



Milton Public Library

Letter No. 2007 -1

We Appreciate Your Continuing Support.

January, 2007

Director's Message

By Phil McNulty

2007! This year should be one of tremendous activity and change at the Milton Public Library. Construction of our new library should begin mid-year. In the meantime we have to finish up our plans for moving, storage and temporary quarters, as well as get bids for the construction work.

Schwartz/Silver Architects are 50% done with the construction drawings. We expect a bid to go out in April, with results in late May. In June we will close the Main Library, move our collections and gear out and give the site to our chosen contractor.

You will be able to find your favorite librarians, books and computers at our Branch Libraries. East Milton will open for expanded hours in June. In July we will re-open our Kidder Branch Library on Blue Hills Parkway for operation while construction is going on. Both locations will have extensive hours. East Milton will be able to hold more books, as many as 25,000. The Kidder Branch will be equipped with more Internet Computers and Reference materials, but we still should be able to fit about 10,000 books into the building.

We are busily trying to prepare for this big move, and also make sure the schedule holds!

The Friends Corner

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

At this time of year, it's traditional to take a look back before we take a leap forward into all the activities of a new year. In 2006, we raised over \$7500 from our book sales, we toured Boston's Trinity Church, we heard veteran Red Sox announcer Joe Castiglione share his "inside baseball" stories, we learned more about Milton's own Ernest Bowditch, famed 19th century landscape architect, we celebrated the Library's 102nd birthday with strawberries and cream, we sponsored a most successful Summer Reading Program, we heard Boston Herald columnist Margery Eagan talk local politics at our third annual Meet the Press, we hosted our first in a series of writers workshops with the help of local columnist Suzette Standing, we benefited from the generosity of many local artists who donated a portion of their proceeds from the annual Milton Art Sale, and we celebrated the holidays at the Milton Hoosic Club. Our new program called *The Library at Your Doorstep*, officially launched, and our volunteers have started to deliver books to Milton readers who are not able to get to the Library as frequently as they might like to. We closed out the year with our annual Friends membership drive, and I am so happy to say it was a record year for membership, due to your generosity! Members now total over 626 and growing!

As we turn the calendar, the pressure is on to keep up the momentum and I can tell

you...we're up to the challenge! Winter Wonderland book sales have started and will continue each Saturday morning from 10am-12noon through March 31. Prices are very reasonable, so be sure to stop by and stock up for the winter! Our writers workshop series will continue throughout the winter months (see the schedule on the calendar), and we're planning a trip in March to the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem. Look for information on future author talks, children's programming, and other special events to be announced soon. For information on the Friends and what we have planned for you to enjoy this year, visit www.miltonlibrary.org and click on the Friends.

See you at the Library!

Main Library Children's Room

Make a Valentine!
Sat. February 10
9:30-4:00



Children 12 and under are invited to drop in a make an old fashioned Valentine for someone special. We'll supply the fixin's (lace doilies, hearts, ribbon, etc) and you supply the imagination.

Winter Wonderland **Book Sales**

Every Saturday NOW through March 31st
10am-12noon
Lower Level Conference Room

www.miltonlibrary.org

Friends Sponsors!

The Friends invites you to help us continue to provide great programming and activities for Milton residents. If you can help sponsor an event, a museum pass, children's story times, the Summer Reading Program, or any portion of these activities, the Friends asks you to send a check payable to the Friends of the Milton Public Library, P.O. Box 54, Milton, MA 02186. Mark your check with the event you would like to sponsor. To find out more about the sponsorship opportunities, visit www.miltonlibrary.org, click on Friends and then Sponsorships.

Thank you to the following sponsors:

Meet the Press

- Suzanne and Dan Sigman

Children's Story Times

- Barbara and Benjamin Phinney
- Marion and Joe McEttrick
- Mark Beard

Museum Passes

- Enid and Charlie Gamer

Children's French Books

- Pam and Jeff Erickson

From the Reference Desk

By Dan Haacker

Winter is here and it's starting to get cold like it should be, so why not check out or reserve one of the hundreds of DVDs we have for you at the library. Here are a few that are very popular right now and might be of interest to you or someone in your family. Just make sure you have plenty of popcorn on hand.

New DVDs for your home enjoyment

All the King's Men

This film is based on the Pulitzer Prize winning novel of 1946 by Robert Penn Warren. It is also a remake of the 1949 movie that some of you may remember, starring Broderick Crawford and Mercedes McCambridge. The updated version stars Sean Penn as the legendary Governor of Louisiana Willi Stark. Stark's character is loosely based on the former Governor Huey P. Long. It is a "riveting story of a humble man's rise to political power and the destructive force of corruption and betrayal that would unravel his soul". The all star cast also includes: Jude Law, Kate Winslet, Sir Anthony Hopkins, Mark Ruffalo and James Gandolfini.

The Da Vinci Code

I can not think of a book that has been more in demand in the last decade as far a waiting lists and number of copies bought for the library than this novel by Dan Brown. The book also spawned numerous other books and dissertations. The movie version stars Academy Award winner Tom Hanks as Harvard Professor of Symbology Robert Langdon. Watch this fast-paced modern day quest for the Holy Grail. Directed by Ron Howard, the supporting cast includes Audrey Tautou, Sir Ian McKellen and Alfred Molina.

The Devil Wears Prada

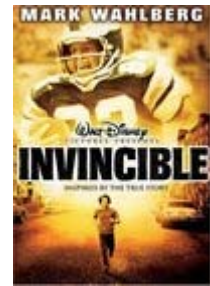
There is possible Oscar buzz for Meryl Streep's performance as the fictional Fashion Editor Miranda Priestly of Runway magazine. It is based on the bestselling novel of the same name by Lauren Weinberger. Miranda is a ruthless and cruel boss to her new



assistant Andrea, portrayed by Anne Hathaway (The Princess Diaries). I have found many similarities of this movie to the hit television series Ugly Betty. Watch as the naïve Andrea learns many life lessons as she takes on this challenging position with this "boss straight from hell".

Invincible

This sports drama starring Dorchester native Mark Wahlberg, tells the story of a Philadelphia Eagles football fan. He tries out for and wins a spot on the team. Produced by Walt Disney films, it is a true story, based on the life of Vince Papale who at age 30 in 1976, became an Eagles player. Greg Kinnear plays his coach. If you have withdrawal symptoms from football after the Super Bowl ends the season for the year, you might want to check out this film.



Snakes on a Plane

You will find plenty of action and thrills in this horror films starring Samuel L. Jackson. On a plane flying to Los Angeles, Nicholas Flynn (Jackson) is escorting a very important witness, but there are forces that do not want this witness to ever testify. The assassins in this films use 450 snakes that they let loose on the plane in the course of the flight to try to bring down the aircraft and everyone in it. The result is like no plane ride we will ever have to experience. Supporting cast includes Juliana Margulies, Rachel Blanchard and Bobby Canavale.

In conclusion, all of the movies except the last one were originally books. So if someone didn't tell the story in written form first, the film never would have been made. Perhaps, before or after seeing one of these

films, it might also prompt you to read the book that it is based on too.

East Milton Branch News

By Jean Hlady

During the last few months, the East Branch has been very busy! In addition to helping our patrons find the latest titles to read, assisting them with reference questions, and helping them with Internet searching, we have had lots of students working on homework assignments. There have also been a lot of improvements to the building and collections during this time, plus a very popular story time program for ages 3-5.

Improvements to the East Branch building include repair to the roof, waterproofing in the front, repair to the gutters, new paint and new locks on the public restrooms, the replacement of three outside doors and repair to the handicapped ramp foyer, and a complete cleaning with special attention to our children's room. Also a current building project in progress is rewiring to accommodate more computers when we add more staff in the spring after the central library closes for renovations. In addition, we have a new coin-operated photocopier for the convenience of library patrons.

Our children's story time for 3-5 year olds was a lot of fun and very well attended during the months of September, October and December. We were able to offer seven weeks on Friday mornings and then a special holiday pajama story time on a Monday evening. The opening session in September featured Rick Goldin, children's entertainer extraordinaire, who sang and played guitar with kids of all ages. He was very funny and everyone had a fine time as the event drew over 80 people.

At the end of our Friday morning sessions, we offered a very fun Halloween story time

where the kids dressed up, sang songs, listened to not-too-scary stories, had refreshments and decorated pumpkins to take home (picture below). It was quite the lively event with lots of fun witches, fairies, firemen, ghosts, princesses, superheroes, and more, hosted by Jean Hlady ("Glinda") and Sally Lawler ("The Wicked Witch") from the staff, and all had a great time. Over 62 people attended.



For the holiday evening story time, the children came dressed in their pj's with their favorite stuffed animal, sang songs, listened to stories, decorated their own take-home ornaments and enjoyed milk and cookies. There was also a "special guest" who was a gentle greyhound dog dressed up as Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. "Rudolph" and the kids became fast friends. It was a very good fall for families here in East Milton, and we thank the Friends of the Milton Public Library for their support and assistance. We hope to continue children's story time (for 3-5 year olds) during the spring for a few weeks, dates to be announced. In June, when the central library closes, we should be able to offer story times for more than one age group during each week because of the additional staff we will have on hand. We will also have a fully staffed Children's Room at this time.

Library Book Discussions

By Marge Jeffries

The immigrant experience. Some of us know it first hand through our parents or grandparents. For some of us it is buried in past generations. Whatever our knowledge the immigrant experience is inextricably woven in the fabric of this country.

Over the years members of the Milton Public Library Book Discussions have read about the experience of many immigrants from many countries both in the United States and elsewhere. Many factors influence the perceptions of immigrants: their country of origin: the country they enter: their financial circumstance: the state of the economy and foreign policy and the character and experiences of each person. It is not surprising therefore, that immigration is a unique experience. We could read about the immigrant experience from now to doomsday and never discover a repetition, although there are threads of similarity.

The Saint of Lost Things by Christopher Castellani is the book for the February 5, 2007 discussion. The authors name gives you the clue that he is writing about an Italian experience coming to, not Boston, but Wilmington, Delaware in the mid 50s. Antonio decides it is time for him to have a wife, so he flies off to his region of Italy and comes home with Magdalena, young, sweet, innocent, no English and plunks her into his lifelong circle of friends.

Put yourself in her shoes. You are flown to Italy at age 18 to marry an Italian, knowing no Italian, and plunked into the middle of a tight circle of a community that has been there for generations. Not easy.

You are invited to come to any of the three discussions Monday, February 5, 10 am OR

7:30 pm at the Library, OR 4 pm Building 5 at Winter Valley. Discount prices of the book are available at the Circulation Desk.

A word to those who look ahead. The March 5th book is *Maps for Lost Lovers* by Nadeem Aslan. It is a little long, and the month of February is a little short!

Copies of this book will also be available at the Library.



Introducing...

The Library at Your Doorstep

If you are a senior or are disabled, and you love to read, volunteers from the Friends of the Milton Library can deliver books, DVDs, and CDs right to your door!

If you are interested in learning more about this program, or would like to volunteer, please contact Janet Evans at 698-2826 or Adult Services Librarian Terri Stano, at 698-5757.

Calendar of Events

Wednesdays – 10:00
Through March 28

Small Wonders - "Lap sit" story times for babies & toddlers.
No registration required.

Tuesdays – 10:00
Through March 29

Time for Tales - Stories for ages 3-5.
No registration required.

Saturdays – 10 am to Noon
February 17 Through March 25

Winter Wonderland Book Sales
Lower Level Conference Room

February 5
Monday

Book Discussion – *The Saint of Lost Things* by Christopher Castellani
Discussion at the Library: 10 am and 7:30 pm; At Winter Valley Building 5, 4 pm

February 10 – 9:30 to 4:00 pm
Saturday

Make-a-Valentine - Children 12 and under are invited to drop in a make an old fashioned Valentine for someone special. We'll supply the fixin's (lace doilies, hearts, ribbon, etc) and you supply the imagination.

February 24 – 3 pm to 5 pm
Saturday

Writers' Workshop Series
Creating Memorable Characters with author Hallie Touger
Lower level conference room

March 5
Monday

Book Discussion – *Maps for Lost Lovers* by Nadeem Aslan
Discussion at the Library: 10 am and 7:30 pm; At Winter Valley Building 5, 4 pm

March 18
Sunday

Tour of the Peabody Essex Museum, Salem
Cost including bus transportation to Salem, museum admission and tour = \$20.00 per person

March 24 – 3 pm to 5 pm
Saturday

Writers' Workshop Series
Finding Your Writing Voice with writer and columnist Susan Standing
Lower level conference room

April 21 – 3 pm to 5 pm
Saturday

Writers' Workshop Series
Crafting Family Stories into Print with writing coach and professor Dorothy Fleming
Lower level conference room

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



East Milton Branch's

Holiday Story Hour on December 11 featured lots of rapt listener's (both teddy bears and kids!)

Renew or Join the Friends of the Milton Public Library

NOTE: Membership runs on a calendar year basis.

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

Your membership dues are tax deductible

- 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.)

- | | | | |
|---|------|-------------------------------------|---------|
| <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 | \$_____ |

(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!

Friends of the Milton Public Library
476 Canton Avenue
Milton, MA 02186

NONPROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
MILTON, MA
PERMIT NO. 50946

Winter Wonderland
Book Sales

Saturdays
Feb. 17 through March 31st
10 am-12 noon
Lower Level Conference Room



FOLD

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



Milton Public Library
Newsletter: January, 2007.

Latest computer sketch of new library, view from intersection of Canton & Reedsdale