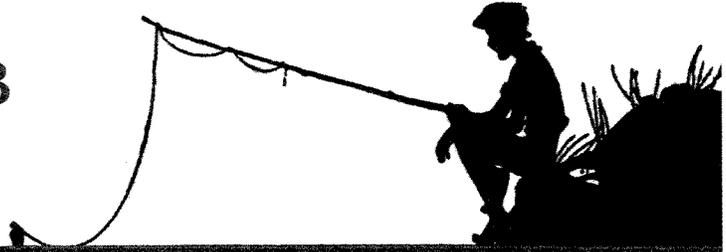
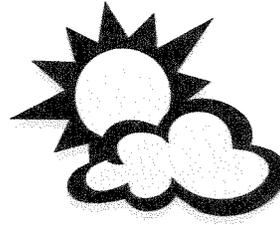


Otto Bruyns Public Library of Northfield

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Newsletter



We're on the Web!

Thanks to Councilman Jason O'Grady, who is also the City's Technology Officer, the Library now has a fully operational and updated web page on the City's Internet website, located at www.cityofnorthfield.org.



Our webpage enables us to publicize upcoming events at the Library and inform the community of the Library's facilities and services. You can also read the current and past issues of our quarterly newsletter online.

Thanks very much, Councilman O'Grady, for helping the Library use its Web page to its full potential.

Story Time at the Library



The Library now has Story Time at 11 a.m. every other Saturday in our Children's Section, with special kid-sized chairs.

This is a great way to introduce your children to the wonders and the fun of reading, to prepare them to read, and also help them become better readers, too.

A Mad Hatter's Tea Party



Don't be late for this very important date!

At 1 p.m.
on Saturday, June
7th, the Friends of the
Library are having a
wonderful party, where nothing is real and
fun is everywhere – and all local children
are invited!



There will be a special Story Time, along with games and crafts. Tea and treats will be served, and everyone can make and wear their very own Mad Hatter's hat. See you there!

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Arriving Soon

FICTION

Off Season – Anne Rivers Siddons
Domestic Affairs – Eileen Gouge
Death & Honor – W.E.B. Griffin
Nothing to Lose – Lee Child
Sail – James Patterson
The Other – David Guterson
Dead until Dark – Charlaine Harris
Blue Smoke and Murder – Elizabeth Lowell
The James Boys – Richard Liebmann-Smith

*These are just some
of our new books —*

*please come in
and see them all!*



NONFICTION

By His Own Rules – Biography of Donald Rumsfeld
The Last Fish Tale – The fate of the Atlantic Ocean and survival in Gloucester, America's oldest fishing port
When Organizing Isn't Enough – a practical, transformative plan for positively managing change in every aspect of your life
Me of Little Faith – The inconsistencies and peculiarities of religion, as explained by comedian Lewis Black
Yankee For Life – Autobiography of Bobby Mercer, ballplayer and broadcaster
Moving Forward – Self-help expert Dave Pelzer teaches how to let go of the past and use negative experiences to be stronger when tackling the future
All The Way Home – The funny and poignant journey of a couple who turn a money pit into a house that will complete their family

Book Adoptions

The Reach of A Chef – Essays on the changing role of a chef in today's society, from tradesmen to Food Network superstars; the sequel to The Making of a Chef by Michael Ruhlman

Fork It Over – Essays about food and dining, by *Bon Appetit* food critic Alan Richman

Illegal Tender – The amazing story of the infamous 1933 gold "double eagle" coin, from its creation, loss and theft to its eventual recovery by the United States Secret Service

Jacquard's Web – A history of the computer, from an 1850 automated weaving loom and IBM's punch-card tabulators, to the PC

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



Since its inception in 2002, our Book Adoption Program has added over 155 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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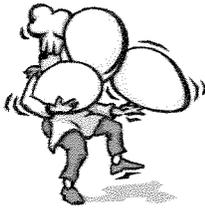
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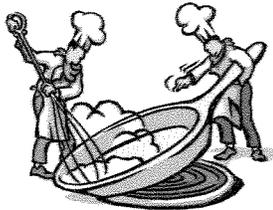
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GREEN EGGS & HAM BRUNCH



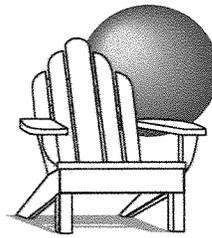
Do you like green eggs and ham? Could you eat them at a brunch? Wouldn't they be fun to munch? You may like them, you will see – if you eat them at the Library!

On Saturday, July 19th at 11 a.m., the Library is having a very special Story Time featuring Green Eggs And Ham, the beloved Dr. Seuss classic. And we'll be serving actual green (deviled) eggs and ham, with apple juice and corn muffins.



We'll also have a neat Dr. Seuss art project, so come join in the fun!

The "Summer Six"



Summertime is a time for children to relax and have fun. It's also a good time for them to read books that they enjoy.

That's one reason the Library has a summer reading program, which begins July 1st and ends August 31st.

When your child reads six books of his or her choice over the summer, they can get a free "Happy Meal" and an ice cream sundae at Friendly's Restaurant on Tilton Road in Northfield.



Official entry forms will be available at the Main Desk beginning July 1st.

Great Children's Reading At The Library

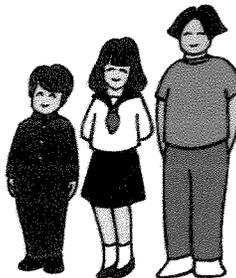
By Josephine Reese, Library Assistant

For elementary grades

The Sky is Not So Far Away – This book captures the dreams and nighttime adventures of children around the world.

Round is a Pancake – All sorts of round objects, from cakes to balloons, fill this book as the townspeople create a wonderful meal for the King of their city.

The Library – Elizabeth doesn't play with dolls or skate; what she really enjoys are books. But she has so many books that they are collapsing her bookshelves and falling all the way to the front door! At the end of the story, Elizabeth finds a good solution that benefits everyone.



For middle schoolers

Meet Julie – Julie has moved to an apartment with her Mom, and this means a new school for her. She wants to be on the school basketball team, but the coach says it's "for boys only." What can she do?

I Hate Camping – Dan thinks he is going to have a terrible time when he is forced to go camping with his Mom, her boyfriend and his son Raymond. However, the boys form a surprising friendship.

The Bell Reef – Anxious to recover the sunken treasure of a pirate ship, two teenagers enlist the help of a trained dolphin and carry out their plan, despite stories of ghosts and mysterious underwater noises.

Student Essay Contest Winners

On April 8th, the winners of the 2008 Student Essay Contest were recognized at a ceremony presided over by Library Director Meg Derasavage and Heather Mellon, President of the Friends of the Library.

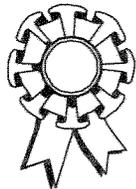


The contest is sponsored by the Friends of the Library, and this year's essay question was "Which animal would you like to be, and why?" There were more than 300 entries, and the winners received award certificates and gift certificates to Atlantic Books for their winning essays.

The Third Grade winners were Miguel Balga (1st Place), Ciara Zwicker (2nd Place) and Lana Milonovic (3rd Place).

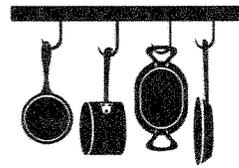


Fourth Grade winners were David Evans (1st Place), Nazia Tahia (2nd Place) and Jeri-Marie Snyder (3rd Place). In Fifth Grade, the winners were Quinn Glassey (1st Place), Ava Gadon (2nd Place) and Isabel Van den Heuvel (3rd Place). The First Place winner in Sixth Grade was Holly Jarrett.

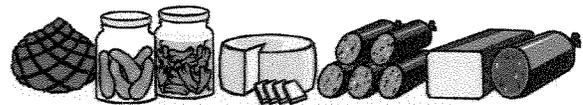


Thanks to everyone who participated, and thanks also to the members of the Friends of the Library, who read each and every essay, and who also organized the awards ceremony.

Panini Class !



Now you can make restaurant-style panini sandwiches in your own home! These are tasty Italian pressed and grilled sandwiches stuffed with flavorful meats, vegetables and cheeses. On Tuesday, August 12th at 7 p.m., we'll explain the best types of bread to use, the different ingredients and condiments, and demonstrate exactly how panini are prepared.



As you'll see, the equipment required to make panini is minimal and inexpensive, while the results are limited only by your imagination. You can sample a turkey and Provolone cheese panini with Portobello mushrooms and roasted red peppers. There will also be tuna panini with cucumber slices, black olives and Swiss cheese, and a ham panini with zucchini and a tangy sauce of orange marmalade and grated horseradish.



How about a dessert panini? We'll show you an Italian version of "S'mores" that is insane – it's made with pound cake slices, hazelnut spread and strawberries!

Admission is free but seating is limited, so come early and bring a napkin, because we'll have samples for you to taste!

Do you have a suggestion?

The Library has a Suggestion Box, and we'd like to hear from you!

Whether it's a book you'd like to see added to the shelves, an idea for a program, a suggestion for using the library or even a complaint, we really do want to know about it. You don't have to sign your name and no salesman will call, as they say.

Our Suggestion Box is located at the Main Desk — please use it!

War is Hell

Although talk of “weapons of mass destruction” and the killing of civilians in wartime is very topical at the moment, these issues are not new. In the 1940’s, as the war against Germany and Japan became more desperate, more desperate measures were employed to wage that war. Germany sent



unmanned robotic missiles known as V-2 rockets against England, destroying vast parts of London and killing thousands of innocent civilians. Japan used “kamikazes” – suicide pilots who crashed their planes into Allied ships and aircraft carriers.

In response, England and the United States instituted a campaign to firebomb and destroy numerous German cities. Their most effective effort was the aerial firebombing of Hamburg in 1943, recounted in **Inferno: The Destruction of Hamburg** by Keith Lowe (Scribner, 2007).

This detailed history and analysis of the firebombing of Hamburg covers the story from the vantage points of the airmen who carried it out, as well as the German citizens who survived it, with heroic action and bravery being shown by both sides. It is mind-boggling to conceive of the virtual incineration of an entire city in one night, yet that is basically what happened.

The bombing created a firestorm with winds over 150 miles per hour, making movement and escape virtually impossible. In the heart of the city, temperatures reached over 1,400 degrees Centigrade, hot enough to melt glass. Buildings and even people often spontaneously burst into flames. People who did not burn to death died from carbon monoxide poisoning or injuries from flaming debris.

Lowe also analyzes whether the firebombing was effective. Did it destroy the German defense capability? Did it shorten the war? Was it worth the cost, in financial and human terms? Did Germany “have it coming,” as they say, so that the firebombing was morally justified? We may never have answers to these questions, but Lowe does an excellent job of discussing them.

Similarly, Stephen Walker’s **ShockWave** (HarperCollins, 2005), documents the preparation and dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima. The firebombing and destruction of Tokyo had not brought about a Japanese surrender, nor had Truman’s Potsdam Declaration; Japan was apparently prepared to fight to the death of every Japanese citizen. In the eyes of many, this gave the United States no choice but to use the atomic bomb.



Once again, the story is told from the viewpoint of the soldiers who dropped the bomb and the people on whom it was dropped. It’s a gripping tale, no less horrific than that of Hamburg. The temperature at ground zero reached 160 million degrees Centigrade, instantly vaporizing everything within one kilometer. Thirteen square miles of the city were obliterated; over 150,000 people died from the blast itself, the subsequent sonic shockwave and firestorm, or radiation poisoning. But even this did not convince the Japanese to surrender; Japan reluctantly conceded only after another atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki three days later.

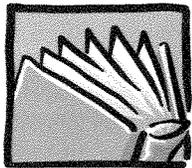
It is truly a shame that mankind has not figured out a better way to resolve its disputes. I hope perhaps we will – before it’s too late.

*Don't miss the
Mad Hatter's
Tea Party on June 7th!*



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Around the Library

We wanted to take a moment to thank Peter Hecht, who has helped to create the Library's Astronomy Night programs. Pete is an avid amateur astronomer, and a very knowledgeable one. He prepares and presents the 20-minute PowerPoint slideshows that precede each Astronomy night, with details about the nightly telescope viewings that come afterwards.

With Pete's great collection of NASA and Hubble Telescope photos, diagrams and other information, Pete makes it easy to understand the phases of the



Moon, the rings of Saturn, the workings of the Sun, the Orion Nebula and other celestial wonders.

Thanks, Pete, for volunteering your time and expertise, it's much appreciated!

If you like books and libraries, please consider joining the Friends of the Library. The Friends meet at the Library on the first Thursday of every month, and they supplement the Library's offerings with special events, book sales and other activities. Dues are just \$5 a year.

Help make a difference in your community! Call Heather at 645-2831 for more information.