

THE LIBRARY CONNECTION

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Spring 2010

A Message from the FOBPL President

Early Spring Greetings! While we all wait for our lawns to green up and our flowers to bloom, let me use my first opportunity as Friends' President to invite you to join us in upcoming activities, either as a participant or volunteer. On Saturday, April 24 from 11-2 at the library, we'll be offering something new - Mothers' Day Keepsake Photos. Bring the whole family or just the kids to have a professional photograph taken and printed for just \$10. The following week from April 29 to May 2, we'll hold our big Spring Book Sale. And our very popular May Basket Raffle will be held this year on May 27.

The Friends is a nice group of Burlington folks that I've had the pleasure of working with for the past several years. Helping to plan and run these activities to support the library is a lot of fun and very rewarding. Please stop by the library and leave a note for the Friends if you'd like to help out in any way. I think there's something for everyone and many hands make light work!

Also, a big thank-you to all who have renewed their membership. Our memberships are one way we continue to run the programs and support the services that the Library offers. To renew now or join for the first time, you can mail or drop off the form on page 5 and fee at the Library. One of the benefits of membership is admission to our special Members Night, April 29th, at the Book Sale. I hope to see you at one of these activities soon! ~ **Rosalie Blum**

From the desk of Lori Hodgson, Library Director...



April 11-17 is National Library Week and this year's theme is "Communities Thrive @ Your Library". Today's libraries are modern community centers where everyone is invited to explore, dream and learn. At the library, people of all ages can find entertainment, develop skills and learn about the community. They gather for book discussions, for

storytime with their children or to volunteer or look for volunteer work. Many are already aware that there is a wealth of free resources available through the library, but in today's tough economy more are discovering and using these resources, especially to help find jobs and learn new skills.

For the month of April there will be an interactive chart on the front page of our web site (burlingtonpubliclibrary.org). The purpose of the chart is to show the value of library services. When you fill in the numbers based on the activities from your visit to the library, you will see a dollar value. This figure represents what it would cost you for the services the library provides if you had to pay for them directly. This is a real eye opener and reinforces the fact that the library is a tremendous value to the members of the community.

Burlington Public Library does help the community to thrive and our "Friends" assist us in doing this. From April through June there is much happening at the library and most is thanks to your support. We have many great programs, classes, and events planned for all ages. Delicious refreshments for the evening programs are provided by our Friends members who checked off "baking" on their membership forms. Museum passes have made it possible for community members to enjoy area attractions with minimal cost. The Friends' spring Book Sale and the May Basket Raffle will take place during this time period. In order for the Friends to maintain the same level of support to the library, your assistance with, and patronage of, these events is necessary.

We look forward to seeing you at the library and "thank you" for being our "Friend".

Yea! May Basket Raffle will return!

The Friends of the Library will again enjoy hosting a wonderful assortment of handsome gift baskets donated by local businesses, organizations and individuals that will be on display in the Library throughout the month of May, and then raffled off to lucky winners on Thursday evening, May 26. All proceeds will be used to fund Library programs and much-needed equipment. If you or your group would like to donate a basket for this delightful annual fundraiser, contact Library Director Lori Hodgson at 781-505-4990.

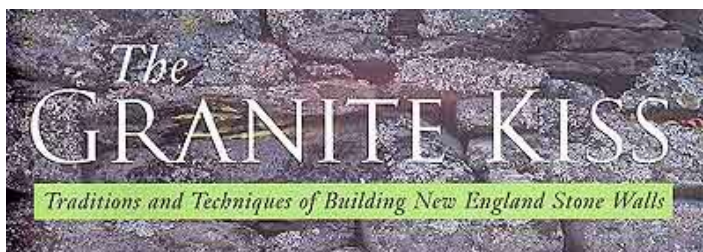
Evening Programs for Adults



Thursday, April 15, 2010 – 7 p.m. – **“I Can Fix It, You Can Too”**, with Marie Leonard of Marie’s Home Improvements in Westford. She’ll inspire you to make your own repairs!



Thursday, May 20 – 7 p.m. – **“Backyard Birds”**, Alison Powers, Director of the Chelmsford Land Conservation trust. Learn to create a backyard habitat and to identify the birds it will attract.



Thursday, June 17 – 7 p.m. – **“Stone Walls of New England”**, with Kevin Gardner. Learn the history of our old stone walls and watch as Kevin demonstrates how to build one!

Evening Book Discussions for Adults

Wednesday, April 28 – 7-8:30 p.m. The Last Wednesday Book Discussion Group will talk about Vikas Swarup’s **Q & A / Slumdog Millionaire**, the moving rags-to-riches story that inspired the film named “Best Picture” at the 2009 Academy Awards ceremony. Anna Papalegis will lead the discussion.

Wednesday, May 26 – 7 p.m. **The Diving Bell and the Butterfly**, the brief and inspiring autobiography of Jean-Dominique Bauby, the French magazine editor who was felled by a stroke that left him with ‘locked-in syndrome.’ Gloria Slomczynski will lead a discussion of both the book and the movie.

Thursday Morning ‘Book Talk’

All those who enjoy a good book are invited to gather for coffee and conversation on the second and fourth Thursday morning of each month at 10:30 a.m., to hear about new books in the library collection and then share with others what they have been reading. There is no required reading for this group: just a shared pleasure and enjoyment in books. Spring dates include April 8 and 22, May 13 and 27, and June 10 and 24.

Exhibits at the Library

In April: Andrew Georgette will show photos in a series he calls “Big City Lights” – enjoy his view of signs, buildings, and lights of all sorts in the Library’s first floor Gallery.

The glass cases in the entry and exit lobbies will contain hundreds of interesting collectibles relating to every one of the U.S. Presidents, assembled by Jim Marchant and his son Connor.

There are a number of openings for YOU to share your own artwork, craftsmanship, or interesting collectibles at the Library over the coming months. If you have something you’d like to share with the community at large, contact the Assistant Director at 781-505-4985

Spring 2010 in the Youth Services Department

Scrabble Club

SCRABBLE Club for grades 5-8 meets Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:45. Come learn the game or practice your skills. Spring session continues through April 27th. The summer session of Scrabble Club begins on June 15.

Storytimes

Babytime (Fridays, 11:00 am) will be held during school vacation week, but other storytimes are cancelled that week. The week of the Friends Book Sale (April 29 – May 2), storytimes will be held on Tuesday, April 27 only. Regular weekly storytimes continue through Friday, May 28; and resume again, Tuesday, June 22.

APRIL-MAY PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Thursdays, April 8 & May 13, 3:30 p.m. “Need 2 Read” Bookclub: Pippi Longstocking”

If you enjoyed last summer’s Star Jumper Club, you’ll love “Need 2 Read”! Read a different book every other month: each month make fun stuff or play games based on the book. Snacks provided at each meeting! To join, sign up at the Youth Services Desk. All elementary students are welcome.

Tues., April 20, 10:30 a.m. Dr. Seuss Storytime

Join Mary on Tuesday, April 20th at 10:30 to celebrate Dr. Seuss birthday’s birthday – belatedly. Enjoy everybody’s favorite doctor with stories, activities, and more! Fun for all ages.

Wed., April 21, 10:30 a.m. “Plant-A-Seed” Family Storytime

“Plant-a-Seed” Family Program with stories, gardening tips for kids, and seed planting on Wednesday, April 21 at 10:30 am. Join master gardener Peter Copola and library staff for this fun event. Participants will leave with their own sowed seed, and will receive some additional seeds to plant outdoors in warmer weather. Most appropriate for ages 5 and up, but family groups are welcome.

JUNE PROGRAMS

(Please check the website as more programs may be added)

“Need 2 Read” Bookclub

On Thursday, June 8 the “Need 2 Read” Bookclub will start a new book.

Summer Reading Program

Keep track of your reading this summer in our fun, home-based reading program for children! The state-wide 2010 theme, **Go Green@Your Library** helps us think about ways we can save our environment at home, school or at play – every day! Registration materials will be available starting Monday, June 14. The 8-week program ends on August 14.

Summer Reading Program Kickoff

Visit the library on Wednesday, June 30, for a morning of fun activities beginning at 11:00 a.m. with comedy, music and amazing magic combined with positive messages about ecology, recycling, conservation and reading in magician Mike Bent’s all new EcoMagic Show. Drop-in craft and game activities, face painting, and Summer Reading sign-up will follow the show. Summer reading signup begins at 10:00. It’s a great way to keep kids reading this summer!

Events for Teens

Upcoming TAG Meetings for Spring 2010

Tuesday, April 6th and April 20th

Tuesday, May 4th and May 18th

*All Meetings Begin at 7:30, Walk-Ins always welcome!

Workshops

There will be two workshops offered entitled “Starting Research with Wikipedia”. One is designed for parents, the other for teens.

Saturday, April 10th at 10-10:45am Starting Research with Wikipedia for Parents

Wondering how you can help your child with research? This program may help! Within this program we will explore 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. Please sign up for this program by Friday, April 9th by 6pm at the Youth Services Desk (or call Youth Services at 781.270.1692), it will be limited to 5 participants (each participant will be able to work with their own laptop provided by the library).

Saturday, April 10th at 11:00 - 11:45am Starting Research with Wikipedia for Teens

This computer program will explore 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. Please sign up for this program by Friday, April 9th by 6pm at the Youth Services Desk (or call Youth Services at 781.270.1692), it will be limited to 5 participants (each participant will be able to work with their own laptop provided by the library).

Wii Sports Tournament - Tuesday, April 20th from 5-6:30

Test out your Wii skills with a little friendly competition, and pair up with a partner for a double elimination tournament. Rules will be provided during game day – all teams must be signed up by Monday, April 19th to enter. Sign up the next time you're in the Youth Services Department – or call 781-270-1692. If you do not have a partner – don't worry! We will pair somebody up with you.

Teen Afternoon Movie and Ice Cream Sundae Party - Friday, April 23rd from 3:30-5:30pm

Come celebrate April Vacation with an afternoon movie and an ice cream sundae! Remember any teen movie shown is rated PG13 - if you are under 13 we need a guardian's permission for you to watch.

Teen Open Mic Night and Artist Gallery - Tuesday, May 11th from 7:30-8:30 pm

It's time for you to express your creativity! All artists, crafters, sculptors, and photographers are invited to display their work for a gallery reception. Readers and musicians are welcomed to recite favorite passages and poems– or perform their own original writings or songs! Those interested in showing their work at the

gallery must bring their artwork in by Monday, May 10th (before the library closes at 9); readers and musicians can sign up during the Open Mic portion on a first come first serve basis

Teen Game Day - Tuesday, May 25th from 3-5:30 pm

It's Game Day at the Burlington Public Library! Anyone in grades 6th-12th is welcome to drop by anytime between 3:30-5pm 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. Hope to see you here!

***For June take a look at the Teen Summer Reading Program Events – coming soon!**

Teen Volunteering

A few teen volunteers are recruited to assist the public under the supervision of library staff during the Summer Reading Program. Application forms are available in the library or on the website during the month of May. Late applications (those received after the end of May) will be considered only if any positions remain unfilled. A limited number of positions are available. Application forms will be on the website.

Events from the Reference Department:

Classes

Navigating the 'Net 1—A first look at the Internet. Learn about websites and search engines. Wednesdays, March 17 and Wednesday May 12, from 1:15—2:30 p.m.

Navigating the 'Net 2—A deeper look at the Internet. Get more practice in learning to search the Internet to confidently find information on your own. Check the news, get tax forms, and watch TV or how-to videos. Wednesday, April 14, 2010 from 1:15—2:30 p.m.

Health Care Information on the Internet—Discover some useful websites and learn how to evaluate what you find there. Thursdays, March 18 and May 20 from 2:00—3:15 p.m.

One-on-One Workshops

Library Catalog—This one-on-one workshop will teach users how to search for books, videos, CDs, and other library materials that are available in Burlington and the other libraries in our consortium. Attendees will also learn how to access library accounts, place holds, and renew items. Workshop participants must be able to use a mouse.

Database Workshop—In this one-on-one workshop you will learn what an online database is and how to access from home or at the library. Using our databases, learn how to find magazine and newspaper articles, take practice exams for SATs, GREs, civil service and many other exams, read book reviews and entire books online, gather business information and sales leads. Class participants must be able to use a mouse. Call (781) 270-1691 or come to the second floor Reference Desk to make an appointment with Librarian Marnie Smith.

Email – Set up a free Yahoo! email account and learn how to use it. Pick up a “How-to” brochure at the Reference Desk on the second floor and/or ask for a one-on-one lesson with a librarian.

IMPORTANT – Class participants **MUST** be able to use a mouse. If you need help learning to use a mouse, speak to a reference librarian. We have tutorials that can help. All computer workshops are **FREE**, but you must **register in advance** by calling the Reference Desk at **781-270-1691**.

The Friends of the Burlington Public Library is a non-profit, volunteer organization duly registered with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Public Charities; it consists 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, members, and the staff of the Burlington Public Library.

Become a Friend of the Burlington Public Library!

Mail this form with your check or money order to:
Friends of the Burlington Public Library
22 Sears Street
Burlington, MA 01803

Please make checks payable to FOBPL. Your donation is tax deductible.

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Home phone

Cell or business phone

Email address (for meeting and activity reminders)

ANNUAL DUES (for 2010 calendar year)

_____ Senior (60+) \$7 _____ Individual \$10

_____ Family \$12 _____ *Sustaining \$50

_____ *Supporting \$100 _____ *Life Member \$200

*Sustaining, Supporting and Life members are acknowledged with a book plate in a library book recognizing their generosity.

Check below if you would like to help with:

- _____ Planning Adult Programs
- _____ Helping with a Book Sale
- _____ Baking for Events
- _____ Fundraising
- _____ Membership Drive
- _____ Publicity or Newsletter

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