



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.
34 Main St., Northborough, MA 01532
Phone: (508) 393-5025

Web page: www.northboroughlibrary.org

December 2009

NOTE: The library will be closed from Thursday, December 24, 1 p.m., until Monday, December 28, at noon. Our book and media return boxes will remain open. Go to our webpage and follow links under “Research Help” to gain access to on-line databases, newspapers, magazines, and downloadable electronic books. All you need is your library card number!

Season of Giving

Girl Scout Troop 30486 will have a **giving tree** at the library. Bring in hats, mittens, and scarves for needy children and put them on the tree. Items will be collected December 17 for distribution on December 18.

Do you have old **eyeglasses**? We have a young man who is collecting them as a community service project. The box is on a table to your left as you come in.

Consider a contribution to the library this season. We need to supplement our book budget with cash donations. (Donated books are welcome, but don't count for our state aid certification). We can personalize a book plate, if you wish: “In honor of Mom Reader, December 2009.” Customize as you wish, but keep it brief. You can donate on-line on our catalog at <http://cmars.cwmars.org/search~S40>. Click on “Donate” in the upper right hand corner of the screen.

Coming Up.....Something “Wicket” This Way Comes

The Friends of the Library are planning a fundraiser to supplement our book budget, which has been cut by 22 % this year. We need to make up the difference to qualify for our state aid certification. So mark your calendar for **Sunday, February 28**, for an indoor game of **croquet** at the library! The Friends are actively seeking sponsors for the wickets and scorecards. Sponsorships for the wickets (your business or name goes on the wicket) are \$100; sponsorships for the scorecards are \$75. We already have several sponsorships lined up. Contact Jean Langley at the library at jlangley@town.northborough.ma.us and she will put you in touch with one of the committee members. We will need volunteers for set-up as well.

Book Discussions

Wednesday, December 9, 7 p.m. Mystery Book Discussion: *The Monkey's Raincoat*, by Robert Crais.

Friday, December 11, 10 a.m. *The Wealth and Poverty of Nations*, by David S. Landes.

LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

Our library will be host for one of the annual legislative breakfasts held across the state. Our tentative date is Friday, February 5, starting at 8 a.m. Check our January newsletter and website for confirmation. This is an opportunity for us all to share with our state senators and representatives the importance of our local libraries. State funding has provided over \$20,000 a year in direct aid to our library (but is being decreased). It is also what supports the deliveries among libraries, allowing all the books, DVDs, and audiobooks to reach you from libraries across the state, a hugely popular service. State funding helps keep our local membership cost to C/W MARS at a reasonable rate, provides other regional services such as cooperative buying of books and library supplies, free continuing education for our staff, technical advice, equipment loans, and discounted materials for our summer reading program. And the state's construction program, with a grant of over \$2 million, helped make our magnificent library building possible. So if nothing else, come and thank your legislators for what they have done for Northborough.

CHILDREN'S ROOM NEWS

Register for programs (when required) in person or by calling 508-393-5025, ext. 4

Music in Motion – Tuesday, December 8th 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Recommended for ages 18 mos. and up. Registration is required.

Lapsit Storytime – Newborns to Crawlers, Thursday, December 10th 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Registration is required.

Trees & Stars Drop-in-Craft – Friday, December 11th, 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Saturday Kid's Flick – Saturday, December 12th, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

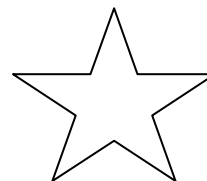
"Tinker Bell and the Lost Treasure". All ages welcome. Registration is required.

Chess Club – Monday, December 14th, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Recommended for ages 8 and up. Registration is required.

Wintry Stories – Lunchtime Storytime – Tuesday, December 15th, 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Families welcome. Registration is required.



Gingerbread Houses – Tuesday, December 15th, 5 - 6 p.m.

Recommended for grades 4 & older. Registration is required.

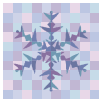


Music in Motion – Wednesday, December 16th, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Recommended for ages 18 mos. and up. Registration is required.

Saturday Kid's Flick – Saturday, December 19th, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

“Up” is this week’s movie flick. All ages welcome. Registration is required.



Snow Stories – Lunchtime Storytime - Tuesday, December 22nd, 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.

All ages welcome. Registration is required.

Mittens Family Storytime - Monday, December 28th, 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Registration is required.



Make –a-Card Drop-in Craft – Tuesday, December 29th, 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Stop in to make a holiday Thank You card or a Happy New Year card.

Sparkle, Slime and Science Tricks – Wednesday, December 30th, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Recommended for grades 3 to 5. Registration is required.

Our Wish for December.....

May the season still enchant you.

May the snow dance prettily outside your window, while you're comfortably inside.

May your sidewalks, driveways, and vehicles stay magically clear and dry.

May you see each day as a gift – and one you don't have to buy.

May the ice sparkle on trees, but spare your knees (and other body parts).

May the dark evenings give you more excuse for reading.

May you enjoy memories of the past year, and no regrets.

May you have good health and opportunities for fun.

May you enjoy all the things you like about the holidays, and permission to skip what you don't.

May you have the time with the family and friends that you love.

May there be peace among you all.