



MARSTONS MILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Newsletter ~ Winter 2011



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Monday
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Tuesday
10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Wednesday
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Thursday & Friday
1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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*D*ear Neighbors,

Although the bustle of the holiday season is consuming, my sincere wish to everyone is that you all find time to connect with families, neighbors and friends and perhaps share a good read, movie, ebook or audiobook and (of course) a relaxing evening or two. In the spirit of the season, I would like to thank the Marstons Mills community for their warm reception, the patrons and donors for their support and the volunteers, Trustees and staff for their energy, good humor and dedication. I am always available for a "hello, how are you" or an extended conversation, and I look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones. In the meantime, please read about the goings-on at the Library!

In an earlier news article, I mentioned our focus on "community first." To that end, since September, we have added a number of new programs for children, including a home school club, a 4H club and free tutoring for students (and families) on Wednesday evenings. Our long-running Tuesday Story Time, featuring Audrey Duchesney the "Story Time Lady," sees fifteen-to-twenty families each week, with Carolyn Larson providing an engaging art activity right after the stories.

A friend of the Library is donating an expansive collection of plays and scripts, and a weekly drama club is in the works, which will bring all accomplished and would-be thespians together to do shared readings of select plays. We are also planning to partner with the Academy for Lifelong Learning to bring courses to the Library, and we have a number of community workshops scheduled for late winter, including presentations on reverse mortgages, resume writing and medicine and health. The staff from the Admissions office at Cape Cod Community

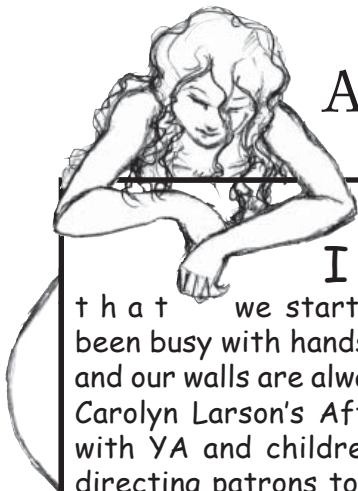
College will also be coming to the Library to share information about the school. We know that there is so much more we can do; please, contact us about a need or an idea for a program.

Demand for public computers and Wi-Fi access for personal laptops keeps increasing, as more adults save money by using the Library's free Internet and low-cost printing/copying facilities to search and apply for jobs as well as manage their online accounts, keep in touch with their friends and relatives and search and order from the CLAMS catalog. The demand for digital media and services is also being reflected in the Library's collection: we are now purchasing audiobooks in MP3 format as well as the usual CDs, and we're constantly adding classic titles and documentaries to our collection of popular DVDs.

In order to familiarize our patrons with the latest trends in publishing, we've made an Amazon Kindle ebook reader available for preview, and a Barnes & Noble Nook has been ordered that will allow users to download books for free from the CLAMS catalog using the OverDrive service (you cannot use this service with the Kindle). We're designating every Tuesday at the Library as "Tech Tuesday," when you can arrange to have staff help you with your computer and CLAMS download needs.

We are implementing a new program in December that will provide delivery of books, DVDs and CDs to individuals who cannot get to the Library due to mobility issues. If you would benefit from this service or know someone who might, please contact us.

Before wishing you a Happy New Year, we'd just like to note that our Program Coordinator, Jenna Edgell, recently accepted a new position, and we wish her the best of luck! *-Renee Voorhees*



A Note from the Youth Services Librarian...

It has been very exciting to watch the new programs the fall take off! Our Homeschool Club has been busy with hands-on projects exploring arts, sciences and culture, and our walls are always decorated with the latest artwork from Carolyn Larson's After Story Activities group. We also had a busy fall holiday season with YA and children's parties and workshops every week! Be sure to check out the mural directing patrons to the Children's Room and the 9 Lives Bookstore--it's in progress right now on the wall of the staircase. Remember, if you want to be kept up-to-date on our events, you can check our web site, Facebook page, or just give me your email address. Happy New Year!

-Lindsey

MONDAYS

- **Homeschool Club: 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.**

*1st Monday of the month: History, Geography, Culture

*2nd Monday of the month: Science, Math

*3rd Monday of the month: Arts, Music

*4th Monday of the month: Book Club

TUESDAYS

- **Drop in Story Hour with Mrs. Duchesney: 10:00 a.m. - All ages.**
- **After-story Activities with Carolyn Larson: 11:00 a.m. - All ages.**
- **Tuesday Night Clubs: 4:30 p.m. Sign up in the Children's Room.**
 - 4 January, 1 February FASHION CLUB (Ages 6-10)
 - 11 January, 8 February LEGO CLUB
 - 21 December, 18 January, 15 February WRITING/POETRY CLUB (Ages 8-11)
- **PJ Story Hour (4th Tuesday of the month): 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - All ages.**

WEDNESDAYS

- **1st Wednesday of the month: 4-H Club: 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Ages 8-11.**
Requires \$25 annual participation fee.
- **Every Wednesday: Family Literacy Night: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

SPECIAL EVENTS:

DECEMBER SCHOOL VACATION PROGRAMS

- **Monday, 27 December: Making Notecards--10:00 to 11:30 a.m.**
Perfect for holiday thank yous! Registration required.
- **Tuesday, 28 December: Morning Movies in Your PJs--10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.**
- **Wednesday, 29 December: American Girl Doll Tea Party--2:00 to 4:00 p.m.**
Registration required
- **Thursday, 30 December: New Year's Calendar Making--1:00 to 2:30 p.m.**

UPCOMING WINTER PARTIES (check the web site soon for dates...)

Winter Party (January) St. Valentine's Day Party (February) Mexican Fiesta! (March)
YA Technology/eBook Workshop YA Social Issues Workshop February Vacation Programs

F.U.N. Family Play Group at the Library:

F.U.N. starts Friday, 7 January from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Ages birth to 4 years.
Sign-ups are required; please call Mary Wilson at 508-775-6240.

Presented by Families United Network Program, Cape Cod Child Development

Staff Book Selections



This issue's selection has been chosen by Circulation Assistant Ann Flynn.

My current selection is the Aubrey-Maturin series of nautical novels by Patrick O'Brian, which are set in the early 19th century. I discovered this series in the early 1990s and am rereading it now for the third time—it's that good.

This quote from Wikipedia explains why women, as well as men, love these historical novels:

...the Aubrey Maturin series has most often been compared to the works of Jane Austen, one of O'Brian's greatest inspirations in English literature. In a cover-story in The New York Times Book Review published on January 6, 1991, Richard Snow characterised Patrick O'Brian's Aubrey/Maturin naval adventure novels as "the best historical novels ever written. On every page Mr. O'Brian reminds us with subtle artistry of the most important of all historical lessons: that times change but people don't, that the griefs and follies and victories of the men and women who were here before us are in fact the maps of our own lives." And in a Washington Post article published August 2, 1992, Ken Ringle wrote, "The Aubrey/Maturin series far beyond any episodic chronicle, ebbs and flows with the timeless tide of character and the human heart."

The books are available through CLAMS, as are the audiobooks. One of my favorite narrators, Patrick Tull, reads the Recorded Books series on CD. Simon Vance also reads the series for Blackstone Audio which are available to download from CLAMS using OverDrive Media Console. Here is a link to the rest of the Wikipedia article which includes a list of the 21 novels in the series: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aubrey-Maturin_series.

Current Staff & Volunteer Reads:

- "Help the Poor Struggler," by Martha Grimes
- "Beyond World's End," by Mercedes Lackey
- "Katherine the Queen," by Linda Porter
- "Freedom," by Jonathan Franzen
- "The Letter of Marque," by Patrick O'Brian.
- "Widow's War," by Sally Gunning
- "Ethan of Athos," by Lois McMaster Bujold
- "The Heretic's Daughter," by Kathleen Kent
- "Cape Odd," by Jim Coogan.
- "How to Say it to Seniors," by David Solie
- "We'll Always Have Parrots," by Donna Andrews
- "The Four Noble Truths," by Venerable Ajahn Samedho
- "The Last Days of Richard III," by John Ashdown-Hill
- "Manhunt: the Twelve-Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer" by James L. Swanson

Book Discussion Group



The group meets at the Library on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Call the Library for more info.

- 18 January: "The Awakening,"
by Kate Chopin
- 15 February: "Stones from the River,"
by Ursula Hegi
- 15 March: "The Moonstone,"
by Wilkie Collins

Pick up a copy of the next book at the circ desk.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH: stop by to see these artists' works on display!

JANUARY: TBA FEBRUARY: Susan Hatch (Photography) MARCH: Barbara Mayne (Folk Art)

Coming Events...

Reverse Mortgages: a workshop by Aging in Place, Cape Cod

13 January, 10:30 a.m.

A reverse mortgage allows homeowners over the age of 62 to cash in on the equity of their home. The homeowner can use these funds in any way they want. Learn how you can benefit from a reverse mortgage from the experts at Aging in Place, Cape Cod. Aging In Place Cape Cod is a group made up of local professionals committed to helping our seniors stay in the homes they love. For more information, visit www.aginginplacecapecod.com. This workshop is free.

WORKSHOP PRESENTERS:

- Sarah Grant, Senior Reverse Mortgage Planner at COASTAL FINANCE LLC - Coastal Finance is a full-service mortgage broker servicing the needs of homeowners across New England.
- Keith McManus of THE LAW OFFICE OF KEITH MCMANUS, LLC - The Law Office of Keith McManus, LLC. offers comprehensive estate planning services for a diverse range of Massachusetts clients.
- Ron Cook of COOK TAX & RETIREMENT SERVICES. - Cook Tax & Retirement Services is an independent, financial tax and retirement services firm that specializes in helping retired people stay retired.
- Stephen Whalen of RESTORATION SOLUTIONS, LLC - Restoration Solutions, LLC has twenty-five years of experience in remodeling and construction on Cape Cod. They offer seniors solutions that will enable them to live comfortably and safely in their homes.

Resumés and Interviews with John Howitt

19 January, 10:00 a.m.

Get the job you want! Obtain professional advice on building your resumé and completing a job interview from John Howitt, Chairman of the Cape Cod chapter of SCORE. Call 508-428-5175 x11 to sign up--space is limited. Participants are encouraged to bring a resumé for critique. This workshop is free.

Balancing Eastern & Western Medicine with Karmle Conrad, MHA

27 January, 7:00 p.m

Did you ever wonder where the ingredients for your medication came from? And who first came up with the idea that your heart was really a pump? Western medicine, the kind most of us are familiar with and use most of the time, is relatively new—just a few hundred years old. Most of what we know about medicine was first discovered and developed over five thousand years ago in Asia and the surrounding areas.

In this workshop we will take a quick look at the history of medicine/healthcare. We will spend some time discussing ways to use both the Eastern and Western modes of healthcare in our own lives to maintain optimal health of the Mind Body and Soul. Call 508-428-5175 x11 to sign up. This workshop is free.

Coming this winter and spring...

- "Love Letters" Champagne & Chocolate (4 February)
- Big Winter Book Sale (February)
- Shellfishing Workshop
- Gardening Workshop
- Nature Journaling Workshop
- Marstons Mills History Talk (May)
- Welcome Spring! (May)
- Mother's Day Raffle (May)

EXPLORE: OverDrive downloadable books and audio

With e-readers and MP3 players so prevalent, it's time to learn how to borrow...digitally! <http://clamsnet.lib.overdrive.com>

EQUIPMENT

To use library resources, you must have

- a computer or laptop: Windows PC or Mac (fewer selections)
- free required software, available on the CLAMS OverDrive site
 - OverDrive Media Console for AUDIOBOOKS & MUSIC
 - Adobe Digital Editions for EBOOKS
- a valid CLAMS library card
- Internet access

If you want to read or listen to material away from your computer, you need a portable device that is compatible with OverDrive, such as

- an eBook reader (Sony Reader, Barnes & Noble Nook, etc.)
the Amazon Kindle DOES NOT WORK with OverDrive
- a portable audio device (MP3 player, iPod, iPod Touch, etc.)

TIPS AND TROUBLESHOOTING

- When downloading eBooks and transferring to an eReader with Adobe Digital Editions, you must authorize both your computer AND your eReader, otherwise you cannot transfer the files. Use the same Adobe ID for both computer and eReader.
- The Kindle cannot be used with OverDrive. This is an Amazon decision, not OverDrive's.
- Music on OverDrive is in WMA format, which can be converted to MP3 using OverDrive's Media Console and loaded on an iPod or similar Apple device using iTunes, but only from a Windows PC. Mac users cannot convert WMA files to transfer to other devices.
- You may borrow up to 5 titles for 7 or 14 days, and can set your lending period preference.
- eBooks may be returned early; audiobooks may not.

The CLAMS OverDrive site has a lot of information to help you with the download/transfer process. Visit <http://clamsnet.lib.overdrive.com> and click on the "Digital Help" link on the side menu.

If you need additional help, please contact us here at MMPL--we'll do our best to help you!

A comprehensive list of compatible devices can be found at www.overdrive.com/resources/drcl

(Thanks to Eileen Chandler at CLAMS for these instructions!)

Special Thanks to

- ♦ Maria Silva for lending us tables on Village Day!
- ♦ Serendipity for the cold storage of our BRAIN for the "A Night to Howl" Hallowe'en Party. The Jello was delicious, by the way...
- ♦ Joanne Kelsall, Linda Emerson and Nancy Minnigerode for their art displays.
- ♦ The folks who responded to our last Wish List!
- ♦ Our Annual Appeal donors and all our patrons who are keeping our circulation statistics up--keep taking out those books.
- ♦ The Cape Cod Conservatory's Java Swing Band, who gave a truly spectacular performance at Liberty Hall for a very generous and deeply discounted price. Thanks too, to Rebecca Molenkamp, Julie Dalton and Howard Zabusky for refreshments.
- ♦ Wimpy's Seafood Cafe and the patrons, Trustees and staff who traveled to Osterville for dinner in support of the Library.
- ♦ The Osterville Garden Club, Jean Marshall, the Marstons Mills Village Association and cookie-makers Elinor Adams, Deb Patellos and others for beautiful seasonal greenery and refreshments at the MMPL/MMVA Holiday Open House at the Burgess House.
- ♦ Sue Sears, Barbara Walsh, Elinor Adams, Ann Flynn, Lois Cronin, Karen Cholewa, Sheila Soares, Deb Schilling, Ellen Davis and everyone else who contributed to and organized the Holiday Craft Table at the Library.
- ♦ Ken Voorhees for continuing to undertake those little repair jobs around the Library for the demanding librarians.
- ♦ All the folks who gave us holiday cards and treats to make us feel special.

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We need shelving and basic circulation assistance during the following times:

Tuesdays, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Wednesdays, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursdays, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Interested parties can sign up for a one- or two-hour shift and must be willing to make a commitment to a weekly schedule. Training will be provided.

We also need Program Committee and Board members and people with Friends groups experience. Please call or drop by the Library if you're interested.



MMPL WISHLIST

1. funds to purchase a people counter (important for state statistics and funding)
2. someone to remove all the poison ivy in our back yard.
3. a new small microwave for our kitchen
4. gently used (unscratched) DVDs for our collection (duplicates and others we choose not to add will be put in our 9 Lives Book Store).
5. speakers and presenters for adult and children's programs and workshops!

Have you contributed to the Appeal? We still need your support. Please send donations to P.O. Box 9, Marstons Mills, MA 02648.

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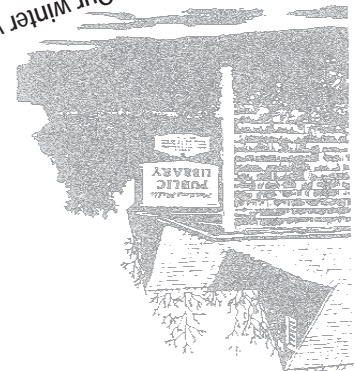
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