



# 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.  
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**June 2009**

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**NOTE: THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED FROM JULY 3-JULY 5. OTHER SUMMER HOURS AS ABOVE.**

## **THRU-HIKING THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL**

The Northborough Free Library is hosting a presentation by Roger “Hammer” Tetreault on “Thru-Hiking the Appalachian Trail,” on Wednesday, June 10, at 7 p.m., in our Meeting Room. In 2008, Mr. Tetreault hiked 2176.4 miles over the course of five months. He will be presenting slides of his amazing accomplishment.

## **LIFELONG ACCESS PROGRAMS**

Last year our library was awarded an EqualAccess Libraries™ grant under the category of Lifelong Access, targeted to provide programs, materials, and other services to people age 50 and up (though open to others). Grant funding is through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners with LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) funds, a federal source of library funding provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The staff development component was funded by the Libraries for the Future (LFF), a non-profit organization. Programs will run through September, with the hope of continued programming with local resources.

## **Traditional Greek Dance Class**

Join the circle with teacher Irene (Rene) Savas, on **Thursday, June 11, at 2 p.m.** Lots of fun and good exercise! Rene has been teaching dances and directing a performing troupe for over 23 years. She is the president and dance director of the Lykeion ton Ellinidon, Boston Chapter, whose mission is to promote, preserve and maintain Hellenic folk culture. No experience necessary, but **wear leather-soled shoes** that can move on a carpeted surface.

## **The Future of Print Journalism**

With the recent threats to shut down the Boston Globe, and the demise of several national dailies, what is the future of newsprint journalism? Join us for this discussion on **Wednesday, July 15, at 7 p.m.** George French, retired editorial page editor of the Telegram & Gazette, will be sharing his own thoughts on the subject. Mr. French started his journalism career in 1970 as a reporter, and has covered politics, police, business, suburban news, and entertainment. He was appointed to the T&G editorial board in 1986.

## **Save the Dates....**

July 21, 2 p.m., Foreign Film with Discussion (title to be announced)

August 18, 7 p.m. Game Night.

August 20, 10 a.m. International Human Rights discussion.

September 9, 7 p.m. Basic Retirement Planning

September 12, 10 a.m. Technology "Petting Zoo."

September 21, 7 p.m. Ask the Computer Geek.

## **BASKET RAFFLE CONTINUES**

The Friend of the Library Basket Raffle continues in the library lobby until June 13, when winners will be announced. Thank you for the businesses, clubs, and individuals who have donated items for the raffle. The raffle enables the Friends of the Library to continue supporting the library with museum passes, children's and teen programs, and other services the library would not otherwise be able to afford. Have a few hours? We could use someone to sit at a table to collect raffle ticket money – no hard selling required. And you can read on the job! Contact the Checkout Desk.

## **OUR LIBRARY BUDGET**

Last month we made note of our new, reduced hours. We now don't open until noon on Monday, rather than 9:30 a.m., and close at 5 p.m. on Thursday rather than at 8:30 p.m.. We know these new hours have inconvenienced many of you, but with the "freezing" of the vacant 40-hour position of the Assistant Director, we could not adequately staff the library. We will on occasion have temporary help, especially at the reference desk upstairs.

We will also be losing our pages, the people who work 48 hours a week shelving books, and preparing new materials to go on our shelves. We will have them through the summer. After that, we will be relying on dependable volunteers who will commit to at least two hours a week for three months. Watch for announcements of training sessions.

We are using a cleaning service for limited hours as well, since our custodial position was also frozen after Lyman Maccabee's retirement.

When we apply for our state aid this fall, we will be requesting a waiver of our municipal appropriation requirement, since our budget does not meet a required formula. Without this waiver, we will lose the right of Northborough residents to borrow from other libraries. Our materials budget is also going to fall below the minimum standard, so we will be looking for monetary donations to offset that loss. (Donations of actual books do *not* meet the requirement.) Expect to see a smaller collection of titles, and fewer copies of popular titles.

## CHILDREN'S ROOM PROGRAMS

**Music in Motion – Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> 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 June 1<sup>st</sup>. Presented by Apple Tree Arts and sponsored by The Community Partnership for Children. Please call 508-393-5025 to register.

**Audubon Ark “ Living Things and Their Environment” – Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 3 to 4 year olds – 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. and K – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades – 11:15 to 11:45 a.m.**

Come and learn about the natural habitat of two wildlife animals with our local Audubon Society. Registration is required for both age groups. Please call 508-393-5025 beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>. Sponsored by The Community Partnership for Children.

**“Starship Adventure” Summer Reading Kick-Off – Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup> 7:00 – 7:45 p.m.** Join Davis Bates and Roger Tincknell for “A Constellation of Stories & Songs”. This program will involve the audience in a variety of cultural traditions,

sharing songs and stories about the sun, moon, stars and more. A delight for all ages!! Registration is required and begins June 1<sup>st</sup>. **This performance will be held at Proctor Elementary School, 26 Jefferson Road, Northborough.** Sponsored by the Northborough Cultural Council & The Community Partnership for Children.

**Space Stories with Space Rolls Craft– Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup> 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.**

Come on our space reading adventure and make our space craft. Recommended for ages 4 to 6. Registration is required and begins June 1<sup>st</sup>. Please call us @ 508-393-5025.

**Space Flicks–Movie Night - Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup> 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

Families, bring your dinner and we will provide the popcorn!! Please call the Children's Room for the space flick title. Registration is required and begins June 1<sup>st</sup>. Give us a call @ 508-393-5025.

**“Starship Adventure” Summer Reading Registration – Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Today is the Day!! Register for summer reading online @

[www.readsinma.org/northborough](http://www.readsinma.org/northborough).

Stop by the Children's Room if you need assistance. We will be happy to help. Pick up your summer reading packet at any time. Summer reading prizes will be on display. Blast Off Your Summer Reading!!

## CHILDREN'S ROOM REQUESTS

### 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 6<sup>th</sup> grade or older. Please come to the Children's Room to sign-up and complete a volunteer form.

## REMINDER ABOUT MUSEUM PASSES

Museum passes are very popular in the summer months, for children as well as adults. You can reserve them online if you have a valid Northborough library card (they expire every two years, so check with us to see if it needs updating), **and create an online account.** This account is not just for museum passes, so it is worth establishing. Go to our website: [www.northboroughlibrary.org](http://www.northboroughlibrary.org) and click on the menu item on the left "your library card" for instructions. In the instructions there is a section that says LOGIN, which will bring you to the page where you create an account (click on the word LOGIN). You type in your library card, and then skip the part about putting in your PIN. Click on the Submit button. OR, go to our catalog at <http://cmars.cwmars.org/search~S40/> and look for the red LOGIN tab on the top. Click on that and follow directions. Once you have created an account, you can go to the museum section of our website, enter your library card and PIN, and see which passes are available and reserve them. You will still need to come to the library to pick up the passes. If your plans change, *please* call the library so that someone else can use the pass. If you do it online you need to click on the "My Passes" button, and at least 24 hours in advance. Otherwise, give us a call.