

# Otto Bruyns Public Library of Northfield

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Newsletter



The entire family will enjoy Disney's heart-warming animated rendition of the Charles Dickens classic story, "A Christmas Carol," starring Mickey Mouse as Bob Crachit, Scrooge McDuck as Ebenezer Scrooge, and Goofy as Marley's Ghost.

The 30-minute 1983 film will be shown at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 5th, on the Library's new 8-foot wide movie screen. There will also be milk and cookies for everyone to snack on.



This was the first "new" Mickey Mouse cartoon produced in 30 years by the Walt Disney Company. Please join us for a fun-filled holiday treat!!

## *Holiday Music Concert*

On Thursday, December 3rd at 7 p.m., The Friends of the Library will present a concert of vocal music in four-part harmony.

The "Star Spangled Singers," a local group of six talented female singers directed by Joanne Gabriel, will present a program of patriotic music. The mission of the six member group is to sing patriotic music with respect and pride for our country.



The night's program will also include some of your favorite holiday songs. Refreshments will be served; seating is limited.

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## Arriving Soon

### FICTION

Hypnotizing Maria – Richard Bach  
In Big Trouble – Laura Lippman  
Galileo's Dream – Kim Robinson  
Prayers For Sale – Sandra Dallas  
Trial By Fire – J.A. Jance  
Sizzle – Julie Garwood  
Paris Vendetta – Steve Berry  
Delia's Crossing – V.C. Andrews  
"U" is for Undertow – Sue Grafton  
Deeper Than the Dead – Tami Hoag  
Too Much Money – Dominick Dunne  
Hollywood Moon – Joseph Wambaugh

*These are just some  
of our new books —*

*please come in  
and see them all!*



### NONFICTION

Abigail Adams – Biography of the wife of President John Adams and her role in the creation of a new republic  
Miracle on the Hudson – Story of the survivors of Flight 1549 and its heroic captain  
My Delicious Life – Biography of Michael Groover, cook and spouse of Food Network star Paula Deen  
Too Big to Fail – Story of the recent U.S. financial crisis, and the government's efforts to address it  
Open – Biography of tennis champion Andre' Agassi  
House of Versace – History of the famous designer and the empire that he built

## Book Adoptions

Pancakes & Waffles – Collection of sweet and savory recipes for waffles, pancakes, crepes, blini and blintzes

Alcazar's Book of Magic – Classic beginner's text on the art of close-up magic tricks

That Thing You Do! (DVD) Wonderful 1996 film comedy directed by and starring Tom Hanks, about a 1950's teenage band that became a "one-hit wonder"

New England Innkeepers' Cookbook – Collection of classic New England recipes from the pages of Yankee Magazine

The Bread Machine Cookbook – Recipes and tips for making bread, rolls and pastries with your bread machine

The Annotated Hobbit – Annotated version of the J.R.R. Tolkien classic story that was a prelude to his "Lord of the Rings"



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

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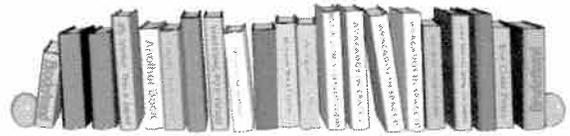
## Readers' Book Reviews



In January 2010, we will be holding a program just for the adult readers who read for the sheer pleasure of it – and we're inviting you to participate!

On an afternoon or evening, we'll gather in the library to talk about your favorite book. It may be a book you read last week, last year, or even when you were a child. To

make it even more fun and interesting, you can write your own book review! Coffee and snacks will be served to warm everyone up on a cold Winter day.



*Please sign up at the Library and indicate your preference for a daytime or evening gathering. We will contact you with the date.*

## Mystery Movie Nights



At 7 p.m. on Monday, February 22nd, enjoy Basil Rathbone as Sherlock Holmes and Nigel Bruce as Dr. Watson in "The House of Fear" (1942).

This is an excellent film adaptation of the short story "The Musgrave Ritual," by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

Basil Rathbone is considered by many to have been the best of all the actors to portray Sherlock Holmes on the screen. This classic mystery has been restored and digitally remastered by the Library of Congress, and the 65-year old film now looks just like the day it was originally released.

## POLICE LINE DO NOT CROSS

At 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23rd, Michael Caine and Ben Kingsley star as Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson in "Without a Clue" (1983). In this excellent parody of the Sherlock Holmes stories, Dr. Watson is the real brains behind the duo, and he hires an out-of-work actor to portray Sherlock Holmes. But the unlikely pair eventually do solve a puzzling mystery involving forged notes from the Bank of England!



## Snow (Cone) Day !



On Saturday, January 30st from 1-2 p.m., the Library is having a Snow (Cone) Day.

Even if it's not snowing outside, it will be a veritable blizzard inside, with snow cones for everyone to eat in several delicious flavors – grape, root beer and cherry.

We'll have a special Snowy Story Time, with great books about snow. And children can make their very own winter snow scenes and snowflakes to take home.



**If you like books and libraries, please consider joining the Friends of the Library. The Friends meet on the first Thursday of every month; they supplement the Library's offerings with special events, book sales and other activities. Dues are \$5 a year; make checks payable to "Northfield Public Library Association."**

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

## Please Be Our Valentine!



On Saturday, February 13th from 11 a.m. to noon, the Library is having a special Valentine's Day Story Time.

We'll also have a Crafts Table where they

can make a Valentine's Day card for Mom, Dad or anyone else they love. The activities are suitable for children in kindergarten through 5th grade.

There will also be milk and cookies for everyone to snack on while they work on their craft projects. Please join us!



## Annual Student Essay Contest



Every year, the Friends of the Library holds an essay contest for local children. This year, the Friends' essay question is "If you were to write a book, what would it be about?"

It's easy to enter, it's fun, and there will be great prizes for the winners!



### How do I enter?

To enter, complete an entry form, available from Northfield Community School or at the Library's Main Desk, starting on

February 24, 2010; one entry per person.

All entries must be received by March 3, 2010. The winners will be announced and prizes awarded by Mayor Vincent Mazzeo at the Library at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16, 2010.



- ◆ Any Northfield child in grades 3-6 is eligible.
- ◆ 1st, 2nd and 3rd Prizes will be awarded in each grade.
- ◆ Entries will be judged on originality, creativity, clarity and neatness.

## Great Children's Reading At The Library

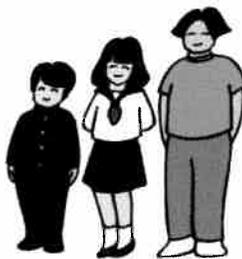
By Josephine Reese, Library Assistant

### For elementary grades

**A Winter Place** – A charming story about a hike, mountains and making winter memories to call your own.

**The Snowflake** – Interesting and simple narrative about how the "water cycle" works, so that a young reader can understand the concept.

**The Snow Queen** – A fairy tale about Gerda and her friend Kay, that's chilling, suspenseful and fun.



### For middle schoolers

**The Winter Book** – Lots of interesting winter activities to keep a child busy during the cold winter months.

**Winter Poems** – A poetry book about the winter holidays, without focusing on religion.

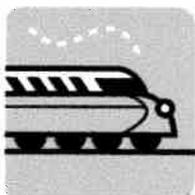
**Winter** – A scientific look at how winter "works." The illustrations are wonderful!

# From the Bookshelf

By  
Seth Brilliant

## All Aboard!!

In this age of speed and plane travel, trains seem obsolete. Some people have never ridden on a train, and don't know how pleasant train travel was or can be.



All Aboard: The Golden Age of Rail Travel by Bill Yenne (Chartwell, 1992) is a wonderful collection of historic railroad posters, pictures and information about a once-

thriving mode of transportation.

The history of American railroads is an amazing and unusual story. David Bain's Empire Express (Viking, 1999) tells the story of the first transcontinental railroad, built primarily with the sweat of immigrants and financed by a collection of pretty shady characters. Railroads Triumphant by Albro Martin (Oxford, 1992) is a sweeping history of the railroads; it also includes a chapter about the creation of Amtrak and the resurgence of rail passenger service.

An overlooked aspect of rail travel are the meals that were provided by food pioneer Fred Harvey. Although a railway journey could often take one or more days, little thought was originally given to providing any food during the journey, and passengers frequently had to fend for themselves. An Englishman named Fred Harvey thought there was a better way, and he would revolutionize American foodservice with his Harvey System and Harvey Houses. He also realized that food service was a way for a railroad to distinguish itself from its competitors and thus sell more tickets.

The intriguing story of Harvey's trackside and onboard meals is told in The Harvey House Cookbook by George Foster (Taylor Trade, 2006). More information,

pictures, menus and actual Harvey recipes can be found in Dining By Rail by James Porterfield, (St. Martin's, 1993).

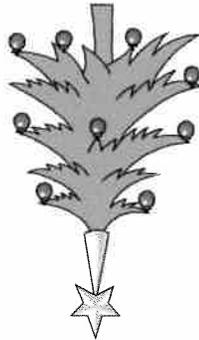
Even more interesting is the story of the "Harvey Girls," the intrepid women who traveled West alone to work in the new Harvey Houses, often finding fame, adventure and fortune along the way. The Harvey Girls, by Leslie Poling-Kempes (DaCapo, 1994) contains more of the Harvey House story, along with interviews of former Harvey Girls and rare photographs. There's also a very poignant story that you won't soon forget, about some Harvey House patrons during the 1930's Great Depression.

Another little-known aspect of railroad history involves the "Pullman Porters," who attended to patrons' need on the famous Pullman sleeping cars. While a Pullman porter's job might have seemed glamorous, it was long, hard and often dirty work. The story of the Pullman porters and their struggle to obtain decent wages and working conditions is well told in Larry Tye's Rising From the Rails (Holt, 2004).

Finally, for everyone who has ever enjoyed trains and toy trains, there is All Aboard: The History of Lionel Trains by Ron Hollander (Workman, 2000). He details the spectacular rise of the Lionel Company and its clever advertising, which promoted Lionel trains as the ideal father-son activity (although sometimes it was hard to tell who was having more fun).



As automobile and plane travel increased in the 1950's and 60's, railroad passenger volume declined and railway travel almost become extinct until Amtrak was created in 1971. But with concerns about energy, railroad travel may become popular again.

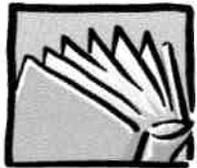


*Don't miss "Mickey's  
Christmas Carol" on  
December 5th!  
See Page 1 for details*

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## *Around the Library . . . .*

As the year comes to a close, we wanted to thank Councilman Jason O'Grady, this past year's City Council liaison to the Library. He attended almost every Board meeting, offered valuable suggestions and helped the Library and the City to work together for their mutual benefit. Jason also updates the Library's web page for us on the City's website. Thanks very much for your time and assistance!

We also want to thank Athena's Diner, the Northfield



Animal Hospital, Mrs. Patrick's Cleaners, Ocean City Home Bank and Drs. Foxman and Margolis for allowing us to put newsletter holders in their places of business. A newsletter isn't useful unless it's read, and it isn't read unless it gets widely distributed in the community. As a result of their help, our circulation has increased over 35%, and more residents are now getting information about the Library's services. Thanks to all of you !

We also wanted to thank Sam from the UPS Store in Central Square, who has printed our newsletter for the past five years – always on time, and always exactly as requested, even for some "rush" jobs. Thanks very much, Sam!

