

GALE FORECAST

NORTHBOROUGH FREE LIBRARY

LIBRARY HOURS: Monday, noon to 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday & Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Thursday – Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Our newsletter has been dormant for a few months, but we hope to resume monthly publication with this issue.

So much has happened! We moved back to Main St. in mid-January, and quietly re-opened March 4, a little later than planned. We didn't receive our final occupancy permit until the end of February (which also meant we couldn't use volunteers to help us). It took us a while to get our phones and computers set up, furniture delivered and installed, and ready for business.

Our **Grand Opening** was March 15, and grand it was! We estimate that over 400 people came in a three hour period to witness the cutting of the ribbon, tour and admire the beautiful new spaces, listen to speeches and enjoy refreshments. (more on next page)

BOOK SALE

Book Sale: Friends of the Library May 29, General Public May 30

DONATE BOOKS NOW!

We accept donations of books, DVDs, VHS, music, video games and audiobooks at all times. We **do not** accept donations of encyclopedia sets, books in poor condition, magazines, puzzles or games, except video games.

VOLUNTEER NOW! Help the [Friends of the Northborough Library](http://www.friends-of-the-northborough-library.org) by volunteering at the [Book Sale](#) or sorting [donated books](#). We need many hands to help set up the Book Sale in late May. We have thousands of books to sort. Please call Ellen Church at 508-393-1742.

Please do not put donations in our book return bins!

BASKET RAFFLE

BASKET RAFFLE Begins May 30, Drawing June 13

PLEASE DONATE BASKETS by Friday, May 22. Please e-mail Cindy Atwood, randcatwood@netzero.net, or call the Checkout Desk, 508-393-5025, x6, for more information.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED to sell raffle tickets in the library lobby, please call the Checkout Desk.

PROGRAMS OFFERED IN OUR MEETING ROOM

REAL ESTATE FORUM, May 13, 7-8:15 p.m.

Learn about the \$8000 program for new home buyers, reverse mortgages, and home selling options. Presented by Spangler Select GMAC.

TAPPING DOWN YOUR STRESS , June 2, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Learn the basics of EFT, Emotional Freedom Technique, which is a self-administered form of acupuncture to help restore calmness and confidence. Presented by Tina Marian, "The Wellness Nurse."

NOTE: THE ABOVE PROGRAMS ARE OFFERED FOR THOSE WHO MAY BE INTERESTED, AT NO CHARGE, AND WITHOUT ANY IMPLIED ENDORSEMENT BY THE LIBRARY.

TOWN NEWS: TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT DAY, MAY 9, 104 OTIS ST., 8 A.M.-2 P.M.

<http://www.town.northborough.ma.us/documents/TakeItorLeaveIt.pdf>

MORE ON THE NEW BUILDING

Our building is a work in progress, so expect to see some landscaping work in the next month. As funds allow, we will be adding enhancements such as additional lighting in the old building, a picture rail in the meeting room, some bulletin boards, and other items. Workers will be testing and activating the air conditioning (sorry to the visitors who were here during the recent hot spell), and correcting some "punch list" items.

We hope you are enjoying **new conveniences**, such as more parking, easier access to the entrance, roomy display of the new books and other materials, plenty of seating, more computers, bright aisles, small study rooms, and a choice of meeting space.

Something else new for us: we are now catching up with the rest of the world and using **automated answering** for our phones, along with **voice mail**. We

know people like getting a live person, but in a bigger building, we can't readily track down our library staff who may be away from a desk helping a patron, or elsewhere in the building. With voice mail, we don't keep someone on hold for long periods of time, and the caller can leave a message. The system works while we're closed as well. Another benefit is that a ringing phone does not disrupt transactions at the check-out desk as frequently, and the building is quieter. Once you know the extensions from the recording, you can dial that extension without having to listen to the entire message.

We also have **new hours** (see front page). Unfortunately, this is not an improvement, but a reaction to having the 40 hour position of Assistant Director (Head of Reference) "frozen." There will be more about budget cuts in next month's newsletter.

MAY 2009 Children's Room News

Lunchtime Stories - Tuesday, May 5th 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Pack a picnic lunch and join us for some fun stories. All ages welcome. Registration is required and begins May 1st. Please call us at 508-393-5025.

Make-A-May Basket Drop-In-Craft - Thursday, May 7th 9:30a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Come make a May Basket that you might want to share with a friend this month. Families welcome. No registration is required.

Chess Club! -- Monday, May 11th 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Challenge a new opponent, play four-way chess and learn some new moves. Popcorn and drinks provided. Recommended for ages 8 and up. Registration is required and begins May 1st. Please call 508-393-5025.

Music in Motion – Wednesday, May 13th 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Join Lisa for some dancing and singing fun! Recommended for ages 2-4. Siblings are welcome. Registration is required and begins May 1st. Presented by Apple Tree Arts and sponsored by The Community Partnership for Children. Please call 508-393-5025 to register.

PJ Storytime – Monday, May 18th 7:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Wear your pajamas and come listen to our bedtime stories. Bring along a favorite stuffed animal to listen with you. Families welcome. Registration is required and begins May 1st.

Planting with a Twist Drop-In-Craft – Tuesday, May 19th 9:30a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Let's get started on our gardens! Bring in a creative planter, like a shoe, and we will provide the soil and seeds. Families welcome and no registration is required.

Garden Lunchtime Stories – Thursday, May 21st 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Bring in a picnic lunch or a snack and listen to some gardening stories. All ages welcome. Registration is required and begins May 1st. Please call us at 508-393-5025.

Music in Motion – Thursday, May 28th 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Join Lisa for some dancing and singing fun! Recommended for ages 2-4. Siblings are welcome. Registration is required and begins May 1st. Presented by Apple Tree Arts and sponsored by The Community Partnership for Children. Please call 508-393-5025 to register.

Celebrate Children's Book Week - Saturday, May 16th, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Boston Public Library Children's Room @ 700 Boylston Street

The Children's Book Council brings its annual celebration of Children's Book Week to Boston. Meet authors such as Megan McDonald (Judy Moody), Greg Tang (Math Appeal, Math for All Seasons) and Sara Pennypacker (Clementine's Letter, Stuart's Cape). The authors and illustrators will talk about their work, meet young readers, and sign copies of their books.

Celebrate Eric Carle's 80th Birthday

Stop in the Children's Room and design a birthday circle for Eric Carle. All of the decorated circles will be mailed to the Eric Carle Museum to help decorate giant birthday cake cutouts around the museum. Be a part of this great celebration!!

SUMMER IS ON ITS WAY!!

"STARSHIP ADVENTURE" 2009 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Our summer reading program will Blast Off on June 29th @ 7:00 p.m. with storytelling and music by Davis Bates and Roger Tinknell. Please mark your calendars and join us that evening. Summer reading sign-ups will begin Monday, June 22nd.

Watch for the June Gale Forecast newsletter or go to www.northboroughlibrary.org for further exciting adventures and programs!

Summer Reading 2009 Donation Requests

- Gently used or new books – paperbacks, picture books, early readers or chapter books.
- Monetary donations always welcome.

Summer Reading Volunteers

Volunteers must be in 6th grade or older. Please come to the Children's Room to sign-up and complete a volunteer form.