



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

Web page: www.northboroughlibrary.org

January 2010

Note: the library will be closed on January 1 and January 18 (Martin Luther King Day).

Please note that during the winter months, weather conditions may cause us to close the library with very short notice. Children under the age of 12 should never be left at the library without an adult or responsible teen guardian. Children 12 and over should be able to call or text a parent or guardian for immediate pick-up. If the child is unable to reach the parent, and no one has picked up a child left at the library by the time the library closes, the library staff will contact the Police Department. Staff will not remain inside the building with your children past closing time, and are not expected to wait outside. Please think ahead and spare your children needless anxiety.

SHELVERS WANTED!

We had a great response from the shelving workshops we held back in September. We asked a three month commitment, so it's time for some new volunteers! (Previously trained volunteers are still more than welcome! Call first to see if there's work to be done.) We will hold a new training session of approximately 1.5 hours on **Thursday, January 14, at 10 a.m.** To be a good shelver, you must have:

Good attention to detail, and be able to read and distinguish between letters and numbers on spine labels.

Physical strength to push a fully loaded book cart (up to 30 pounds).

Physical ability to reach top shelves, or to stoop for bottom shelves.

Time to spend at least two hours a week.

Please call ahead to register – leave your name at the Reference Desk (Adult Services, extension 5). Imagine finding all the books you've been meaning to read!

MOVIE SHOWING: "Gigante" Wednesday, January 20, 7 p.m.

Jara is a shy and lonely 35-year-old security guard at a supermarket, monitoring surveillance cameras on the night shift. He starts watching Julia, a 25-year-old cleaning woman. Eventually he finds himself at a crossroads: give up his obsession or confront it.

88 minutes. From Uruguay. Spanish with subtitles.

An 18 minute short film from Denmark follows.

Book Discussions

January 8, Friday, 10-11:30 a.m. *Wit: a Play*, by Mary Edson
January 13, Wednesday, 7 p.m. (Mystery book discussion) TBA
January 25, Monday, 7 p.m. *American Lion*, by Jon Meacham

Newcomers welcome. Copies available at the Check-out Desk. All held at the library.

Farewell to Sarah....

Sarah Kalb Albers, our capable Library Assistant at the Reference Desk, has left for other employment. Sarah started at the library in 2006 working part-time at the Circulation Desk. She began working full time in January 2008, cataloging all the adult material (books, DVDs, audiobooks, etc.) as well as helping patrons at the Reference Desk.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Lapsit Storytime – Newborn to Crawlers:

Wednesday, January 6th, 10 -10:30 a.m.
Registration required.

Lunchtime Storytime – New Books for the

New Year: Friday, January 8th, 12:30 – 1:00 p.m. Registration required.

Chess Club: Monday, January 11th, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Age 8+. Registration required.

Music in Motion: Tuesday, January 12th, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. 18 mos. +. Registration required.

Snowflakes Drop-in-Craft: Friday, January 15th, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Kid's Flick – "Imagine That": Tuesday, January 19th, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Families. Registration required.

Toddler Indoor Snow Party: Thursday, January 21st, 9:45 – 10:30 and 10:45 – 11:30 a.m. Age 2+. Registration required.

Music in Motion: Wednesday, January 27th, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. 18 mos.+ Registration required.

Lunchtime Storytime Laugh-Out-Loud Stories: Friday, January 28th, 12:30 – 1:00 p.m. Registration required.

Lunchtime Storytime – Ground Hog Day Stories: Tuesday, February 2nd, 12:30 – 1:00 p.m. Registration required.

Lapsit Storytime – Newborns to Crawlers: Thursday, February 4th, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. Registration required.

For more details on a particular program please go to www.northboroughlibrary.org and click on Calendar of Events.

OTHER CHILDREN'S ROOM NEWS

Adopt-a-Magazine - some of our magazine subscriptions will be ending at the beginning of the new year. If you are interested in continuing to have a certain children's magazine available or would like to sponsor a new one please consider adopting a magazine for the year. Magazine adoptions will be acknowledged if you so desire. Please call the Children's Room at 508-393-5025 ext. 4 for more details.

Seeking Lego Donations - have an attic full of legos that could use a new home? Consider donating them to our Children's Room for future programs and creative fun. We promise to put them to good use. Please call the Children's Room for further information.

Display Cases - we would love to display your collectibles. Do you have a special collection of legos, trains, American Girl dolls, etc? Let us know if you would like to share it with others in one of our beautiful display cases. The cases protect your collections and are for viewing only. Give the Children's Room a call if you are interested.

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers for a year of keeping our new library looking neat and organized! We appreciate your dedication and commitment! If anyone is interested in joining as a volunteer please contact the Children's Room.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Our library is hosting a legislative breakfast on Friday, February 5, starting at 8:00 a.m., one of many being held across the state.

Did you know that state funding is what enables books from all over the state (and beyond) to come to Northborough for your benefit? That you can borrow books from neighboring libraries due to the state aid program? That half of our annual fee to C/W MARS is paid with state aid we receive every year? That electronic databases, newspaper and magazine subscriptions are free to you (with your valid Massachusetts library card) because of state funding? That our beautiful new library exists because of a state construction grant of over \$2 million?

Take this opportunity to thank your legislators for their efforts to provide all these very real benefits on a local level, and to encourage them to remember the importance of libraries in people's everyday life.