

# Froggy's Files

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Hey-O, Froggy's back to HPL after a rest at Squam Swamp, and thankfully just in time before January freezing over.

I arrived back at HPL in time to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the book "The Snowy Day". There was an ongoing effort by the Children's Room Family Night staff and the HPL coordinator of Teen & Virtual Services, which resulted in a wonderful event. Stories, treats, and fun were mixed with hand-knitted hats, scarves, etc. These were generously provided by numerous teen and adult groups, displayed at the library, and then made available to those attending Family Night. Standing O for another fantastic HPL happening.

Any of you who were generously gifted with an e-reader, iPad, smartphone... (YIKES-all 3) and are not sure how to "handle" any or all of these devices, do not despair. HPL again to the rescue with help from Amy! Tuesdays, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> will find Amy at her spot in the HPL Teen room from 6-7:30 pm welcoming any "drop-in" for assistance with these devices. Don't miss this opportunity for that Amy-brand of patience and knowledge that is probably all you will need to be on your way e-reading, smartphoning, or iPadding!

Another date you will want to note on your calendar is Friday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>. This is an inaugural event that is collaboration between HPL and "The Learning Dog" that will combine reading and dogs. Please note, you DO NOT have to bring a dog to attend, but you do need to call The Learning Dog for details and for registration @ 330-534-4990. Don't miss your chance to be at the VERY first of what promises to be a unique partnership.

One last thing that Froggy, as a huge supporter of kindness, would like to touch on, is Random Act of Kindness Week - February 13<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. Froggy endorses kindness 24/7 X 365, but the setting aside of a certain week to spotlight both the doing of kind acts as well as recognizing the kind acts we see is both heartwarming and encouraging. HPL is diving in wholeheartedly to illuminate all the kindness of Hubbard. Children's Room staff has been handing out materials for participants to decorate children's room with a kindness chain. Each link of this chain will record an act of kindness done or viewed by the contributor. If you would like to add to the chain, feel free to stop in children's room and do so, and please make a point to stop by children's room during February and be amazed at the chain-link display of the kindness of Hubbard.

Hopefully, before we meet again, a thaw will have begun. If only thaws would happen because of kindness-but wait, I do believe that many a "cold heart" has been thawed by kindness. Give it a try and get back to Froggy on that.