

## town government

# Lydia Taft Pratt Library Receives Books for Children Grant

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Librarian, Lydia Taft Pratt Library

We have received notice that we have won a Books For Children grant from the Libri Foundation in Eugene, Oregon. The Libri Foundation was established in 1989 for the purpose of helping rural libraries acquire new, hardcover children's books. The foundation supports the idea that children who learn to enjoy reading at an early age continue to read throughout their lives. Just about the time you are reading this *Views*, we should be receiving over seventy new books! The library is planning a party to celebrate, and everyone is invited. Please watch the *Reformer* and the Dummerston school newsletter for a date and time. What a fun thing to celebrate—reading!

On Tuesday, May 8th at 6 p.m., local resident Eesha Williams will talk about his completely revised book *Grassroots Journalism* at the Lydia Taft Pratt Library. The talk is open to all. Books will be available for sale.

New adult books available at the library include: *19 Minutes* by Jodi Picoult; *Burning Bright* by Tracy Chevalier; *Omnivore's Dilemma* by Michael Pollan; *Whitehorn Woods* by Maeve Binchy; *The Knitting Circle* by Ann Hood; *Double Bind* by Chris Bohjalian; *Ravenscar Dynasty* by Barbara Taylor Bradford; *Edge of Winter* by Luanne Rice; *Skylight Confessions* by Alice Hoffman; and *Born on a Blue Day* by Daniel Tammet.

As a side note, the book *Born on a Blue Day* by Daniel Tammet has been in the news lately. It is an autobiographical look inside the extraordinary mind of an autistic savant. Tammet was recently interviewed on the news show *60 Minutes*, and more exciting, he is being brought to Brattleboro by Sheila Momaney to speak in October.

New picture books and young adult books in the library include: from the Red Clover nominee list for 2007-2008, *I Lost My Tooth in Africa* by Penda Diakite; *Terrible Hodag and the Animal Catchers* by Caroline Arnold; *Uncle Peter's Amazing Chinese Wedding* by Lenore Look; and from the Dear America series, *I Thought My Soul Would Rise and Fly*, *The Winter of Red Snow*, and *A Journey To the New World*. And of course, as mentioned above, over seventy new books will arrive in May!

Please join the library book group; we meet once a month at the library (usually on

a Tuesday evening from 6 - 7 p.m.) and have an eclectic list of books we are going to read this year. Call the library to find out when we meet next, and what we are reading. Recently we have read *Terrorist* by John Updike, *The Known World* by Edward P. Jones and *JOB: A Comedy of Justice* by Robert Heinlein.

The Lydia Taft Pratt Library is open Tuesdays from 2:30-7, Thursdays from 10-5, and Saturdays from 9:30-12. We always need volunteers for the Saturday hours; it's a simple job and a great way for high schoolers to get some of their needed community service hours. Please call me at 258-9878 for details.

## Oh, Victoria!



Thursday, July 19—8:00 p.m.  
Dummerston Center Grange Hall

This event is free and accessible to people with disabilities. All are welcome!

Victoria Woodhull ran for U.S. President in 1872. She was also an advocate of free love, the world's first female stockbroker, and a scandal-mongering newspaper editor!

A one-woman, mini-musical written and performed by Sarah L. Payne.

Call Dwight Miller, Jr. at (802) 254-9158 for more information.

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