



News From the DCCCC Office

November 2015

Jeff Robbins, Director
Sunnie McPhetres, Assistant Director

Terry Chase, Administrative Assistant
Dawn Cote, Administrative Assistant

Staff

Chickadee One

Michele Estes
Denise Ayers
Judy Labrie

Chickadee Too

Teresa Hahn
Lori Higgins
Moya Stevens

Owls

Debbie Burnham
Wendy Irwin
April Buchanan

Hedgehogs

Jennifer Sprague
Jenn Boudro
Anna Fuller

Otters

Susan Quimby Young
Joel King
Jen Murphy

Badgers

Terri Hollis
Miranda Arruda
Valerie Stefani

Black Bears

Amy McLellan
Barb Merchand
Kelly Bosma

Floating Assistant

Teachers

Liz Harrington
Katie Robinson
Eileen Ruml
Kristin Cole
Brian Goodness
Terri Crane

Who is Retiring?

Terry Chase!

While it is very sad for us,
we are very happy for
Terry.

Terry has worked at
DCCCC forever, and
Dartmouth College even
longer than that!



She watched this building go up and then get bigger years later. She has watched the staff expand from a few to many. She has easily met and helped more than a thousand children and families over the years. I wonder if she remembers all of their names. She has diligently kept paperwork in order, made sure that children have nutritious snacks, arranged for substitute coverage for classrooms, greeted people warmly when they arrive in the morning, buzzed many people in when they forgot their cards, and always has a smile on her face!

After all that, she deserves a rest! Terry's last day at DCCCC will be December 11. She'll be taking some days off here and there before that day arrives. Be sure to stop in the office in the morning to say good-bye to Terry.

Dear Big Jeff

Dear Big Jeff,

Wait! StoryTime? Did I miss something? Something about a giant that disappears, a bear with a fur coat and a dog party?

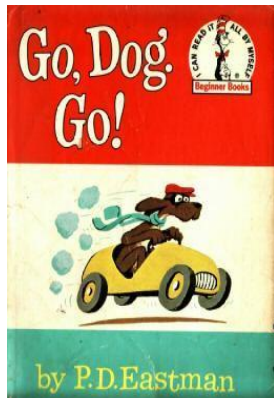
Out of the Loop

Dear Loop,

The StoryTime players are delighted that your child shared some of our stories with you. We did recently perform at DCCCC as we do several times a year. It's great fun and you are always welcome, even if your child doesn't usually come on the StoryTime day. It's not a command performance, though - your presence is welcomed, not expected!

StoryTimes are performed by Sunnie operating the projector and contributing character voices, Big Jeff narrating, and James Burger, the "Professor of Percussion", our talented musician and sound effects guy. Often we tell classic children's stories with musical accompaniment and, this is very cool, the illustrations projected on the ceiling. Other times stories are told in the oral tradition and sometimes they are acted out.

See below for stories from our recent performance. Rumor has it that we'll hear more in December about Abiyoyo in Abiyoyo Returns and about Little Bear in Chapter Two, Birthday Soup.



Two You-Tube versions

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3u9PJTZhcos>

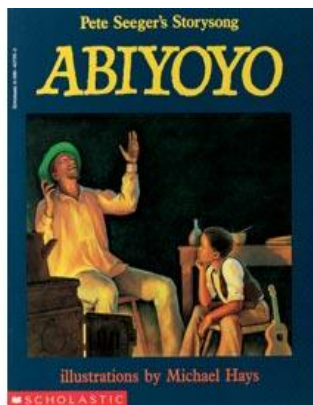
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=992b_ek85BU



I don't see a YouTube version that I like. Lap reading is always best!

The cartoon version: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nCkvQ10y_Zo

The Little Bear movie: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IJe7NewoWMY>



Reading Rainbow: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cPZtuPyXRfw>

**The Next StoryTime Performance
will be
Wednesday, December 16, 2015
4:15 pm in the big multi**

Things to Know

DCCCC Will Be Closed On The Following Days:

Thanksgiving Break

Thursday November 26, 2015 and
Friday, November 27, 2015

Christmas/NewYear/Winter Break

December 24, 2015-January 1, 2016

In-service Day

Monday, March 14, 2016

Updated Snow Day Policy

Typically DCCCC has a late opening time of 9:00 when Hanover schools close or open late due to inclement weather.

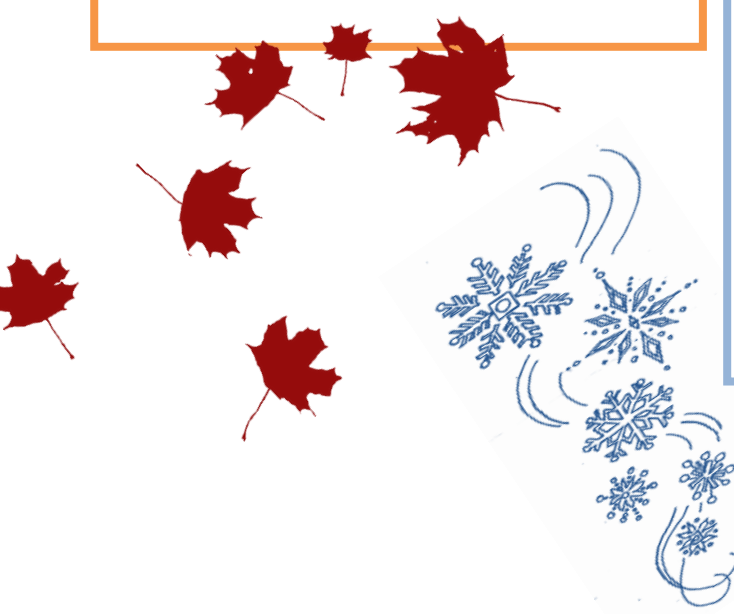
DCCCC will make an independent determination about a late opening if Hanover schools

- a.) Are on vacation
- b.) Announce closure a day in advance
- c.) Make a morning decision to close school in anticipation of poor PM driving conditions.

A late opening at DCCCC will be announced on:

- WMUR TV Channel 9 and www.WMUR.com
- WCAX TV Channel 3 and www.WCAX.com, (go to weather, select school closings)
- Whenever possible, Jeff will send an e-mail to all families, but TV and websites are your most reliable source of information.

Let's hope we don't need this for a while!



Local Events for Families

Upper Valley Aquatic Center Second Saturday of Every Month is Date Night

Children ages 3-12 enjoy swimming, dinner, a movie and FUN while You get a night out together.

Member: \$24 • Non-Member: \$30 • Multi-Child: 15% off

Second Saturday of every month @ 5-8pm

Saturday, November 14

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

Saturday, November 14

Lantern Making Workshop and Parade in Pomfret: 2-5 p.m., Abbott Memorial Library, 15 Library St. Learn how to make paper lanterns and join a parade to display the creations at dusk. A family activity. Materials and refreshments provided. Free. 802-457-2236.

Saturday, November 14

Junk Music With the Junkman in Norwich: 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Montshire Museum of Science, 1 Montshire Road. Recycled material percussionist Donald Knaack will perform and run workshops. Free with museum admission ^ \$14 or \$11, under 2 free. 802-649-2200.

Saturday, November 14

Second Saturdays for Kids in Norwich: 1-3 p.m., Norwich Bookstore, 291 Main St. David Macaulay reads from his new book *How Machines Work: Zoo Break!*. Free. 802-649-1114.

NO STRINGS MARIONETTE COMPANY

- **December 18, 2015**
- **Price:** Tickets: \$5 kids, \$10 adults
- **Start Time:** 6:30
- **Location:** Alumni Hall Haverhill NH

Scrooge, A Christmas Carol

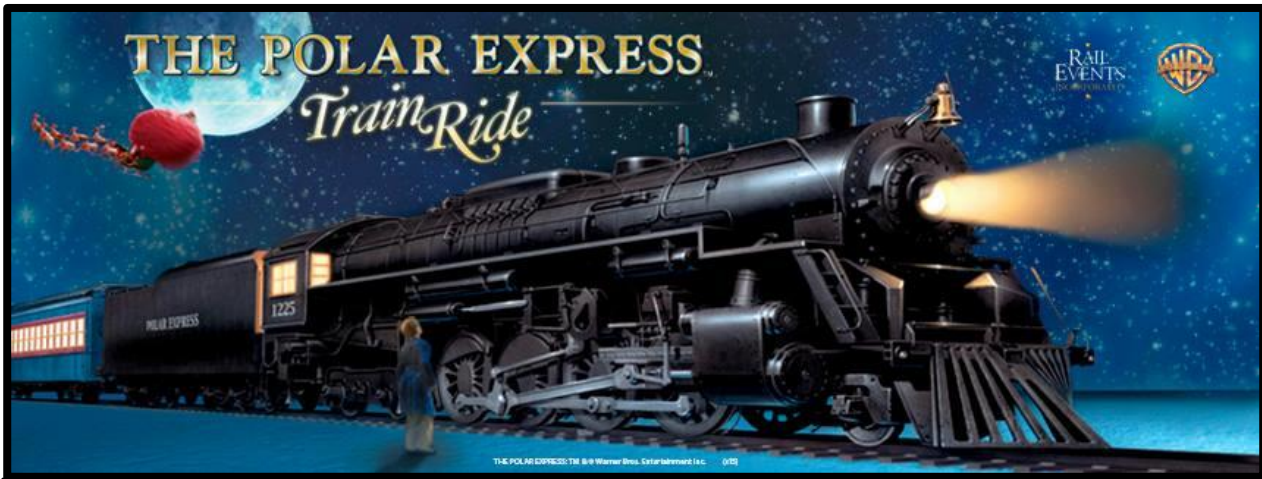
Your entire family will enjoy this timeless story, told through the magical artistry of puppets! Eighteen large-scale marionettes whisk you through the Good Ole Streets of Charles Dickens' London. If the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future can awaken the forgotten love and joy within stingy Scrooge's heart, just think what the story can do to encourage the everlasting Spirit of Christmas in us all.

BAILIFF'S CAFE OPEN FOR DINNER & DRINKS, 5:30PM

- See more at: <http://theuppervalley.com/events/8168/#sthash.nTuFiSvP.dpuf>

<http://hanoverchamber.org/index.php?id=237&page=Celebrate%20the%20Season>

updates on Hanover/Norwich events for the holiday season.



Polar Express Train opportunities

Hartford, VT: <http://www.hartfordvtpolarexpress.com/>

December 12 and 13, 2015.

Lyndonville, VT: <http://www.thelyndonfreighthouse.com/train.php>

December 5 and 6, 2015

Burlington, VT:

<http://www.vtchildrenstrust.org/events/polar-express/overview.php>

December 12 and 13, 2015.

North Conway, NH:

<http://www.journeytothenorthpole.org/event-info.html>

November 20, 21, 22*, November 27, 28, 29*, December 4, 5, 6*,

December 10, 11, 12, 13, December 18, 19, 20, 21, 22

*Afternoon performances ONLY on November 22 & 29 and December 6

Lincoln, NH:

<http://www.journeytothenorthpole.org/event-info.html>

November 27, 28, 29*, December 4, 5, 6*,

December 11, 12, 13, December 18, 19, 20, 21

*Afternoon performances ONLY on November 29 and December 6

Lyme Tree Festival

- **December 5, 2015**
- **Phone:** 603-795-2213
- **Start Time:** 5PM
- **Location:** On the common Lyme, NH

Tree Festival December 5, 2015 5pm to 7pm

On the common Lyme, NH

The Utility Club of Lyme will be hosting a fundraiser for local charities and scholarships.

There will be over 50 trees set up around the green, lit and decorated for your enjoyment!

Santa, sleigh rides, restaurant specials, live music, and even a collection of local family nativity sets will be on display.

To participate or sponsor a TREE, call Pat Pippin at [603-795-2213](tel:603-795-2213)

Each tree and stand sponsorship is \$50.00

Then you may decorate it any way you wish

The night of the event, your tree will be bid on in a raffle event.

All proceeds go to local charities and scholarships

- See more at: <http://theupppervalley.com/events/lyme-tree-festival/#sthash.obWeeulh.dpuf>



[HANOVER HOPSTOP: MICHAEL ZERPHY](#)

Sat Nov 21 2015 - 11:00 AM

FREE! A master of juggling, physical comedy, storytelling and general clowning around, Zerphy is full of hilarious hijinks.



[SKIPPYJON JONES: SNOW WHAT](#)

Sat Dec 05 2015 - 3:00 PM, The Moore Theater, Hopkins Center \$13-\$23

Everyone's favorite "Chihuahua who thinks he's a Siamese cat" returns in Theatreworks USA's playful new winter musical with energy and imagination, Skippyjon Jones "knows" he is not a Siamese cat but actually a fierce Chihuahua sword fighter