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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.  
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## BOOK SALE – EXPANDED!

The Friends of the Library are holding their annual book sale on **Friday, May 7, from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.** and **Saturday, May 8, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Books on Saturday will sell for 50 cents; deeper discounts apply in the last hour. We have an excellent supply of used books, DVDs, audiobooks, and music CDs. Don't miss this great opportunity!

*Friends Preview Sale:* If you are a member of the Friends, you may come to the special preview sale on Thursday from 12- 4 p.m. Membership forms are in the library and on our website under the Friends of the Library menu button. Individual memberships are only \$12.

## BASKET RAFFLE, May 8-22

**You never win anything? That's what our basket raffle winners have said until we called them to tell them they won one of the Friends of the Library gift baskets! Baskets are on display from Saturday, May 8 (check out the book sale while you're here) through Saturday, May 22 at noon. The odds of winning are excellent, and the raffle tickets are very reasonable! Proceeds help the library, so it's a win-win situation!**

Can you spare an hour or two during library hours to staff the raffle table? Please sign up at our check-out desk. No hard selling, and you can read on the job!

## WATER GARDENS AND RAIN GARDENS

Tuesday, May 18, 7 p.m.

Add a water and other improves plants, it



about these features from Donna Williams, Conservation Advocacy Coordinator for Audubon's Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary.

garden to your landscape, and attract frogs, dragonflies, birds, wildlife! And a rain garden, which collects rainwater, our local aquifer and waterways. With wet and dry-tolerant provides a unique habitat for additional wildlife. Learn more

## ART SHOW!

During the month of May, please enjoy the **oil paintings** on display from Nancy Molvig, landscape painter from Lincoln, Massachusetts. Her brightly colored landscapes are of New England scenes. Prices are available. We invite other artists to take advantage of our display space in the Meeting Room. Contact Jean Langley (508) 393-5025, extension 9, for details.

Our exhibit case in the lobby is also available for groups, or for individuals to showcase their hobbies and collections.

## MOVIES

**Mine. Wednesday, May 19, 7 p.m.** A documentary about the bond between humans and animals, set against the backdrop of Hurricane Katrina. 81 mins.

## BOOK DISCUSSIONS

**Wednesday, May 12, 7-8:30.** *Miracle Cure*, by Michael Palmer

**Friday, May 14, 10-11:30 a.m.** *The Book Thief*, by Markus Zusak

**Monday, May 17, 7-8:30 p.m.** *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society*, by Mary Ann Shaffer.

Newcomers welcome. Copies of the books are available at the check-out desk in the lobby.

## CHILDREN'S ROOM EVENTS

**Lunchtime Storytime – Wednesday, May 5th, 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.**

All ages welcome. Registration required.

**Lapsit Storytime – Thursday, May 6th, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.**

Newborns to crawlers. Registration required.

**Music in Motion – Friday, May 7th, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.**

Recommended for 18 mos. and up. Registration required.

**Storytime with Dad & Donuts – Saturday, May 8th, 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.**

All ages welcome. Registration required.

**Music in Motion – Tuesday, May 11th, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.**

Recommended for 18 mos. and up. Registration required.

**Lunchtime Storytime – Friday, May 14th, 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.**

All ages welcome. Registration required.

**Chess Club - Monday, May 17th, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

Recommended for ages 8 and up. Registration required.

**Lunchtime Storytime – Tuesday, May 18th, 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.**

All ages welcome. Registration required.

**Plant a Sunflower – Drop in Craft – Friday, May 21st, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

Families welcome. No registration required.

**Weehands – Signing with Babies & Toddlers – Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.**

Babies to 3 yr. olds with parents/caregivers. Registration required.

**Lunchtime Storytime - Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.**

All ages welcome. Registration required.

**Music in Motion - Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 -10:30 a.m.**

Recommended for ages 18 mos. and up. Registration required.

**Mother Goose Asks Why - Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.**

Recommended for ages 4 and 5. Registration required.

## **CHILDREN’S ROOM “NEWS”**

**New Kits Coming Soon!** – very soon we will have “Beginning with Mother Goose” kits available for checkout!! You may already know how important it is to read to your baby, but sometimes it’s hard to know where to begin. “Beginning with Mother Goose” provides you with everything you need to get started.

**“New Book of Knowledge” Website** – visit this great online encyclopedia for general searching and homework help. This database can be accessed through the Homework Help tab on our Kid’s homepage. Just go to [www.northboroughlibrary.org](http://www.northboroughlibrary.org) and click on Kids.

**New Series Books** – do you like to read the **American Girl** series? Do you like to read about Super Heroes? We now have these two new series: *Girl of the Year* and *Super Heroes*. Stop in and check them out!!

### **New 2010 Summer Reading Theme - “GO GREEN”**

- \*fun “green” activities
- \*wonderful programs & special guests
- \*reading for Heifer International/readers will choose which animals to donate
- \*monetary or new book donations needed for summer reading prizes –please give us a call if you have any questions
- \*volunteers (grades 6 and older) needed to assist summer readers with logging reading time and engaging in their reading selections– watch for more info in our June Gale Forecast

**\*Starting now we will be collecting CAN TABS (soda & others) for the Ronald McDonald House and for one of our summer crafts – feel free to bring them in at any time – thank you!**



The Central Massachusetts Regional Library System (CMRLS) is ceasing existence as of July 1, 2010. One of the services they have been providing is the delivery of books among libraries in central Massachusetts, and connecting to the delivery services in other Massachusetts regions. *This service will continue, so books you are borrowing from other libraries will continue to arrive.* However, as the state makes the transition from 6 regional library systems down to two and then down to one, there may be some “blips.”

For individual libraries, such as Northborough, it is a sad turn of events. The regional library system, and Northborough’s membership in it, dates back to the early 1960s. At that time, there were three regions which served all the public libraries. In the late 1990s, the regions expanded to six, most of the expansion in the eastern part of the state. At that time the regions also incorporated school libraries, academic libraries, and special libraries. Regions offered deposit collections, loans of professional support material, training of staff, consulting services, equipment loans, printing, access to on-line databases, and buying cooperatives for books and library supplies. Some of these services will remain, but in a reduced manner due to the closing of offices and reduction in staff. At a time when many people advocate for greater cooperation among communities and regionalization, this downsizing is a step backward.

We thank the CMRLS staff for the many years of professional support, much of it invisible to the public, but invaluable to all our libraries. They helped us help you!