



# Milton Public Library

Letter No. 2005 - 2

We Appreciate Your Continuing Support.


March, 2005

## Director's Message

*By Phil McNulty*

The arrival of spring on the calendar may or may not be reflected in the reality of thaws and spring-like temperatures. Watching the snowflakes dance outside while writing this as a second March storm gathers makes me doubt whether you will have seen any signs of spring by the time this newsletter arrives in your hands.

Much more certain is the arrival of the last book you requested be sent from another OCLN library. Last year 18,751 books from the other 26 members of the Old Colony Library Network were delivered to us and lent to Milton residents. That is one OCLN book for every ten Milton books borrowed.

Some of you may not realize how easy it is to get a book even if it is not one of the 100,000 titles owned at Milton. Access the OCLN catalog from our web page at <http://www.miltonlibrary.org> search for your title, and click on the little hand symbol to place your hold.  Your library card number and PIN are all that is needed to place your request. We'll call you after the state funded regional delivery system whisks the title from its owning library to us.

That gives you 778,000 titles to choose from throughout OCLN. Even beyond that, there is the Virtual Catalog system that can get you a book from libraries across the state.

## The Friends Corner

*By Connie Spiros, President,  
Friends of the Milton Public Library*

It's been a long hard winter, but I'm happy to say the Friends of the Library actually benefited from all our snowy days. Avid readers looking for a way to pass the time indoors, took great advantage of our annual Winter Wonderland Book Sales each Saturday morning, and helped us raise well over \$2000 this season, and with our big book sales planned for May and October, we should have a great year for book sales!

In between snowstorms, on March 13, twenty-three Friends took a trip into Boston to tour the Boston Public Library, America's first free public library, where we enjoyed a private tour of the BPL, including the magnificent John Singer Sargent murals. A big thank you to our friend in the School Department, Mary Gormley, who helped us secure a school bus which whisked us into Boston without any worries of parking or traffic. It was a great way to spend a sunny Sunday afternoon!

Speaking of the Art Gallery, be sure to visit the newly refurbished room on the upper level of the Library. Thanks to the Friends, the room was recently painted, and rugs, plants and new chairs were purchased. Lisa Huban, a furniture refinisher and Friend of the Library, did a great job refinishing the old tables and benches, restoring them to their original beauty. Best of all, the gallery is open and great local art is on exhibit

## **The Friends Corner**

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again. Four Milton artists have several watercolors and oils on display. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of their works will be donated to the Friends of the Library, so please consider beautifying your home by purchasing a piece of art!

Before I close for this issue, let me bring you some great news about this year's Library Literary Gala sponsored by the Milton Library Foundation. Pulitzer prize winning humorist Art Buchwald, will be the guest speaker at the event to be held on Wednesday, June 8th at the JFK Library and Museum. Invitations will be in the mail later in April. To have an invitation mailed to you, send an e-mail to [literarygala@comcast.net](mailto:literarygala@comcast.net), or call me at 617-698-8003.

## **The Building Project & Children's Service**

*By Phil McNulty*

This is the first in a series of articles on how the building project will improve library service.

Reading early and often is one of the best means to a successful and satisfying career path and life experience. The Public Library can help families with youngsters develop the love of reading with a great selection of books and with great children's programming.

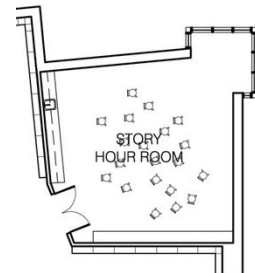
You are able to find a lot of great books in our Children's Room, but frankly, the totals are not what a town the size of Milton should expect. Our plans will add room for 10,000 more children's books (a one-third

increase), half of them in the tight picture book and Easy Reader area.

Extra space will also make a huge difference for people using the room. Doubling our three study tables and adding more than one spot for a comfy read will let more people use the Children's Room.

Now, when a program starts, all other activity grinds to a halt. You have seen 50 kids trying to see a program wedged in among the book stacks. With a full-size meeting room, we will be able to attract even more kids, without taking the collection out of circulation at the same time.

Story hours are particularly difficult to hold in among the collection. There are distractions, and people making ordinary visits cannot get to the books. Our new story hour room will solve these problems and allow us to hold programs more frequently.



Many of you contributed to the renovation of the Children's Room in 1996-7. You will be happy to know that one of the most expensive parts of that renovation – steel shelving – will be re-used in the new building. We will explore re-using other elements like lighting, and be happy that the painting and carpeting done then will have had ten years of active use.

The new Children's Room will be located on the Main Floor, reflecting the high level of activity we see now and expect to increase further. It will be much easier for people to get to from the parking area, and also much easier for staff to oversee.

## **College Planning**

If your son or daughter is about to start the daunting task of planning for college, then consider attending a College Planning Workshop, co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Milton High School PTSFO, on **Wednesday, April 27**, at 7:30pm, in the Art Gallery Room at the Library.

Guidance counselor and Treasurer of the Friends **Elaine Gelinas**, will provide information on how to use the internet to apply to colleges, search for financial aid, and study for the SATs. There will be a presentation on the new SAT and time for questions and answers.

## **Milton Library Foundation News**

*By Gene Boylan*

Fundraising for our library building project is off to a good start with \$700,000 raised towards a goal of \$3.8 million. Hundreds of library supporters responded to the town wide mailing done by the Milton Library Foundation at the end of 2004. A series of house parties to present the building project and plans has been organized and will continue throughout the year leading up to a vote in the fall.

Two new directors were elected to the Foundation at the Annual Meeting - M. Joseph Manning and Herbert Voigt, PhD. They bring the board to fifteen members. Further information on the Milton Library Foundation is at [www.miltonlibrary.org](http://www.miltonlibrary.org).

If you have any questions about how to donate to the capital campaign or you are interested in volunteering, contact Phil McNulty, Library Director, [pmcnulty@ocln.org](mailto:pmcnulty@ocln.org).

## **Children's Room News**

*By Elaine Weischedel*

Despite the snowy weather the preschool story times have proved popular with parents and children alike. The Monday morning lap-sit program for babies and toddlers has been drawing between 25 and 30 for each session, while the Saturday morning story time for ages 3-5 has drawn 20-25 each week. The Time for Twos programs quickly achieved full registration for both Tuesday morning sessions.

We've added titles from several popular children's book series over the last few months. Ron Roy's "A to Z Mystery" series has been added to our

paperback corner (Y and Z are due out shortly!), while titles missing from the "Dear America" series have been added. By the way, these popular historical fiction titles are now shelved together in the "D's" to make it easier to locate them.

We've also added titles from Bill Gutman's "Baseball Card Adventures" series and Bruce Hale's "Chet Gecko Mystery" series. Soon to arrive is the "Beacon Street Girls" series. Check out the new book shelves under the bulletin board in the children's room.



Finally, planning is well underway for a busy summer at the library. This year's state-wide theme is Going Places @Your Library, and there will programs for all ages and a reading club that will feature "book bingo" and timed reading options. Weekly prize drawings and special events, courtesy of the Friends, will add to the fun.

## **Book Discussions & More**

*By Marjorie Jeffries*

The April book is *Harbor* by Lorraine Adams. The uncertain lives of illegal Algerian immigrants are the subject of this compelling, topical debut novel. Adams, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, brings a reporter's eye for detail to the story, which begins with Aziz Arkoun's arrival in Boston Harbor. After 52 days as a stowaway in a tanker's hold-his third attempt to escape his country-Aziz swims to shore...

There are three opportunities for joining the discussion: Monday, April 4, 10:00 am or 7:30 pm in the Library conference room; or at 4:00 pm, Building 5 at Winter Valley.

The May book is *Murder at the B-School* by Milton author Jeffrey Cruikshank

The next session of **Reading Plays Together** will take place in the Milton Public Library, Wednesday, March 30, 7 to 9 pm. We will be reading *All My Sons* by Arthur Miller. Joining us will be Beth Goldman, who has directed this play and will be able to lend some spice to our reading. Bring a copy if possible and join the fun!

**Third Writers Workshop** sponsored by the Milton Public Library Has only two sessions remaining, Sunday, April 3 and 17, 3 to 5 pm. Location is Winter Valley, Building 5 (last building up the hill) because the Library is closed Sundays. Once again we are fortunate to have Ron Fletcher, (Boston College High School English Department) as our teacher.

No sign up necessary. Bring your check for \$85 made out to Ron Fletcher and join us Winter Valley.

## **Carol Stocker**

at the

Friends Annual Meeting

Sunday, April 24

The Friends will host their Annual Meeting at the Milton COA from 1-3 pm. This year's theme is "**Growing Herbs for Cooking Great Food!**" and our guest speaker is Carol Stocker, Gardening Columnist for the Boston Globe. Carol will share her secrets on how to encourage a thriving herb garden and the luncheon will include delicacies that feature easy to grow herbs.

The business session will include the election of officers and an update on the Library building project. The admission is \$10 and will include lunch and several prizes to help you get your garden growing! To reserve your place, please contact Connie Spiros at [cdspiros@comcast.net](mailto:cdspiros@comcast.net) or 617-698-8003.

## **New Quilting Books**

*By Dan Haacker*

Like a fine painting, a well designed quilt can be a wonderful thing to make, own or give as a gift. Quilts are often thought of as folk art. I remember my Mother telling me that my Father's Grandmother used to make quilts back in the early part of the last century. When a cousin of mine passed away a few years ago one of the items that I inherited was an almost finished Butterfly quilt that I believe to this day was probably made by my Great Grandmother. I had a local quilter restore and finish it for me and now have it as a wall hanging in my living room. What a treasured family heirloom to have, truly a link to my own family history. If you're a quilter or would like to make your own quilt that might someday become a family treasure you will be interested in some of the new books we have at the Milton Public Library on quilts and quilting:

**Heirloom Machine Quilting** by Harriet Hargrave, 4<sup>th</sup> edition.

The artistic gulf between hand and machine quilting is bridged with this “comprehensive guide to hand-quilting effects using your sewing machine”. She offers “in-depth instruction for every step of the process, from planning and preparation to detailed quilting techniques”. While a handmade quilt could take years to complete, by using a sewing machine and following her ideas it could make quilt making much easier.



**Quilt It!: Quilting Ideas and Inspiration for Patchwork and Appliqué** by Barbara Chainey

This book covers both hand and machine quilts. It features “both pieced and appliquéd patterns including Double Wedding Ring, Log Cabin, Attic Windows, Grandmother’s Fan and many, many more.” Quilts UK Fabrications says this book could be called “the definitive manual on appliqué quilting”. Chainey says this has detailed instruction for “quilters at all skill levels”.

**Quiltmaking by Hand: Simple Stitches, Exquisite Quilts** by Jinny Beyer.

This beautifully illustrated guide for those who prefer to quilt by hand has step by step patterns for designing some very elegant and detailed quilts.

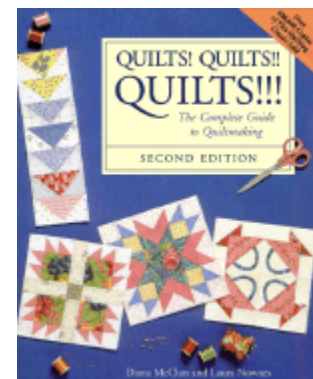


With over 600 color photos and drawings Jinny “clearly demonstrates every hand technique” needed. Alex Andersen from HGTV’s “Simply Quilts” says: “Jinny has no equal. And she has an awesome ability to hand piece with precision and speed. Her handwork is impeccable!”

**Quilts! Quilts! Quilts!: The Complete Guide to Quiltmaking** by Diana McClun and Laura Nownes, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition.

The first edition of this comprehensive guide to quilting sold over 800,000 copies. It is designed for the beginner as well as the experienced quiltmaker.

Quilting teacher Barbara J Wilson says this book “starts you out with simple, yet elegant patterns. Anyone can make a quilt from this book!” It includes 34 quilt patterns. All of the diagrams are in color and includes a glossary and is indexed. It is advertised as the “best instructional book on quilting”



In conclusion, I recently acquired a quilt that my Mother began but she is unable to complete due to failing eyesight. I am going to have someone finish this quilt as well. Now I will have another family heirloom to keep and pass down to future generations. I think Jinny Beyer says it best: “We quilt for so many reasons to escape the stresses of life, to create something beautiful to cherish or to make a gift for future generations”. Perhaps one of these books will inspire you to create your own masterpiece.

## Calendar of Events

### **Mondays at 10:30**

#### **Small Wonders**

A "lap-sit" story time for babies and toddlers. Nursery rhymes, songs, fingerplays, and age-appropriate stories. The programs will be held through May 23<sup>rd</sup>. No registration required

### **Fridays at 10:30**

#### **East Milton Toddler Story Hours**

Please drop in – no sign-ups required

### **Saturdays at 10:30**

#### **Time for Tales**

Story time for children ages 3-5. Stories, songs and related activities. Elaine Weischedel and Tanya James will alternate weeks through May 21<sup>st</sup>. No registration necessary.

### **Monday, April 4, 2005**

#### **Book Discussion – Harbor**

Discussions at the Library at 10:00 am and 7:30 pm. Discussion at Winter Valley at 4:00 pm.

### **Wednesday, April 6, 2005**

#### **Library Hour at Starbucks – 10:30 am**

Come to Starbucks in East Milton Square to learn more about the upcoming Library Building Project.

### **Thursday, April 21, 2005**

#### **Library Presentation at Home, Inc. – 9:30 am**

Come to learn more about the upcoming Library Building Project.

### **Wednesday, April 27, 2005**

#### **College Planning Workshop – 7:30 pm**

Elaine Gelinias, will provide information on how to use the internet to apply to colleges, search for financial aid, and study for the SATs.

### **Monday, May 2, 2005**

#### **Book Discussion – Murder at the B-School**

Discussions at the Library at 10:00 am and 7:30 pm. Discussion at Winter Valley at 4:00 pm. Join us for the last discussion of the season.

### **Wednesday, May 4, 2005**

#### **Library Presentation at Fuller Village – 2:00**

Come to learn more about the upcoming Library Building Project.

### **Wednesday, June 8, 2005**

#### **Literary Gala**

We return for another Gala Fundraising Dinner at the John F. Kennedy Library.

Join us to hear Art Buchwald, Pulitzer Prize winning humorist for the Washington Post.

All Friends Members should get their invitations by late April. If you miss yours contact us at

[literarygala@comcast.net](mailto:literarygala@comcast.net)



### ***Art Gallery in Action***

Artist Miriam Wotiz and Trustee Jen White (right) work on installing the latest art show in the library's gallery / quiet study area. Milton Artists Myrna Friedman, Nicholas Phakos, Elva Proctor, and Miriam Wotiz will exhibit their colorful paintings and landscapes through May.

The gallery doubles as the library's sole quiet-study area. Now it is not only one of the quietest spots in Milton, but also one of the most attractive.

## ***Renew or Join the Friends of the Milton Public Library***

**NOTE: Membership runs on a calendar year basis.**

**Invoices are mailed each November for the following year's dues.**

Your membership dues are tax deductible (IRS approved)

- Yes**, I would like to RENEW my membership
- Yes**, I would like to JOIN the Friends as a NEW MEMBER
- Please** notice the change of name/address/phone number (enter new information below.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Student/Senior Citizen | \$10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor    | \$50    |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Family                 | \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor | \$500   |
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(For **membership renewals**, no need to fill out name and address if label on reverse side is correct.)

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**Friends of the Milton Public Library**

And mail it with your completed application to:

**Friends of the Milton Public Library – PO Box 54 – Milton, MA – 02186**

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### **Friends Annual Meeting**

Join us for lunch with Globe  
columnist Carol Stocker on  
Sunday April 24, 1-3 pm.  
See inside for details.

#### **Milton Main Library**

476 Canton Avenue  
Milton, Ma 02186  
Tel. 617-698-5757  
Fax. 617-698-0441

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday – Thursday 9 – 9  
Friday 1 – 5:30 (Summer 9 – 5:30)  
Saturday 9 – 5 (Closed Summer)  
Sunday Closed

#### **East Milton Branch**

334 Edgehill Road  
Milton, MA 02186  
Tel. 617-698-1733

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday 1 – 6, 7 - 9  
Tuesday & Thursday 1 – 5:30  
Wednesday Closed  
Friday 9 – 12, 1 – 5:30  
Saturday & Sunday Closed



View of the Proposed Library Expansion

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