



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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Web page: www.northboroughlibrary.org

September 2010

Note: The library will be closed on Monday, September 6, for Labor Day.

APPLEFEST BOOKSALE

The Friends of the Northborough Library are having an Applefest Sidewalk Book Sale! We have an excellent selection of fiction and non-fiction, adult and children's books. Please visit our sale while you enjoy the town-wide festival!

The sale is **Saturday, September 11th, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**, on the sidewalk in front of the library at 34 Main Street. In the event of bad weather, the sale will be held inside. The library will also be open for business as usual.

Library Survey – Due September 10

The library is working on a long range plan, due October 1 to our state agency. As part of the plan, we are gathering some information in a survey. Can you help? We have paper copies in the library, and will have them in the Senior Center and Town Hall. Or go to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5K58SVD> The survey is only one page long with six questions. We are already receiving some responses, so thanks to those who took a few minutes to answer the questions, especially the comments and suggestions.

Making Memories Art Exhibit

During the month of September we have a multi-media art display in our meeting room featuring works by children and adults who have been recipients of organ transplants. Come in and take a look! This is the New England Organ Bank's first traveling art exhibit.

We Need Shelvers!

Our next training session for volunteer shelvers will be held on Tuesday, September 21, at 3 p.m. The training takes approximately 1.5 hours. We ask for a 2-hour a week, three month commitment, to put away books in the adult areas. (Contact Pat Link in the Children's Room if you'd like to help out there.) Previous volunteers are welcome to continue their shelving! We will accept teenagers who are at least 15 years old. Shelving requires physical strength, and the ability to stoop and reach.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Wednesday, Sept. 8, 7-8:30 p.m. *Person of Interest*, by Theresa Schwegel.

Friday, Sept. 10, 10-11:30 a.m. *The Prestige*, by Christopher Priest

Monday, Sept. 20, 7-8:30 p.m. *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle*, by David Wroblewski

Copies of the books are available at the check-out desk.

E-readers and e-Books

Did you know that e-books are currently available to you? To browse the collection, use the link to **Overdrive** which is on the front page of our website, left column. Or go to www.cwmars.org and select online resources, and then digital catalog. Or use <http://bit.ly/bO7Kyf> Overdrive provides C/W MARS libraries a selection of e-books as well as downloadable audiobooks and videos. These free downloads are loans with a due date, after which the items return to the catalog for check-out by another patron. Our library has begun to contribute to the electronic collection which is available to anyone with a C/W MARS card.

Use the free software to download the e-books to your computer, and read them there, or transfer the content to the following e-readers: Sony e-Reader, the Nook (Barnes & Noble), and the Kobo eReader (Borders). These downloads are not accepted by Kindles or iPads. Also, libraries at this time cannot download content onto a person's own Kindle or iPad. Will the library be circulating e-readers? We may do so next year, with the understanding that patrons would need to agree to pay the cost of loss or damage (\$139 and up), as with any library property.

This whole field is changing rapidly, and the publishers, authors, and manufacturers are still adapting to the new marketplace as well. Stay tuned!

Number of Circulations	FY 2009	FY 2010	<p>These are the figures we recently compiled for our state aid report.</p> <p>We thought you'd be interested to see what happened with a full year in our new building. We opened the library to the public in March 2009, after being closed for almost 3 months. We had been in temporary quarters in a smaller building since August 2007.</p>
Books	102,023	155,336	
Magazines	3,988	5,024	
Audio (music & audiobooks)	10,794	14,418	
Video	30,149	40,896	
e-Books	123	309	
Downloadable audios	212	625	
Downloadable video	27	14	
Other electronic formats	22	205	
Miscellaneous (passes, kits)	1,931	1,944	
TOTAL CHECK-OUTS	149,269	218,781	
Interlibrary loans received	12,872	18,862	
Interlibrary loans provided	13,187	13,168	
Attendance in library	37,027	86,552	
Reference transactions	8,539	9,832	
Number of volunteers	93	253	
Hours volunteered (est.)	908	3,696	
Staff hours (481 in FY 08)	415	373	

NEWS FROM THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

Let's Go Fishing

Thursday, September 9th, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Ages 7 and up with an adult. Registration
required. Rain date: Tuesday, September
14th, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Apple Country Music Together

Friday, September 10th, 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.
& 11:00 – 11:45 a.m. Birth to Age 5.
Registration required.

Music in Motion

Tuesday, September 14th, 10:00 – 10:30
a.m. Ages 18 mos. and up. Registration
required.

New Book Club

Wednesday, September 22nd, 6:00 – 7:00
p.m. Grades 5 and up. Registration
required.

Music with Carrie Rowan

Thursday, September 23rd, 10:00 – 10:30
a.m. All ages welcome. Registration
required.

Imagination Station Drop in Craft

Friday, September 24th, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30
p.m. Families welcome.

Music in Motion

Wednesday, September 29th, 10:00 – 10:30
a.m. Ages 18 mos. and up. Registration
required.

Go to our website @
www.northboroughlibrary.org for more
details.

“Go Green” 2010 Summer Reading Wrap-Up

614 Readers and Pre-readers

145 Guessing Game Winners

New Books & Bags for Bingos

187 End of Summer Raffle Prizes

2 Adult Basket Winners for Supporting Reading

We have had a summer of “GREEN”! All of our readers have voted
and the results are the following Heifer animals to be donated to families in need.

8 Flocks of Chicks

2 Trios of Rabbits

2 Gifts of Honeybees

2 Shares of a Llama

4 Shares of a Goat

2 Flocks of Ducks & Geese

4 Shares of a Sheep

Besides our Read to Feed program kids and families collected and donated 16 lbs. of can tabs
which equal approximately 20,272 can tabs. All of these tabs will be sent to the Ronald
McDonald House in Springfield, MA to help raise funds for these special homes. Good job!!

From all of the bingo square donations to the Northboro Food Pantry we have sent many full
boxes of food to the pantry. Excellent work!! Also, two Girl Scout troops collected a generous
supply of clothes to be delivered to those in need in Haiti and numerous backpacks with supplies
for the Fresh Air Kids program. Thanks for your support!

Summer Reading Donation Thank You's

We thank the following businesses, organizations, individuals, and families that generously donated to our Go Green 2010 Summer Reading Program. These donations allowed us to purchase summer reading raffle prizes, schedule programs and performers, purchase items for 2 parent raffle baskets, purchase new books as summer reading incentive prizes and much more...

Businesses & Organizations

St. Rose of Lima Parish	Hannaford's
Central One Federal Credit Union	Whole Foods
Zeh School PTO	Northboro Junior Woman's Club
Proctor School PTO	Northboro Library Board of Trustees
Lincoln Street School PTO	Bertucci's Restaurant
Trombetta's Farm	Friends of the Northboro Library
Uhlman's Ice Cream	Doe- Rey-Me Cookbook Committee
Hebert Candies	Davidian Brother's Farm
Green Thumb Garden Center	

Individuals and Families

Sivan Nachum	James Mikolajczak & Leslie Harrold
Kathy Andrews	Christopher Hodge Family
Sandy & Dan Demaio Newton	Teresa Kelly
Nancy Kellner	
Miotto Family	

Thanks to Our Summer Reading Volunteers

We would not survive without our volunteers!! These individuals make help make our program run smoothly by helping the readers check-in their reading time and bingos. They get the kids excited about what they have read and encourage them to read more. Thanks so much to: Adrienne Cormier, Akshara Thejaws, Akshay Thejaws, Alek Santini, Alicia Santini, Ariel Chang, Anna Sarrasin, Billy Jones, Brian Nardone, Caleigh Murphy, Charlie Jones, Connor Moroney, Devon Moroney, Dilara Yilmaz, Elisha Clark, Elizabeth Morena, Emily Ellis, Emily Hart, Emily Stanwood, Gayatri Kasi, Gina Lightner, Hanna Lambert, Isabelle Seppa, Jamie Swarwout, Justin MacGillvray, Katherine Sarrasin, Kylie Middleton, Lilly Kurina, Meaghan Winter, Michaela Garvey, Naomi Greenspan, Natalie Lambert, Nathan Goddard, Preeti Rangaraj, Puja Sarma, Rebecca Wang, Regan Somers, Sarah Hergert, Sarah Lukose, Shreya Murthy, Udani Sandanayaka and ZhuoHao Ling.

These adult and teen volunteers continued to assist us through the summer months with shelving books and helping to keep us organized – thank you very much!!

Mary DiTullio --- Marilyn Sarnie ---Mary Ohlson---Elaine Swee---Haley McKie

Shelf Elves – At the end of September, due to budget constraints, we will have reduced hours for library pages. Our pages reshelve books, help keep the shelves in order & help prepare materials for patron use. We would welcome new **volunteer Shelf Elves** to help with any of these tasks. We would provide training, and prefer at least a 3-6 month commitment.

Library Programs – We welcome you and are happy to have you attend our programs. Thank you for calling to cancel if you are unable to attend a program; this opens a spot for someone who is waiting to come. Over the summer, there were many folks who did NOT call to cancel when they were unable to attend. Please remember - **CALL TO CANCEL** if you are unable to attend a program that you have registered to attend.

Molly Domino, our Children’s Room page, has gone off to college since graduating from Algonquin Regional High School in June. She’ll be attending St. Mary’s College of Maryland. We’ll miss her, her energy, enthusiasm, and smiles.

Unattended Children Policy – This is a reminder that our policy states: “Children eleven years or younger shall, at all times, be attended and adequately supervised by either their parent or their designated care giver and not library personnel. During scheduled library programs, the parent or caregiver may elect to go elsewhere in the library, but must remain in the building.”



Did you know.....?

You can **receive this newsletter by e-mail?** Please let any staff person know, and provide your current e-mail address. If you have provided your e-mail address for the purpose of receiving library notices for holds and reminders of items that are due, *it will not be used for the newsletter.* C/W MARS software, which sends out the notices about library materials, can only be used for that purpose. The e-mails used for sending out the newsletter reside on an entirely different computer network, and we must enter them separately. So if you’re wondering why you get notices from the library about your holds, but not the newsletter, that’s why. You can go to our website (www.northboroughlibrary.org) and click on the button “Join Mailing List.” Ignore the part about selecting the type of news to receive. It is all in this newsletter.

We are no longer sending out postcards for **overdue materials.** C/W MARS is no longer printing them and mailing them to us for postage and re-mailing, because of the staff time and expense. For the same reason, we are declining the option to generate the postcards on our own. If we have your e-mail address on our check-out system, you will continue to receive these courtesy notices by e-mail. Remember, you can keep a receipt from each transaction so that you know what items you have checked out and when they are due, or you can go on-line to your own account (we can show you how) and check your due dates that way. You can also call us. In all cases, you are still responsible for returning items on time. We will still send bills if your items are 4 weeks past the due date.