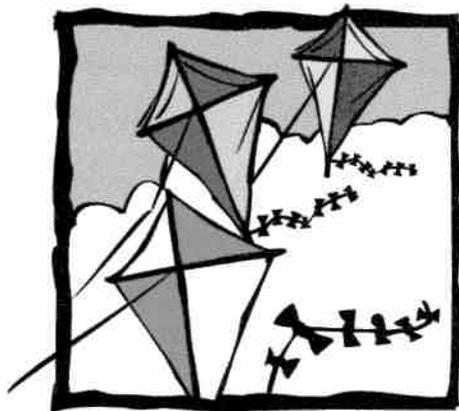


Otto Bruyns Public Library of Northfield

Spring 2010
Newsletter



Friends of the Library Book & Bake Sale



May 1, 2010
(Rain or Shine)
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
**plus — homemade cakes,
cookies & pies**

Find some great reading, pick up some great desserts and snacks, and help support a great cause, all at the same time! Book donations are also gratefully accepted, and are tax-deductible.

BOOK SALE COUPON

This coupon entitles you to \$1 off a \$5 purchase at the Friends of the Library Spring 2010 Book/Bake Sale. Only one coupon per person, please; no cash value.

Astronomy Night



On Monday, March 22nd you can see the wonders of the night sky up close – rain or shine!

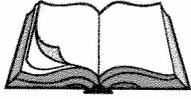
At 7:00 p.m., we'll show a PBS/NOVA documentary about the planet Saturn on our new 8-foot wide movie screen. The film features stunning photographs of Saturn and its rings and moons, taken by the NASA 2004 "Cassini" space probe.

At 8 p.m., we'll go outside to use several powerful telescopes. Weather permitting, you'll be able to see Saturn's rings and some of its moons!

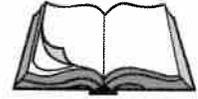


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National Library Week



This year, the Library is celebrating National Library Week with six days of exciting special events. Come, learn and enjoy at your local Library!

Monday, April 12th at 7 p.m.

“Our Town”



Watch the 1993 PBS version of Thornton Wilder’s Pulitzer Prize-winning classic play, “Our Town,” (1938) on our giant movie screen.

Paul Newman stars as the Stage Manager, and narrates the immortal tale of Grover’s Corners and its residents. The stellar cast includes Jane Curtin and Frank Converse; the play is directed by actress Joanne Woodward, who was Mr. Newman’s wife.



Tuesday, April 13th at 7 p.m.

Poetry Night

In conjunction with National Poetry Month, we’re holding a Poetry Night. You can read your own original poetry, read from your favorite poet, or simply listen and enjoy.

If you’ve never been to a poetry reading before, consider giving this a try. As always, anyone who would just like to listen is also very welcome.

All readings should be suitable for the general public. Light refreshments will be served, courtesy of the Friends of the Library.



Story Time

Please join us on Thursday, April 15th at 11 a.m. for a special Story Time, for children between the age of 3 and 6. There will be a great story, an easy craft and a snack of cookies and milk or juice.

Wednesday, April 14th at 7 p.m.

Gardening Tips from a Master Gardener



Find out how to have a greener thumb the easy way, with lots of great gardening tips!

You can also have some of your toughest gardening questions answered during a hands-on demonstration of gardening techniques.



Thursday, April 15th at 7 p.m.

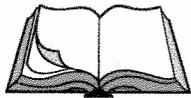
Buying & Selling on Ebay

Learn how to buy and sell items on Ebay, the gigantic Internet bazaar.

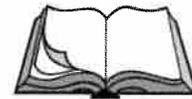


Our demonstration will be conducted live and in real time on the library’s computer; it will be projected on our big movie screen so that everyone can see exactly how Ebay operates.

Discover how to turn your trash into treasure, using your own computer!



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Friday, April 15th at 7 p.m.

“One Book” Night featuring *Stones into Schools*

This is a book discussion in which the entire City of Northfield can participate, because *everyone* can read the same book and bring their own unique thoughts and insights to it. Join us as we discuss Stones Into Schools by Greg Mortenson, who is combating ignorance and terrorism by building schools in Iraq and Pakistan.



Advance reading copies are available at the Library, and we invite everyone to borrow a copy and join in the discussion. If you prefer, you can also just attend and listen. Light refreshments will be served.

Saturday, April 17th at 11 a.m.

Where The Wild Things Are

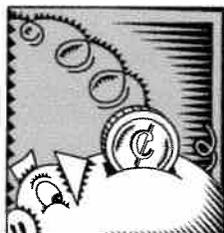


Bring your children for a reading of Maurice Sendak’s classic story “Where the Wild Things Are,” a tale of wonderful and amazing creatures.

Then join us for our special “monster craft.” Your child can make their very own “monster” that will be attached to a large mural in the Library for everyone to see and enjoy.



Pennies For Peace



In coordination with the New Jersey State Library, we are participating in the 2010 “Pennies for Peace” program.

The program celebrates the character and values of Abraham Lincoln, who appears on the U.S. penny. Lincoln firmly believed in education, equality, opportunity and peace. To help continue his legacy, the State Library is encouraging all New Jersey libraries to participate in the Lincoln Pennies for Peace Campaign.

All monies will be donated to the Central Asia Institute co-founded by Greg Mortenson, subject of the best-selling biography, “Three Cups of Tea.” The funds will be used to build schools in Afghanistan and other impoverished areas of the world. See www.penniesforpeace.org for more information.

We hope such schools will provide new opportunity for thousands of children. You can bring your pennies to the Library, or make a contribution by check (payable to “New Jersey State Library”). The program ends April 1, 2010, and all donations will be sent to the New Jersey State Library at that time.



Arriving Soon

FICTION

The Bone Thief – Jefferson Bass
Sheen on the Silk – Anne Perry
The Black Hills – Nora Roberts
House Rules – Jodi Picoult
Last Illusion – Rhys Bowen
Silent Sea – Clive Cussler
Shattered – Karen Robards
Think Twice – Lisa Scottoline
Deception – Jonathan Kellerman
The Endless Forest – Sara Donati
Hummingbirds – Joshua Gaylord

*These are just some
of our new books —*

*please come in
and see them all!*



NONFICTION

Best of Friends: Martha & Me – Memoir of a longtime neighbor, friend and confidant of Martha Stewart

I Know Where I'm Going – Biography of actress Katherine Hepburn

Mrs. Adams in Winter – The amazing journey of Louisa Catherine Johnson Adams, wife to future American president John Quincy Adams

Three Emperors – The interwoven story of George V, King of England; Wilhelm II, the last Kaiser; and Nicholas II, the last Tsar, and how their reigns led to World War I

Every Day in Tuscany – An affectionate and warm memoir vividly celebrates the lush abundance and charm of daily life in the Italian countryside

Book Adoptions

Roadfood Sandwiches – Stories and recipes for unique American sandwiches from food mavens Jane and Michael Stern

Terrors and Marvels – Chronicles the use of science and technology in World War II, such as radar, sonar and the atomic bomb

King Arthur Flour Whole Grain Cookbook – Collection of baking recipes using whole grains like whole wheat, rye and corn flours

Footsteps – Pictorial history of archeology and its pioneers

The Bungalow Mystery – Facsimile reprint of the famous Nancy Drew mystery, exactly as it first appeared in 1930, with all the original illustrations and a new introduction by contemporary mystery writer P.M. Carlson

Madame Tussaud – biography of the originator of Tussaud's Wax Museum, and how it began during the French Revolution



A book adoption makes an unusual and lasting gift for someone, as well as for the entire Northfield community.

Since its inception in 2002, our Book Adoption Program has added over 185 books to the Library's shelves. For more information about adopting a book, call Library Director Meg Derascavage at 646-4476.

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April Fool's Day Comedy Movie

Tickle your funny bone at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 1st with the Marx Brothers in "A Night at the Opera" (1935) on our big movie screen.



This classic comedy features Allan Jones, Kitty Carlisle and some of the most memorable comedy sequences that Groucho, Chico and Harpo Marx ever produced.

We'll also have soft pretzels and lemonade, so please join us!



Understanding Cats

Think you understand your cat? You may be very surprised to find out what you *don't* know after watching the PBS documentary "Understanding Cats."

At 7 p.m. on May 17th, learn where and how cats evolved and were domesticated, and why they do the many things they do. Solve the mystery of purring (which no other animals do).

This PBS documentary will be shown on our big movie screen, and is hosted by noted feline authority Roger Tabor.



Great Children's Reading At The Library

By Josephine Reese, Library Assistant

For elementary grades

Sheep Take A Hike – A family of sheep prepare to take a walk in the woods, with hilarious results. This delightful story is told entirely in rhyme.



The Great Round-the-World Balloon Race – A race around the world in a hot-air balloon is very exciting for Rebecca, William and their aunt – and of course, they want to win it!

The Bird House – A young homeless girl follows cardinals and many other birds to a bright blue house. Her trip changes her life forever.

Eloise in Hollywood – The irrepressible Eloise takes a train trip to Hollywood with her grandmother. She has lots of fun riding on the train, sees how a movie is made, and has several big adventures along the way.

For middle schoolers

Collected Poems of Julie Andrews – A wonderful collection of poems that Ms. Andrews read to her daughter as a child, and favorite poems of her daughter.

The Twelve Tasks of Flavia Gemina (Book VI) – One of a series of books of the Roman Mysteries. This story takes place during December 79 A.D., when Roman girl Cartilia must perform twelve tasks, just like the Greek hero Hercules.

Making Mischief – A wonderful tribute to the work of Maurice Sendak, the talented writer and illustrator of "Where The Wild Things Are."

The Book of Dragons – Seventeen classic tales of dragons, including Perseus, St. George and "The Reluctant Dragon"; illustrated by Michael Hague.

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're partnering with The Wireless Alliance, a company that recycles discarded cell phones. All processing is handled in EPA regulated facilities in the United States. Do your part to keep our groundwater safe!

Library Trustee Position

There is a vacancy on the Board of Trustees for the Northfield Public Library.

A library trustee helps to administer and manage the Library. The Board meets at the Library, from 6 to 8 p.m., on the second Thursday of each month. Board members should be residents of Northfield and interested in serving the community.



For more information, please call Library Director Meg Derascavage at 646-4476 or leave a note with your telephone number at the Main Desk.

Renew your library books by phone!

Did you know that you can renew library books by telephone? That's right, with one simple call, you can avoid unnecessary trips and library fines. And we'll also know that your book isn't lost or somewhere in Overdue Book Land!



Just give us a call at 646-4476 and tell us you'd like to renew your book. If it's not being requested by another

patron, we'll be glad to renew it for you.

If you have one of our new Library refrigerator magnets with our telephone number and hours, you'll always have our number handy. And if you don't have a Library magnet, please stop in and pick one up – they're free, with our compliments!



Visit our Fairy Tale Mural



The next time you come to the Library, be sure to stop in the Children's Section and see the beautiful mural that was donated by the Friends of the Library in 2003.

The mural is a famous 1931 painting by Jaro Hess entitled "*The Land of Make Believe.*" The colorful print depicts an imaginary land populated by many classic

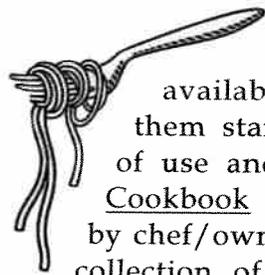
storybook characters, including Jack & Jill, The Little Mermaid, The Three Bears, Cinderella, The Water Babies, Humpty Dumpty, Hansel & Gretel, Jack Sprat and Little Miss Muffet.

Also included in the vivid 3-foot wide mural are fictional places such as Snow White's cottage, the Emerald City of Oz and Sleeping Beauty's Castle.

The mural has proven to be a perennial favorite with local children, who love to trace the many winding paths with their fingers, and see their favorite stories come to life. Don't miss it!

A Simple Art

Italian cooking is hard to beat for simplicity and flavor. I've always been amazed at how good the simple combination of olive oil and tomatoes is.



Although there are many Italian cookbooks available, in my opinion two of them stand out for clarity, ease of use and good recipes. Patsy's Cookbook (Clarkson Potter, 2002) by chef/owner Sal Scognamillo, is a collection of great Neapolitan red-sauce specialties from Patsy's Restaurant in New York City. These patron-tested heirloom recipes are sure to please.

Similar classic "no-fail" recipes can be found in Carmine's Family-Style Cookbook (St. Martin's Press, 2008). Yes, it's an advertisement for the Carmine's restaurant chain, but it also contains very good and uncomplicated recipes for classic dishes like Eggplant Parmigiana. Another good "restaurant" cookbook is Rao's Cookbook (Random House, 1998), based upon the famous New York restaurant of the same name. The recipes are deceptively simple, but the taste is authentic Italian-American food that hasn't changed in 100 years.

Cooks who like a little more detail and theory with their cooking will want to read Italian Classics (Boston Common Press, 2002) by Christopher Kimball and the team from "Cooks Illustrated" Magazine. The book offers detailed



recipes, many with explanations of ingredients and alternative combinations. There are also helpful sidebar tips on related subjects, such

as how to peel garlic, select an eggplant, chop an onion and buy a stockpot.

An interesting but somewhat disappointing entry is John Mariani's The Italian-American Cookbook (Harvard Common Press, 2000). Mr. Mariani is an authority on food, and especially on Italian food [he wrote The Dictionary of Italian Food and Drink (Broadway/Bantam, 1998)]. He offers an excellent pictorial history of how Italian food from Naples became the Italian-American food that we know today. For example, did you know that meatballs are virtually unknown in Italy? There's a good reason for that!



However, Mr. Mariani decided to "improve" some of these classic recipes by adding new ingredients and also changing some proportions, which alters the finished look and taste of the dish. In my view, these changes are not always improvements -- but read the recipes and decide for yourself!

The Complete Book of Pasta by Jack Denton Scott (1985, William Morrow) is an excellent source of information about all types of pasta and pasta sauces. I "cut my teeth" on this cookbook, and it continues to inspire me to this day. Although the book is now out of print, used copies are usually available for online purchase at the Advanced Book Exchange (www.abebooks.com) for about \$20. Another more recent book about many different old and new pasta sauces is JoAnne Killeen's On Top of Spaghetti, (Morrow, 2006).

So dig in and enjoy!

*Don't miss the
Library Week events
on April 12th to 16th!
See Pages 2-3 for details*

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Story Time



Reading to children helps prepare them to read, and makes good readers even better readers. It's also a great way to spend some quality time with your kids, and to teach or remind them of the pleasures of reading.



The Library holds a Story Time biweekly on Thursdays at 11 o'clock, and again on Saturdays at 11 o'clock. Call us at 646-4476 for exact dates and more information.

The programs are geared for children ages 3 to 10. Each session often has a craft for your child to make, which is usually

related to the Story Time in some way, and there's a snack of juice and cookies. Please join us!

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; please make checks payable to "Northfield Public Library Association".

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