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Canton Library
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Volunteers help Library cope with increased use

Canton is using its Library like never before. By every statistical measure for borrowing, program attendance, and door counts, use of the Library is up by at least 30% from the highest point prior to the expansion of the building. Although utility and maintenance costs increased with the size of the building, the Library budget got smaller. This year we face another budget deficit, and as a result the need for a minimum of three additional staff will not only go unfilled, but retention of our current staffing level is in doubt. A reduction in staff would require curtailing Library hours.

Thanks to the tremendous response to our call for volunteers, the Library has so far been able to keep up with the increased volume of work in some areas. Each day, volunteers help to reshelve hundreds of books and media, make dozens of calls for reserved titles, help to label and jacket books, maintain bulletin boards, help monitor children's programs, and search shelves.

Thanks to the following individuals who are making a difference in their community:

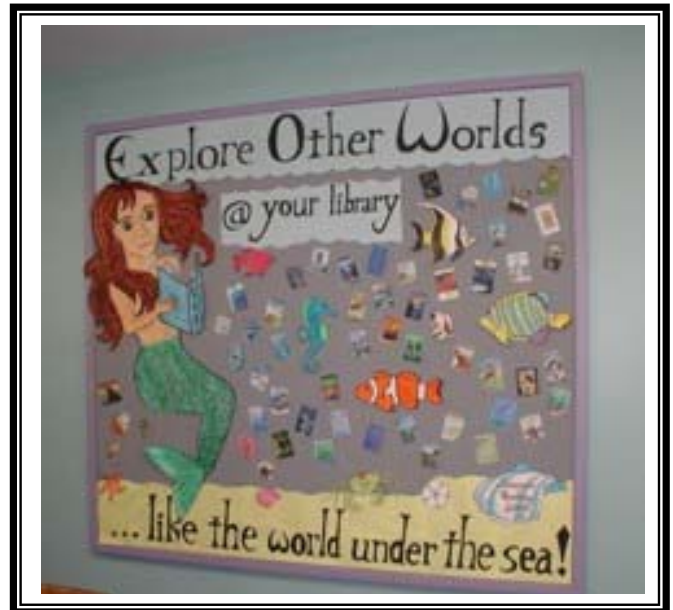
Katy Aslan, Erica Chiu, Sylvia Cormier, Trudy Dibner, Erica Dudley, Ursula Duganiero, Deanna Eng, Anne Goetze, Kay Johnston, Kathleen Kelly, Mary Moran, Fakhri Mousavi, Amanda Power, MaryAnn & Emily Price, Emily Prigot, Charlie Riley and Christy Woodman.

We wish to also acknowledge our Senior Tax Program participants who are also doing a tremendous job for us:

Roland Dugay, Jack Finnigan, Carol Gomes, Mary Little, and Mary Moran.

Summer Reading in the Children's Library

Over one hundred people joined us at the library on Saturday, August 14 to celebrate this year's successful summer reading program, Explore Other Worlds @ Your Library. Three hundred and fifty-five readers signed up for the program, and read over six thousand books. A new record!



An invitation to read! This colorful and imaginative display was created by volunteer Christy Woodman.

The winners of the "How Many Legs?" guessing contest were Julianna Howlett and Brendan P. Smith. Each came within two of the correct answer (474 legs) and received a prize basket including a gift certificate to Hearts and Stars bookstore.



All Library events are listed on our Web Calendar. Click "Events Calendar" from the Library Home Page:
<http://town.canton.ma.us/library>

Our bookshelf frog now has an official name: **The Canton Bullfrog** although we find him much friendlier looking than his counterpart: the Canton Bulldog. The name, submitted by Daniel Burkowsky, was chosen from 202 suggestions.



The 2004 Massachusetts Summer Reading Adventure was sponsored by the Canton Public Library, the Mass. Regional Library Systems, and the Mass. Board of Library Commissioners.

Speaking of which - the Mass. Board of Library Commissioners held their quarterly meeting at the Mass. Audubon Visual Arts Center in Canton on August 12, followed by a tour of



the new Library. Commissioner and Trustee George Comeau, and Trustees Nancy Mark and Betty Chelmow are pictured with MBLC members and staff in the Harriet Hemenway Reading Room.

Free Newspaper Service for the Blind Now Available

BOSTON - The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners is pleased to announce that NEWSLINE(r) is once again being offered in Massachusetts through the Braille and Talking Book Library at the Perkins School for the Blind in Watertown with funding made possible in this year's FY2005 budget.

"We are pleased to be able to offer this important service that provides access to daily newspapers for blind residents of Massachusetts through their touch tone phones," said Robert C. Maier, Director of the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. "In today's world, accessibility must extend beyond wheelchair ramps and braille elevator buttons. Access to information is equally important. Massachusetts has joined 37 other states in providing public funding for NEWSLINE, so that thousands of people across our state who can't read traditional print have access to daily newspapers and can keep up with current events," said Senator Therese Murray, Chairperson, Senate Ways and Means Committee.

Developed by the National Federation for the Blind, NEWSLINE(r) is an electronic system that allows users to listen to newspapers and magazines through synthetic voice output via any touch-tone phone. "People who are blind or visually impaired are no different from the rest of society. We want to keep up with the latest news by reading the daily newspaper on the train into work or over morning coffee," said Kim Charlson, Director of Perkins Braille & Talking Book Library. "NEWSLINE gives its users the ability to listen to the newspaper articles that interest them and stay connected to the world."

By calling a local or toll-free number, users can choose any newspaper in the system and listen to that day's, the previous day's or Sunday edition. Users can also select what article they wish to read; and the system also allows them to change speed or voice, or search for a particular subject. Massachusetts newspapers currently included are the: Boston Globe, Christian Science Monitor, Fitchburg Sentinel, Harvard Hillside, Lowell Sun, Pepperell Free Press, Shirley Oracle, Springfield Republican. Major newspapers and some magazines from throughout the US and Canada are also included.

Individuals wishing to sign up for the free service are encouraged to contact the Braille & Talking Book Library by phone at 1-800-852-3133 or via e-mail at library@perkins.org. For more information: www.perkinslibrary.org

Loose Ends

A Major Exhibit by a Major Canton Artist

We hope you haven't missed the wonderful exhibit by Canton's own Bob Lesieur that has been on display in the Community Room and entrance Gallery. Lesieur is a professional commercial artist who has over his 80+ years amassed many prestigious awards for art throughout the area and taught for many years at Boston University. He has been an active member of the Canton Art Association and we thank Bob and the Association for making this exhibit possible. Our favorite Bob Lesieur piece is the one he did to help us "envision" the Library before it was built. This "visionary" portrait of the future Library hangs on the far wall of the Reference Room.

Can you help someone learn to read?

A new Adult Basic Literacy Program (ABE) will be held evenings at the Canton Public Library. Volunteer classroom aides will be needed one night per week for a three-month period. In addition, two volunteer classroom aides are needed for three mornings a week in English as a Second Language (ESL) at Norwood's Morrill Memorial Library also for a three-month period. These programs are sponsored by the Blue Hills Canton/Norwood Community Partnership Adult Basic Education Program. An initial orientation meeting will be held at the Canton Public Library at a future date. Please contact Director Mark Lague at 781- 821- 5027.

Library Catalog Survey

OCLN is conducting a user survey that will help improve the Catalog and related on-line services. Whether you are a satisfied catalog user or not, your input is needed. A link to this short survey can be accessed from the catalog web page header. Thank you for participating!

Holiday Spree at the Library

The Friends of the Library are looking ahead to the annual **Holiday Sales Event** to benefit the Children's Library. We will feature plush puppets from Puppet World, children's books from Hearts and Stars Bookstore, and jewelry by Kirks Folly Design. **Save your holiday shopping for Wednesday, December 1st from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Community Room.**

Free Family Theater Tickets

The Wheelock Family Theatre, located on the campus of Wheelock College on The Riverway in Boston is offering free tickets to its performances for patrons of area libraries. The free passes can be checked out from the Children's Library and redeemed for a free ticket at the Theatre. Please check the Children's Library for schedules.

Donations augment collections in Special Needs and Learning Disabilities

The Canton Parent Advisory Council has donated a collection of approximately two dozen books and a half dozen videos relating to special needs and learning disabilities in children. Additionally, the Red Sox Foundation in partnership with the Jeremiah Cromwell Disabilities Center donated another dozen books on developmental disabilities.



Are you unsure what this funny icon is all about? Pick up a new CPL Bookmark and you'll find the story on the back. If you've never noticed, take a peek at the finial atop the Library dome - our most distinguished architectural feature.

Did you know? At the time the original library was built, an almost identical pine cone sat atop the State House in Boston ? See <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/cis/cismaf/mf3.htm>

The Friends of the Library Book Sale a "Celebration of Freedom"

A moving September 11th commemoration conducted by the Canton Fire Department was held on the front lawn of the Library, a poignant preface to the Friends' annual Book Sale. The Friends and Trustees believe that this event, which brings the community together to celebrate our freedom to read, is a fitting expression our values. Thanks to all who helped make the event successful and enjoyable. The Friends report that about \$2800 was raised by the Sale to support the Library, an increase of \$1000 over last year.



Visit the Friends' "Deja Vu Book Sale" whenever you stop in. Hardcover titles are just \$2 each or two for \$3. Paperbacks are each \$1, or three for \$2. The sale shelf is located down the hall from the main desk on the right, near the Media section. Proceeds will help the Friends support our book budget.

eBooks Available

eBooks are electronic versions of printed books. eBooks can be viewed online from any PC connected to the Internet. You can browse eBooks for quick research and reference or read them at your leisure. Since eBooks are online, they're available at your convenience—anywhere, anytime. You never have to worry about returning them.

The most comprehensive source of eBooks is available free from NetLibrary with your Library Card. Call Reference for instructions, pick up a brochure at the Reference Desk, or go to <http://www.mlin.org/books/ebooks/> and put in your borrower card number to set up an account.

Voter Information Resources

The Massachusetts League of Women Voters has created a non-partisan voter information website. This website located at <http://www.votinginfo.info> is a Massachusetts specific, one-stop resource for citizens interested in registering to vote and learning about candidates. Other valuable election-related sites include: Project Vote Smart (<http://www.vote-smart.org>) that provides a comprehensive database of thousands of candidates and elected officials from President to Governors and State Legislators. Less detailed information is available at the county and local level for each state. The Librarians' Index to the Internet located at <http://www.lii.org> has collected an extensive list of sites on "issues and information" and "history and background" so whether you are searching for a blog, a polling place, or voting statistics, there is a link for you.

Engraved Bricks to be installed first week in November

An extension of the Pathway to the Future, engraved with Canton names and intentions, will be set during the first week in November, adding more than seventy-five brick pavers to the memorial walkway. We thank everyone who purchased a brick for your support of the Friends of the Library and for your patience as we worked through some delays in this project.

Library Night at the FleetCenter with the Boston Celtics

Nov. 21st, 2004 vs. Seattle Supersonics. Discount tickets for Library patrons \$10 off balcony, ½ price Club & End Zone seats. Call 617-854-8064.

Holiday Schedule

The Library will be closed for holiday during the following times:

November 11, Veteran's Day
November 25, Thanksgiving Day
November 24, Early closing 5:30 p.m..
December 24, and 25, Christmas
January 1, New Year's Day

Set these Dates get Engaged at the Library

Thursday, October 28, 2004 7:30p Book Discussion "Friends with Books" discussion of Angels and Demons

Wednesday, October 27, 2004 7:00p College Financial Planning

In the Community Room.

Thursday, November 4, 2004, 7:00p College Funding Advisors, Inc.

In the Art & Activity Room

Both of these programs will discuss strategies to pay for college and determine eligibility for financial aid.

In the Community Room

Monday, November 8, 2004, 7:30p Excel Workshop In the Technology Center

Monday, December 13, 2004, 7:30p Powerpoint Workshop In the Technology Center

Both of Workshops are presented by Timothy Mangan. Pre-registration is required at the Reference Desk

Holiday Stroll & Luminaria with the

Canton Garden Club

Come and enjoy a festive evening of hospitality, friendship, and community spirit. Stroll through the new Grover Estates and enjoy the ambience of the Garden Club's beautiful holiday decorations. Come and stroll along with friends and see Christmas lights, luminarias, and hear the Strolling Carolers fill the air with Holiday cheer. Finish the stroll by visiting the Library fully decorated in theme and offering a wonderful holiday boutique and refreshments.



Friday, November 19, 2004 3:00p – 10:00 p

Grover Estates, Maple Street, Canton

*Paul Revere
Biography*



*Revere's Foundry
& Copper Mill*

A lecture and slide presentation by Patrick Leehey, Research Director, of The Paul Revere House, will focus on Revere the man and his industry. Join us for this fascinating insight into this great Massachusetts historical icon and his connection to Canton's early industrial development.

Tuesday, **December 7, 2004**, 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room. This program is free to the public.

Canton Public Library

Fiction

Balough, Mary	Slightly dangerous
Brown, Sandra	White hot
Coulter, Catherine	Blowout : an FBI thriller
Dickey, Eric	Drive me crazy
Evanovich, Janet	Ten big ones
Forbes, Leslie	Waking Raphael
Hogan, Chuck	Prince of thieves
Kelly, Lauren	Take me, take me with you
Michaels, Fern	Weekend warriors
Michaels, Kasey	Maggie without a clue
Morrall, Clare	Astonishing splashes of colour
Murray, Paul	An evening of long goodbyes : a novel
Patterson, James	Sam's letters to Jennifer : a novel
Trigiani, Adriana	The queen of the big time
Ward, Liza	Outside valentine

NEW TITLES



November

Non Fiction

282.136 A	Allen, John	All the Pope's men : the inside story of how the Vatican really works
296.442 M	Milgram, Goldie	Making your own bar/bat mitzvah : a personal approach to creating a meaningful rite of passage
320.973 K	Keillor, Garrison	Homegrown democrat
332.695 M	Mezrich, Ben	Ugly Americans : the true story of the Ivy League cowboys who raided the Asian markets for millions
362.28 O	Oliver, Anna Cypra	Assembling my father : a daughter's detective story
363.289 A	Albrecht, Kat	The lost pet chronicles : adventures of a K-9 cop
364.973 B	Burrough, Bryan	Public enemies : America's greatest crime wave and the birth of the FBI
365.244 H	Herrick, Barbara	The blackberry tea club
616.998 L	Lahita, Robert	Women and autoimmune disease : the mysterious ways your body betrays itself
641.563 R	Ricciotti, Hope	The healthy family cookbook
650.1 M	Morgenstern, Julie	Making work work : the 9 essential skills for taking control at the office
728.72 M	Mulfinger, Dale	Getaway home : discovering your home away from home
792.82 Robbins	Jowitt, Deborah	Jerome Robbins : his life, his theater, his dance
92 Bin Laden	Bin Laden, Carmen	Inside the kingdom : my life in Saudi Arabia
973.931 B	Byrd, Robert C.	Losing America : confronting a reckless and arrogant presidency
973.931 P	Powers, John	Sore winners : (and the rest of us) in George Bush's America