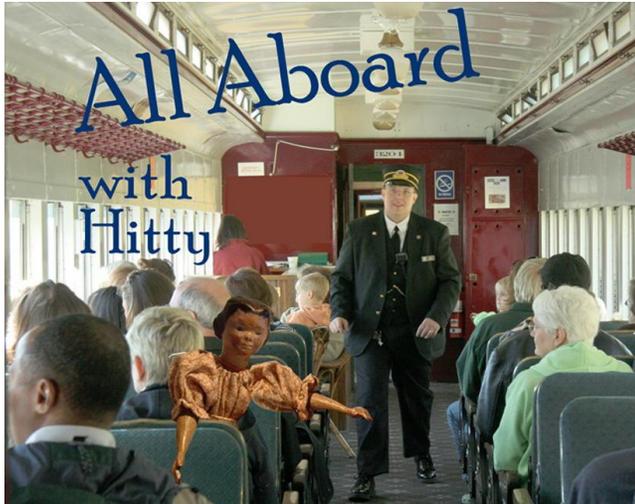


The Stockbridge Library presents:

“All Aboard” with Hitty!

A doll, a book, a conference

June 10-12, 2011



Conference Activities:

Friday afternoon, June 10:

- Registration
- Walking Tour of Stockbridge
- Opening Reception with Speaker

Saturday, June 11:

- Registration
- Speakers & Panel Discussions Day 1
- Public Exhibition of Hitty with participants' personal dolls
- Tea with Hitty
- Train Ride

Sunday (half day), June 12:

- Speakers & Panel Discussions Day 2
- Walking Tour of Stockbridge

(Vendors will display on Sat. and Sun.)

For Information:

Call: 413-298-5501

or Email: hittyinstockbridge@gmail.com

About the Conference

“All Aboard” with Hitty! is a conference designed for librarians, educators, and doll enthusiasts. You will learn how one small doll plays a large part in children’s literature. You’ll also explore the place Hitty holds in the worlds of folk art and dolls. Speakers, panels, and participants will discuss the life and work of Rachel Field, author of Hitty: Her First Hundred Years.

The conference will include walking tours of Stockbridge sites connected with the illustrious Field family. The original Hitty and any personal Hitty brought to the conference will be on public exhibit Saturday afternoon at the Library. After the public exhibit, you will enjoy a private tea, also at the Library.

A special treat for you and your Hitty will be a train ride – inspired by Hitty’s love of travel – aboard the Berkshire Scenic Railway, an opportunity for you to enjoy the beauty of the Berkshires.



Hitty says: “All aboard!”

We have made arrangements with a professional photographer, so that if you choose (for an extra fee), your dolls will be photographed with the original Hitty. (Details about the photo session are available on this website: www.stockbridgelibrary.org.)

About Hitty

During the 1920s, author Rachel Field and illustrator Dorothy Lathrop became enchanted with a small doll that they found in a New York City antique shop. Together they purchased her and gave her the name Hitty. In 1929 they published the book, Hitty: Her First Hundred Years, inspired by the doll. Written as Hitty's memoirs covering a century of adventures, the book received the 1930 Newbery Award for children's literature and was translated into numerous languages. It has remained in print and is still a favorite of young and old.



The doll that served as heroine of the book can be found today in the Historical Museum & Archives of the Stockbridge Library. The Collection also includes personal papers and other books by Rachel Field, an original typescript of the book, and an illustration by Dorothy Lathrop.

About Stockbridge

- Stockbridge is a small town in western Massachusetts. The nearest airports are Albany, NY (55 min.) and Hartford, CT (1 hr. 15 min.)
- There are many lodging options and attractions in the area. For more information, see the following Chamber of Commerce website: www.stockbridgechamber.org.

About the Library

The Stockbridge Library first opened its doors in 1864. Within a year, the trustees of the



Association recognized the importance of preserving the history of the town of Stockbridge. They began to gather documents and artifacts that would tell the story of the town and its residents. One of the first collections acquired was the Stockbridge Authors Collection.

In 1937, a new wing was added with a special room specifically for the local history collection. In 2004, this area was renovated to meet museum standards for preservation of the collections.



*Historical Museum & Archives
Showing the Stockbridge Authors Collection*

The Historical Museum & Archives contains an amazing collection of artifacts, maps, documents, photographs, and books. Topics include local Native American history and culture, the theology of Jonathan Edwards, and the accomplishments of local families such as the descendants of Rev. David Dudley Field. The Stockbridge Authors Collection, including books by Rachel Field, remains a key part of the institution.