

## **Summer Reading Kick-Off Party!**

**SOUTHWEST HARBOR** - The Southwest Harbor Public Library will host their annual Summer Reading Kick-Off Party on Wednesday evening, June 7, at 6:00. The evening will include refreshments, the opportunity to sign up for Summer Reading programs, and an exclusive film screening of "Thoughts on Books," a collection of filmed book reviews created by the Pemetic Elementary School fourth grade class.

The Library is proud to continue its three popular summer programs for young people this year -- Summer Reading, where children journal about their books and receive prizes; Summer Story Camp, a free, half-day literacy camp for children entering grades 1-5; and Summer Reading Showtime, where young people can sign up to turn their favorite books into short films with the help of the Barn Arts Collective. Interested participants can learn more and sign up for these programs at the Kick-Off Party.

For the second year, "Thoughts on Books," will be the center of the evening's entertainment. Pemetic fourth graders have been working with their teacher, Kim Schroeder, to develop book recommendations for summer readers. The Barn Arts Collective helped coach the kids and filmed their final presentations, which will be screened at the Kick-Off Party. The books chosen by the fourth graders will also be showcased on a special shelf in the Library's young adult room to serve as recommendations all summer long. The project is funded by a grant from the Cathrine Johnson Fund.

Schools and Libraries agree that reading all summer is critical to prevent the "summer slide" or loss of literacy skills over the summer. It's an exciting time of year when school ends and summer reading programs begin. For more information, visit the Library's website at [www.swhplibrary.org](http://www.swhplibrary.org) or call [207-244-7065](tel:207-244-7065).