

# The Library Connection

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## SPRING BOOK SALE April 29 – May 1

Don't miss the 'new and improved' *Love Your Library Book Sale* run by the Friends of the Library later this month! There are lower prices ("Most Books \$1"), reduced hours, and special discounts ("Buy 3 books and get one free") for Friends' members throughout.



Sale opens on Friday, May 29 at the Library at 12:00 NOON.

**April 29 is the "Royal Wedding" day:** wear a veil, a tiara or a bow tie and get a free book!

Wedding cupcakes available to the first 100 shoppers!

The sale continues on Saturday, April 30 from 10:15 to 4:45 p.m., and on Sunday, May 1, from 1:15 to 4 p.m.

Sunday is "Buy a Bag" day when you can fill up a bag and pay what you think it is worth (\$3 minimum).

## CAN YOU VOLUNTEER?

There's still time to sign up to be a Book Sale volunteer: help with set-up (Thursday, April 28 from 3 p.m. until done), staff sales tables throughout, or clean-up on Sunday afternoon from 4:30 until done. Pizza provided for set-up and clean-up workers! Email [bpnews@gmail.com](mailto:bpnews@gmail.com) to offer your help.

## MAY BASKETS RETURN



One of our favorite fundraisers returns to the Library on the first of May as a host of colorful May Baskets go on display.

Individuals, groups, businesses and organizations are currently plotting what to put into the baskets they will sponsor. Baskets in the past have contained Red Sox tickets, pet supplies, food and wine, or surprises of all sorts. The creative possibilities are endless!

Would YOU like to donate a basket? Contact the Library Director, Lori Hodgson, at 781-505-4990 or [lhodgson@burlmass.org](mailto:lhodgson@burlmass.org) to tell her what you plan to contribute.

Raffle tickets will be on sale throughout the month of May, and winners will be announced at a gala event on **Thursday evening, May 26**. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library.

**FROM THE DESK OF LORI  
HODGSON  
Library Director...**

“Burlington Reads 2011” was a great success! The title chosen by our public, “Dark Tide: the Great Boston Molasses Flood of 1919” by Stephen Puleo, lent itself to terrific programs. We learned quite a bit about both Boston and the North End in the early 1900’s. We also learned from the Molasses Bakeoff and Rum Tasting that we have some great bakers in our community! It was a pleasure to hear the author talk about his research and the writing of this book.

We are extremely grateful to The Friends of the Burlington Public Library and all of our sponsors: Atria Longmeadow Place, Burlington Breakfast Rotary, Burlington Rotary Club, Edward Jones Investments/ Barb Davis, Exit Premier Real Estate/Sonia Rollins, Home Source Realty Group, Diane Bedard, Pat Linskey & Joanne Delaney all of Home Source Realty Group, Inkspot Printing, Marquis Tree Service and Versatileprint.com for making “Burlington Reads 2011” such a successful event.

**New Library System**

The biggest happening this quarter will take place at the end of May. The Merrimack Valley Library Consortium (MVLC), of which Burlington is a member, will be launching its new Integrated Library System (ILS) over Memorial Day Weekend. That sounds very technical, but let me simplify it. The computer system that links all of our thirty five MVLC libraries together and allows the staff to process transactions for you, plus the catalog that you search to look up items, is being changed.

Evergreen, a new open source system, will go live during the Memorial

Day Weekend. There will be some down time during that weekend and there will be a new look to the catalog when it comes back up.

Information and updates will be posted to the library website as soon as we have more to share. As always, the staff will be available to help and will assist you all with the transition to what will be a much more user-friendly system

**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

Welcome to the spring newsletter! (And isn't spring welcome after the winter we had?!) Since spring is the season of renewal, I hope everyone has renewed their membership.

And speaking of ‘new,’ we have some great new board members -- Joan Hastings is our new membership chair and Bill McDonough is our new treasurer!

Best of all, our new and improved book sale coming up April 29 - May 1 will feature lower prices (\$1 all hardcovers, children's paperbacks 2/\$1), shorter hours, and special benefits (buy 3 books, get 1 free, and an express checkout line) for Friends’ members. Why not sign up at the library to help with the sale? It's always fun!

Planning for the very popular May Basket fundraiser is also well under way; anyone (especially you!) can donate a basket to be raffled off on May 26th at a festive reception -- or just try your luck and buy some raffle tickets.

We also have some great evening programs coming up. Check the library webpages or further in this newsletter for details on all these wonderful events. See you at the library!

**Rosalie Blum.** President  
Friends of the Burlington Public  
Library

**Upcoming Programs for Adults  
Enjoy an Evening Out!**

**7 p.m. on the Third Thursday  
of each month; all sponsored by the  
Friends of the Burlington Library**

**April 21 -- “Forensic Science  
Roadshow” with Paul Zambella**

Learn all about real life crime scene investigations from a retired forensic scientist who spent 36 years with the Massachusetts State Police Crime Lab!

**May 19 -- “Stuff: Our Attachment to  
Possessions” with Dave Downs**

Why can't we just throw stuff away? Here is a lively and humorous program about why we acquire and keep stuff – and what to do about it.

**June 16 – “A Visit With Isabella  
Stewart Gardner”**

Character reenactor Jessa Piaia will present a dramatic portrayal of ‘America’s first patroness of the arts,’ in a costume drama set in Boston in the year 1910.

**7 p.m. – no registration needed!**



**DAYTIME  
‘BOOK TALK’**

People who love to read are invited to stop by the

Library for coffee and conversation on the second and fourth Thursday morning of each month, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for “Book Talk”. Hear about new books in the library collection, and then tell others about what you’ve been reading. No required reading! A friendly and sociable group.

**EVENING BOOK DISCUSSIONS**

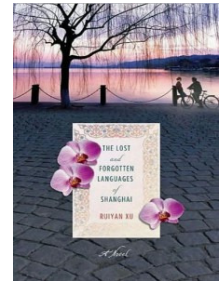
**7 – 8:30p.m. on the  
last Wednesday of each month**

**April 27 - “The Postmistress”  
by Sarah Blake**

A gripping story set on Cape Cod in the early 1940’s, before America’s entry into World War II, when President Roosevelt was still promising that American boys would not be sent overseas to fight. What happens when a postmistress does the unthinkable: opens a piece of mail and then chooses not to deliver it? Discussion will be led by Susanne Sullivan

**May 25 – “the Lost and  
Forgotten Languages of  
Shanghai” by Ruiyan Xu.**

Pat Moreno will lead a discussion of Xu’s luminous novel about a man who loses his ability to speak his native language after a head injury. Two women, one Chinese, one American, struggle to help him. The setting, in contemporary China, is fascinating, as is the study of the crucial role of communication in human relationships.



Copies of these books are available at the Library’s front desk on the first of each month, and new readers are always welcome.

**SUMMER READING FUN  
FOR ADULTS**

Adult readers can win prizes and enjoy sharing favorite books in the “**Novel Destinations**” Summer Reading Program for adults which begins on Wednesday, June 1. No registration and hardly any rules! Just fill out a brief report form for each book you read over the summer, and drop it in the raffle box at the library. Prizes will be awarded in June, July and August. What could be easier?

## COMPUTER CLASSES FOR ADULTS

### **One-on-One E-BOOK Workshop --**

Learn how to **download free ebooks and/or audiobooks** from the Burlington Public Library website to your compatible e-reader, smartphone, or audio device. Bring in your laptop and your device(s) and we will walk you step-by-step through the process of downloading books. If you are just curious, we will be happy to demonstrate using our equipment. If you are interested in this workshop, call (781) 270-1691 or stop by the Reference Desk on the second floor of the library to make an appointment with librarian Donna Manoogian. Participants should be fairly comfortable using a computer.

**Navigating the 'Net 1**—The Internet offers a wealth of free and useful information and this class will get you started in learning how to access it. Participants will learn what the Internet is, about web pages and browsers, how to “surf,” how to look at web pages critically, and where to go for reliable information. Participants will be introduced to search engines and will gain practice in searching Google. Workshop participants **MUST** be able to use a mouse. This is a beginners workshop and is geared for those with little or no Internet experience. Participants **MUST** be able to use a mouse.

**Offered on Wednesday, May 11, 2011  
from 1:15-2:30 p.m.**



**Navigating the 'Net 2**—A continuation of our popular introductory Navigating the Net 1 workshop. Navigating the Net 2 builds on the knowledge gained in Navigating the Net 1. Make the Internet work for you to make life easier. Look up a phone number, get directions, read the newspaper. Look up movies. Look up your favorite television program. Learn more about finding information with Google and about other search engines. Participants should have taken Navigating the 'Net 1 or should know the basics of moving around the Internet, and **MUST** be able to use a mouse.

**Offered on Wednesday, April 27, 2011  
from 1:15-2:30 p.m.**

## EXHIBITS AT THE LIBRARY “A Novel Idea”



Both the main floor Gallery and the glass display cases in the library’s entry and exit lobbies will be filled in April with small quilts based on favorite books, in a display called “A Novel Idea.”

The quilts are made by members of the ‘Nimble Thimblers,’ a quilters’ guild based in Reading MA. For more details, visit the Library’s website and Facebook page.

**Coming in May:** Oil Paintings by Lexington resident Irma Chughtai.

**Coming in June:** Revolutionary War paintings commissioned by a grant.

The Library display areas are currently available in late summer and fall. Do YOU have artwork, photography or collectibles that you would like to show? Contact the Assistant Director at 781-505-4985, or [ssullivan@burlmass.org](mailto:ssullivan@burlmass.org).

## CHILDREN'S EVENTS

### Raise your child to be a reader!

You are your child's most important teacher. The Burlington Public Library offers weekly storytime sessions to help your child develop reading, language and listening skills needed to succeed in school. Together, parents and librarians help children get ready to read!

### SPRING STORYTIME SESSIONS: March 29 – May 27

No registration is required for storytime – just drop by! Please note that parents/caregivers are expected to stay with children during **all** storytime sessions.

**Please note:** No regularly scheduled storytimes between Tuesday, April 19 through Friday, April 22 (School Vacation Week) or on Friday, April 29.

#### Baby Storytime

For children ages birth to 18 months. Delight and stimulate your baby's senses with books, songs and puppets! Build brain power! **Fridays at 11:00 a.m.**

#### Toddler Storytime

For children 18 to 36 months. Interact with your toddler to nurture a love of books. Be active with music and movement!

**Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m.**

#### Preschool Storytime

For children ages 3 to 6 years. Help your preschooler get ready to read. Enjoy stories together and build language skills!

**Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.**

#### Pajama Time

For families with children ages 3-7. Bring your favorite stuffed animal & blanket, and snuggle in for some evening storytime fun!

**Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m.**

## SPRING SCHOOL VACATION PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

### Make-n-take Craft: Make your own Fairy or Wizard House!



For students in grades 3-6. Registration is required.

**Tuesday, April 19 at 3:30 p.m.**

### Live @ the Library: Singing with Samantha!

For children ages 3-8. Join Burlington high-schooler Samantha Goober for a morning of performance and sing-along songs designed especially for children.

**Wednesday, April 20 at 10:30 a.m.**

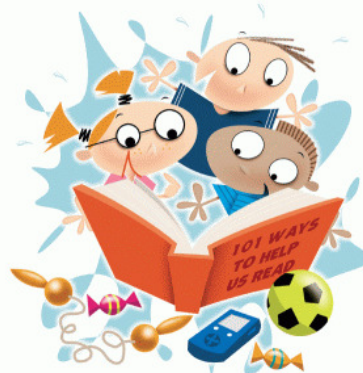


### Picture Books and Movies Discussion: Knuffle Bunny by Mo Willems!

For children ages 3-7. Miss Molly will share a story or two and show movies based on the books! **Thursday, April 21 at 3:30 p.m.**

### Vacation Storytime: Dr. Seuss Storytime!

For children ages 3-6 and up. Join Mary for a Seussical event filled with stories, activities, and cake! **Friday, April 22 at 11:00 a.m.**



## SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS



### Scrabble Club

For students in grades 4-8. Play the game of Scrabble. Joanna will help students learn new

words and strategies to improve your game. Beginners are welcome!

**Upcoming meetings: Tuesdays, April 26, May 3, May 10 at 3:30 p.m.**

### Need 2 Read Book Club

For all elementary school students! Read a different book every other month. Each month join Mary to make fun stuff or play games based on the book. Snacks provided at each meeting!



**Registration is REQUIRED – stop by the Youth Services Desk today to register and pick up the book!**

**Upcoming dates @ 3:30p.m.:**

- May 5
- June 2

The book for both dates is *“Cool Zone with the Pain and the Great One”* by *Judy Blume*



### After school Make-n-Take Craft Program

For students in grades 3-6. Stop by the library after school for fun craft projects. Craft to be announced!

**Thursday, May 19 at 3:30 p.m.**

### Board Games for Kids

For students in Kindergarten – grade 5. Come to the library to play fun board games! **Monday, May 23 at 3:30 p.m.**

## TEEN EVENTS

### Teen Advisory Group Meetings

**April 19 from 8:00-9:00PM**

**May 3 from 5:00-6:00PM**

**May 17 from 8:00-9:00PM**

**June 7 from 5:00-6:00PM**

**June 21 from 8:00-9:00PM**

The Teen Advisory Group (T.A.G.) was formed to give teens in grades 6-12 the opportunity to be heard within the Burlington Public Library. There are five primary focuses of the group:

- 1) To make suggestions for additions to Burlington’s Young Adult collection. (Collections includes: books, video games, movies, magazines, graphic novels, and music.)
- 2) To brainstorm ideas for programs as well as get the programs up and running.
- 3) To help make the Young Adult area of the library more personal and inviting
- 4) To assist the YA Librarian in managing Burlington Library’s online teen spaces.
- 5) To assist the YA Librarian in creating the Teen Summer Reading Program.

### TEEN BOOK TALK

Never been to a Teen Book Talk? It’s okay – Book Talks are very

relaxed. It’s simply sharing books that you have read, and listening to others talk about books they have read. It’s a great place to pick up titles that might sound interesting! **Thursdays - April 21, May 26, June 16 from 2:45 to 3:30**





### **Teen Sundae Social and Game Night - Tuesday, April 19, 6-7:30**

It's Game Day at the Burlington Public Library! Anyone in grades 6th-12th is

welcome to drop by anytime between 6-7:30 for food and fun. Game Day will include a Wii (Wii Sports, Mario Kart, Mario and Sonic at the Olympic Games) as well as board games. Feel free to bring friends and any games you would like to play. Don't forget to build your own ice cream sundae before you leave!

### **Earth Day Craft: Splatter Paint and Tie-Dye Program - Friday, April 22, 2 - 3:00pm**

Help decorate the YA space by splatter painting and tie-dyeing couch covers! With the leftover materials decorate reusable book bags that you can take home in celebration of Earth Day.

### **Searching the Library Catalog - Tuesday, April 26, 5-6pm**

Learn more about "basic" and "advanced" search options within the MVLC Online Catalog as well as how to place holds and renew items. This workshop is opened to students in 6th through 12th grade. Please sign up for this program at the Youth Services Desk (or call Youth Services at 781.270.1692), It will be limited to 5 participants and each participant will be able to work with their own laptop provided by the library.



### **Teen Wii Bowling Tournament - Tuesday, May 17, 4-5pm**

Test out your Wii Bowling skills with a little friendly competition, and pair up with a partner for a bowling tournament. (This event might be a singles competition depending on how many people sign up!) Rules will be provided during tournament play. Winners will receive a prize and all participants will receive a small parting gift for entering. If you do not have a partner – don't worry! We will pair somebody up with you.

### **MVLC Homework Help Sites and Databases - Tuesday, May 31, 5-6pm**

Explore MVLC Homework Help Sites and Databases, and how they can be successfully used as study and research tools. Learning Express Library will be discussed in depth and how this online research aids in test prep as well as developing job skills. This workshop is opened to students in 6th through 12th grade. Please sign up for this program at the Youth Services Desk (or call Youth Services at 781.270.1692), It will be limited to 5 participants and each participant will be able to work with their own laptop provided by the library.

### **Starting Research with Wikipedia - Tuesday, June 28, 5-6pm**

Examine Wikipedia, and how it can be successfully used to begin research. We will discuss Wikipedia as a whole – its contents, why it is considered an unreliable source, how it can be used as a springboard for research topics, and also how to identify credible sources for research papers. This workshop is opened to students in 6th through 12th grade. Please sign up for this program at the Youth Services Desk (or call Youth Services at 781.270.1692), It will be limited to 5 participants and each participant will be able to work with their own laptop provided by the library.

## Summer Reading Program! Summer Reading Program!

Attention all children and teens in Burlington: Join Burlington Public Library's annual **Summer Reading Program!**

Program dates: **Monday, June 20 - Saturday, August 13**

Summer Reading registration begins on **Monday, June 20.**

The official Children's Summer Reading kickoff event will be held on **Monday, June 27 at 11 a.m. with Magic by Scott Jameson.** We'll also have face-painting, games and crafts. The Children's theme for 2011 is **"One World, Many Stories"**.

The Teen kickoff is planned for **Monday, June 27 at 3:30 p.m.** with an ice cream social! The Teen theme is **"You Are There"**.

Be sure to join us for an exciting summer. We'll have lots of great prizes, fun activities and special events for youth of all ages.

As always, all programs are free of charge!

The FRIENDS of the Burlington Public Library are a non-profit, volunteer organization consisting of concerned citizens who share the belief that a strong public library is a valuable intellectual, cultural, educational and recreational resource in the community. Committed to this belief, they actively support the Burlington Public Library.

The affairs and activities of the FRIENDS are managed and directed by the group's officers, membership, and the staff of the Burlington Public Library.

## Clip 'n Save Calendar

Spring 2011 *Friends* events  
and more at the Burlington Library

Day	Date	Event
Tues	Apr 19	Make 'n Take crafts 3:30 T.A.G. 8-9 p.m. Teen Sundae Social 7:30
Wed	Apr 20	Singing with Samantha 10:30 a.m.
Thur	Apr 21	<b>Forensic Science</b> 7 p.m. Teen Book Talk 2:45 p.m. Knuffle Bunny 3:30 p.m.
Fri	Apr 22	Dr Seuss Storytime 11 a.m. Earth Day craft 2 p.m.
Tue	Apr 26	Search Lib Catalog 5-6
Wed	Apr 27	Navigating Net2 – 1:15 p.m Book Discussion 7 p.m
Thur	Apr 28	Book Talk 10:30 a.m.
Fri	Apr 29	BOOK SALE noon-5:15
Sat	Apr 30	BOOK SALE 10:15-4:45
Sun	May 1	BOOK SALE 1:15-4 p.m.
Tues	May 3	T.A.G. 5-6 p.m.
Thur	May 5	Need2Read 3:30 p.m.
Mon	May 9	Friends' Board meeting 7 p.m. – all welcome
Wed	May 11	Navigating the Net- 1:15
Thur	May 12	Book Talk 10:30 a.m.
Tue	May 17	Teen Wii Bowling 4 pm T.A.G. 8-9 p.m.
Thur	May 19	Make 'n Take craft 3:30 pm "Stuff" program 7 p.m.
Mon	May 23	Board Games Kids 3:30 pm
Wed	May 25	Book Talk – 10:30 a.m. Book Discussion 7 p.m.
Thur	May 26	Teen Book Talk 2:15 p.m. May Basket Raffles 7 pm
Tues	May 31	MVLC Homework Help 5-6
Thur	Jun 2	Need 2Read 3:30 p.m.
Tues	Jun 7	T.A.G. 5-6 p.m.
Thur	Jun 16	Teen Book Talk 2:45 'Isabella Stewart Gardner' program -7 pm
Mon	Jun 20	Kids Summer Reading Club Kickoff - 11 a.m.
Mon	Jun 27	Teen Reading Club Kickoff - 3:30 p.m.

ALSO: Scrabble Club for children in grades 4-8 meets Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:45 pm.