
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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November 2009

NOTE: The library will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, for Veterans' Day, and on Thursday, November 26, 2009, for Thanksgiving. We will also close early on Thanksgiving eve, Wednesday, November 25, at 5 p.m.

Movie & Discussion Friday, November 20, 1:30 p.m.

Come see **The Drummer**, a film about a young man from Hong Kong, who escapes danger from his father's adversary, and flees to Taiwan. There he encounters a group of Zen drummers. Their mesmerizing art, rigorous training, and austere way of life pique the hostile young man's interest and he asks to join the group. His life is transformed, but he faces the challenge of his past, and has to choose between family loyalty and his new found faith in himself.

115 minutes; subtitles.

Book Discussions

Friday, Nov. 13, 10 a.m. *The Great Gatsby*, by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

Monday, Nov. 16, 7 p.m. *Olive Kitteridge*, by E. Strout

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 7 p.m. *The Lincoln Lawyer*, by Michael Connelly

All take place in the library. New members welcome. Copies available at the Check-out Desk.

Can You Help?

Facebook and **Twitter** (among others) have been in the news on a regular basis in recent years. Not only are they social networking sites where people keep in touch with each other, but they have become tools for businesses and politicians to attract customers and voters. But many people have never seen an example. We know there are a lot of you out there who enjoy these social networking sites, so we'd like a volunteer who could do a live demonstration in our Meeting Room, with your own laptop. You should be able to address an audience of parents and other people of various ages, to explain clearly the pros and cons of these new electronic services. Please see Library Director, Jean Langley, to discuss. Thanks!

How has business been these first eight months in our new building? Here are some figures showing how many items we checked out (and note that all these items have to be checked back in), compared to the previous two years:

	2007	2008	2009	% 08-09
March	14,685	11,801	14,985	0.27
April	12,755	10,859	15,838	0.46
May	12,319	11,657	16,278	0.40
June	17,338	14,074	19,641	0.40
July	8,605	16,875	21,178	0.25
August	9,887	13,936	19,074	0.37
September	9,940	11,604	15,492	0.34
October	10,926	11,525	16,160	0.40

The library moved to temporary quarters in July 2007 (hence the low number of check-outs that month). We moved to our new building in January 2009, and opened to the public in March 2009. The last column shows the percentage increase in check-outs from the months in the new building compared to last year in the temporary building. These higher numbers are expected, but even looking at March-June 2007, before we had done any moving, you can see there has been a jump in business from that time span to the same months this year.

We are thrilled so many people are enjoying the new library.

Please bear with us over the next year. We now have 112 hours *per week* fewer paid staff hours than a year ago. While we are wonderfully grateful to the volunteers who have been shelving and assisting with so many other tasks, our regular staff are not able to provide as many services or as quickly as we have in the past. Much of what we do requires confidentiality, timeliness, extensive training, password access, and skills not readily assumed by volunteers. Budget cuts have also meant cost reductions elsewhere. We have cancelled some magazine subscriptions and databases, and have reduced our purchasing of books and other materials.

We are very appreciative of the Friends of the Library, who have voted to fund some page hours through the end of the fiscal year, and have continued to provide funds for our children's and teen programs. The Friends have also committed to adding funds to our book budget. You can join the Friends by printing a membership form at our website: www.northboroughlibrary.org and mailing it in or by picking up a form in the library. Please consider volunteering to help with their fundraisers as well. (There will be a basket raffle and book sale in the spring, for example.)



CHILDREN'S ROOM EVENTS

Music in Motion – Tuesday, November 3rd, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Ages 18 mos. + -- registration required.

Chess Club – Monday, November 16th, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Ages 8 and up. Registration required.

Lapsit Storytime – Tuesday, November 17th, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Newborns to crawlers. Registration required.

Music in Motion – Wednesday, November 18th, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Ages 18 mos. + -- registration required.

Turkey Treat Holder – Drop in Craft – Thursday, November 19th, 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
All ages welcome. No registration required.

Thanksgiving Lunchtime Stories – Friday, November 20th, 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.
Families welcome. Registration required.

Time to Hibernate – Lunchtime Stories – Friday, November 27th, 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.
Recommended for ages 5 to 8 yrs. old. Registration is required.

Holiday Origami with Tom Weaver – Monday, November 30th, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Recommended for ages 8 and up. Registration is required.

Visit our website at www.northboroughlibrary.org and click on Calendar of Events
for more details or give us a call at 508-393-5025 ext. 4.

CHILDREN'S VIDEOS & MORE SALE!! -- We are having a sale in the Children's Room!!
We have thousands of children's videos, dvds, magazines, books and audiobooks for sale! Stock
up for the holidays or for those special family nights to watch a movie or read together. Prices
will range from \$.50 to \$4.00. Our sale runs from **November 5th - 13th** during our regular
library hours. Let the shopping begin!

