



Milton Public Library

Letter No. 2007 -2

Commencement of Construction Issue

July, 2007

We Have Moved!

The Main Library closed its doors on June 20th as we prepared to move out and give the building to our contractor. Library staff flagged some 24,000 main library items to redeploy to the branch libraries, and the remainder, some 75,000, have gone to storage.

The East Milton Branch was closed for four days as we brought in 7000 volumes from the Main Library. We also had to move most of the 22,000 books already there in order to fit in more shelving and re-arrange the collections. East Milton now has the same operating schedule that the Main Library used to have. See the back cover for details and the web site for updates.

The Kidder Branch Library at 101 Blue Hills Parkway has been re-opened after more than a decade of use for other purposes. It housed the Council on Aging programs for many years, and most recently housed the Milton Community Schools extended kindergarten program. The KEDS program will now take place at the elementary schools, eliminating the need for busing during the day.

The Kidder Branch will house the library administrative offices and technical book processing center, as well as some 17,000 volumes and eight public computers. Anything the catalog lists as "Milton" will be at the Kidder Branch.

Construction Bid Awards

The Library Building Committee awarded the construction contract to G&R Construction of Braintree on June 4. G&R has considerable experience doing public construction, including several libraries. Most recently they completed the Needham Free Library, which opened in March 2006. The bidding process was very competitive, with 66 sub-contractors bidding for 13 categories, (painting, plumbing, electrical, heating/cooling, elevators, etc.) For general contractor, there were seven bids, five of which were within our budget. G&R's bid was the lowest and references from customers and within the industry have been very positive.

Groundbreaking

The groundbreaking ceremony was held on July 12. Several hundred people attended the ceremonial placement of shovels into the dirt in front of the library.



Construction Begins July 16

The contractor will take possession of the Canton Avenue site on July 16 and they are eager to begin work. Asbestos removal will be the first order of business and by the time you are reading this, we may see some demolition in the 1958 addition.

East Milton Branch

By Jean Hlady

The East Milton Branch Library has been much, much busier during June and July because of the closing of our Main Library on June twentieth to prepare for as much as eighteen months of renovation. The number of patrons visiting East per week more than tripled between the time the Central Library closed and the time the Kidder Branch at 101 Blue Hills Parkway opened to the public (July 11th). As soon as Central closed, East Branch started 9-9 hours so that there was the least amount of disruption in library service for our patrons.

The East Branch now has approximately 7,000 relocated items on the shelves, including adult non-fiction, adult paperbacks, young adult fiction, young adult non-fiction, and many more books, recorded books, and films for children. This influx of borrowed materials means that we can provide better service to the townspeople of Milton as they seek books for required summer reading, homework support, or other enjoyable reading at the library. There were also 3 more public computers added during the move.

Half of the main library books were added to the children's collection. You will find a full-service children's room with lots more programming, including storytimes for children.



Movers bring in new shelving for 7000 more books at East Milton Branch – June 2007

We are glad so many people visited East during this transition and we hope that they were not inconvenienced by our moving activities. Although the collections have been slightly rearranged within the building, there are a lot of wonderful resources available here and we encourage you to ask our staff for help if you cannot locate something you are looking for. We hope many residents will return again and again, now they have experienced the charm of the East Branch.

Our next big job is to add several permanent parking spaces in back of the branch to make it easier for you to get to the building.

Continuing activity during renovation...

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!

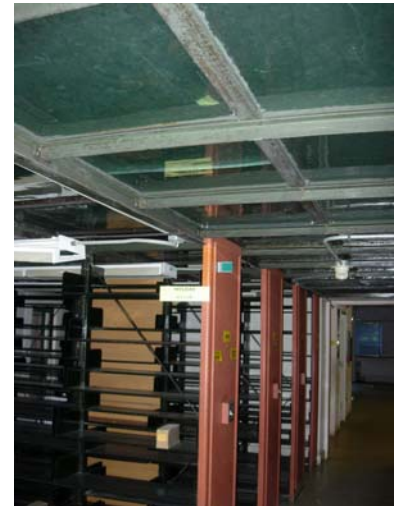
If you are interested in learning more about this program, or would like to volunteer, please contact Janet Evans at 698-2826 or Adult Services Librarian Terri Stano, at 698-5757.



Books move out of the glass floor stack wing for the last time!

The stacks were installed in 1929 and were originally under a skylight that must have provided a radiant glow down through the floors.

The floors themselves were supported by the book stack uprights and the upper levels were heated by warm air rising from openings around the shelves. While it had these intriguing features, overall the design did not take



into account either accessibility or fire safety.

Join the Friends of the Milton Public Library!

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

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| <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.)

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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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Roxaboxen!

Imagine That! Productions presents a program for children in grades 1-6. Adapted from the book **Roxaboxen**, this interactive theater performance invites the audience to recreate the place and people of Roxaboxen, where imagination reigns.

Friday August 10.
East Milton Branch Lawn at 10:30am

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Kidder Branch & Library Business Office

101 Blue Hills Parkway
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Hours of Operation:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9 – 9
Wednesday & Friday 9 – 5:30
Saturday 9 – 5 (Closed Summer)
Sunday Closed

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