rd at 3:00 p.m. The event is FREE and open to the public. This is a great time for

families to learn about astronomy together.

The program will have:

- Fun, age appropriate activities for kids with take-aways
- Engaging information for teens, parents, and grandparents, too
- View the Sun through our solar telescope (weather permitting) Learn about the planets and our solar system with local ama-

teur astronomers from Northern Skies Observatory in Peacham and area teachers.

NKAF's mission is to enhance science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education by promoting the study of astronomy by students and the public and by strengthening the science curriculum of participating schools by providing facilities and opportunities in astronomy generally unavailable to secondary and post-secondary schools.

*Visit the Computer Lab at the Cobleigh Library and experience faster internet access!*

## Faster Internet has arrived!

Vermont FiberConnect is a public-private partnership and project between the Vermont Telecommunications Authority (VTA) and Sovernet Communications. The project received a \$33.4 million grant from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA) Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. The grant allowed Sovernet to develop, own, maintain and operate a 773 mile fiber-optic network in southern, central, and north-eastern Vermont. The project connected over 340 community anchor institutions including the Cobleigh Library in the

project area, encompassing seven of Vermont's fourteen counties.

This award represents significant support and partnership from the following: VT Office of the CIO, Dept. of Education and supervisory unions, VT State Colleges, VT Law School, Dept. of Public Safety, Dept. of Libraries, and the New England Telehealth Consortium. Additionally, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation awarded a grant of \$400,000 to the Dept. of Libraries to build public library connections, as well as \$150,000 to support on-going broadband service in libraries.

The Cobleigh Library has been involved in this project for a number of years. The library paid for wiring to accommodate the new fiber line and will pay for a portion of the new equipment related to this project. The library's line went live on December 16th and computer users on the library's public access machines now have faster Internet access!

The Cobleigh Library's computer lab on the top floor of the library is open during library hours with seven machines for public use. Come in and check it out!

## Ask Us About Reduced Rate Passes

As the weather improves (and it will!) check with us for free passes to Vermont State Parks and to historic sites such as the VT Heritage Gallery in Barre and the

VT History Museum in Montpelier. We also have a reduced rate pass for the Echo Lake Aquarium and Science Center

Burlington. The savings are significant. Call the library at 626-5475 to check on the availability of the passes!



## Video Conferencing Equipment Available

Do you have a presentation for a group or a long distance training or interview that you might use Skype for?

The Cobleigh Library was fortunate to be chosen as one of the 14 videoconferencing equipment grants awarded to the Department of Libraries from Google. The equipment uses Google Hangout or Skype to allow two or more locations to communicate.

Anyone can use this free service by contacting the library for additional

information on its availability.

Having this equipment available expands possibilities in our rural area. Possible usage could include participation in online trainings, educational courses, testing or real-time business or professional meetings, connecting with an expert to work on a problem, talk with family in faraway places, meet colleagues across the country, interview for a job or consult with a doctor.

The Library uses the equipment for

programs and presentations, such as taking children on a "visit" to the Monterey Bay Aquarium!

What will we think of next? What will YOU think of next? Call the library for more information!



## The Amazing Migrating Children's Room Update

While we wait and wait and wait for the source of the water leak to be repaired in the road, the Cobleigh is still offering many services and great books (of course!) for children. Come and see Tina on the top floor of the library where she has set up temporary quarters for the children's collection until it is safe to

move back into the Children's area in the basement.

The source of the water problem has been identified, but lawyers are wrangling over who will foot the bill.

Tina is doing birth to age 5 story time on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. on the Main Floor, where she is joined by Abbey and Spike from the

Bookmobile.

She is currently planning the Summer Reading Program which runs from June 1st to August 1st. The theme this year is "Fizz, Boom, Read" for birth through grade 5 and "Spark a Reaction" for grade 6 through grade 12 so the focus will be on science. See you at the library!



## NEK Camera Club is meeting once a month

The NEK Camera Club meets on the first Thursday of the month at 11:00 a.m. This is a gathering of photo hobbyists to share photos, ideas, information, and instruction on anything related to photography.

Each month a new photo shooting challenge is presented.

The following month, your photos will be viewed and discussed with the intent of sharing ideas and how to achieve the best possible results within our ever expanding guidelines. Contact Casey Boyle-Eldridge at [boyleeldridge@vtlink.net](mailto:boyleeldridge@vtlink.net).





**Cobleigh Public Library**

Open Monday noon to 5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday and Thursday noon to 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday and Friday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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**Lyndonville, VT 05851**

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The Cobleigh Public Library is an inviting community center, which provides programs, services, books and materials, public space, and information to all residents in the Lyndon area. The library connects people of all ages with opportunities to explore personal growth and develop a life long love of reading.

## Planning for the Next Five Years

The Cobleigh Public Library is in the midst of developing a new five-year plan and we would love your input!

We are currently conducting a survey to answer the following questions:

What is your library doing well?

How could your library be improved?

What do you like best about the library?

What services do you think your library should focus on in the coming five years?

The survey can be taken online at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7GXN6GP> . Or just stop in the library to fill it out! We appreciate your feedback! We value what you have to say and we will base our plan your wishes!



# Help Us Plan Your Library

Planning is important for public libraries because services are tied to specific community goals. In order to have stellar services, these goals should be thought out and based on community needs. Demographics, public input and funding all play a role in forming and carrying out a plan. We plan to improve services and tailor them to the community.

Planning time has come around again. We are gathering ideas for our next plan from the community. At some point that will come to an end and we will draw up the plan. People should know that if they have an idea, don't wait until the next planning sessions to approach us. Plans are just that—a guide to

the future. The future changes and the library needs to be responsive to the community and to community changes. The needs of the community may be very different in one, two or three years. Who knows what technology will come out and become important?



**We plan so that we don't end up like Thelma and Louise!!**

We are not completely tied to the plan. We can listen any time and make changes as we go. We feel that being flexible and responsive is very important to keep us relevant to the community.

We will be having a public planning community meeting in the future, so watch for fliers, check the website at [www.cobleighlibrary.org](http://www.cobleighlibrary.org) and be sure and like us on Facebook. The Cobleigh Public Library is *YOUR* library, and we are here to serve the needs of the community. Help us to deliver the services you think are the most important in the best way possible.