



GALE FORECAST

Hours: Monday, 12 noon to 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday & Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Thursday through Saturday: 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
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February 2012

Note: the library will be closed on Monday, February 20, for Presidents' Day.

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES

Wednesday, February 15, 6:30 p.m.

Jeffrey Baker from the Worcester Art Museum staff will be teaching some basic techniques in digital photography *in our computer lab*. At minimum you should own a digital point and shoot camera, though a camera with SLR would be useful. Bring the camera with you.

Wednesday, February 29, 6:30 p.m.

The second session is on file management, uploads, etc. Bring your digital camera.

The classes are limited to 15 people with two people per computer.

Registration required. Register for each class separately. Call 508 393-5025 ext. 5 (Reference Desk).

The computer lab will not be available to other patrons during these classes. Computers on the counter in the Reference Department will have a one hour limit during class time.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library will be offering a **Service Award** to a Northborough **high school senior** who has provided exceptional volunteer service to the library in the past year. Contact your high school guidance office for applications.

The Friends' Annual Spring Book Sale will be on **Thursday & Friday, March 22nd & 23rd from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.** and on **Saturday March 24th, from 9:30 a.m.- 3 p.m.** **Saturday is Bargain Day!** The Member Preview will be on Wednesday, March 21st, from 4 p.m.- 8 p.m.

WACHUSETT RESERVOIR PROGRAM

Save the date: March 31 (Saturday), 2 p.m. Slide show on the construction and history of the Wachusett Reservoir. Presented by author Eamon McCarthy Earles.

More about e-books.

Last month we gave you some information on how to download e-books from the C/W MARS Overdrive catalog (use the link on the front of our web page www.northboroughlibrary.org or go to <http://digitalcatalog.cwmars.org>). We cautioned that not every title is available, due to publisher restrictions. Among the publishers who are unavailable to us are Simon & Schuster, Macmillan (also includes Farrar Straus and Giroux, Henry Holt & Co., St. Martin's Press, Tor/Forge, Times Books, Picador), Hachette (owns Little Brown, and Grand Central Publishing), and Penguin (except for back titles). C/W MARS is currently boycotting e-books by HarperCollins (Avon, William Morrow, Greenwillow, Zondervan) because they will only allow 26 loans before requiring libraries to buy another copy. These restrictions mean a lot of popular books, such as Stephen King's *11/22/63* and the best-selling biography, *Steve Jobs*, will not be available to library users.

So what can you do if you want to read an author such as William Martin, Jonathan Franzen, Janet Evanovich, etc. on your e-reader, but you don't want to buy them? Let the publishers know that libraries help introduce you to authors – whose books you might later want to buy!

CHILDREN'S ROOM NEWS AND PROGRAMS

Leap Year Reading Challenge Participants

During the month of March, any child who participated in the Leap Year Reading Challenge can come in and choose a free new book! In order to receive a book, the child must have created an account and logged pages during the months of January and February. Prizes will be given for the most pages read in various age groups, and those winners will be notified by the Children's Room Staff. The last day to pick up any book/prize will be Friday, March 30th.

Happy Reading!

Family Activities

In the Children's Room, we are doing our best to have a variety of activities and programs for all children ages birth – tween age. We'd like to encourage families to come together to many of our Drop-In programs. These programs are designed to involve kids of many ages and their parents or caregivers! It's an easy way to have some out-of-the-house quality time!

NSCBA 2012!

A very big THANK YOU to the Northborough Education Foundation for providing us with funds to buy the books for this year's Northboro/Southboro Children's Book Award!

We could not have this program without their grant.

We are excited to announce this year's nominees mid-February and have 3rd-5th graders read and vote for their favorite in May! Check with the library or with your child's school librarian for more information about NSCBA.

Mother Goose on the Loose

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m., February 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29; Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m., March 7, 14, 21 & 28

Birth to age 2. Register for each month.

Mini Cooking – First Courses!

Wednesday, February 1st, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 7 & up. Registration begins immediately.

Sing, Say, & Play

February sessions full. Stay tuned for March dates. Ages 2.5-5.

Chess & Checkers Club

Monday, February 6th, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Ages 7 & up. Registration required.

Music with Carrie

Tuesday, February 7th, 10:30-11:00 a.m.
All ages welcome. Registration required.
Sponsored by the Together We Can Family Network.

Lunch Time Stories – Farm Animals

Tuesday, February 7th, 12:30-1:00 p.m.
All ages welcome. No registration.

Lego Club - Aliens from Mars!

Tuesday, February 7th, 4:15-5:00 p.m. NEW TIME! Grades 1-3. Registration required.

Graphic Novel Book Club

Wednesday, February 8th, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Grades 4-6. Registration required.

Morning Stories – Love

Thursday, February 9th, 10:30-11:00 a.m.
All ages welcome. No registration.

Cupcake Decorating

Thursday, February 9th, 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Ages 8 & up. Registration required.

Valentine's Day Drop In Craft

Friday, February 10th, 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Families welcome! No registration.

Book Group for Grades 1&2

Monday, February 13th, 6:00-6:45 p.m.
Grades 1&2. Registration required.

Music in Motion

Tuesday, February 14th, 10:00-10:30 a.m.
18 mos. & up. Registration required.
Sponsored by the Together We Can Family Network.

Lunchtime Stories – Valentine's Day

Tuesday, February 14th, 12:30-1:00 p.m.
All ages welcome. No registration.

Reading Ambassador's Book Club

Wednesday, February 15th, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Grades 5 & up. Registration required.

Fancy Nancy Tea Party and Storytime

Tuesday, February 21st, 3:00-4:00.
Ages 3-6. Registration required.

Spy School

Wednesday, February 22nd, 3:00-4:00.
Ages 7 & up. Registration required.

Drop In Legos!

Thursday, February 23rd, 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
All ages welcome! No registration.
*Note – there will be small pieces!

Afternoon Flick

Thursday, February 23rd, 2:00 p.m.
Families welcome! No registration.

Drop In Craft

Friday, February 24th, 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Families welcome! No registration.

Book Group Grades 3&4

Monday, February 27th, 6:00-6:45 p.m.
Grades 3&4. Registration required.

Morning Stories – Bubbles

Tuesday, February 28th, 10:30-11:00 a.m.
All ages welcome. No registration.

Science Experiments – Rain Science!

Wednesday, February 29th, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Ages 8 & up. Registration required.

More News for our General Readers....

Did you know...

If you want to buy an **e-book** from Amazon or Barnes and Noble, but don't have a **Kindle** or a **Nook**, you can still use their software? Both sites have directions for downloading **free software** so that you can read an e-book on your **smart phone, iPad, or computer**. There are some experts who say that reading e-books on phones is the way of the future, rather than using e-book readers. Time will tell! Text is adjustable to compensate for the small screen. Don't want to pay? Choose a free title, such as many of the classics or other older titles. A good solution for people who need to travel light. Otherwise, printed books still work very well, no matter what device you own!

In the face of recently proposed legislation, SOPA (Stop Online Piracy Act) and PIPA (Protect IP Act), this is a good time to remind our Internet users (including wireless laptop users) that it may be an infringement of U.S. copyright law to download and distribute copyrighted material, including videos. Violating copyright laws is counter to our Internet users policy. If you're not sure the source of the video is a legitimate distributor, don't download it.