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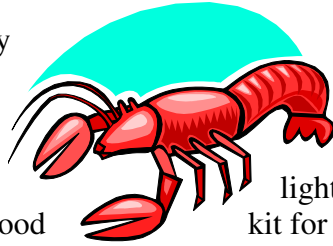
Hours: Monday, 12 noon to 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday & Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.
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August 2010

Lobster for Labor Day Library Basket

Support the Library summer- and we'll the library to win wine glasses beverage, lobster placemats, and a seafood meat picks, butter ramekins, cloth napkins, wooden mallets and wet naps. The only thing left is that you need to provide your own lobsters!



by having a lobster feast to celebrate the end of provide all the trimmings. Buy a raffle ticket at this basket of goodies. The basket includes: 2 painted with a lobster theme, a seafood lights to decorate the patio, 2 lobster shaped platters, kit for 4 which includes lobster bibs, shellfish crackers, wooden mallets and wet naps. The only thing left is that you need to provide your own lobsters!

Raffle tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for 6 tickets. Raffle tickets may be purchased at the front desk of the library. The winning ticket will be drawn on August 27, 2010. The basket was generously donated by the Northboro Junior Woman's Club. The raffle is being sponsored by the Friends of the Northborough Library.

We're Changing Our Overdue Notices

Many of our patrons enjoy the convenience of having notifications from the library through e-mail. If you have reserved a book, you can get an e-mail message that it has arrived and is waiting for you. You can also get a reminder a couple of days in advance of when books and other library materials are due back. Two weeks after the due date you will get a notice that the checked-out items are past due.

For those who do not have e-mail or choose not to give it to us, we have been sending post-card reminders when items are two weeks overdue. *As of September 1, we will no longer be mailing these notices.* The C/W MARS network will no longer be printing these notices for member libraries due to the staff time involved, and printing costs. Member libraries may opt to receive these notices electronically, but then would have to pay for the printing as well as the mailing of the notices to our patrons. Our Trustees have recommended that we conserve our budget and staff time, so no notices (other than bills) will be sent other than through e-mail.

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Your options:

Provide us with an e-mail address so you can receive these notices electronically.

Reference staff can show you how to set up an e-mail account, and you can use library computers if you do not have one at home.

Keep track of what you check out. We can print a receipt for you every time you check out books, DVDs, etc. with the titles and due dates. You can check your private library record online (we can show you how). We can also look it up for you if you come in or call.

Two more things to be aware of:

We will still send printed bills through the U.S. mail when items are four weeks past due.

E-mail addresses for holds or overdue notices are on an entirely different computer network than the one used to send out an electronic copy of this newsletter. Check with any staff member to see if we have your e-mail attached to your library card number for the courtesy notices.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

August 11 (Wednesday), 7 p.m. *Bones*, by Jan Burke. (mystery book discussion)

August 13 (Friday), 10 a.m. *Bold Spirit: Helga Estby's Forgotten Walk Across Victorian America*, by Linda Lawrence Hunt

August 16 (Monday), 7 p.m. *Olive Kitteridge*, by Elizabeth Strout

Newcomers are welcome to any group. Copies of the books are at the Circulation Desk.

AUDIOBOOK LOVERS!

One of our audiobook vendors is now supplying MP3 versions of the same titles we buy in CD format. They are coming automatically with our subscription at no extra charge. That means we can offer two copies of each of the titles. MP3 discs do require a compatible player, but most computers, many new cars, and portable players can play this format. Many DVD players also can play MP3s. One big advantage of this format: there can be fewer discs. *The Surrendered*, by Chang-Rae Lee, for example, requires 15 regular CDs, but only 2 MP3 discs. It's a bonus for you: less to carry and fewer discs to change; and a bonus for the library: less shelf space. By the way, *The Surrendered* won a starred review in *Publishers Weekly*: "Lee's masterful fourth novel bursts with drama and human anguish as it documents the ravages and indelible effects of war."

FOREIGN FILM: "The Wind Journeys"

Thursday, August 19, 2 p.m.

Ignacio Carrillo believes his accordion is an accursed instrument. He tries to discourage a spirited young teenager, who wants to be his apprentice, from following in his footsteps. While they discover the musical diversity of Caribbean culture, destiny has its own plans for them. 120 minutes; Spanish with English subtitles.

Children's Room Events

Storytime with Judy Stern

Monday, August 2nd, 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.
Registration required. Ages 3 – 6.

Seed Paper Craft

Monday, August 2nd, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Registration required. Ages 8 and up.

Dinnertime Stories

Wednesday, August 4th, 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.
Registration required. For families.

Recycled Robot Drop in Craft

Thursday, August 5th, 9:30a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
No registration needed. All ages welcome.

Music with Carrie Rowan

Friday, August 6th, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Registration required. All ages welcome.

Helping Haiti – Girl Scout Program

Saturday, August 7th, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Registration required. Grades 1 – 3.

Your Watershed & The Water Cycle

(Organization for the Assabet River - OAR)
Monday, August 9th, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Registration required. Ages 6 – 10.

Wolf Talk – Go Green Summer Reading Finale!!

Wednesday, August 11th, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Registration required. For families.
@ Proctor Elementary School

Summer Flick

Thursday, August 12th, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Registration required. For families.

Go Green Summer Reading Program Updates

Go Green ends on August 14th!!

Remember to stop by and check in your Bingos and Hours!!!

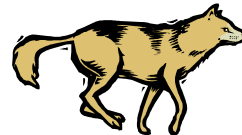
August 9 – 14 those eligible may pick out a new book!!

Bring in your can tabs, food pantry items and Helping Haiti items!!

Summer Reading Evaluations/Suggestion forms coming soon!!

Wolf Talk - Go Green Summer Reading Finale!!

Wednesday, August 11th, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.



Join Michael LeBlanc and learn about one of our valued and endangered species. He will share his knowledge and clarify many misconceptions about this beautiful animal, the wolf. This program will be held at Proctor School @ 26 Jefferson Road, Northborough. Families welcome. Please give us a call to register at 508-393-5025 ext. 4.

Helping Haiti – Girl Scout Program Saturday, August 7th, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Play, listen and taste while learning about Haiti. This is a program presented by Girl Scout Troop 801 working towards their Silver Award. Recommended for grades 1 – 3. Registration is required. Also, the Troop is collecting gently used or new shirts, shorts and shoes in order to donate to Haiti. Please help them out and drop off your items in the Children's Room. Thank you.

Other News About the Library.....

This year's **Applefest** will be held the weekend of September 11-12. The Friends of the Library will have their sidewalk **book sale** in front of the library. If there is rain, the book sale will be in the library Meeting Room.

The Trustees recently approved a higher borrowing limit of 10 DVDs per library card.

Our circulation figures (items checked out) will top 200,000 for this past fiscal year! The library's previous record was 173,339 items in FY 04. Last fiscal year the count was only 149,269, reflecting time in our temporary building and three months when we were closed.

The storage shed built by Ryan Lang for his Eagle Scout project is almost finished. It is just waiting for the exterior finishes, windows, and door.