

# Otto Bruyns Public Library of Northfield

Fall 2010  
Newsletter



## Friends of the Library "Book & Bake" Sale



*September 25, 2010*  
*10 am to 2 pm*

*Children's books — 25¢/50¢*  
*Adult paperbacks — 50¢*  
*Adult hardcovers — \$1 each*  
*New bestsellers — \$2 each*  
*Oversized books — \$2 and up*

**All book donations are  
tax-deductible  
and greatly appreciated**

### BOOK SALE COUPON

*This coupon entitles you to \$1 off  
a \$5 purchase at the Friends of the  
Library Fall 2010 Book/Bake Sale.*



*Only one coupon per  
person, please; no cash  
value, no copies accepted.*



## Halloween Party

The Library's annual Halloween Costume Party will be held on Saturday, October 30th beginning at 1 p.m.



In addition to a Spooky Story Time, there will be games and refreshments — apple cider, donuts and candy corn for the trick-or-

treaters. There will be a costume parade, so bring your camera! We also have a fun Halloween craft for your child to make.



Advance registration is required, and you can sign up at the Main Desk.

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# Arriving Soon

## FICTION

Legacy – Danielle Steele  
Marks of Cain – Tom Knox  
Widower's Tale – Julia Glass  
Santa Fe Edge – Stuart Woods  
Safe Haven – Nicholas Sparks  
Don't Blink – James Patterson  
Silent Scream – Lynda LaPlante  
Nose for Justice – Rita Mae Brown  
Wicked Appetite – Janet Evanovich  
Maybe This Time – Jennifer Crusie

*These are just some  
of our new books —  
please come in  
and see them all!*



## NONFICTION

Edward Kennedy: An Intimate Biography – Biography of the late senior senator from Massachusetts  
Growing Up Laughing – Memoirs of Marlo Thomas, the daughter of comedian Danny Thomas and a star in her own right  
The Woman I Was Born To Be – Autobiography of Susan Boyle, the unknown British singer who captured the ears of America  
Ah-choo! The Uncommon Life of Your Common Cold – A look inside your nose and your cold; find out exactly what a cold is, how it lives and dies, and whether it's really possible to "fight one off"  
The Weekend That Changed Wall Street – The story of the recent financial meltdown, by prize-winning CNBC financial reporter Maria Bartiromo

# Book Adoptions

The March of Folly – Analysis of the similarities between the Trojan War, the American Revolution and the Vietnam War, by award-winning historian Barbara Tuchman

The Reichmans – The rise and fall of the Canadian family and its real estate empire

Patience & Fortitude – More thoughts about books and libraries, from Nicholas Basbanes, author of "A Gentle Madness"

All Aboard!! – Illustrated history of Lionel toy trains and their creator, Joshua Cowen



A book adoption makes an unusual and lasting gift for someone, as well as for the entire Northfield community. It would also make a great birthday present!

Since its inception in 2002, our Book Adoption Program has added over 250 books to the Library's shelves. You can select from fiction, non-fiction, reference or children's books; prices reflect the Library's actual cost and usually range from only \$12 to \$20. We also make a personalized donor bookplate for each newly adopted book.

For more information, please stop at the Main Desk or call the Library at 646-4476.

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# Live in Berlin: An Evening with Max Raabe and his Palast Orchestra



Join us at 7 p.m. on Monday, September 20th, as Max Raabe and his Palast (Palace) Orchestra play the hits of the 1920's, 1930's and 1940's. The 12-piece band uses original dance-band arrangements and period instrumentation (lots of saxophones, muted trumpets, a violin, guitar or tenor banjo, wood blocks, chimes and even a xylophone).

The Palast Orchestra has toured the world's concert halls with this show. This performance was filmed live in Berlin, Germany in 2005; it will be shown on the Library's 8-foot wide movie screen, and is presented in Dolby digital stereo.



You'll enjoy classic

pop songs like Irving Berlin's "Cheek to Cheek," "Singing in the Rain" and novelty numbers from the Twenties like "Paddlin' Madeline Home" and "I Have a Sweet Tooth for Ruth." Dressed in tuxedos, the band also plays beautiful forgotten ballads from the 1930's like "Tonight or Never," waltzes, foxtrots and operetta favorites by Franz Lehar.

You'll enjoy watching and hearing these flawless note-for-note recreations of a bygone era by superb musicians. Lyrics are sung by the debonair and droll Max Raabe.



## LAUREL & HARDY MOVIE FESTIVAL

Join us on Monday, October 18th for an evening of fun and laughter with Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy.



These comedies are as fresh and funny as the day they were made over 75 years ago.



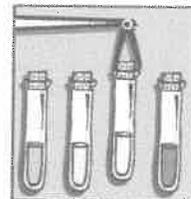
We'll show two of their classic shorts on our big movie screen. The first is Hog Wild (1930), in which they demonstrate how NOT to install a radio antenna on the roof of your house.

Next is Helpmates (1932), in which Stan "helps" Ollie to clean up the house after a party – and before Ollie's wife is any the wiser. Please join us for lots of laughs!

## \*\*\*\*\* ★ Halloween Movie Time ★ \*\*\*\*\*

We proudly present a classic horror movie for Halloween, on our digital projection system and 8-foot wide movie screen!

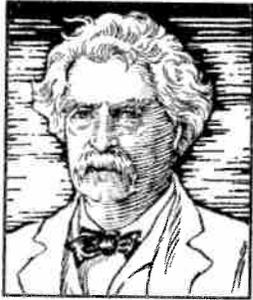
At 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 28th, Boris Karloff stars in "The Walking Dead" (1933).



This film is a fine horror/suspense & sci-fi story about a man wrongly executed for a murder he didn't commit. He's brought back to life by a strange new process, and decides to take revenge on those who wronged him.

Join us for this spooky classic (not recommended for children under 12).

## Mark Twain Tales



Please plan to join us on Wednesday, November 3rd at 7 p.m., for a unique evening!

The Friends of the Library

will present storyteller Charles Kiernan, who will perform in costume as Mark Twain.

Mr. Kiernan will spin some witty tales and lively anecdotes to give you a bit of Twain's biography, his humor and his viewpoints.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and is sure to be a memorable experience. Refreshments will be served; seating is limited.



## CELL PHONE DROP

If you're about to get a new cell phone and are discarding the old one – don't!

Cell phones should never be put into the trash; toxic materials in the phones can end up in our landfills and the groundwater. Drop it off at the Library instead!



To make it easy, we partner with Wireless Alliance, a company that recycles discarded cell phones. All processing is handled in EPA-regulated facilities in the U.S. Do your part to keep our groundwater safe!

### LIBRARY HOURS

Monday to Thursday  
10 am - 8 pm

Friday and Saturday  
10 am - 5 pm

## Great Children's Reading At The Library

By Josephine Reese, Library Assistant

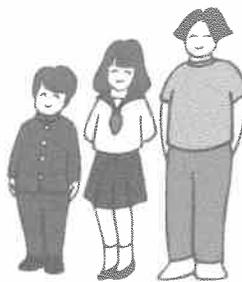
### For elementary grades

**City Dog, Country Frog** – A delightful tale about how the two animals meet at different seasons and become great friends.

**Blizzard's Robe** – The story of Teune, who makes a beautiful robe during the summer and fall to protect her from the icy Arctic winters.

**Wallace's List** – Wallace is a mouse who can do anything as long as he makes a list. At the end of the story, his favorite list comes true.

**The Red Book** – This Caldecott Winner shows a girl traveling oceans and seas, with the help of something "red" on each page.



### For middle schoolers

**If Stones Could Speak** – This is a very informative book about the history and secrets of Stonehenge.

**The Ghost Children** – Great-Aunt Gerda introduces Matt and Abby to her "children," which are all of her wooden dolls – and then the mysteries begin!

**Where The Mountain Meets the Moon** – A Newberry Winner, this is the story of Min Li, who works in the fields by day. At night her father tells her wonderful tales about the mysterious and powerful Jade Dragon, and other amazing stories.

## What is a Library?



A library represents different things to different people. For many, it's a place to relax and read the latest novel. For some, it's a place to do research for book reports and term papers, or to "surf" the Internet. Others come to obtain information about government programs and tax return forms, or perhaps to read some of the latest magazines. A library benefits all members of the community, from toddlers to senior citizens.

Because libraries are basically sources of information, they have been cherished by curious and democratic people since antiquity. Libraries are bastions against ignorance and intolerance.

Of course, dictators and tyrants have always hated libraries. One of the wonders of the ancient world was the library of 600,000 volumes at Alexandria, begun by Alexander the Great in 300 B.C. The library was destroyed in 642 A.D. by invading Turks. They decreed that any books contrary to the Koran should be destroyed (and any books that were consistent with the Koran also had to be destroyed, because they were superfluous). Centuries of irreplaceable Greek and Roman texts, including works by Plato and Archimedes, went up in smoke as library books were used to stoke the furnaces at the city's public baths.



In more recent times, book burnings were held regularly in Germany during the 1930's and 40's. This was a quick and very convenient way to dispose of books and ideas that did not agree with those of Adolph Hitler and the Nazi Party.

But a public library in America provides free and unfettered access to vast amounts of information. The books and periodicals in a public library are all selected without any particular point of view or political agenda in mind. You can check out any book you choose, whenever you want to, and without having to provide a reason. Nobody looks to see what you're reading or why.

We take these rights for granted. But in many other countries around the world, this scenario does not exist. We should remember too, that generations of American men and women fought and died for these freedoms. In fact, they are still fighting for them as this is written.



You won't find a "Right To Read" in the Bill of Rights or the Constitution. But it's obvious that reading and access to information is vital to being an informed citizen. Freedom of thought and freedom of speech don't mean much without the freedom to read. That's why public libraries are so important -- in fact, they are one of the basic building blocks of our society.

If you haven't been to your public library recently, please pay us a visit. You may be pleasantly surprised and intrigued by the range and amount of material now available: not just books and magazines, but also audio CD's, videotapes and even DVD's, as well as high-speed Internet access.

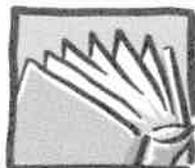
Support your local library by attending some of its events. Tell the librarians what kind of books you enjoy; they may have a few interesting suggestions for you. And while you're there, pick up a few books or magazines to read -- remember, it's your right!

*Don't miss the Palace  
Orchestra Concert on  
September 20th!  
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## *Around the Library . . . .*

Just as "all good things must come to an end," my tenure as the publisher of this newsletter is coming to an end with this Fall 2010 issue.

It has been my privilege and pleasure to write the copy and do the layout for this newsletter over the past nine years. But now it's time for someone else to pick up the newsletter and carry it forward.



I hope you have enjoyed the news,

articles and book reviews over the last 36 (!) issues. We have always tried to publicize and promote the Library as much as possible, so that the Northfield community (which, after all, pays for the Library) is aware of the various events, activities, services and programs the Library offers during the year.

I would also like to acknowledge the help of Sue Koiro, proofreader extraordinaire, and Jo Reese and Library Director Meg Deras-cavage, who provided lists of new adult and children's books for each issue.

Happy reading to all of  
you!

**SETH BRILIANT**

