Falmouth Reads Together: 2010 Calendar of Events

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January 9, 2010 at 1:30 pm

Double Feature!

DOWN TO THE SEA IN SHIPS (1922)
(83 min.) Set in New Bedford, whaling capital of America in the 1850s. Illustrates Quaker life and the exploits of the whaling industry. Includes scenes from an actual whale hunt. Starring the original "IT girl" Clara Bow.

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(50 min.) A History Channel production. The incredible story of the wreck of the whaleship Essex. The inspiration for Melville's great classic.

January 16, 2010 at 2:00 pm

MOBY-DICK (1956)
(115 min.) The classic film version, directed by John Huston, screenplay by Ray Bradbury. Starring Gregory Peck (Captain Ahab), Richard Basehart (Ishmael), and Orson Welles (Father Mapple).

January 23, 2010 at 2:00 pm

MOBY-DICK (1998)
(184 min.) Golden Globe winning TV miniseries starring Patrick Stewart as Captain Ahab, and featuring Gregory Peck as Father Mapple.

January 30, 2010 at 2:00 pm

MAJOR LEAGUE (1989)
(106 min.) Pays homage to Moby-Dick as a cultural icon in a humorous subplot. Stars Tom Berenger, Charlie Sheen, and Corbin Bernsen.

Please note that this film is rated R.

March 6, 2010 at 1:30 pm

THE SEA BEAST (1926)
(136 min., plus intermission) Silent screen adaptation of Moby-Dick, starring John
Barrymore as "Captain Ahab Cooley." Featuring live accompaniment by silent film pianist Richard Hughes.

LECTURE SERIES

Sunday, January 10, 2010 (1:30 pm at Falmouth Public Library)

Sunday, January 24, 2010 (1:30 pm at Falmouth Public Library)

Saturday, February 6, 2010 (2:00 pm at MORSE POND SCHOOL)
THE REAL MOBY-DICK: the wreck of the Whaleship Essex and the writing of an American masterpiece. Presentation by noted author Nathaniel Philbrick.

Monday, February 22, 2010 (7:30 pm at Woods Hole Public Library)

Saturday, February 27, 2010 (2:00 pm at Falmouth Public Library)
PEOPLE WHO PULLED THE OARS: Nantucket's whale ships, including the "Pequod" a slide presentation by Nantucket author Frances Karttunen.

Saturday, April 10, 2010 (2:00 pm at Falmouth Public Library)
Professor Wyn Kelley, a Melville Society member and author of MELVILLE: an introduction, will give a slide presentation on "MELVILLE'S PACIFIC."

Saturday, April 24, 2010 (2:00 pm at Falmouth Public Library)
Lecture by Melville scholar and Mystic Seaport faculty member Mary K. Bercaw-Edwards will speak about Melville and MOBY-DICK.

Wednesday, July 7, 2010 (7:00 pm at Falmouth Public Library)
Philip Hoare, British author of the best-selling book THE WHALE: in Search of
Giants of the Sea is making a special visit to Falmouth to show his remarkable BBC documentary file -- *In Search of Moby-Dick.*

MOBY-DICK BOOK CLUB

You don't have to tackle *THE WHALE* all by yourself! Try a group discussion **Wednesdays at 7:00 pm for 9 weeks beginning January 13.**

Participants will read 16 (brief, but meaty!) chapters each week (about 60 pages) and meet at the Falmouth Public Library.

To join the group call 508-457-2555, ext. 6 or email us: info falmouthpubliclibrary.org.

(Read chapters 1-16 for the first meeting.)

EVENTS FOR KIDS

The following events will all be held in the Children's Room at the Falmouth Public Library:

**Wednesday, February 10 (6:30 - 7:30)**

**SAILORS' VALENTINES**
Please register in the Children's Department. Space is limited! Children are required to bring an adult to participate. (For ages 5 and up)

**Tuesday, February 23 (6:30 pm)**

**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP FOR KIDS**
We will be reading the graphic novel *Moby-Dick* by Lew Schwartz. Join us for a lively discussion and a surprise snack! Please register. (For ages 9-12)

**Saturday, March 13 (10:30 - 12:00)**

**A WHALE OF A TIME!**
We will have Kim Torres doing lots of things about whales for a free family fun Saturday! (For ages 3-7)
Saturday, May 22 (4:00 pm at Falmouth Academy)

A CELEBRATION OF THE SEA
Revels Repertory Company presents **A Celebration of the Sea**. A cast of 35 adults and children in an original musical theatre production including chanteys, ballads, anthems and dock side children’s songs. The event will be held at Falmouth Academy, 7 Highfield Drive, Falmouth, MA 02540. This event is sponsored by the Falmouth Historical Society and the Woods Hole Historical Museum. Free and open to the public.

24-HOUR MOBY-DICK MARATHON

Saturday, March 13, 2010 at the Falmouth Public Library
Beginning at 12:00 noon, volunteers will take turns, reading straight through the night, until Moby-Dick is put to rest on Sunday afternoon. Anyone interested in participating should contact coordinator Jayne Iafrate at 508-292-2368 or email at: jiafrate@gmail.com.