



Library News

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Summer 2008

Masons Plan Breakfast to Support Library Teen Space

As the kick-off to community fundraising for the Teen Space, the Wilbraham Masonic Lodge will be hosting a town Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, June 21 from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 noon at the Masonic Lodge, 3 Woodland Dell Road. Cost will be \$5.00, with 100% of the proceeds to be donated to the library Teen Space project.

Our present teens' area serving the 450 middle school age children and teens in Wilbraham is a 250 foot square space located between the library entrance and children's area, and our space dedicated to the 850 high school age teens is only a small bookcase. To better serve the needs of this important population group, the library plans to convert the east side of the existing mezzanine into a teen and computer space of 864 square feet.

Renovations include new furniture, computers, carpeting, lighting, acoustical treatments, and wiring. The library is has a goal of raising \$40,000 for this project.

We are very excited and pleased about the help we are receiving from the Masons through this event and hope all our Friends and library patrons will show their support by attending the breakfast.



Film Movement Series June 9 - The Island (Russia, 112 min.)

Somewhere in Northern Russia in a small Russian Orthodoxy monastery lives a very unusual man. His fellow monks are confused by his bizarre conduct. Those who visit the island believe that the man has the power to heal, exorcise demons and foretell the future. However, he considers himself unworthy because of a sin he committed in his youth. The film is a parable, combining the realities of Russian everyday life with monastic ritual and routine.

Popcorn and Soda are served. Discussion following the film is facilitated by Friends' Program Committee Member Brad MacPherson



Lawn Concert in June



The 2008 TNT series concludes on June 17 at 7:00 p.m. with the talented young Boston-based folksinger, **Chris Wilhelm**. Chris's debut release, "This Train's Not Goin Slow" has been on rotation on several Boston and NYC radio stations. You can listen to the songs and learn more about Chris at www.myspace.com/chriswilhelm. The concert is free of charge for students and members of the Friends of the Library. There is an admission charge of \$3.00 for the general public. **If the weather is nice, the concert will be held on the front lawn, so please bring your lawnchairs!** This concert is funded by the Wilbraham Friends of the Library, Inc.

**Wilbraham Friends of the
Library, Inc.
2007-2008**

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Adult Events - *Ardie McEathron, Brad McPherson, Marjorie Schoen*
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 Web Page - *To be announced*

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**Friends Bus Trip!
Fun for all - even without the sun!**

Thirty-seven people enjoyed the April bus trip to the *Tower Hill Botanic Gardens, Cyprian Keyes Golf Club, and Nashoba Valley Winery*. Another trip is being planned for the fall to *Plimouth Plantation* - so after you have read Nathaniel Philbrick's *Mayflower: a Story of Courage, Community, and War*, you can see where it all started! Check the Friends bulletin board during the summer for updates.



Pat and Roger Schifferli and Nancy and Allan Peck at the Botanic Gardens



Candy Erickson and Kathy Kucab chat in the Orangerie



John Harrington and Sue Magee pose at the Welcome sign



A group shot after lunch



Five types of barrels at the winery

AMONG FRIENDS - NEWS FROM THE BOARD

Annual Meeting and Soirée June 12

Preceded by the popular soirée, the annual meeting of the Wilbraham Friends of the Library will be held at 7:00 p.m. June 12 in the Brooks Room of the Library. On the agenda are a brief review of the 2008 year, the treasurer's report including budget allocations for 2009, a discussion of a new strategic plan for the Friends, and the election of officers. Materials relating to the strategic plan will be posted on the Friends' Web site, www.wilbrahamfriends.com, on June 5, one week prior to the annual meeting.

Calls to Service

Friends' board and committees: The Wilbraham Friends of the Library is a volunteer driven organization. Its strength is a reflection of how the townspeople value the services to children, teens and adults that the organization makes or helps to make possible. Anyone wishing to serve on the board or its committees is encouraged to make their desire known by e-mailing Roger Schifferli, chairman of the board, by June 10 at rjschifferli75@charter.net or leaving a written message at the library to his attention. Please include your area or areas of interest. Current board committees are listed on the Friends' Web site, www.wilbrahamfriends.com.

A Peach of a Time at the Peach Festival: A great time to show off the library and its services is at the annual Peach Festival. The Friends have helped support the endeavor in the past. Volunteers are needed to set up and take down the library booth and to be hosts in the booth. The dates are August 15 to 17. If you are interested in helping, please leave your name, telephone number and e-mailing address at the front desk in an envelope marked "Friends' Peach Festival Committee."

Newsletter on Web Site

The Newsletter is now posted on the Friends' Web site, www.wilbrahamfriends.com. All who have added their e-mail address to their membership application form will be notified when a new issue is posted. This arrangement will save printing and mailing costs, thus allowing a greater portion of the Friends' membership donations to be used to support library projects. Those of you who did add your e-mail address but prefer to get a printed copy mailed to you, please leave a note stating so at the library's circulation desk addressed to the Friends' membership committee. Conversely, if you did not add your e-mail address to the membership registration form and would like to get the notification of the Web site posting (rather than receiving a copy in the mail), please state that you wish to be notified of the posting and leave your name and e-mail address at the circulation desk addressed to the Friends' membership committee.

The Kudos Corner

Thanks to all who made the Annual Art Show so successful, the bus trip so entertaining and the book sale possible. You know who you are. Those who attended thank you. Also, a round of applause for those who served on the Friends' board of directors and those who aided them via committee work - too many to mention, but so appreciated. And thanks, too, to those who will be working on the Friends-related summer programs mentioned in this Newsletter. Lastly, thank you to the library staff. Programs would not run without your involvement, guidance, and assistance. The Friends need you and thank you.

Children's Activities

Summer Reading Club

"WILD READS at your library" is the theme for the summer reading program at the Wilbraham Public Library. Children ages 6 and up are invited to participate in the program which will transform the children's department into a rain forest. Younger children may participate with a reading partner. This year children will be asked to sign a contract to read for 21 days during the summer. As children work towards their goal, they will receive incentives along the way. Each child who completes his or her contract will be invited to a private rollerskating party in August. The child will also receive a certificate of completion, a free prize plus a free paperback book. A variety of special events will be offered throughout the summer, such as storytimes, Jungle Encounters, a yoga parade, mask making, a LEGOs session and a field trip to Lupa Zoo. Children going into grades 6 and up will join the Young Adult portion of the summer reading club and will have their own programs. Registration for the reading club will start on Saturday, June 21. To help kick off this celebration, WILD READS and Friendly Feeds, the first day of registration will also include an ice cream treat. New this year is online registration that may be accessed through our web page. All summer programs are supported



by the Friends of the Library and the Massachusetts Regional Library Systems.

A storytelling and musical event, **Rainforest Legends**, will be held for families on Saturday, June 28 at 10:00, as the first big event of the summer reading club, "WILD READS at your library". **Diane Edgecomb** will be here to bring to life favorite folktales and songs about animals and plants of the world, from the banks of the Amazon River to the heart of the West African jungle. Legends tell how the Amazon birds grew feathers as

brilliant as the colors of the rainbow, and why three invisible hunters came to haunt the Nicaraguan rainforest. Registration for this entertaining event will begin on June 12. This program is partially supported by a grant from the Wilbraham Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Debi Willoughby will be here to entertain children ages 4 and up on Tuesday, July 15 at 10:00 a.m. with **Jungle Encounters**. The audience will learn about animals surviving in the wild, which animals make good pets and which don't, why it is so important to conserve their habitats and much, much more. There will be several exotic animals here to observe. Registration for this Friends-sponsored experience begins on July 8.

Special Storytime

"**I'm Going to School!**" **Storytimes** will be held on Monday, August 18 for Wilbraham children going into kindergarten. There will be one class at 10:00 a.m. then again at 1:00 p.m. This storytime includes picture books, a simple craft and information about safely riding a school bus. Space is limited. Registration begins on August 11.

Cover-to-Cover

Cover to Cover, the book discussion groups for students, are on-going, meeting once a month. Students in grades 4, 5, and 6 will be meeting Tuesdays from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on June 10, July 8, and August 12. Titles are as follows:
June 10 – *Silverwing*, by Kenneth Oppel
July 8 – *Hoot*, by Carl Hiaasen
August 12 – *Marley: a Dog Like No Other*, by John Grogan
Please address any questions to Cindy Ruscsek in the Children's Department.

TEEN PROGRAMS @ THE LIBRARY

Teen Art Show

The library is hosting a Teen Art show this June, featuring artwork by local teens in grades 9-12. There will be an Artists' Reception in the Brooks Room on Saturday, June 14, at 1:00 p.m.

Anime/Manga Club

Calling all otaku! We want you for the library's new Anime/Manga Club (ages 13+), now meeting every Monday from 3:30 to 5pm. Come join us for pizza & Pocky and your favorite anime & manga series!



Summer Reading Activities

Tues. June 24, 2:00-4:00 p.m. - Knitting/Crocheting Workshop (grades 9-12)

Wed. June 25, 3:30-5:00 p.m. - Henna Body Art (grades 6-8)

Wed. July 2, 3:30-5:00 p.m. - Bandana Crafts (grades 6-8)

Week of June 30 - Online book discussion (grades 9-12)

Wed. July 9, 3:00-5:00 p.m. - Henna Body Art (grades 9-12)

Thurs. July 10, 6:30-8:00 p.m. - Wild Edibles with Kathleen Delaney @ the YMCA (grades 6-8)

Tues. July 15, 6:00-8:00 p.m. - Jewelry-making (grades 9-12)

Wed. July 16, 7:00-8:00 p.m. - Book group (grades 6-8)

Sat. July 19 OR Sat. July 26, 7:00 p.m. - Concert by local teen band (all ages)

Fri. July 25, 5:30-7:30 p.m. - Library Survivor Party (grades 6-8)

Thurs. July 31, 2:00-3:00 p.m. - Theater Improv Games @ the YMCA (grades 6-8)

Fri. Aug. 1, 7:00-10:00 p.m. - Breaking Dawn party (grades 9-12)

Wed. Aug. 6, 3:00-5:00 p.m. - Tear & Wear program (altered clothing) (grades 6-12)

Week of August 11 - Online manga book discussion (grades 6-8)

Week of August 11 - Online book discussion (grades 9-12)

Every Thursday, 3:00-5:00 p.m., from June 26 to Aug. 21:
Guitar Hero & Rock Band (grades 6-12)

All dates & times are tentative.



New Series Preview

Interested in world affairs? The Friends of the Library are hoping to start a *Great Decisions* discussion group to begin next season. Never heard of *Great Decisions*? It actually has been around for quite some time. *Great Decisions* is the primary outreach effort of the *Foreign Policy Association*. The programs have been televised on public television for over twenty years. *Great Decision Groups* meet all over the country – in private homes, libraries, and other venues to discuss selected topics in the area of current affairs. Participants have the ability to have their opinions tallied in a *National Opinion Poll*, which then gets sent to Congress. This is a great program to learn more about what is happening in the world and to have your voice heard by people who make the decisions.

For a preview, check out www.greatdecisions.org to see the topics from 2008 and video clips from the television series. The Friends will have a meeting in the Fall when the 2009 topics are announced – stayed tuned!

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NEW NOVELIST GAME FOR ADULTS AND TEENS FOR THE SUMMER!

Look for a new *NoveList Game* to begin in July! As a tie-in to the state's summer reading theme - *Wild Reads at the Library* - participants will read selections from a variety of adventure and nature-themed lists. Instead of a gameboard, players will roll a special ten-sided die! For every book you read by August 30, you'll be entered to win some fun prizes.

BOOKED FOR LUNCH DISCUSSION GROUP

Meets monthly on Mondays from noon-1:00 p.m. in the Brooks Room of the Library. New members always welcome.

July 7 - *The Bookseller of Kabul*, by Asne Seierstad

August 4 - *In the Land of Second Chances*, by George Shaffner

