

Attn: John McCright, Addison Independent, [news@addisonindependent.com](mailto:news@addisonindependent.com)  
Submissions for Addison Independent - Ferrisburgh Column: July, 2015.  
Contact: Sally Kerschner (373-0034) [smwkersch@comcast.net](mailto:smwkersch@comcast.net)

Some of the key events in our community for July, 2015:

*July 3: Bixby Library Movie Night 6:00 PM*

*July 5: Reading of Frederick Douglass speech, Rokeby Museum, 3:00 PM*

*July 7 and 21: Ferrisburgh Selectboard Meeting*

*July 11 and 25: Ferrisburgh Grange King Pede Card Parties 6:30 PM*

*July 19: Seed of Renewal presentation by Fred Wiseman, Rokeby Museum, 3:00 PM*

The Ferrisburgh Grange's "King Pede" card parties are scheduled for the Saturdays of July 11 and 25. These get-togethers are held at the Ferrisburgh Town Hall and Community Center and begin at 6:30 PM with a sandwich supper and then on to an evening of fun and card games. This is a great way to socialize with your neighbors and to support our Grange – so please consider joining this event.

Rokeby Museum will host two special events in July. On Sunday, July 5, at 3:00 PM all are invited to participate in the reading of Frederick Douglass's most famous speech which was originally delivered on July 5, 1852. Declining to speak on the 4th of July, Douglass instead used this speech to castigate the United States for decades of slavery and injustice. Come and add your voice to this statewide reading sponsored by the Vermont Humanities Council. There is no charge for this event. In addition, on Sunday, July 19, at 3:00 PM, there will be a presentation by Fred Wiseman entitled "Seeds of Renewal". Discover Abenaki rose corn, skunk beans, and Algonquin squash as Professor Wiseman recounts his effort to track down and reintroduce ancient crops that are now locally extinct. He will share the project's challenges and successes, including a developing "new indigenous" cuisine. \$2 program only or free with Museum admission. General admission to the Museum is \$10 adults, \$9 seniors, and \$8 students. For more information contact Jane Williamson, 802-877-3406 or [rokeby@comcast.net](mailto:rokeby@comcast.net)

The Bixby Library's Movie Club monthly meeting will be on July 3 at 6:00 PM. This month's viewing is perfectly timed to be the lead-off event for many of the region's Fourth of July celebrations and fireworks! Alex Jay Dubberly, a local screenwriter, is the evening's facilitator and will begin the film's showing with a brief history of the film and its actors and director. Visit the Bixby website for information about the film chosen for each month: <http://bixbylibrary.org/WPBixby/uncategorized/adult-programs>.

Families with young children who would love to read are able to receive books for their preschoolers through Addison County Readers, Inc. A local volunteer organization, Addison County Readers, Inc., sponsors Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, a program that mails a free book every month to the homes of registered children (birth to five years of age). Any preschooler living in Addison County can participate - there is no cost to the

family, no strings attached, and the books are for your child to keep. If you have more than one child less than five years, each can enroll and receive a different, age-appropriate book every month. For information about the books that Imagination Library sends to children or to enroll online, go to: [www.addisoncountyreaders.org](http://www.addisoncountyreaders.org) or contact Margo Grace, [MGRACE@ANWSU.ORG](mailto:MGRACE@ANWSU.ORG).

Every hero has a story! Children and families are invited to the Bixby Library this summer to explore all about heroes through music, theater, stories, art, nature and science. These sessions with hands-on activities will be held weekly on Thursdays from June 25 – August 13 beginning at 10:30 (with the exception of the session on August 13), and all are free. Programs vary in length, and some programs require pre-registration. Parents and guardians may pre-register by calling 877-2211 or register online at: [bixbylibrary.org](http://bixbylibrary.org). Please email the Children's Librarian with any questions: [rachel.plant@bixbylibrary.org](mailto:rachel.plant@bixbylibrary.org). Also, visit the website to find out about the many other children's programs being offered this summer at our library!

Starting June 20, the Burlington Waterfront will feature a special attraction: Lake Champlain Maritime Museum's new interpretive exhibit "Maritime Burlington". In a festive "big top tent" setting on Perkins Pier at the foot of Maple Street, the exhibit serves as a porthole to history for visitors and area residents, and a discovery resource for LCMM's new Adventure Camps. The exhibit presents highlights from LCMM's nautical archaeology fieldwork and historical research. The exhibit also includes stories of former slaves for whom the historic waterway served as a corridor to freedom. On weekends, there will be live demonstrations of maritime skills such as shaping spars, rope work and rigging. Also this season the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum is introducing "The 60 Minute Experience". These amazing bite-sized experiences allow you to try your hand at traditional skills such as blacksmithing, rope working, fire-building, copper work, or rowing a longboat. These 60 to 90 minute mini-workshops and on-water experiences complement your Museum visit. Call 802-475-2022 for more information and to reserve a time for your 60 minute experience!

Note: We are always interested in having a variety of Ferrisburgh-related news in this column; so if you have news that would be of interest, contact Sally Kerschner at [smwkersch@comcast.net](mailto:smwkersch@comcast.net). You are able to access these columns and other information about Ferrisburgh news and events by viewing the Ferrisburgh Town Website at [www.ferrisburghvt.org](http://www.ferrisburghvt.org).