**Taft Public Library**

**Children’s Room**

**December 2011 – Events and New Acquisitions**

It’s a jolly holiday all month at Taft! So don’t even think about settling down for a long winter’s nap when we’ve got meetings of the Teen Advisory Group and the ‘Round the World Readers Book Club, plenty of stories, songs, and crafts to celebrate the season, and a special concert from violinist Hunter Foote on the 15th! It’s a stocking stuffed with activities in December! Stop on by!

**Weekly Storytime Schedule**

Oh, the weather outside is frightful, but the storytimes are so delightful. Join us at 10:30am & 1pm on the following Tuesdays and Wednesdays for picture book stories, action rhymes, a craft, and holiday songs. No registration is required:

December 6th & 7th: *Can’t Catch Me!: Gingerbread Stories*

December 13th & 14th: *Deck the Halls: Songs of the Season and a Story or Two*

During the week of December 27th there will be a Winter Walk-in Craft kids can try. The regular storytime schedule will resume the first week of January. For further information contact Children’s Librarian Andrew Jenrich at 508-473-3259.

**‘Round the World Readers Book Club**

The ‘Round the World Readers Book Club was eager to tackle one more book before the holidays. This month it is Neil Gaiman’s *Odd and the Frost Giants*. Inspired by traditional Norse mythology, Odd and the Frost Giants tells the story of Odd, son of a Viking who perished during a raid. While on a walk in the woods, Odd encounters a bear, a fox, and an eagle who recount an unusual tale to him about the city of Asgard which has been besieged by Frost Giants. With their help, Odd must journey to Asgard and attempt to bring peace to the city. But can he outwit the Frost Giants?

Discussion of the book will be on Friday, December 9th at 5pm upstairs in Taft. Pizza and refreshments will be served. If you are between the ages of 8 and 12 and would like to join us for future ‘Round the World Readers discussions, please see Children’s Librarian Andrew Jenrich.

*(Note: A special thank you goes out to Ruth Cassinelli for providing the pizza, dessert, and refreshments at our last RWR Book Club discussion. It was very much appreciated!)*

**Taft Teen Advisory Group**

The Taft Teen Advisory Group will meet again on Friday, December 2nd at 5pm upstairs in the library. We’ll go over a few fundraising ideas, talk about the potential of a tutoring program, and finalize a date for a wintertime Barnes & Noble shopping trip. If you are 12 or older and have an interest in helping us out here at the library, especially where Young Adult books and programming are concerned, we’d love to have you join us! There’s never a wrong time to get involved. Per usual, snacks and refreshments will be served the night of the meeting. Hope to see you there!

**Hunter Foote: An Evening of Violin**

Hunter Foote will join us on Thursday, December 15th at 6pm upstairs in the Town Hall for an evening of violin music. Hunter hails from Wales, Massachusetts and, though still only 17, is an incredibly accomplished musician. He began learning violin at the age of 5 and gave his first performances at age 9. Since that time he has played at countless functions (weddings, private parties, hospitals, libraries, benefit concerts) including a few times at the DCU Center. Outside of his solo performances, he is also the fiddler in the traditional Celtic band Boys of the Town (debut CD released in 2010). Hunter’s solo work includes traditional Celtic music as well as electroacoustic and rock music. We’re very pleased to host him on the 15th. This is an all-ages show and no advanced registration is required. Hunter’s visit was made possible by a grant from the Mendon Cultural Council.

**New Acquisitions**

Spotlight on. . .Children’s and Young Adult DVDs!

*The Lion King (Diamond Edition)*

*Fox and Hound/Fox and Hound II*

*Dumbo*

*Cars 2*

*Disneynature: African Cats*

*Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer*

*Barbie: Princess Charm School*

*The 13 Ghosts of Scooby-Doo: The Complete Series*

*Scooby-Doo: Legend of the Phantosaur*

*The Great Muppet Caper*

*Monte Carlo\**

*Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides\**

*Hanna\**

Other New Arrivals

*Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever* by Jeff Kinney

*Balloons Over Broadway: The True Story of the Puppeteer of Macy’s Parade* by Melissa Sweet

*Jim Henson: The Guy Who Played with Puppets* by Kathleen Krull

*George Flies South* by Simon James

*Lunch Lady and the Bake Sale Bandit* By Jarrett Krosoczka

*The Underdogs* by Mike Lupica

*Smithsonian Natural History: The Ultimate Visual Guide to Everything on Earth* -(DK Publishing)

The *Conspiracy 365* series by Gabrielle Lord (all 12 volumes!)\*

*Castle Waiting: Volume II* by Lynne Medley\*

*Inheritance* by Christopher Paolini\*

\*Can be found in the Young Adult section