



Milton Public Library

Letter No. 2004 - 5

We Appreciate Your Continuing Support.

November, 2004

Director's Message

By *Phil McNulty*

In September I talked a bit about anticipation, and some of the things we were looking forward to. Obviously October brought even more than we could ever have imagined. While we may have been able to anticipate the Patriots setting the NFL winning streak record, who could have anticipated the Red Sox winning the World Series?! Both teams have new books, as you will see in the following Book Reviews section.

Some of the things we did anticipate have come to fruition. Brian Walsh, the Town Moderator, appointed a Library Building Committee. The chairman, Tom Martinson, details the makeup of the committee below.

The Library Planning Committee submitted a Long-Range Plan to cover 2005-09. The plan was reviewed and approved by the Trustees in October, and submitted to the Mass. Board of Library Commissioners. MBLC staff thought highly enough of the goals section to ask to use it as a model. You may view the plan on the library website at:

<http://www.miltonlibrary.org/About-LongRangePlan.asp>.

Thanks again to Thayer Nurseries for donating a day of landscaping work at the East Milton Branch.

Landscaping improvements that made the main library look less like a construction site were done by A. Thomas & Sons, and repairs to the front sidewalks were done by mason Dick Hynes.

The Friends Corner

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

A Year to Remember ...

What a great year it's been! We celebrated with style the centennial anniversary of our Library that opened its doors on June 11, 1904. Guest speakers, special events, and birthday parties provided a great reason for the Milton community to come together and share their strong support of all things Library! In September we honored the Library's benefactor, **Nathaniel T. Kidder** with an afternoon tea on the property he called home. Through the gracious hospitality of the current homeowners, Dr. and Mrs. John McConville, the Friends and the Milton Historical Society co-sponsored the event, which celebrated Mr. Kidder's life and his great support of the Library. It was his donation of the land and his effective fund-raising efforts that opened the doors at 476 Canton Avenue. In early October, the Friends brought the excitement of the political season to Milton, with **An Evening with Emily Rooney**. Ms. Rooney spoke to a capacity audience at Straus Hall at Milton Academy, and her wit and political wisdom made for an enjoyable evening for all. In October, we also hosted our **Fall Book Sale**, and I'm happy to say, we raised \$7,200 for the year! The final edition of the Friends Speaker Series, took place in November with **Chet Raymo**, author of several science and nature books, and long-time Boston Globe Science columnist. And, we close out this year of great celebration, with our **Annual Holiday Party**, at the Wollaston Golf Club on Wednesday, December 15th.

The Friends Corner

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The Year Ahead

What about next year? Our speaker series will open the year with authors Jeffrey Cruikshank, (*Murder at the B School*”), and Michael Foy (*Future Perfect*”). Boston Globe Gardening Columnist Carol Stocker will join us again, and we will enjoy Tea and a tour of the Boston Public Library. Our Annual Dinner Gala at the JFK Library will take place in June, and we expect a full calendar of children’s programming, book sales and special events to round out the year. Look for future issues of the newsletter to keep you informed of all the fun!

A Great Big Thank You!

As we close out this special year, we would like to extend our thanks to all the people who made this year’s celebration such a great success. Thank you for putting the Library at the top of your priority list!

Arnaa Alcon	Ruth Johnstone
Kathy Fagan Bauer	Agnes Keenan
Gene Boylan	Meg Kaster
Marie-Laure Brown	Nancy Kearns
Jocelyn Burke	Carole Kristal
Enid Chapman	Mike Maholchic
Anita Chase	Elizabeth Mock
Maritta Cronin	John Owens
Anita Daniels	Gay O’Hanlon
Terry Douglass	Marge Panarese
Diane Dunn	Mary Regan
Tim Fallon	Joe and Donna Roche
Anna Falzone	Helen Sim
Joan Gancarski	Dottie Snow
Elaine Gelinis	Suzette Stranding
Krys Glavin	Eileen Sullivan
Len Glynn	Hallie Touger
Andrea Gordon	Jennifer Trakas-Accera
Carol Hahnfeld	Ruth Tucker
Dan Haacker	Jennifer White
David Jackson	Herb and Miriam Wotiz
Marjorie Jeffries	

And, in the special thank you column, we would like to thank the **Director of the Library, Philip McNulty**. His leadership of the Library and his unending willingness to work closely with and offer support to the Friends has made this year of centennial celebration a huge suc-

cess. We look forward to many more years working together with Phil and his great staff!

We would also like to thank two organizations for their special support this year. First, we thank our friends at the *Milton Junior Woman’s Club*, who provided a \$1500 grant to the Friends of the Library in support of children’s programming. We also thank our new friends at *Starbucks* in East Milton Square, who provided the Friends with free coffee service for all of our events throughout the year, as well as a donation of \$1,000 in support of Library programs.

Calendar of Events – to keep up to date on all the Friends programs, be sure to check out the Library’s web site at www.miltonlibrary.org.

Library Building Committee

By Tom Martinson

I am writing, as the Chairperson of the Library Building Committee, to introduce the committee to all the Friends of the Milton Public Library.

My wife, Polly, and I have been residents of Milton for approximately ten years. We have three children all of whom are at the Glover School. I served on the Warrant Committee for four years and am also on the Board of Trustees at St. Mark’s School, a Corporator of Milton Hospital and on a number of other boards, both For-Profit and Not-for-Profit. At St. Mark’s School I was involved in two successful building construction projects and am currently involved in a third. I own an Insurance Brokerage Firm in downtown Boston. Polly has been on the Board of Trustees of the Village School, President of the Milton Junior Women’s Club, on the Vestry at St. Michael’s and in the Milton Garden Club.

Other members of the committee are as follows (and I apologize that I do not have more personal information on each of them ... but we have only had one meeting to date):

Susanna B. Place, former Chairperson of the Library Space Needs Committee (and who, I am quite sure, does not need any introduction after

all the effort she has put into making this project a reality in Milton).

Eugene Boylan, a self-employed consultant and Library Trustee. Gene has an MBA from the Wharton School of Business and, as many of you know, is very dedicated to the library. Gene was on the Library Space Needs Committee and brings many good ideas with him to our new committee.

Sean Stewart, an independent architect now doing work at Harvard University, was also on the Library Space Needs Committee. He and his young family use the library extensively and he graciously agreed to continue on with this committee.

Frank Davis runs Bank North's south shore operation and has an MBA from Babson College. He has lived in Milton over ten years with children at the Glover and Pierce Schools. Frank is also a Trustee of Milton Hospital.

Jennifer White is also a Library Trustee and has a background in donor relations for non-profit organizations. She has been extremely involved in the private fundraising being carried on by The Library Foundation which, by all accounts, is progressing nicely.

Jeff Gouveia, a Director at Suffolk Construction (in charge of cost estimating) adds tremendously helpful experience as we try to move forward with construction of the best possible building for the town at the most reasonable cost. Jeff has lived in town for a number of years and he and his wife were recently blessed with their first child!

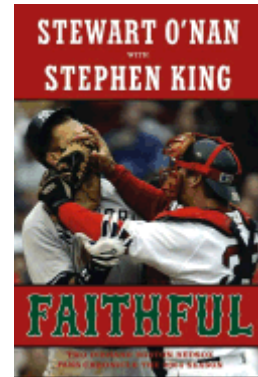
I would like to thank Kathy Fagan, Phil McNulty, Marge Jeffries, Susanna Place and Gene Boylan for their help in bringing me up to speed on the project. I also want to thank all the other committee members for giving their time, energy and enthusiasm to this long needed project for the Town of Milton.

If anyone has any input they would like to offer, please do not hesitate to contact me at tmartinson@bralexander.com.

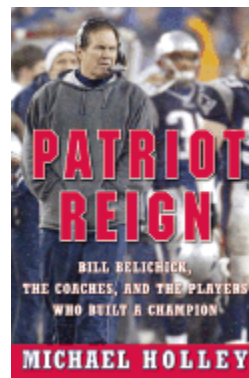
Book Reviews

By Phil McNulty

Faithful : two diehard Boston Red Sox fans chronicle the 2004 season, by *Stewart O'Nan and Stephen King*. Now you know that Stephen King was not just re-recording box scores when you saw him with a clipboard on all those fan shots during the Red Sox playoff stretch. He and Stewart O'Nan picked this season to chronicle from spring training through the playoffs. To be published on Dec. 1.

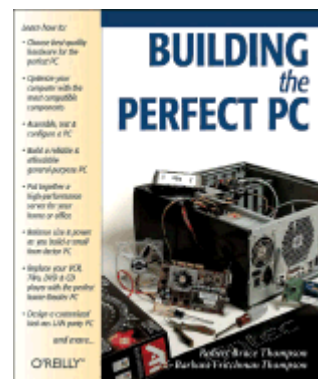


Not to neglect our other championship team, we have **Patriot Reign** by Michael Holley. This is an inside look at the Patriots under Bill Belichick. Michael Holley had unprecedented and unusual access to the coach on the job and off, and this well-written narrative is the result. Hear Belichick talk about half-time adjustments, Parcels and get an insight into the Patriots management team and interaction with players.



For those of you looking for a winter project, there is: **Building the Perfect PC** by Robert and Barbara Thompson. This is a wonderfully detailed analysis on what components to select, where you can find reliable suppliers, and how to put it all together.

The Thompsons describe several models of the perfect PC (power-house, small system, inexpensive, general use) and tell you how to equip them. Don't be afraid – if you can handle a screwdriver and have average dexterity, the Thompsons can guide you to making a PC you will be proud of.



Music Reviews

By Dan Haacker

For this edition of the newsletter I would like to concentrate on a few new compact discs that we have recently received. Also, I want to point out that we have started a section for new music CDs. These will now be kept in the wooden shelving across from where the DVDs are shelved. The new music albums that I would like to feature are:

Jim Brickman-Greatest hits

This compact disc contains a good cross section of this new age pianist/songwriter's hits, including both instrumental and vocals, featuring Martina McBride and others. Mr. Brickman is known for his sensitive and sophisticated music. Terry Wood says he "has an uncanny touch for crafting catchy, affecting love songs". One fan remarked that "his music is perfect for any occasion".



Diana Krall-The girl in the other room

Diana's latest recording is a departure from her normal fare. It features her interpretations of



songs by writers like Tom Wait, Joni Mitchell and her new husband Elvis Costello. The singer/ pianist does still include a few standard jazz classics.

Eugene Holley, Jr thinks that it is "the collaborations with her spouse that unearth untapped nuances of her velvet voice". This change may not be received well by some purists but it may, in fact, win new converts to her unique sound.

Harry Connick, Junior-Only you

The multi-talented Connick's newest CD features well known tunes from the Big Band and Swing eras. The Sinatra-like crooner sings such favorites as: "The very thought of you", "My blue heaven", "For once in my life", and the title track, "I only have eyes for you". Jerry McCulley says it is "an album that should delight the Connick faithful with its jazzy arrangements".



Avril Lavigne-My skin

This is Avril's first album since her debut "Let's Go". The young Canadian songstress, who is often called the alternative to Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera, returns with songs of love and lost love with her diverse style. Jaan Uhelszki says it is "an album rippling with delightfully dour melodies and heartfelt lyrics about loneliness and fractured relationships". For a sound that is not mainstream pop Avril offers the listener something different.

Shakira-Live and off the record

The Colombian born singer who first became known in America with her album "Laundry Service" is now known as "an international rock diva" This collection features selections in both English and Spanish. The version that we purchased also includes a DVD that contains a 90 minute version of her "Tour of the Mongoose" concert as well as a one hour documentary on Shakira.

Wilson Phillips-California

After a more than ten year absence Wilson Phillips reunites for this effort. They vocalize with such well known tunes as "You're no good", "Turn, turn, turn", "Monday, Monday" and "In my room". Tammy La Gorce declares "Wilson Phillips is back, its taut three-part harmonies intact". This is a CD not to be missed if you like the sounds of classic California hits done superbly. They call this album their way "to celebrate California, California music" to be exact.

Lineup Changes

By Phil McNulty

While the Red Sox enjoyed success by re-adjusting their lineups from time to time this year, we hope to do the same. Four staff-members moved to different positions in November in an effort to best match skills and job requirements. Ann Parker will end more than a decade of work as our Children's Librarian to become our first Collection Development Librarian. Ann will coordinate our book selection activities and also manage the accelerated weeding process we are undertaking before the construction project.

Elaine Weischedel will move from the East Milton Branch to become the Children's Librarian. Elaine is a career Children's Librarian who served many years at Randolph Public Library and most recently at Milbury. Veteran staffer Pat Bergin will take over as Branch Librarian, bringing her long experience as a reader's advisor and restoring that position to the care of a full-time staff-member.

The Young Adult position has been expanded to include Adult Services duties and Tanya James has been appointed to fill that role. One of Tanya's first goals will be to develop more exhibits of local artwork at the library.

Time for Twos, Twice More!

Joan Goodman will repeat the popular story hour series for two-year olds over five Tuesdays in March.

Parents will get tips on developing literacy while the kids enjoy some great stories, songs, fingerplays and movement.

Signups will be in February for two separate sessions. Look for the announcement in our January Newsletter, or on the library web site!

Book Discussions

By Marjorie Jeffries

Music for the Third Ear by Susan Schwartz Senstad, is not about music! So why does it have that title? You will just have to come to the next Milton Public Library Book Discussion to find out (Monday, December 6, 2004, 10:00 am and 7:30 pm at the Library, and 4:00 pm at Building 5 in Winter Valley, where all are welcome). So what is this novel about? In the larger sense, it is a glimpse of the plight of those who have had to flee because of conflict in their home country. This story about a middle aged childless couple, fleeing the battles of their homeland during the breakup of Yugoslavia, who are given refuge in a home in Oslo, Norway. The author, through her characters, paints for us some of the universal problems of a marriage under stress. Don't wait to get your copy as there are a limited number available in the Old Colony system. Remember that you can always go to Dedham or Hyde Park and get a library card in the Minute-man or Boston Library Systems, simply by asking for one! We have at our fingertips (car tires?) several MILLION books to borrow!

Reading Plays Together is the Library's newest monthly activity. Our next session will be on Wednesday, November 17, 2004, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the conference room of the Library. We will be reading **Lysistrata** by Aristophanes. Please bring a copy if possible.

This is a fun activity: no homework, no preparation, no audition or dramatic ability necessary. It is just a chance to get together, read aloud and hear the words as they are spoken, very different from silent reading.

Our first session was *All's Well That Ends Well* by Shakespeare. I wondered at my choice when I read it to myself, but as we took turns reading, the language, the vocabulary, the meaning, all made sense and presented no difficulties in spite of warnings by well meaning friends.

Our reading will be on Wednesday evenings, but exactly which Wednesday depends on holidays, so watch for notices in the newspapers and posters on the Library bulletin boards. The group present at each meeting will chose the play for the next reading. We agreed that the experience was educational and fun!



Clowning around at the Fall Festival & Book Sale.

We Need Your Help!

There are many avid readers in Milton who are not able to come to the Library and pick up the books they like to read. If you are willing to give a few hours a month to help establish a new ***Books to the Homebound Program***, please call Connie Spiros at 617-698-8003.

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, November 17, 2004; 7:00 pm

Reading Plays Together

Join us with a reading of *Lysistrata* by Aristophanes.

Monday, December 6, 2004

Book Discussion: *Music for the Third Ear* by *Susan Schwartz Senstad*

Three Sessions: Monday, December 6, 2004, 10:00 am and 7:30 pm at the Library, and 4:00 pm at Building 5 in Winter Valley, where all are welcome!

Wednesday, December 15, 2004; 7:00 pm

Annual Holiday Party

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Milton Library Foundation. The party will be held at the Wollaston Golf Club. RSVP to Connie Spiros by Dec. 5 at 698-8003.



For the latest info on events, visit www.miltonlibrary.org.

Be a Friend of the Milton Public Library

and help us Write the Next Chapter of Our Library's Future!

As a member, you can...

- Help the Library continue and enhance its service to the Milton community;
- Participate in fundraising activities including book sales, children's educational programs, author events, musical performances and book discussions;
- Help support the Library's need for new books, passes to local museums, recorded books, and many other programs.

As a member, you will...

- Receive preferential admission to many of our programs and events;
- Subscribe to The Newsletter, filled with book reviews, notices of special events, and preview information about activities around the Library;
- Meet other great people who LOVE books as much as you do!

Renew or Join the Friends of the Milton Public Library

Your membership dues are tax deductible (IRS approved)

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Student/Senior Citizen	\$10	<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$25	<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor	\$500
		<input type="checkbox"/> Other	\$_____

I am interested in volunteering with one of the Friends activities listed below:

Book Sales Story Hours Author Events Books to the Homebound
 Other _____

For **membership renewals**, no need to fill out name and address if label on reverse side is correct.

Name _____

Street _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ EMAIL _____

Please make your check payable to:

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

The Friends appreciate your additional financial support!

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***Special Event:
Friends Holiday Party***

***Wednesday
December 15th***

Details inside!

Milton Main Library

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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



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