
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

February 2010

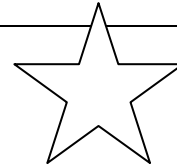
Please note: The library will be closed on Monday, February 15, for Presidents' Day.

Parents: Please read reminder on back page about children left at closing time, especially during winter months, and note that the library closes at 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday.

You are invited... to our Legislative Breakfast on Friday, February 5, from 8 to 9 a.m. in the library meeting room. Speak to your state senator and representatives and thank them for our beautiful library (funded with the help of state construction money from the Board of Library Commissioners). Remind them of the importance of public libraries as part of local aid to cities and towns.



**Croquet on a Winter's Day!
Sunday, February 28, from 1-5 p.m.**



The Friends of the Library invite you to come play with us! Brendon Properties, St. Vincent Medical Group and Marlborough Savings Bank are sponsoring this fundraiser, with more local businesses sponsoring wickets and scorecards. The course will be laid out like miniature golf inside the library, but with croquet equipment (except the balls are soft plastic). \$3 per person; refreshments for sale at the 19th "hole." Last entry at 4:30 p.m. Snow date: March 7th. Proceeds benefit the library's book budget. Note: the library is closed for regular business.

If you can help out either with set-up on Saturday evening, or for the event on Sunday, contact Jan Bisset at 508 393-5717 or jb122900@aol.com We need to borrow some mallets as well.

TOO HUMAN – A CELEBRATION OF SONG: THE AMERICAN SONGBOOK AND BEYOND

Saturday, March 6, 2-3 p.m.

Get out of the house and enjoy live music featuring jazz standards and more recent selections. Sponsored by a grant from the Northborough Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Save the date....

Michael King, author of *Patriots Passion: 50 Years of Fanatic Fandom Facts*, will talk about his book and engage the audience in interactive trivia about our football team. April 7, 7 p.m.

FILM SHOWINGS

For My Father. Monday, February 22, 7 p.m. A young Palestinian is sent on a suicide mission to Tel Aviv, but when the bomb won't detonate, he lives among the Israelis and falls in love with a young Orthodox woman. 96 mins. Hebrew and Arabic with subtitles. Plus a 15 minute short.

Storm. Wednesday, March 24, 7 p.m. Trying to bring a former Yugoslavian commander to justice for the murder of civilians, the prosecutor faces roadblocks, even as she finds a new witness in the trial. 103 mins. German, Bosnian, Serbian with subtitles. Plus a 14 min. short.

Troubled Water. Wednesday, April 14, 7 p.m. Jan is a gifted organist who takes a job in a church after being released from prison. 116 mins. Norwegian with subtitles.

Mine. Date to be announced. A documentary about the bond between humans and animals, set against the backdrop of Hurricane Katrina. 81 mins.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS at the LIBRARY

Wednesday, February 10, 7-8:30 p.m. (mystery group) *Reflecting the Sky* by S.J. Rozan

Friday, February 12, 10-11:30 a.m. *1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus*, by Charles Mann

Monday, February 22, 7-8:30 p.m. *Galileo's Daughter*, by Dana Sobel

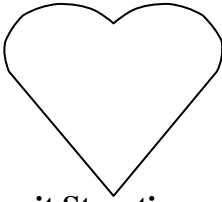
NEW AT THE LIBRARY

We now have **bulletin boards** for your community postings: one in the lobby and one upstairs. Postings are for cultural and social events; we do not have room for individual ads (car for sale, music lessons in my home, babysitting services).

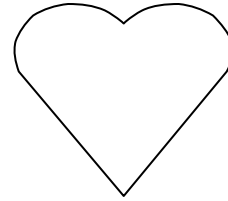
Art exhibits are now possible in the meeting room now that we have a picture rail. Please contact Jean Langley, Library Director, at ext. 9. (508 303-5025)

Coffee/tea service will be available this month in the Internet café, thanks to the Friends of the Library. Suggested donation is \$1. This convenience is subject to sufficient donations to pay for supplies, and availability of library staff or volunteers. We welcome donations of lidded cups, sugar and sweetener packets, stirrers, napkins, etc. And we appreciate tidiness of all partakers to keep this going! Selection of beverages may be expanded if this service is successful.

Yes, we have **tax forms**. They are on shelves upstairs, just before the stone wall of the old building. Remember, most forms are now available on-line. We also have a book of reproducible forms, available at our Reference Desk for copying.



CHILDREN'S ROOM NEWS



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

Scrabble Program – Saturday, February 6th 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.
Recommended for ages 7 and up.
Registration is required.

Music in Motion – Tuesday, February 9th 10:00 -10:30 a.m. Recommended for ages 18 mos. and up. Registration is required.

Lunchtime Storytime – Valentine Stories – Wednesday, February 10th 12:30 – 1. All ages welcome. Registration is required.

Mother Goose Asks Why (Stories and Science Fun)-Thursday, February 11th 10:00 – 10:45 a.m. Recommended for ages 4 and 5. Registration required.

Kid's Flick – “Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs” – Tuesday, February 16th 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Families welcome. Registration is required.

Lunchtime Storytime – Our Feathered Friends - Wednesday, February 17th 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.
All ages welcome. Registration is required.

Drop in Craft – Zoo Animal Bookmarks – Friday, February 19th 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
All ages welcome. No registration required.

Chess Club – Monday, February 22nd 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Recommended for ages 8 and up.
Registration is required.

Lunchtime Storytime – Puppy Tales - Tuesday, February 23rd 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.
All ages welcome. Registration is required.

Music in Motion – Wednesday, February 24th 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Recommended for ages 18 months and up.
Registration required.

Mother Goose Asks Why (Stories and Science Fun)-Thursday, February 25th 10:00 – 10:45 a.m. Recommended for ages 4 and 5. Registration is required.

Unattended Children Policy Change – recently we have updated our policy to state that children under the age of 12 attending one of our programs must have a parent/caregiver remain in the building during the program time. Please make arrangements accordingly. Thank you.

Adopt-a-Magazine - some of our magazine subscriptions will be ending soon. If you are interested in continuing to have a certain children's magazine available or would like to sponsor a new one (ex. Lego Magazine) 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 - Do you 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 @ 508-393-5025 ext. 4.

Winter Conditions

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.

The library closes at 5 p.m. on *Thursday, Friday, and Saturday* under usual conditions.

*The library does not follow the school closing schedule on snow days. However, if the Town has been unable to keep our parking lot cleared, and/or if we have not been able to maintain sidewalks and exits in a safe condition, we may be forced to close. On a rare occasion, the Town may also decide to close departments due to unsafe road conditions. Likewise, if we have insufficient staff to keep the building open (our policy is a minimum of 3) because people have been unable to get to work, we will either have a delayed opening, or have to close early. Please plan accordingly, even if you are able to get to the library.

*Have a **Happy Valentine's Day!!***

