

Book Clubs Around

In response to growing demand, New Bedford libraries have started book clubs for adults. The Wilks Library began its book club, "Book Bites," in October, and in November, the Lawler Library kicks off its to-be-named club with two session times. All patrons are welcome to attend either or both libraries' book clubs.

Nine people gathered for the "Book Bites" inaugural meeting in October. The theme of "Book Bites" is a variety of popular fiction that has some depth to it, and attendees suggest books to be read. In October, the group discussed Josephine Tey's *Daughter of Time*, considered to be one of the best detective novels of the twentieth century. The book looks at Richard III, long considered to be one of history's villains, and makes the case that he was wrongly accused of the murder of his young nephews. The discussion was lively and entertaining, ranging from such topics as English history to current mystery novels. As the club's name suggests, goodies were served in the form of lemon squares and cupcakes featuring white and red roses, in keeping with the book's War of the Roses time period.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 18 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. The group will discuss *Magic Hour* by best-selling author Kristin Hannah. Published in 2007, the book tells the story of psychiatrist Dr. Julia Cates and her efforts to help a mute "wild child" found in a forest. Copies of the book will be available at the Wilks Library. Because every month's book is different, anyone is welcome to join even if they missed the first meeting.

The Lawler Library conducted surveys as part of its LSTA Equal Access Grant. Its new book club is the first result of this survey. The club will hold two sessions – Tuesday, November 18 at 6:00 p.m. and Wednesday, November 19 at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend one or both sessions. Both meetings will read the same book: Sara Gruen's *Water for Elephants*, in which Jacob reminisces about his life with a small circus during the Depression. Besides discussing the book, attendees will discuss future books, future meeting times and book club names. Refreshments will be provided. If you have any questions or wish to reserve a book, please call the Lawler Library.

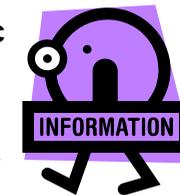
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We want to hear from you!

Are there titles, topics or specific genres you would like to see in the library? Are there specific formats you would like to borrow? Seen a good movie lately you think we should have? Is there a children's title which should be on the shelf? Some hot new topic or title you are burning with desire to see? We want to hear from our patrons about what materials you feel we lack or need more of in the library. If you think the collection is good we would also like to receive that feedback too. Between the beginning of November and the middle of December there will be a suggestion box at the Main Library and each of the branches for you to tell us just this.

Listen Up! Downloadable Audiobooks, eBooks and Music



The New Bedford Free Public Library is excited to tell you about the digital materials we have available. Through our online catalog, you can download audio books, eBooks and music to your computer. Many of these you can transfer to your MP3 player or burn to a CD to take with you.

1. After successfully logging into our online catalog www.sailsinc.org, click on the button for Digital Books to be taken to the SAILS Network Digital Media Home Page.
2. If you are using this Digital Media site for the first time, you will need to download the free Overdrive Media Console and the latest version on Windows Media Player. See the help on the Digital Media Home Page for more detailed instructions.
3. You will see a list of links on the left. By clicking on them, you can browse available titles in fiction, non-fiction, and music for adults, children and teens.
4. While browsing one of these sections, the list of titles will appear on the right, showing a picture of the cover, title, author

and short description. It will also show you the format (audio book, eBook, or music), whether burning the file to a CD is allowed and if a copy is available.

5. If the title is available, the link will say "Add to Cart". If all copies are checked out, the link will say "Place Hold".
6. After adding the file to your cart, click the link for "Proceed to Checkout" to download the files. At this point, you will be required to enter your library card number and PIN again. The OverDrive Media Console will open and download the selected files.
7. Like other materials you check out from the library, digital material is "checked out" for 14 days. After that loan period is over, the item will no longer be accessible on your computer, and you can delete that file.
8. From the OverDrive Media Console, you can burn the files to CD, transfer to an MP3 player, or play them on your computer. Once you transfer an item to a portable device (CD or MP3 player), it does not expire.

Hungry for Books

Come savor a book for Family Literacy Month in the Children's Room of the Main Library on the November 13th AHA! Night from 5-7 pm with a fun-filled program *Hungry for Books*. In keeping with the theme for the evening *The Artful Plate*, guest readers will read books that have a food related theme including such favorites as *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*, *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*, and *Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!*

Guest readers will include Rep. Stephen Canessa, Mayor Scott Lang, City Councilors Linda Morad and Steve Martins, Miss New Bedford 2009 Ashley

Bendiksen, WBSM host Evan Rousseau, and New Bedford Chief of Police, Ronald Teachman.

In addition to the readings there will be food related crafts and other fun activities for the children. Each child will receive a free book to take home and share with family members. These books were donated to the Early Literacy Consortium and given at the Buttonwood Park Zoo last summer. The Library is partnering with members of the New Bedford Early Literacy Consortium to organize this program.

Art Musings

Places of Amusement

A very special exhibit of rarely-seen theatrical playbills, *Places of Amusement*, can be seen on the third floor of the main library through November 29. Drawing on material in the library's archives, the exhibit provides a glimpse of the egalitarian mix of plays, lectures, concerts, and commemorative events seen by local residents over 100 years ago.

Before movies, radio or television, theater-going was one of the liveliest forms of public entertainment available to urban audiences. The New Bedford community was no exception. Liberty Hall, one of the city's most popular venues, hosted 19th century stage luminaries that included soldier and hunter Buffalo Bill Cody; tragedian Edwin Booth, still acknowledged today as one of America's foremost interpreters of Shakespeare; comic actor Joseph Jefferson; and Charles Stratton, the diminutive man made famous by P.T. Barnum as Tom Thumb. If one's taste ran toward bear wrestling, talks on spiritualism or Arctic exploration, acrobats, variety acts, even lady pedestrians, New Bedford's theater scene could also accommodate you.

Over 50 people attended the October opening and a showing of the video *G. Albert Roy and the Orpheum Theatre*. Filmed by Neil Alexander during the October 2007 Rope Light Tour of the theater and still being edited, the footage seen at the library offered the public a chance to hear the reminiscences of the man who owned the Orpheum from 1944 to 1958. Charles Hauk, president of Orpheum Rising Project Helpers (O.R.P.H., Inc.), then took questions from the audience about O.R.P.H., Inc.'s efforts to preserve the building.

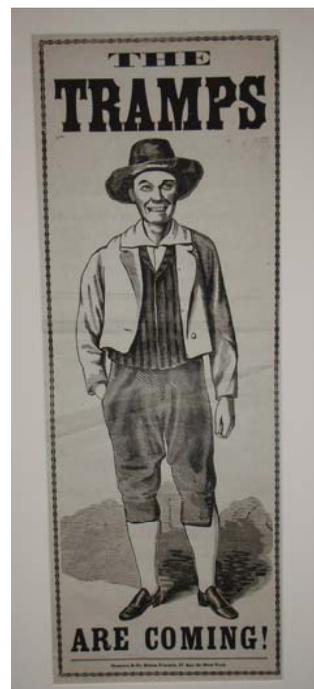
The Many Faces of Santa

Perhaps no other holiday has generated more objects than Christmas. Each season a proliferation of snowmen, Santas, reindeer and elves appear in the wide variety of forms and formats. Collecting Christmas ephemera has become a popular pastime for many. How do you start out? What should you look for? How do you tell the difference between an old German Santa figure and a modern reproduction? Is that 1970s angel tree topper worth saving?

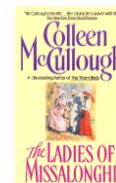
Gail and Stephen Almeida, avid Christmas enthusiasts, have been amassing memorabilia

related to the holiday for over 30 years. The Lakeville couple will give a presentation on their collection December 11 at 7:00 pm at the library's Main Branch.

A small portion of the Almeida's collection, as well as material from the library's collection and that of other private lenders, will be included in the exhibit *You Better Watch Out! The Many Faces of Santa*, opening that evening on the third floor. The exhibit will run through January 2, 2009.



Books You May Have Missed (But Shouldn't)



McCullough, Colleen – *The Ladies of Missaloughi* (FIC McCullough) (1987)
Missy Wright lives in poverty with her two aunts in a small Australian town in the early 1900's, since only the males of their family inherit the proceeds of the family fortune. Things begin to change when a handsome stranger comes to town and begins building a house. Aided by a mysterious cousin who acts as a mentor, Missy finds the strength to fight against her tyrannical family for her rights, and for the man she loves.

From the author of *The Thorn Birds*, this is a delightful Cinderella story.

McCullough's newest book is *The Independence of Miss Mary Bennett*.

Lupica, Mike – *Full Court Press* (FIC Lupica) (2001)

When Dee Gerard is drafted as the first woman to play in the NBA, everyone panics. Aging but extraordinarily talented, Dee faces obstacles from all sides, from the spoiled, overpaid players on her team, to women who believe that another player should be in her place. Though in the end Dee leaves the league, both she and the people around her have learned a thing or two about perception, bias, and themselves.

An entertaining read, even for non-sports fans.



Practice Makes Perfect

The Library recently received word that their grant application to fund the program *Conversation Circles* was awarded by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. This two-year grant will assist the library in creating a structured program for second language learners in need of opportunities to practice basic conversational English. Even though New Bedford has historically been a melting pot of various ethnic cultures, today we still see new immigrants. As of 2004, one in seven Massachusetts residents was born in another country. Seventeen percent of the Commonwealth's workforce is now immigrants – up roughly from 9 percent in 1980.

The grant will enable the library to update its collection of ESOL (English for Speaking of Other Languages) materials as well as materials on citizenship in a variety of formats – print, audio and visual. In addition, it will allow for the hiring of a part-time Volunteer Coordinator for 15 months to assist with recruiting and scheduling volunteers and participants.

The programs, to be held at the Howland-Green and Casa da Saudade branch libraries in early 2009, will be a series of sessions approximately

an hour in length and focus on vocabulary building through informal conversation. The topics will be of practical interest relating to the daily lives of the participants such as ordering food, going to the doctor, or visiting a child's school. As participants converse they will increase both their comfort level when using English and their knowledge of American culture, customs, and idiomatic expressions.

This program complements Governor Patrick's initiative inaugurated last summer. On July 9, the Governor signed the New Americans Executive Order launching an intensive statewide project headed up by Massachusetts Office for Refugees and Immigrants (MORI). The project focuses on how to better integrate Massachusetts immigrant and refugee populations into the civic and economic life of the Commonwealth. For further information about this initiative please visit www.newamericansma.org.

For further information about the program, including volunteering to work with participants or wishing to participate in the program, please contact Judith Downey at 508-979-1723 or Dale Easton at 508-991-6212.

The Hot List (Upcoming Books)

These popular authors are publishing new books in the next few months. They might not be in bookstores or libraries yet, but if they are in our catalog, you can still put them on hold and be at the top of the list!



November

- Baldacci, David – *Divine Justice*
- Brown, Rita Mae – *Santa Clawed*
- Clark, Mary Higgins – *Dashing through the Snow*
- Cussler, Clive – *Arctic Drift*
- Deaver, Jeffrey – *The Bodies Left Behind*
- Howard, Linda – *Under the Mistletoe*
- Jacobs, Kate – *Knit Two*
- King, Stephen – *Just after Sunset* (stories)
- Koontz, Dean – *Your Heart Belongs to Me*
- McCall Smith, Alexander – *World According to Bertie*
- Miller, Linda Lael – *McKetrick Christmas*
- Morrison, Toni – *A Mercy*
- Patterson, James – *Cross Country*
- Robb, J.D. – *Salvation in Death*
- Roberts, Nora – *The Pagan Stone*

December

- Andrews, V.C. – *Delia's Heart*
- Cornwell, Patricia – *Scarpetta*
- Garwood, Julie – *Fire and Ice*
- Griffin, W.E.B. – *Black Ops*
- Grippando, James – *Born to Run*
- Hooper, Kay – *Blood Sins*
- Jance, J.A. – *Cruel Intent*
- Johansen, Iris – *The Treasure*
- Krentz, Jayne Ann – *Running Hot*
- Miller, Linda Lael – *A Stone Creek Christmas*

January

- Brockmann, Suzanne – *Dark of Night*
- Cruisie, Jennifer – *Strange Bedpersons*
- Erdrich, Louise – *The Red Convertible*
- Evanovich, Janet – *Plum Spooky*
- Gear, Kathleen O'Neal – *People of the Thunder*
- Grisham, John – *The Associate*
- Hiassen, Carl – *Scat*
- Higgins, Jack – *A Darker Place*
- Iles, Greg – *The Devil's Punchbowl*
- Jackson, Lisa – *Wicked Game*
- Kaminsky, Stuart – *Bright Futures*
- Ludlum, Robert – *The Infinity Affair*
- Patterson, Richard North – *Eclipse*
- Woods, Stuart – *Mounting Fears*

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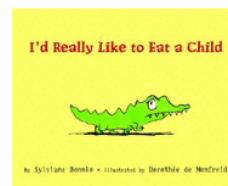
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Kidz Korner

New Releases for Young People

- Carle, Eric – *The Bill Marin Jr. Big Book of Poetry* (11/08)
- Greven, Alec – *How to Talk to Girls* (11/08)
- Moss, Marissa – *Amelia's Science Fair Disaster* (12/08)
- Polacco, Patricia – *Someone for Mr. Sussmann* (11/08)
- Rinaldi, Ann – *The Letter Writer* (11/08)
- Rowling, J.K. – *The Tales of Beedle the Bard* (12/08)
- Rylant, Cynthia – *Snow* (11/08)
- Shan, Darren – *The Demonata #7: Death's Shadow* (11/08)
- von Ziegesar, Cecily – *The It Girl #7: Infamous* (11/08)

Kids' Reads



Donnio, Sylviane – *I'd Really Like to Eat a Child* (JE Donnio)

It doesn't matter what Achilles the crocodile's parents try to get him to eat, he only wants to eat a child. Even yummy chocolate cake doesn't work. It takes a little girl to set him straight, or does she??

Reviewed by Janice Pina, Children's Assistant, Main Library

Pfister, Marcus – *Henri, Egg Artiste* (JE Pfister)

It's almost Easter and Henri is sick of painting the same old eggs. He decides to do something different this year and paints eggs from various periods of art history. His wife does not think the children will be happy. The ending will surprise all young and old.

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Meyer, Stephenie – *Twilight* (YFic Meyer)

Teenager Bella, recently moved to rainy Forks, Washington, finds herself strangely drawn to mysterious fellow student Edward. Yet she senses he is not like other boys, and soon realizes that the man she has come to love has a dark – and potentially deadly – secret. Deeply romantic and suspenseful, a movie based on this wildly popular series comes to theaters November 21. Great for adults too!

What's Going On?

Story Hours

Fall story time runs from September 29 to December 6.

- Lawler – Mondays @10am
- Wilks – Wednesdays @10am
- Howland-Green – Thursdays @3:30pm
- Main Library – Saturdays @10am
- Lapsit Story Hour – Lawler, Wednesdays @10am

Food for Fines – Pay your overdue fines with canned goods

November 3 – 29 – All New Bedford Library locations

Art Exhibit – “Places of Amusement”

October 16 – November 29, Main Library, 3rd floor
A collection of rarely-seen theatrical playbills.

Art Exhibit – “You Better Watch Out! The Many Faces of Santa”

December 11 – January 2, 2009, Main Library, 3rd floor

Come see a collection of Christmas memorabilia belonging to the library and private lenders.

AHA! Night – “Hungry for Books”

Thursday, November 13

5 – 7pm, Main Library, Children's Room

Guest readers will read children's books with food-related themes, in conjunction with the AHA! Night theme *The Artful Plate*.

National Gaming Day @your library

Saturday, November 15

1 – 4pm, All New Bedford Library locations

Come try your luck or show off your skills at classic board games. The libraries has a small variety, or bring your own and challenge a friend or fellow patron.

Book Discussion Groups – November

Wilks Library – “Book Bites”

Tuesday, November 18

6 – 7:30pm

November's title is Kristin Hannah's *Magic Hour*. Copies of the book are available for pickup at Wilks. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. Please call or stop by if you have not registered.

Lawler Library Book Club – kickoff meetings

Tuesday, November 18

Wednesday, November 19

6:00pm

2:00 pm

Patrons are welcome to attend one of both meetings. Both groups will discuss Sara Gruen's *Water for Elephants*. Attendees will also discuss future meeting times, books, and book club names. Refreshments will be served. Please call or stop by to pick up the book or if you have any questions.

AHA! Night Lecture: “You Better Watch Out! The Many Faces of Santa”

Thursday, December 11 @7:00pm, Main Library, Art Room (3rd floor)

Gail and Stephen Almeida will discuss their collection of Christmas ephemera.

Holiday Hours

Tuesday, Nov. 11 – Veterans' Day – closed

Thursday, Nov. 27 – Thanksgiving Day – closed

Friday, Nov. 28 – closed

Wednesday, Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve – libraries close @12:30

Thursday, Dec. 25 – Christmas Day – closed

Wednesday, Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve – libraries close @12:30

Thursday, Jan. 1 – New Year's Day – closed

Hours & Locations

Main Library

613 Pleasant St.

508-991-6275

TTY: 508-991-6258

Monday:	9am – 9pm
Tuesday:	9am – 9pm
Wednesday:	9am – 9pm
Thursday:	9am – 9pm
Friday:	9am – 5pm
Saturday:	9am – 5pm

Genealogy Department

3rd floor of Main Library

508-991-6276

Monday:	1pm – 5pm; 6pm – 9pm
Tuesday:	1pm – 5pm
Wednesday:	1pm – 5pm; 6pm – 9pm
Thursday:	1pm – 5pm; 6pm – 9pm
Friday:	9am – 1pm; 2pm – 5pm
Saturday:	9am – 1pm; 2pm – 5pm

Art Room

3rd floor of Main Library

508-979-1787

Monday:	closed
Tuesday:	1pm – 5pm
Wednesday:	1pm – 5pm
Thursday:	1pm – 5pm; 6pm – 9pm
Friday:	9am – 1pm; 2pm – 5pm
Saturday:	9am – 1pm; 2pm – 5pm

Branch Libraries

Casa da Saudade

58 Crapo St.

508-991-6218

Howland-Green

3 Rodney French Blvd.

508-991-6212

Lawler

745 Rockdale Ave.

508-991-6216

Wilks

1911 Acushnet Ave.

508-991-6214

Monday:	9am – 5pm
Tuesday:	12pm – 8pm
Wednesday:	9am – 5pm
Thursday:	12pm – 8pm
Friday:	9am – 5pm
Saturday:	9am – 5pm

Bookmobile

The Bookmobile visits schools, neighborhoods and adult centers throughout New Bedford. For the Bookmobile schedule, please call 508-991-6214.

Fantastic Graphics

For those of us old enough to have enjoyed reading comics in our youth, the current equivalent for today's youth is the graphic novel. A graphic novel is a type of comic book, usually with a lengthy and complex storyline similar to those of novels. They are bound like books, making them more durable than typical comic books.

Graphic novels can be a single story encapsulated within one book, or can be an ongoing series with continuing characters. They have become more popular in recent years. Familiar characters such as Nancy Drew, the Hardy Boys, Spongebob Squarepants and Spider-man have received graphic novel treatment. Recently, even bestselling adult author Dean Koontz crossed over to this format with his book *In Odd We Trust*.

The New Bedford Free Public Library has been developing its holdings of graphic novels over the past few months for both juveniles and young adults.

Most recently the library has added another form of graphic novel to the collections with a series of manga titles. Manga are comics and print cartoons conforming to the style developed in Japan in the late 20th century.

In Japan, manga are widely read by people of all ages, and include a broad range of subjects: action-adventure, romance, sports and games, historical drama, comedy, science fiction and fantasy, mystery, horror, sexuality, and business and commerce, among others. Manga, literally translated, means “whimsical pictures”. Titles included is this new format are *Naruto*, *Fruit Baskets*, and *Yu-Gi-Oh! Duelist*. Stop in and look at these growing collections.

Don't forget! The Casa da Saudade Library is temporarily closed for renovations. You can find some Portuguese materials at the Howland-Green and Wilks Branches.

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