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# GALE FORECAST

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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.  
34 Main St., Northborough, MA 01532  
Phone: (508) 393-5025

Web page: [www.northboroughlibrary.org](http://www.northboroughlibrary.org)

**October 2009**

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**NOTE: The library will be closed on Columbus Day, October 12.**

## **GOOD-BYE AND GOOD LUCK, KERRY!**

Kerry McGuirl, one of our reference assistants, is leaving us to take another position. Kerry was responsible for the interlibrary loans outside of the C/W MARS network, including out of state loans and magazine articles through the Boston Public Library. Some of these loans saved our patrons significant fees. Kerry received her Master's in Library Science last year.

## **FILM DISCUSSION: SOMERS TOWN**

Wednesday, October 14, 7 p.m.

Two teenagers, both newcomers to London, forge an unlikely friendship over the course of a hot summer. Marek, a Polish immigrant, hides Tomo, a runaway, in his home, unbeknownst to his father. 70 minutes. Stay for a brief discussion!

## **WELCOME TO THE GRAVEYARD!**

Wednesday, October 21, 7 p.m.

The Gravestone Girls present an informative slide show/lecture about the history and symbolism of common tombstone carvings and embellishments. They will include examples from Northborough's Howard St. Cemetery. For adults and mature teens.

## **AUTHOR VISIT: DAVID S. BRODY**

Monday, October 26, 7 p.m.

Davis S. Brody, author of three legal thrillers, has a new book out: *Cabal of the Westford Knight: Templars at the Newport Tower*. The book is inspired by a legend that claims that Scottish explorers secretly visited Westford, MA in 1398, leaving a carving in stone. Publisher's Weekly Annex Reviews states: "The novel is well-researched and self-aware, and Brody does a terrific job of wrapping his research in a fast-paced thrill ride..."

## **Book discussions:**

Friday, Oct. 9, 11 a.m. *Three Cups of Tea*, by Greg Mortenson

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 7 p.m. *The Ghost*, by Robert Harris

Monday, Oct. 19, 7 p.m. *Thunderstruck*, by Eric Larson

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends raised \$540 at our sidewalk book sale during the Applefest activities on Saturday, September 26. Thank you particularly to Ellen Church for all her organization and brute labor, the volunteers, and the shoppers! The Friends of the Library provide funds for public programs not supported by the town budget: the summer reading program, museum discount tickets and on-line booking system, and our website.

Coming up... Winter Indoor Miniature Golf Tournament (at the library!), specifically to raise money for the library's book budget, which is diminishing. Helpers should contact Ellen Church at 508-393-1742.

## SUCCESSFUL SHELVERS!

We are pleased and thankful that volunteers who attended our two shelving classes are doing such a great job in shelving hundreds of books a day. We have also acquired volunteers to do some of our book processing. These volunteers are critical in replacing 40 hours of labor lost to cuts in our page budget.



## CHILDREN'S ROOM NEWS

**Music in Motion – Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.** Ages 18 mos. and up. Registration required.

**Toddler Storytime – Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.** Walkers to age 2 ½ yrs. old. Registration required.

**Lunchtime Storytime – Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.** Leaf stories for all ages. Registration required.

**Lapsit Storytime – Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.** Newborns to crawlers. Registration required.

**Chess Club – Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.** Ages 8 and up. Registration required.

**Dinnertime Storytime – Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.** All ages welcome. Registration required.

**Music in Motion – Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.** Ages 18 months and older. Registration required.

**Trick or Treat Magic Show – Debbie O'Carroll – Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.** Ages 3 to 9 years old. Registration required.

**Trick or Treat Bags – Drop In Craft – Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** Make a bag then trick or treat in the library. No registration required.

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**Summer Volunteer Certificates of Recognition** – We are very proud to announce that two of our 2009 Summer Reading Volunteers have been awarded Certificates of Recognition by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. These teens volunteered numerous hours to assist patrons in the Starship Adventure Summer Reading Program. Our two winners are Myuran Ratnaseelan and Aarane Ratnaseelan. Congratulations to both of you!!

**Boston Bruins Summer Reading Winner** – This summer the Boston Bruins collaborated with our Massachusetts Starship Adventure Reading Program and offered awards to reading participants. Jennifer Lee of Northborough was our local winner. Jennifer was awarded her prize by Blades, the Bruins Mascot on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations, Jennifer!!

**Volunteer Thank You!** – The following people have been donating their time to help us keep our library in order. These volunteers shelf-read, shelve our materials and work on other projects as needed. We appreciate all they do for us!!

Marge Auger	Joseph LaBaire	Marilyn Sarnie
Mary DiTullio	Melissa LeSage	Barbara Stanton
Andrew Fan	Chad Kipp-McGowan	Elaine Swee
Mary John	Tara Reyes	

**Flu Season is Approaching!** - We are trying to do our part by keeping our Children's area clean and disinfected. Some good information websites to check out if you need information are [www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov) and [www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/childcare/toolkit/actionsteps\\_preventflu.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/childcare/toolkit/actionsteps_preventflu.htm). Remember to wash your hands frequently, teach kids to cough/sneeze into their elbow and to stay home when you or your child have flu-like symptoms. Let's hope for a healthy winter season.

**Save the Date** -- Children's Videocassette/DVD/Audio Book/Book Sale  
November 5<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> during library hours.  
Lots of fun children's titles for sale!

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Did you know.....

There are now many downloadable audio books that will play on your iPod? Go to <http://www.cwmars.org/> to and scroll down to Digital Catalog. Click on it and find audio books, videos, and e-books. You may be asked for your library card number.

We have added some lamps down in the old building near the fireplace with the wing chairs, and some desk lamps in the quiet study room of the old building as well. We hope these additions will make these areas more comfortable for reading and studying.

## Library Budgets

We are submitting our annual state aid applications this month. For the first time in our library's history, we will have to apply for a waiver on the municipal appropriation requirement (MAR), the standard that sets a certain percentage increase for the library's budget. Fortunately, the legislature has allowed unlimited waivers this coming year (compared to only ten in the state statute), and we are hopeful that we will again be certified for the coming year. Certification guarantees that other Massachusetts public libraries will loan to our patrons, either directly or by interlibrary loan.

Meanwhile, our state agency, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) is being asked to cut their budget by 17%. The MBLC is the agency that oversees the state aid process and budget. Cuts to the state aid budget will impact local libraries. But state funding is also what keeps the whole interlibrary loan delivery system going. Northborough receives a delivery van every day that it is open (except for Saturdays in the summer). You can help keep costs under control by being judicious in what you request, and picking up items that have been delivered here for you. If you no longer want a book you requested, let us know as soon as possible. The software works almost immediately, but if there is a waiting list for a book, we might have time to take your name off before costs are incurred.

State funding also forms part of the computer networks budget, such as C/W MARS. Our network is working on ways to reduce expenses so that the individual libraries will not be affected in a serious way.