



# GALE FORECAST

Hours: Monday through Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday and Saturday: 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Phone: (508) 393-5025

Web page: [www.northboroughlibrary.org](http://www.northboroughlibrary.org)

November 2008

The library will be closed on Tuesday, November 11, for Veteran's Day.

The library will also be closed on Thursday, November 27, for Thanksgiving. We will close *early*, at 5 p.m., the evening *prior* to Thanksgiving, but open as usual Friday and Saturday.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE AT: [www.northboroughlibrary.org](http://www.northboroughlibrary.org)

## WE HAVE PAINT! WE HAVE LIGHTS!

Painters have either finished or put primer coat on most of the walls in the addition. The Children's room will have cool blues and greens with warm accent colors. The lobby will be a reddish orange ("spicy hue") with more of the color upstairs, teamed with "clay pot" and "golden fleece." The teen room will be a lime green. The colors were selected to complement the oak woodwork, both in the original building and in the new section, where the painter is applying stain to windowsills and other trim.

Much of the ceiling gridwork is in place, and electricians have been installing light fixtures. You may be able to see some through the front door on Main St.

The biggest apparent difference on the exterior is the removal of the staging and scaffolding. Green siding is being applied, using a hydraulic lift on the high parts.

## BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Friday, Nov. 14, 11 a.m. *The Red and the Black*, by Stendhal. At the library.

Monday, Nov. 17, 7 p.m. *Three Junes*, by Julia Glass. At Tom's Gourmet on Main St.

Wednesday, Nov. 19, 7 p.m. Mystery Book Discussion Group. *The Face of a Stranger*, by Anne Perry. At the library.

Thursday, Nov. 20, 1 p.m. *And Murder for Dessert*, by Kathleen Delaney. At the Senior Center.

## AUDIO TRAIL GUIDES AVAILABLE

The Northborough Trails Committee has provided the library with a number of MP3 players loaded with a narration given by Forest Lyford (who has led the library's two trail walks this year). There are approximately 50 stations along the Edmund Hill and Proctor Trails, and Mr. Lyford gives a brief description at each. We have packaged and cataloged the players for circulation. Please supply your own earphones, and learn something new about Northborough's woods!

## DVD OF NORTHBOROUGH TRAILS

Are you interested in seeing Northborough's trails before you head out for a hike? Perhaps you'd just like to enjoy some beautiful scenery from your armchair. Thanks to Scott Karpuk and Claude Guerlain, you can borrow a DVD that features Northborough's beauty through the seasons. Their stunning photography will open your eyes to areas you may not know even existed within our borders.

### WE GET QUESTIONS....

We recently had a question about the impact of the recent cuts in the state budget on the library. One cut was from a program that provided a (small) match for local fundraising efforts. In the past year the Friends of the Library received \$775 from the fund.

There was a cut of \$103,131 to the Talking Book Libraries in Worcester and Watertown, a service that any Northborough resident can use with certification from a health care provider. You need not be legally blind to use this service, but unable to read print or hold a book. There was a cut to the Library Technology and Resource Sharing line item, which supports the library networks such as C/W MARS.

Let's review which library services are provided either entirely or partially by state funds:

**Delivery services.** Delivers books, DVDs, and other materials among Massachusetts libraries, enabling the highly popular interlibrary loan services. In the past fiscal year, Northborough received 11,314 items and lent 11,831. (In FY 07, before we moved to temporary quarters, we received 14,119 items and lent 11,909.) This service also allows you to return materials at any library, regardless of where you borrowed them.

**Electronic databases, magazine, and newspaper articles.** Not everything is on the Internet, and not everything on the Internet is free. With your Massachusetts library card, you can get free access to information you won't find with a Google search. Students, including adults seeking professional degrees; researchers; and business people use these services and find reliable information at no extra charge. See our website to learn how.

**C/W MARS** and other library networks. These networks allow you to see the catalog of our library and most other libraries throughout the state. Libraries depend on these networks for cataloging, circulation of materials, statistics, and a host of other functions.

**Grant money**, including federal grants, which are administered by the Board of Library Commissioners. Northborough has been a big beneficiary of this program, with the \$2,171,949 construction grant. We have also received smaller grants over the years, and receive over \$20,000 annually through the state aid program.

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**Children's Videos and Books-on-Tape Sale**  
**Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**  
**To Be Held in the Children's Room**

## November 2008 Children's Room News

### Red, White & Blue Drop in Craft – Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

We'll be having an Election Day themed craft. Remember there is no school on Election Day, so stop in and be creative. Families welcome and no registration is required.

### Chess Club – Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Challenge a new opponent and make your moves! Recommended for ages 8+. Please call the Children's Room to register at 508-393-5025.

### Music in Motion – Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Come dance and sing along with Lisa! Recommended for children ages 2-4 (siblings welcome) accompanied by an adult. To be held at St. Rose of Lima Family Life Center, 244 W. Main St., Northborough. Presented by Apple Tree Arts and sponsored by The Community Partnership for Children. Please call the Children's Room @ 508-393-5025 to register.



### The Whiz Game Night – Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Chris from The Whiz will be here to introduce us to the latest and greatest games. Get some ideas for some new games to play on those chilly winter nights. Families welcome with children in grades K – 5. Registration is required and begins November 1<sup>st</sup>. Please call us @508-393-5025 or stop by to register.

### Pizza Dinner Storytime – Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Dinner's on us! Join us for some pizza, drinks and yummy stories. Families welcome. Registration is required and begins November 1<sup>st</sup>. Please call the Children's Room @ 508-393-5025 to register.

### Music in Motion – Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Come dance and sing along with Lisa! Recommended for children ages 2-4 (siblings welcome) accompanied by an adult. To be held at St. Rose of Lima Family Life Center, 244 W. Main St., Northborough. Presented by Apple Tree Arts and sponsored by The Community Partnership for Children. Please call the Children's Room @ 508-393-5025 to register.

\*Be sure to check-out our new website and programs calendar at:  
[www.northboroughlibrary.org](http://www.northboroughlibrary.org)

## ★ HOMEWORK HELP ★ CHILDREN'S REFERENCE DATABASES

Check out our new website for two terrific children's reference databases. We have **New Book of Knowledge** offering current news events, projects & experiments, bibliographies and homework help. Also, **Amazing Animals** presents colorful and exciting animal facts, animal habitats, featured creatures and fun activities. Go to: [www.northboroughlibrary.org](http://www.northboroughlibrary.org), click on Kids and Homework Help to check them out!



Northborough Free Library  
Treasure the Past. Invest in the Future.

**Northborough Free Library Expansion**  
Donation/Pledge Form

I/We are enclosing a gift of \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to *Friends of the Northborough Library, Inc., 71 Lyman Street, Northborough, MA 01532* The Friends are a 501(c)(3) organization.

I/We pledge:

\$\_\_\_\_\_ to be paid in 2008, by \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

\$\_\_\_\_\_ to be paid in 2009, by \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

I would like my donation to be used for:

\_\_\_Furnishings (specify if you wish)\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_Computer(s)

\_\_\_Undesignated or other\_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Donations of \$5000 and up entitle you to your name on a wall plaque and membership in the Cyrus Gale Society. Naming opportunities are also available. Contact Jean Langley, Library Director, for more information.