

The Library ECHO Pass

BY KAYLA LAKE

This year at the Guilford Central School Library and the Guilford Free Library we have an ECHO pass! This pass lets you visit the ECHO Lake Aquarium in Burlington, Vermont. All you have to do is ask one of our librarians, Ms. Hessey or Ms. Wilken if you can borrow it; then bring it to the ECHO's front desk, and then it is only two dollars each for two adults and three children.



The ECHO Lake Aquarium on Lake Champlain in Burlington, VT

The ECHO aquarium has exhibits about ecology, history, and culture. The young people who visit there can learn how to sketch, count, read, inquire, estimate, un-

cover, and write while they explore the different exhibits throughout the ECHO aquarium. Once you've experienced the ECHO Aquarium, return the pass so someone else can use it. To see more about the aquarium visit ECHOVERMONT.ORG.

So next time you visit the Guilford Central School or the Guilford Free Library and borrow a book remember: "Borrow a book. Borrow the pass."

Volunteers at Your Library

BY CATHI WILKEN

The Guilford Free Library is able provide the services it does because we have so many dedicated volunteers. The library is open 24 hours a week, and open additional hours for special events, Crystal covers 10 of those hours "staffing" the library. (I usually cover another 5 but am on leave for the next 3 months.)

The remaining 14 hours are staffed by volunteers Jody Hauser, Bill Bump, and Ken Hebson, who welcome and help patrons with specific requests, and check books in and out. Bill Bump keeps the computers in working order, and is almost finished automating the collection.

On Tuesday mornings Jody shares storytime with Laura Lawson Tucker. Sometimes we have two or three children, but have had up to twelve. Jody is also running the Lights

On After School program on Thursday afternoons, with the help of lots of parents.

Our public relations efforts include a monthly newsletter and a web page at www.rovers.net/~wilken/guilfordlibrary. Check out that web page.

It was designed by Ben Tucker and is maintained by Stephanie Browne.

Special Events, such as the Halloween Parade and Party, the End of Summer Party, and Knitting Night happen because Laura Lewis, Becky Anderson, Laura Lawson Tucker, Susan Davis, Al and Bobbie Haumann, Richard Austin and many parent volunteers make them happen.

Sarah Quine has been busy organizing the book sale. Guilford's voters have charged Trustees Becky Anderson, Laura Lewis, Judith Serkin, Larry Mizrahi, Laura Lawson Tucker, and Richard Wizansky with overseeing all this. In addition to their fiscal and oversight responsibilities, they raise funds through an annual appeal letter, an ongoing book sale, a raffle, pasta and ice cream sales at the 4th of July parade, a book and water sale at the Fair, and a very special dinner party every other year.

A great big **THANK YOU** to all these volunteers who work to keep our little library such a great place. If you'd like to join this great bunch of people, please call me at 254-6545. I can help you find just the right task. Right now we need subs on Tuesday from 11-4, and storytime leaders. Do come join us!

White-Tailed Deer

BY DEVIN STONE

Sometimes I see deer near where I live in Green River. In fact, for a period of time, a deer actually "lived" with our horses! Well it didn't really live with our horses. It would stop by once in a while to have some of the salt lick. We also have had two fawns running around our field. They were so cute.

Have you ever wondered how many deer are in the state of Vermont? Well there are an estimated 100,000 to 110,000. Some say that the deer population is growing. If you were wondering, the deer herds are very healthy. Does a warming climate and no snow affect the deer? Not really

because it makes it easier for them to get food. Feeding deer is outlawed because of the fear of WMD (mad cow disease) and other diseases spreading. Deer spread diseases by touching noses. Another reason is that deer gather in one area and overfeed in that area, and if the feeding stops, the natural food that was for the deer would not be there any more because other animals would have eaten it. Deer are strictly vegetarian. They only eat grass type plants, vegetables, nuts etc. During the winter, deer eat woody plants like twigs and bark off trees.

I personally don't like hunting but it is a

good thing for the deer that don't get shot because there is food for a certain amount of deer. If it is snowy and there is a cold winter, deer will retreat to deeryards. Deeryards are south-facing soft wood tree slopes. Is there a doe season? Yes there is, in some places, and it helps the control of the deer population too. I got all of my information from LT Dane Hathaway, State Game Warden. Lt. Dane Hathaway's job is to keep everyone hunting by the rules and keep the hunters honest. He also makes sure that all deer kills are reported to keep accurate numbers and he checks hunting licenses.