

From the Top Shelf

A message from Stephen Fulchino, Library Director

Surprising and Not Surprising Events

A staff member, Mary Kruger, suggests to her supervisor, Branch Manager Karen Stefanik, that a 50 book challenge might be a good way for the Library to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of its move into its present Main Library Building. Karen brings it to the Publicity Committee, where there is general agreement that it is a good idea. I approve it, and a Committee forms to work out the details.

The next thing we know, it is being picked up by a web site in China.

While, of course, it would be hard to find a non-reader on the Library staff, who knew that our little celebration of reading would strike such a nerve – not only in the U.S. but also in other parts of the world?

There is much talk about the demise of reading and of libraries. I think that we just proved that demise to be many years off.

The success of two other events was not so surprising.

The Friends of the Library pulled off an extremely successful 100th Anniversary Party on December 10th. It took a lot of hard work from a lot of people. The Trustees and I would like to thank the Friends for their ambition and for their ability to carry it out.

The Mayor arranged for Rockwell Museum to send an exhibit of Norman Rockwell's *Saturday Evening Post* covers, "Home for the Holidays." But he also needed to arrange financing.

The Trustees and I would like to thank Veolia Waters for donating the funds necessary for pulling the exhibit off. Among the necessities were special shades to block ultraviolet light, which fades colors. These shades will remain and will, thus, help protect our art collection.

Hundreds of people have enjoyed the exhibit. If you are too late to see it here, I suggest that, when you go to the Berkshires, you stop in at the Rockwell Museum.

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New Year, New You!

Did you make any New Year's resolutions, or have any particular goals you want to accomplish in 2011? Let the library help with books, DVDs and electronic resources!

Find a new job or career:

- Each library has a career section with books about resumes, cover letters and the job search process.
- Research a new career with job-specific books which tell you about particular jobs and their requirements.
- Go to newbedford.optimalresume.com to create resumes and cover letters, search for jobs and practice interview skills.

Lose weight and/or live a healthier lifestyle:

- Each library has a great selection of exercise DVDs. Try cardio, Pilates, yoga, sculpting, or target specific problem areas.
- Find books about different weight loss diets and find one that works for you.
- Explore new ways of cooking, such as vegetarian, low-sugar, heart-healthy, or macrobiotic.
- De-stress with books and DVDs about yoga, qigong and meditation.

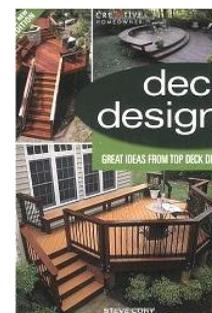


Learn something new:

- Check out books or DVDs to find a new hobby – knitting, painting, baking, or playing a musical instrument

Accomplish a goal:

- Running a 5k or 10k race? Get tips with books about running.
- Been meaning to paint that room? Try decorating books to get some great ideas.
- Want to build a deck to enjoy this summer? Check out our books on home improvement.
- Read 50 books in a year! Don't forget the library's 50 Book Challenge! Sign up at any New Bedford library.



Whatever you want to accomplish this year, try the library first – we can help! And remember, if your local library doesn't have what you're looking for, chances are we can easily get it for you through the SAILS Library Network, which has over 70 libraries.

Kidz Korner

Children's Book Awards

Every year at its midwinter meeting, the American Library Association (ALA) selects books that represent the best in children's and young adult publishing for the previous year.

Caldecott Medal (for picture books):

Winner

- *Sick Day for Amos McGree* – Philip C. Stead

Honor Books

- *Dave The Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave* by Laban Carrick Hill
- *Interrupting Chicken* by David Ezra Stein

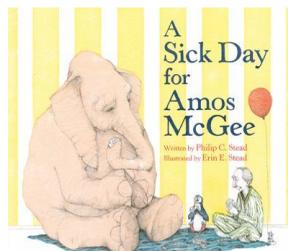
Newbery Medal (for children's literature)

Winner:

- *Moon over Manifest* by Clare Vanderpool

Honor Books

- *Dark Emperor and Other Poems of the Night* by Joyce Sidman
- *Heart of a Samurai* by Margi Preus
- *Turtle in Paradise* by Jennifer L. Holm
- *One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia



100th Anniversary Gala

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Main Library building, the Friends of the New Bedford Free Public Library held a special gala in December.

Guests at the gala were able to preview the special display, *Home for the Holidays*, and bid on donated items at the silent auction.

Home for the Holidays featured Norman Rockwell's *Saturday Evening Post* cover tear sheets. The popular exhibit was sponsored by Veolia Water.

Silent auction items were donated by approximately 50 local businesses. Money raised by the auction will be used by the Friends to fund art-related library projects and as a start for fund-raising for a Teen Room at the Howland-Green Library.

The gala event kicked off a year-long celebration of the Main Library. More fun events will be coming throughout 2011!



Guests peruse silent auction offerings at the Library's gala in December.

Teen Events at the Lawler Library Teen Room

February

Teen Chinese New Year Celebration

Thursday, Feb. 3; 5:30 – 7:30pm

The Teen Room is celebrating the Year of the Rabbit! Join in and make paper lanterns, check the Chinese Zodiac, and fold origami!

Teen Wii Tournament

Saturday, Feb. 19; 1 – 4pm

Calling all gamers! Come play Super Smash Bros. Brawl on the big screen. Prizes awarded.

Teen Duct Tape Workshop

Thursday, Feb. 24; 2 – 4pm

Join us for a sticky St. Patrick's Day Spectacular as we create items out of duct tape.

Museum Passes: Don't forget to take advantage of the free and discounted museum passes offered by the New Bedford libraries! All libraries have free passes to the Buttonwood Zoo. The Main Library also has discounted passes to:

- New Bedford Whaling Museum
- Boston Children's Museum
- Museum of Fine Arts
- Museum of Science
- New England Aquarium
- Plimoth Plantation
- Ocean Explorium

Call any library or you can reserve your passes through our Web site!

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 near the top of the list!



January

- Ahern, Cecelia – *The Book of Tomorrow*
- Crais, Robert – *The Sentry*
- Higgins, Jack – *The Judas Gate*
- Hoffman, Alice – *Red Garden*
- Lescroart, John – *Damage*
- Meltzer, Brad – *Inner Circle*
- Michaels, Fern – *Home Free*
- Oates, Joyce Carol – *Give Me Your Heart*
- Parker, T. Jefferson – *Border Lords*
- Patterson, James – *Tick Tock*
- Phillips, Susan Elizabeth – *Call Me Irresistible*
- Todd, Charles – *A Lonely Death*
- Vonnegut, Kurt – *While Mortals Sleep*
- Woods, Stuart – *Strategic Moves*

February

- Beaton, M.C. – *Death of a Chimney Sweep*
- Berenson, Alex – *The Secret Soldier*
- Boyd, Noah – *Agent X*
- Chiaverini, Jennifer – *The Union Quilters*
- Coonts, Stephen – *Deep Black*
- Fielding, Joy – *Now You See Her*
- Fluke, Joanne – *Devil's Food Cake Murder*
- Grimes, Martha – *Fadeaway Girl*
- Harrison, Kim – *Pale Demon*
- Jackson, Lisa – *Wicked Lies*
- Jance, J.A. – *Fatal Error*
- Oates, Joyce Carol – *Widow's Story* (nonfic)
- Palmer, Michael – *A Heartbeat Away*
- Plain, Belva – *Heartwood*
- Preston, Douglas – *Gideon's Sword*
- Robb, J.D. – *Treachery in Death*
- Sharp, Zoe – *Fourth Day*
- Stabenow, Dana – *Though Not Dead*
- Weber, David – *In Fire Forged*

March

- Allen, Sarah Addison – *The Peach Keeper*
- Auel, Jean – *Land of Painted Caves*
- Bass, Jefferson – *Bone Yard*
- Binchy, Maeve – *Minding Frankie*
- Bowen, Rhys – *Bless the Bride*
- Box, C.J. – *Cold Wind*
- Brockmann, Suzanne – *Breaking the Rules*
- Childs, Laura – *Scones & Bones*
- Coben, Harlan – *Live Wire*
- Cussler, Clive – *The Jungle*
- Daheim, Mary – *Alpine Vengeance*
- Deutermann, P.T. – *Pacific Glory*
- Fairstein, Linda – *Silent Mercy*
- Feist, Raymond E. – *A Kingdom Besieged*
- Gardner, Lisa – *Love You More*
- Garlock, Dorothy – *Keep a Little Secret*
- Graham, Heather – *Phantom Evil*
- Grippando, James – *Afraid of the Dark*
- Hannah, Kristin – *Night Road*
- Hart, Carolyn – *Dead by Midnight*
- Jackson, Lisa – *Devious*
- Kellerman, Jonathan – *Mystery*
- Kingsbury, Karen – *Leaving*
- McCall Smith, Alexander – *Saturday Big Tent Wedding Party*
- Michaels, Fern – *Betrayal*
- Mosley, Walter – *When the Thrill is Gone*
- Patterson, James – *Toys*
- Picoult, Jodi – *Sing You Home*
- Rankin, Ian – *The Complaints*
- Wiggs, Susan – *The Goodbye Quilt*

It's Show Time!

All the New Bedford libraries have movie licenses and will be bringing you a mix of old and new films for adults and children every month.

January

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| Lawler | January 4 @2pm – <i>Love Happens</i>
January 8 @1pm – <i>The Last Airbender</i>
January 11 @5pm – Teen Movie: <i>The Sorcerer's Apprentice</i>
January 18 @2pm – <i>Gran Torino</i>
January 25 @5pm – Teen Movie: <i>Flipped</i> |
| Wilks | January 19 @3pm – <i>Eat, Pray, Love</i>
January 22 @11am – <i>Shrek Forever After</i> |
| Howland-Green | January 8 @2pm – <i>Snow Buddies</i>
January 22 @2pm – <i>Toy Story 2</i> |
| Casa da Saudade
Main | January 22 @1:30pm – <i>Cats and Dogs: Revenge of Kitty Galore</i>
January 12 @6pm – <i>Toy Story 3</i>
January 26 @6pm – <i>Despicable Me</i> |

February

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| Lawler | February 1 @2pm – <i>Eat Pray Love</i>
February 1 @5pm – Teen Movie: <i>How to Train Your Dragon</i>
February 15 @2pm – <i>Valentine's Day</i>
February 15 @5pm – Teen Movie: <i>Despicable Me</i>
February 24 @1pm – <i>Snow Day</i>
February 26, 10:15 – 5pm – <i>Shrek</i> movie marathon |
| Wilks | February 16 @4pm – <i>You Again</i>
February 19 @11am – <i>Secretariat</i>
February 23 @1pm – <i>Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole</i> |
| Howland-Green | February 5 @2pm – <i>Akeelah and the Bee</i>
February 19 @2pm – <i>The Blind Side</i>
February 25 @3pm – Michael Jackson's <i>This is It</i> |
| Casa da Saudade | February 5 @1:30pm – <i>Nanny McPhee Returns</i>
February 22 @2pm – <i>Despicable Me</i> |
| Main | February 9 @6pm – <i>A Bug's Life</i>
February 23 @6pm – <i>How to Train Your Dragon</i> |

Trustees of the New Bedford Free Public Library: Mayor Scott Lang, Carl Cruz, Rev. Constantine S. Bebis, Mary-Ellen Bergeron, Lee Blake, Dr. John Fletcher, Elsie R. Fraga, James L. Henry, Helen Rogers, Dr. Joseph Silva, Jr.

What's Going On?

Ongoing

Story hour – Winter story hour runs from January 31 – March 12

- Wilks – Wednesdays @10:30am
- Howland-Green – Thursdays @3:30pm
- Casa – Portuguese story hour – Tuesdays @6pm – Jan. 18, Feb. 15
- Main Library – Saturdays @11am
- Lawler – Saturdays @1pm

February School Vacation (Week of Feb. 21) – Special Events

Sponsored by the Friends of the New Bedford Free Public Library

- Wilks – Wednesday, Feb. 23 @4pm
- Howland-Green – Thursday, Feb. 24 @4pm
- Casa – Wednesday, Feb. 23 @2pm
- Main Library – Tuesday, Feb. 22 @10am
- Lawler – Tuesday, Feb. 22 @4pm

Dr. Seuss' Birthday (Week of Feb. 28 – Mar. 5) – Guest readers & birthday cake!

Sponsored by the Friends of the New Bedford Free Public Library and the United Way

- Wilks – Wednesday, March 2 @4pm
- Howland-Green – Thursday, March 3 @3:30pm
- Casa – Wednesday, March 2 @10am
- Main Library – Tuesday, March 1 @3:30pm
- Lawler – Thursday, March 3 @4pm

Matinee Magic – Free movies at every library. See page 6 for movies and times.

Teen Events at the Lawler Library Teen Room – See page 3.

FAIR (Family Adventures in Reading)

This 6-week program encourages families to read books together and come to the library to hear those books retold by a professional storyteller. For parents and children ages 6-10. Sign up by contacting the library below. Sponsored by MassHumanities

FAIR Session I

Main Library
Saturdays @1pm
Feb. 26 – Apr. 16 (not Mar. 19 or Apr. 9)

FAIR Session II (different books than Session I)

Wilks Library
Saturdays @1pm
Mar. 5 – Apr. 16 (not Mar. 19)

January

- 6 **Writers' Group** – Writers – come get tips and feedback. Writers of all genres welcome.
 - Wilks Library; 6pm
- 6, 10, 14, 20, 25, 31 **Scrabble Scramble** – Come play Scrabble!
 - Lawler Library; 1 – 3pm
- 11 **Lawler Library Book Club** – *Ape House* by Sara Gruen
 - Lawler Library; 2 – 4pm
- 18 **Wilks Library Book Club** – The book is *Into Thin Air* by Jon Krakauer.
 - Wilks Library; 6 – 7:30pm

February

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 - Wilks Library; 6pm
- 10, 18, 22 **Scrabble Scramble** – Come play Scrabble!
 - Lawler Library; 1 – 3pm
- 8 **Lawler Library Book Club** – *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford
 - Lawler Library; 2 – 4pm
- 15 **Wilks Library Book Club** – The book is *Tinkers* by Paul Harding.
 - Wilks Library; 6 – 7:30pm

Hours & Locations

Main Library

613 Pleasant St.
508-991-6275
TTY: 508-991-6258

Monday:	9am – 9pm
Tuesday:	9am – 9pm
Wednesday:	1pm – 9pm
Thursday:	9am – 9pm
Friday:	9am – 12:30pm
Saturday:	9am – 5pm

Genealogy Department

3rd floor of Main Library
508-991-6276

Monday:	9am – 9pm
Tuesday:	9am – 9pm
Wednesday:	1pm – 9pm
Thursday:	9am – 5pm
Friday:	9am – 12:30pm
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 – 12:30pm
Saturday:	9am – 1pm; 2pm – 5pm

Casa da Saudade

58 Crapo St. 508-991-6218	Mon: 10am – 6pm Tue: 12pm – 8pm Wed: 10am – 6pm
Wilks 1911 Acushnet Ave. 508-991-6214	Thu: 12pm – 8pm Fri: closed Sat: 9am – 5pm

Lawler

745 Rockdale Ave.
508-991-6216

Howland-Green 3 Rodney French Blvd. 508-991-6212	Mon: 10am – 6pm Tue: 12pm – 8pm Wed: closed Thu: 12pm – 8pm Fri: 10am – 6pm Sat: 9am – 5pm
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Bookmobile

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

Make a Bear Event



The “Make a Bear, Give a Bear” event, organized by the Friends of the New Bedford Free Public Library and held at the Main Library, was a huge success.

On two separate days, children were invited, for a modest fee, to make a bear of their own, and to make a second bear to be given to the children at the Schwartz Center, which assists children with special medical and developmental needs.

Close to 100 bears were donated to the Schwartz Center, just in time for the holidays!



Patron Toby Dickinson holds tightly to the bear he made.

Cut here for an Hours & Locations bookmark



It's That Taxing Time of Year Again!

Pick up the basic state and federal forms, schedules and instructions at your local branch.