



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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March 2010

CROQUET ON A WINTER'S DAY

Thanks to the efforts of volunteers and contributions from area businesses, the Friends raised approximately \$8000 for our book budget! (see next page for details)

TOO HUMAN – A CELEBRATION OF SONG: THE AMERICAN SONGBOOK AND BEYOND

Saturday, March 6, 2-3 p.m.

Get out of the house and enjoy live music featuring jazz standards and more recent selections. Sponsored by a grant from the Northborough Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. Refreshments.

SPORTS AUTHOR

Michael King, author of *Patriots Passion: 50 Years of Fanatic Fandom Facts*, will talk about his book and engage the audience in interactive trivia about our football team. April 7, 7 p.m.

FILM SHOWINGS

Storm. Wednesday, March 24, 7 p.m. Trying to bring a former Yugoslavian commander to justice for the murder of civilians, the prosecutor faces roadblocks, even as she finds a new witness in the trial. 103 mins. German, Bosnian, Serbian with subtitles. Plus a 14 min. short.

Troubled Water. Wednesday, April 14, 7 p.m. Jan is a gifted organist who takes a job in a church after being released from prison. 116 mins. Norwegian with subtitles.

Mine. Date to be announced. A documentary about the bond between humans and animals, set against the backdrop of Hurricane Katrina. 81 mins.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS at the LIBRARY

Wednesday, March 10, 7-8:30 p.m. *The Godwulf Manuscript*, by Robert B. Parker.

Friday, March 12, 10-11:30 a.m. *Washington Square*, by Henry James

Monday, March 15, 7-8:30 p.m. *Madame Bovary*, by Gustave Flaubert

New participants welcome! Check at the Circulation Desk for copies of the books.

CROQUET ON A WINTER'S DAY SUMMARY

For our first croquet fundraiser on February 28, we had wonderful success! The Friends of the Library raised \$8000! The game was played like miniature golf, but with wickets, mallets, and soft plastic balls. Over 70 people, ranging from toddlers to senior citizens, paid to send a ball up and down library aisles and under furniture, culminating in refreshments in the "19th wicket." Due to budget restraint, our materials (print and non-print) budget has been reduced this year and next, putting us in jeopardy for our state aid. *Contributions are still needed and welcome!* Thank you to the major sponsors: Brendon Properties, St. Vincent Medical Group, and Marlborough Savings Bank, and to the many wicket and scorecard sponsors, as well as businesses that provided donations of pencils, cookies, crackers, balloons, etc. Special thanks to Jan Bisset, Rick Leif, Ellen Church, Melanie Magee, and Deborah Hersh.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

BOOK SALE. Preview day for members of the Friends, Thursday, May 6, 12-4 p.m.

Public sale: **Friday, May 7, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.**

Saturday, May 8, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

We welcome book donations at this time. Bring boxes into the conference room on your left as you enter the library, or if room is occupied, in hallway right outside the door. **DO NOT LEAVE DONATIONS OUTDOORS OR IN BOOK DROPS!!** We are no longer accepting videocassettes (also, no magazines or Reader's Digest condensed books).

To help with the book sale set-up, sales, or take-down, contact Ellen Church at ellenchurch@charter.net or 508-393-1742. Volunteers often get freebies!

BASKET RAFFLE. May 8 – 22.

Please consider donating a completed basket or loose items that the Friends can assemble into a basket. Possible themes: travel, children's games, computer supplies, gardening, snack foods, car care, baby items, party goods, kitchen gifts, bath and beauty, sports, etc., etc.! Baskets must be at the library by May 4. Contact Melanie Magee at mmagee@townisp.com.

SHELVER TRAINING

If you can commit two hours a week for three months; are physically capable of pushing a 30 pound book cart, reaching and stooping; and have excellent vision and attention to detail, we can use you to help shelve books and other materials. Training will be given on Saturday, April 10, at 3 p.m. It will take up to 1.5 hours. Register at the Reference Desk upstairs.

Community Announcement....

GRAND OPENING of the Northborough Senior Center
119 Bearfoot Rd.

Sunday, March 21, 2010, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Ribbon-Cutting and Opening Ceremonies at 1 p.m.

Refreshments will be served.

For more information, please call the Senior Center, 508-393-5035.

CHILDREN'S ROOM EVENTS

<u>Lunchtime Storytime</u>	Wednesday, March 3 rd , 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.
<u>Lapsit Storytime</u>	Thursday, March 4 th , 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
<u>Music in Motion</u>	Tuesday, March 9 th , 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
<u>DDR, Dance Dance Revolution</u>	Wednesday, March 10 th , 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
<u>Mother Goose Asks Why</u>	Thursday, March 11 th , 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.
<u>Lunchtime Storytime</u>	Friday, March 12 th , 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.
<u>Scrabble Club</u>	Saturday, March 13 th , 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
<u>Chess Club</u>	Monday, March 15 th , 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
<u>Lunchtime Storytime</u>	Tuesday, March 16 th , 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.
<u>Drop in Craft – St. Patrick's Day</u>	Wednesday, March 17 th , 9:30a.m.– 5:00p.m.
<u>Signing as a Child's First Language</u>	Thursday, March 18 th , 9:45 – 11:15 a.m.
<u>Music in Motion</u>	Friday, March 19 th , 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
<u>Lunchtime Storytime</u>	Monday, March 22 nd , 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.
<u>Music in Motion</u>	Wednesday, March 24 th , 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
<u>Storytimes with Corduroy</u>	Friday, March 26 th , 10:00a.m. & 1:00 p.m.
<u>Storytime with Corduroy</u>	Saturday, March 27 th 10:00 a.m.
<u>Lunchtime Storytime</u>	Tuesday, March 30 th , 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.
<u>Lunchtime Storytime</u>	Thursday, April 1 st , 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.
<u>Red Flags-How to Identify Early Struggling Readers</u>	Tuesday, April 6 th , 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

All programs require registration except our drop-in-craft.
Please go to www.northboroughlibrary.org for more details.

BEAUTIFUL NEW MOSAICS

Recently, close to 200 volunteers helped construct four mosaic panels that have been placed in the Children's Room in memory of Marilyn Dorey. Marilyn was the owner and director of the Doe-Rey-Me Preschool in Northborough. The mosaic project reflects the gratitude of the families for the constant love and support she provided during their children's early childhood education.

Marilyn welcomed hundreds of children and families for over 40 years as an early childhood educator. She instilled love, kindness and friendship into the hearts of each child and family who entered through the doors of her school. The seasonal panels represent many memories through the eyes of the children. Visitors of all ages will be impressed by the beauty of the New England scenes that brighten the wall in the Children's Room.

The mosaic project was funded through the sale of a cookbook entitled "Seasoned with Love and a Little Touch of Lemon." The cookbook contains 600 recipes of both Marilyn's and the families of Doe-Rey-Me. Over 1,000 copies of the cookbook have been sold to date. There are a limited number of cookbooks still available for sale at the Northborough Free Library, Lowe's Variety & Meat Shop, Shattuck Pharmacy, O'Brien's 5 & 10, and Craftworks in Northborough.

THANK YOU!!

We wish to thank the Northborough Education Foundation for its generous grant for the Northborough/Southborough Children's Book Award (NSCBA) program. With this grant we are able to purchase paperback books for the school libraries and our Children's Room for children in grades 3 -5. The students then have access to all the NSCBA titles in order to read at least three books and vote on their favorite one.

Red Flags – How to Identify Early Struggling Readers – Tuesday, April 6th, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. A program for parents presented by Dr. Pamela Hook, President of the Massachusetts Branch of the International Dyslexia Association (MABIDA). Join us for this informational program on how to identify the early signs of reading struggles in your child. Registration is required and begins March 1st. Please call us at 508-393-5025 ext. 4.

Magazine Wish List -- Family Fun Magazine (\$10) & Lego Magazine (\$40) --please contact the Children's Room if you would like to sponsor one of these titles. Due to budget cuts we no longer have the funding to continue to support our magazine section. Thank you.

Volunteers Needed – we are in need of volunteers for shelving and covering children's books. Please stop by the Children's Room and complete a volunteer form if you are interested.

Attention Homeschooling Families – we are interested in hearing about your needs and desires from our library. Please contact the Children's Room at 508-393-5025 ext. 4 if you would like to get together with other homeschooling families and our Children's Room staff.