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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)

April 2011

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Note: the library will be closed on Monday, April 18, for Patriot's Day.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, IS LIBRARY SNAPSHOT DAY! COME VISIT AND BE PART OF A STATE AND NATION-WIDE EFFORT TO DOCUMENT A TYPICAL DAY IN A LIBRARY!**

<p><b>Gluten Free Baking Class</b> <b>Wednesday, April 13, 6:30 p.m.</b></p>
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Learn how easy it is to create delectable gluten free baked goods! Ellen Allard, Gluten Free Diva, is a recipe developer, food writer, food photographer and videographer who frequently posts on her upbeat gluten free blog ([www.glutenfreediva.com](http://www.glutenfreediva.com)) about gluten free, dairy free, and plant-based recipes. Note that this is a demonstration (the library does not have an oven), but Ms. Allard will bring samples to try. Please register at the Reference Desk 508-393-5025 ext. 5.

<p><b>Beginner's Genealogy</b> <b>Saturday, April 23, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.</b></p>
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The Worcester Chapter of the Massachusetts Society of Genealogists, in conjunction with the Northborough Free Library, will be presenting a FREE 'Beginning Genealogy Program.' The program will run from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 23, 2011. An informal 'question/answer' session will be held during the half-hour 'bring your own' brown-bag lunch.

This course will show students how to begin researching their family tree and filling in the branches. It will include gathering, organizing, recording, and documenting data. Students will learn to conduct oral interviews; search through primary and secondary sources, such as vital, census, land, probate, military, and immigration records, as well as compiled genealogies; use the computer and the internet to find and record family information; and analyze the accumulated data.

This will be an interesting and fun-filled opportunity with handouts and charts to help you begin this exciting and addictive hobby. We look forward to seeing YOU there!

**Seating is limited. Registration required.**  
**Contact the library @ 508 393-5025 ext. 5**

## **Book Discussions**

April 8, Friday, 10 a.m. *Outliers: The Story of Success*, by Malcolm Gladwell.

April 13, Wednesday, 7 p.m. *A Drink Before the War*, by Dennis Lehane.

April 19, Tuesday, 7 p.m. *The Piano Teacher*, by Janice Lee.

Newcomers welcome. Copies available at the Check-Out Desk.

## **State Certification**

We are relieved to report that the library budget being presented at this year's Town Meeting (April 25-26) includes the restoration of \$50,000 in funds for our book budget. In our current fiscal year, this amount was removed from the budget and replaced with a one-time donation from Friends of the Library. Because of the reduction in municipal funding, we had to apply for a waiver of the Municipal Appropriation Requirement when applying for our state aid and certification. We received the waiver, but "with reservation," which is basically a warning for the following year. Although we still will have to apply for a waiver next year (we would have needed an additional \$53,000 to meet the MAR), we should be in the company of many other libraries, instead of being singled out for having "disproportionate" cuts.

## **Useful Websites for Books in Series**

Want to know the order of an author's series? Check out Kent District Library's list at: <http://ww2.kdl.org/libcat/WhatsNextNEW.asp> or the Nebraska Library Commission site at [www.nlc.state.ne.us/ref/booksinseries/](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/ref/booksinseries/) Wikipedia.com also does a decent job of listings. One shortcut is to Google the author's name with the word "wiki" after it.

## **Friends of the Northborough Library Basket Raffle**

**May 13-28**

Would you...Could you...

Donate a completed basket?

Donate some items (even gift cards) for a basket & we'll assemble it?

Volunteer to help staff the raffle table for an hour or two?

Some possible basket themes – foods, sports, car care, kids' games, crafts, holidays, the beach...

Please have completed baskets and basket items @ the library by Monday, May 9.

Questions - contact Pat Link – [palink@charter.net](mailto:palink@charter.net)

## **CHILDREN'S ROOM NEWS**

### **Welcome to Laura!**

We are pleased to welcome Laura Brennan, our new Children's Librarian. Laura has her Master's Degree in Library and Information Science from Simmons College, and was most recently the Children's Librarian in Millis. She has also worked at the Watertown Public Library. Please come in and say hello!

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### **Lego Club**

Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.  
Grades 1 – 3. Registration required.

### **Chess Club**

Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
Ages 8 and up. Registration required.

### **Music in Motion**

Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.  
Ages 18 mos. and up. Registration required.

### **Reading Ambassadors Book Club**

Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
Grades 5 and up. Registration required.

### **Lunchtime Stories**

Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.  
All ages welcome. No registration necessary.

### **Drop in Craft/Planet Earth**

Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Families welcome.

### **“Paws” and R.E.A.D.**

Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.  
Independent readers. Registration required.

### **Music with Ms. Carrie**

Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 – 11:30 a.m.  
All ages welcome. Registration required.

### **Tanglewood Marionettes**

Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.  
Families welcome. Registration required.

### **Science Experiments**

Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
Ages 8 and up. Registration required.

### **Afternoon Flick**

Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
Families welcome. Registration required.

### **Drop in Legos**

Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
All ages welcome.

### **Drop in Craft/Make a Duck**

Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Families welcome.

### **Scrabble Club**

Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
Ages 8 and up. Registration is required.

### **Music in Motion**

Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.  
Ages 18 mos. and up. Registration required.

### **Lunchtime Stories**

Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.  
All ages welcome. No registration necessary.

Please join us during April Vacation!!

### **TANGLEWOOD MARIONETTES**

present

“The Fairy Circus”

Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Registration is required.

Limited seating!

We would like to thank author Kevin Markey for visiting with us on March 22nd. Mr. Markey is the author of the Supersluggers Series. His second book in the series, "Wall Ball", is on our NSCBA (Northboro/Southboro Children's Book Award) list this year. We had many families join us to hear Mr. Markey discuss his books, share his thoughts on writing a book, divulge his next title, and thoughtfully answer all of our questions. Almost everyone purchased one of Mr. Markey's books and received a personal autograph. We wish him luck with his next book and in the NSCBA vote!!

**Thank you to the Bukow Family, whose guests made donations to the library in lieu of birthday gifts at their son's party!**