



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

December 2008

Note: The library will be open until 1 p.m. on December 24, and closed all day December 25 and 26. We will be *open* on Saturday, December 27. We will also close early, 5 p.m., on December 31, New Year's Eve., and we will be closed on January 1. We will be open our regular hours (9:30 to 5) on January 2&3.

Please read notice below about our upcoming closing for the move.

WE HAVE ASPHALT! WE HAVE CARPET!

Believe it or not, the contractors are winding down work on the library! Their date for substantial completion is in December. The parking lot is paved and granite curbing is being installed along with sidewalks. There is now carpet in the addition upstairs. The main staircase has a slate accent wall. Woodwork is going up on the walls in the lobby and new book browsing area, and staining is in progress. There is much work being done in the old building currently, as ceilings are scraped, walls are painted, and the wood floors sanded. Inspections are taking place on the alarms and elevator. Steel shelving is scheduled to arrive this month, along with some furnishings. See information below about the upcoming move and how it affects you.

MOVING IN JANUARY

Yes, it's time for our long-anticipated move back to our permanent library!

There are some logistics to finalize, such as furniture delivery, certificate of occupancy, the availability of the moving company, etc., so we can't specify a date as yet. At this point it looks as if we will be open the first full week in January at our 71 Lyman St. location. Then we will close for up to four weeks before re-opening in our beautiful new library. But check our website frequently www.northboroughlibrary.org and keep in mind that at some point we will have no phones or computers for a few days.

Interlibrary loans:

For ordinary holds from our own collection or within C/W MARS, you will need to specify a pick-up location other than Northborough for the weeks we are closed. Otherwise, the "default" location will be Shrewsbury, who is generous enough to do this favor for us once again. As of December 5th, we will no longer place out of state interlibrary loans since they may arrive during our closed period. For interlibrary loans through Virtual Catalog (inside Massachusetts but not C/W MARS), you will also need to choose a different Central Massachusetts library for your pickup location starting December 19. There is a drop-down list of libraries on the patron login page of the Virtual Catalog:

<http://www.cwmars.org/vcat/cvirtcat.html> For more information about interlibrary loans, go to <http://www.northboroughlibrary.org/northborough/loan.asp>

MUSEUM PASSES

You will not be able to book museum passes on-line while we're closed. Call us for availability of the following passes, which are paper tickets that do not have to be returned: Children's Museum in Boston, Ecotarium in Worcester, Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of Science, New England Aquarium, Trombetta's Indoor mini-Golf, Wheelock Family Theatre. We will mail these to you.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Wednesday, December 17th, 7 p.m. Mystery book discussion: *The Maltese Falcon*, by Dashielle Hammett. At the library.

Thursday, December 18th, 1-3 p.m. *Rhett Butler's People*, by Donald McCaig. The book is *Gone with the Wind* from Rhett's point of view.

Check at the Circulation Desk for copies of these books.

The Monday night book discussion group is not meeting in December.

VISITING OTHER LIBRARIES

Many of you have visited other libraries either when we were closed for our move in the summer of 2007, or even while we've been in our temporary quarters. Under state law, any library that is certified under minimum standards for state aid must allow non-residents to make on-site visits. This same regulation also requires that libraries lend to non-residents, whether on-site or by interlibrary loans (or "holds"). However, this regulation applies only a reciprocal basis. If a library became decertified because of budget cuts or a reduction in hours beyond the state minimum, that library is under no obligation to check out books to other libraries or to non-residents. For our Northborough residents, that means if one neighboring library becomes decertified, you will not be able to borrow from that library. A worse scenario is if our own library became decertified. With the fiscal picture looking bleak for FY 10, this could become a reality. It would mean that no Northborough resident would be honored in Worcester, Shrewsbury, Westboro, Marlboro, or any other public library in the state. We received 11,314 items from other libraries in the past fiscal year (in FY 07 it was 14,119).

So long and good luck to.....

Lyman Maccabee, our custodian for the past 20 years. We shared him with the Senior Center. Lyman took particular pride in making sure the library was clean. He was always willing to help whenever one of us had a request. Lyman grew up in Northborough, but now resides in Marlboro.

Demetri Kyriakis, the Assistant Director since January of 2005. His regular duties included heading our Reference Department, where he was of tremendous help to our patrons, both for information questions and computer help. Demetri has accepted a position as Head of Reference Services at the Morse Institute Library in Natick.

December 2008 Children's Room News

Music in Motion – Wednesday, December 10th, 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.

Make-Your-Own Gingerbread House – Thursday, December 11th, 6:00- 7:00 p.m.

Create and decorate your own holiday house. Gingerbread houses and sweets generously donated by our library Teen Advisory Group (TAG). Join the teens for some holiday fun! Recommended for grades 3 – 5. Registration is required and begins December 1st. Call the Children's Room at 508-393-5025.

Holiday Greetings Drop in Craft – Friday, December 12th, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Design your own Holiday Greeting Card! Create a card for your family and friends. We will provide all the fun craft supplies you will need to make your card. Stop in the Children's Room anytime during the day.

Chess Club – Monday, December 15th, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Come, play and learn. Challenge a new opponent and have some fun! Popcorn and juice provided. Recommended for ages 8+.

Please call the Children's Room to register at 508-393-5025.

Cocoa & Cookies Storytime - Wednesday, December 17th, 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Snuggle up with a cup of cocoa, chew on some yummy cookies and listen to our brrrr wintry stories. Stories to be read by our Teen Advisory Group (TAG). Cocoa & cookies graciously donated by Starbucks. Recommended for families. Registration is required and begins December 1st. Venture out on this wintry night and join us.

Storytime with Dorothy Johnson – Thursday, December 18th, 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Local author Dorothy Johnson will be joining us to read her new book entitled “Rupert and the Devil's Food Chocolate Cake”. Hear the latest adventures of the leaping leprechauns. Families welcome and no registration is required.

Music in Motion – Tuesday, December 23rd, 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.

Many Thanks to The Whiz – Chris Walsh

For families that ventured out on a cold night, we hope you had fun learning about some exciting new games with Chris from The Whiz in Westboro. As always Chris brought the latest and greatest in fun games. If you were not able to attend be sure to catch Chris and his games next time.

**Be sure to check-out our new website and programs calendar at
www.northboroughlibrary.org**



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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: _____

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.