

Friends of the Eldredge Public Library

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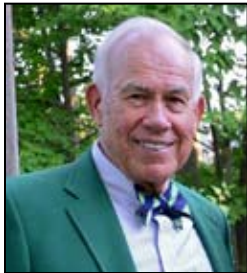
Spring 2013

Chatham, Massachusetts

What's the Difference?

People sometimes ask about the relation of the Library (including its Board of Trustees) and the Friends of the Library. What's the difference? Are those just different names for the same thing? The answer is, definitely not! The Library and Friends are separate organizations with different objectives, activities, officers, and volunteers. Both work for the benefit of the Library – but they do so in entirely different ways. Here is what the heads of both organizations say about the differences.

About the Library



Dick Evans
President
EPL Board of Trustees

The Library is a private, not-for-profit organization. It elects its own Board of Trustees and hires its own employees (it is not a governmental or town body). Its Trustees are responsible for setting Library policies, overseeing its operations and budget, and hiring the Director. It is

operated by a staff of four full-time employees and several part-time and summer employees.

A major responsibility of the Board is to raise and manage the funds needed for the operation of the Library. The ordinary income for the Library's budget comes from support contributed to it (Annual Fund, endowment, town and state contributions), and earned revenue (copy/print income, fines, etc.) The contributed support is about 7/8 of the total. Of the total, personnel expenses (salaries, payroll taxes, benefits) consume most of the budget; the rest goes to utilities, materials (books and other media), contracted services, and administration. Together these expenses require virtually all the income. This presents a perennial problem: nothing is available for special programs or equipment, no matter how useful or desirable.

Here is where the Friends come to the rescue. They are vital to the Library because they purchase and donate selected special equipment to the Library which the budget cannot accommodate. In addition,

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About the Friends



Sharon Oudemool
President
Friends of EPL

As Dick has stated, the Library Trustees and the Library Friends have similar missions: to help make the Eldredge Public Library the best it can be in terms of services and offerings to the citizens of Chatham and surrounding towns. There will most likely always be

some confusion in many people's minds about our two organizations, especially when every autumn they receive letters from each soliciting contributions, since the Friends membership drive begins in September and the Trustees Annual Fund Appeal begins in November.

While the Trustees must concern themselves with the "nuts and bolts" of running the library, the Friends, through a lot of hard fund-raising beyond membership dues, get to finance the many special events and purchases that have helped make the Eldredge into the gem that it is.

When you request a museum pass, it is the Friends you can thank for making them available. When a piece of technology has to be replaced, or purchased for the first time since technology changes so rapidly these days, it is often the Friends who have financed the purchase. The Friends make a substantial grant every year to the Library's Youth Services for the various programs that engage your children and grandchildren. For several years the Friends

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Important. Please note FEPL President's green page with special address form on page 9.

Farewell to Eileen Dunn



We bade a sad farewell to one of our own in January. Eileen Dunn's death was a tremendous loss to her family and her many friends, but Library staff, countless grateful students, and the Friends will remember her most as the hard-working organizer of the Library's Learning Series.

Following a banking career and raising two children in New York City, Eileen and her husband Bill retired in 1995 to the Chatham they loved. Almost immediately, Eileen began volunteering at the Eldredge, donating her expertise and limitless esprit for the betterment of her Friends.

Eileen was the heart and soul of the Library's Learning Series for more than a dozen years, working quietly behind the scenes to organize lectures for Chathamites that would be meaningful and worthwhile – as well as fun and affordable. Without assistance, she established contact with talented educators, set up course schedules, and managed the registration for thousands of enthusiastic adult learners over the years. She really cared – for her Library, its patrons, this Town of Chatham, and above all for her family and her Friends.

Eileen was a Friend in the finest sense of the word, ever reaching out to help, and was known for her warmth, quick wit and boundless energy. She served a term as President of the Friends and continued on the Board as Director of the Learning Series. In 2004 Eileen was recognized as the inaugural recipient of the Friends' annual Esprit Award, given to "that person whose spirit of enthusiasm and caring embodies the mission of the Friends: to support and enhance the Library's role in Chatham."

Thank you, Eileen. You will be sorely missed.

Friends Count!

Our 2012-2013 *Friends of the Eldredge Public Library Membership Drive* once again has met and even exceeded expectations. The loyalty of long time Friends is gratifying, especially to our hardworking EPL staff and volunteers. It is also uplifting to welcome new members and supporters from past years who have rejoined the Friends. Their generous financial support continues to provide the "extras" that help make the EPL what it is for all of us.

Once again, we thank all who have responded and we recognize the volunteers who provide time, effort, and expertise in support of our able and dedicated Library staff.

If you have not yet done so, please consider completing the membership form on page 7 and joining the Friends!

Dan McPhee, Friends' Membership

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they provide – and themselves put on – programs and activities which increase the scope of the public's engagement with the Library. By doing so, the Friends greatly enhance awareness (and ultimately, use) of the Library in ways that neither the staff nor the Trustees could.

Without the Friends our Library would not be a 4-star library, one of the most highly rated in the state.

*Dick Evans, President
Board of Trustees*



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have also supported Library acquisitions, staff recognition, and the Librarians' "wish list." In the current year we are looking to update the Forgeron Room and the staff work spaces.

In short, we hope that you will donate to both the Friends and the Library itself, because we each have these different emphases and aims, to accomplish different goals.

Thank you for the support you have already shown and get ready to buy your raffle tickets. This summer will see the return of our ever popular "new and improved" bi-annual raffle which culminates in the August raffle party on Shore Road where the lucky winners are chosen.

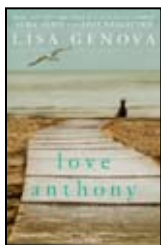
*Sharon Oudemool, President
Friends of the Eldredge Public Library*

BOOK & AUTHOR PROGRAMS

Mark your Calendar for upcoming programs scheduled for Spring and early Summer 2013

March 26 at 3:00 pm – Mystery writer **Leslie Meier** will be here to talk about her latest book in the Lucy Stone series, *Easter Bunny Murder*, published January 2013. Her popular mystery series, set in the quaint and very familiar town of Tinker's Cove, is an EPL Favorite!

June 11 at 7:00 pm – *New York Times* bestselling author Lisa Genova, (yes, that's right, she's coming!!!) will be at EPL to talk about her latest book, *Love Anthony*. Lisa is the author of *Left Neglected* and *Still Alice*, which was recently chosen as 1 of 20 books for the World Book Night Program: on April 23, thousands of volunteers will spread ½ million books to light and non-readers around the world. Lisa will be signing and selling her books at the program.



June 25 at 3:00 pm – Local author Carol McCleary will join us once again to share her latest book, *The Formula for Murder*. She is the author of two previous books, *The Illusion of Murder* and *The Alchemy of Murder*. These historical fiction/mystery books are based on the adventures of American Journalist Nellie Bly (1864-1922).

Books are the quietest and most
constant of friends;
they are the most accessible and
wisest of counselors, and the
most patient of teachers.

– Charles W. Eliot

Choose Privacy Week – May 1-7, 2013

Paul Buta, author of *Privacy Panic*, will be here on **May 7 at 7:00 pm** as we conclude "Choose Privacy Week." Mr. Buta, is a marketing executive from Harwich Port, a Certified Information Privacy Professional, and a member of the International Association of Privacy Professionals. He will give you practical advice on how to avoid identity theft, stop spam and take control of your personal privacy. Choose Privacy Week, first observed by the American Library Association Office for Intellectual Freedom in 2010, is an initiative that invites library users into a national conversation about privacy rights in a digital age. The campaign gives citizens the resources to think critically and make more informed choices about their privacy. Printed resources will be available within the Library.



Calendar for Spring

Films begin at 2:00 pm

**Read the Book -
View the Film with
Us - Discuss!**

Saturday, March 10, 2013

**Love and Other
Impossible Pursuits
by Ayelet Waldman**

Film: The Other Woman

Law school grad Emelia falls for her married boss, Jack. After they marry, her happiness turns to grief at the death of her infant daughter. Devastated, she carries on, trying to forge a connection with her stepson William and to resist the interference of Jack's jealous ex-wife. – Natalie Portman, Scott Cohen, Lisa Kudrow

Saturday, April 13, 2013

**Best Exotic Marigold Hotel
(or These Foolish Things)
by Deborah Moggach**

When seven cash-strapped seniors decide to "outsource" their retirement to a resort in far-off India, friendship and romance blossom in the most unexpected ways. – Judi Dench, Bill Nighy, Tom Wilkinson, Maggie Smith, Dev Patel

Saturday, May 11, 2013

**The Descendants
by Kauai Hart Hemmings**

Matt King, indifferent husband and father of two girls, must reexamine his past and embrace his future as he wrestles with a decision to sell the family's land handed down from Hawaiian royalty and missionaries. – George Clooney, Shailene Woodley, Beau Bridges, Judy Greer

See you at the movies!

April is National Poetry Month and we are going to celebrate!



Chatham Reads Poetry is about to observe its 15th year. So in addition to the Chatham Reads Poetry event on **April 28 at 3:00 pm**, we thought we'd celebrate for the whole month with several great programs. Have you written your own poetry? Are you interested in getting it published, either for the public, or as a family heirloom, but just don't know where to start? Three published poets will talk about their own journey through the publishing process on **April 11 at 7:00 pm**. They will offer tips, advice and encouragement!

Peter Saunders, our local and beloved resident poet, has been teaching and guiding others for years for the Friends of the Eldredge Public Library Learning Series, Lifetime Learning Series at Snow Library in Orleans, and the Academy for Lifelong Learning at Cape Cod Community College. He is also the driving force behind EPL's Poetry events (Chatham Reads Poetry and Chatham Poets Read on First Night). But rarely do we get the chance to listen to Peter read his own poetry. His latest book, *My Father's Shoes*, was published in 2010 by the Provincetown Arts Press. We hope you can join us for Peter's poetry reading on **April 18 at 3:00 pm**. A rare treat indeed!

National Poetry month collides with National Library Week (April 14-20) so we are calling all poets, professional and amateur, to write a poem about the Eldredge Public Library. It can be long, short, or the "roses are red" variety, but please make sure it is appropriate for all audiences so we can display these works of art near the Front Desk. Please submit your poem to the Front Desk or to ref@eldredgelibrary.org by April 10th. You can include your name or send it anonymously. We would love to hear, from all ages, in verse, your feelings and thoughts about the EPL!

*Poetry is the breath and
finer spirit of all knowledge.*

– William Wordsworth

"Treasures in Our Midst"

Get to Know the Museums in Your Home Town!

Join us at the Eldredge Public Library for a six month series focusing on the museums in Chatham. Maybe you haven't been to the museum in a long time, or have never been. This is your chance to get to know the museums. Hear why they were created, find out about their collections, and learn about upcoming plans and activities.

January 26 @ 3:00 pm "The Caleb Nickerson House"

This beautifully restored c1827 home is owned and operated by the Nickerson Family Association.

<http://www.nickersonassoc.org/>

February 23 @ 3:00 pm "The Atwood House Museum"

The Atwood House, built in 1752, is home to the Chatham Historical Society.

<http://www.chathamhistoricalsociety.org>

March 30 @ 3:00 pm "The Godfrey Windmill"

Built in 1797 by Colonel Benjamin Godfrey, the windmill has been completely restored and is maintained by the Chatham Windmill Group in conjunction with Town of Chatham.

<http://www.chathamwindmill.com>

April 27 @ 3:00 pm "Chatham Railroad Museum"

The museum is located in the restored 1887 depot that served Chatham residents and visitors from 1887-1937.

<http://www.chathamrailroadmuseum.com/>

May 25 @ 3:00 pm "Arconti American Museum"

Founded in September 2011, this museum offers a wide variety of artifacts that will inspire awe and pride in American Heritage.

<http://www.arcontiamericanmuseum.org/>

June 29 @ 3:00 pm "Chatham Marconi Maritime Center"

The museum is located in the historic Operations Building built by Guglielmo Marconi in 1914.

<http://www.chathammarconi.org>

All lectures take place at the Library.

Did you know the Library offers FREE ebooks?

Reference Librarian Amy Andreasson offers classes on how to download free Library e-books to your Kindle or Nook e-book reader.

E-book Demonstration for Kindle Users:

March 6 (3:30pm), April 3 (3:30pm), May 8 (2:30pm)

E-book Demonstration for Nook Users:

March 13 (3:30pm), April 10 (3:30pm), May 8 (3:30pm)



CHATHAM READS POETRY

Read Your Favorite Poem

Sunday, April 28, 2013

The 15th annual Chatham Reads Poetry will be held **Sunday, April 28, 2013** in the Eldredge Public Library's Forgeron Room. This popular Friends' program features Chatham residents reading favorite poems, and is a continuation of

a nationwide event sponsored by poet Robert Pinsky when he was the nation's poet laureate. The program begins at 3:00 pm, with refreshments at 2:30 pm.

Each reader is limited to five minutes and selections must be by recognized,

published poets – not by the person reading.

People who would like to read must sign up in advance at the Library. Registration forms will be available at the Circulation Desk beginning mid-March.

FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Our New Website – try it, you’ll like it!

A year in the making, our redesigned website debuted recently at the same address:
www.eldredgelibrary.org

It’s better looking, much more informative, and way easier to find the information you want! Right on the homepage you’ll find upcoming activities, newly purchased books, and links to important information sites.

With newer technology it is easier to make changes and keep it up to date and to adapt as necessary to keep you in the Library loop. And, as always, we are indebted to the Friends of Eldredge Public Library for sponsoring our new, improved online presence!

Irene Gillies, Library Director

An Inspiring Friend

Eileen Dunn passed away in January, after serving as our volunteer Learning Series Director for over 12 years and helping the Library in other ways too numerous to mention. Her infectious enthusiasm for learning and culture drew both teachers and students, and made the series the success it is. More than any other person, Eileen embodied the spirit of the Library’s mission. It wasn’t enough for her to satisfy her own thirst for knowledge; she felt the need to offer the same opportunities to others, and she made the kind of contribution to the cultural life of Chatham that touched thousands of lives. We are so very glad to have counted her a Friend!

YOUTH SERVICES NEWS

Award-winners and Library-lovers



As we go to press, Youth Services is in quite a celebratory mood! We just wrapped up our first-ever Mock Caldecott

Medal program with an enthusiastic group of kindergarten, first, and second graders. (The Randolph Caldecott Award is given annually by the American Library Association to the picture book illustrator of the most distinguished contribution to children’s literature.) The students, along with their parents, were given a list of twenty picture books to read and evaluate. After a brief discussion of the award’s history and criteria, this very articulate group voted for their Caldecott choices. I am both pleased and proud to share that they selected two of the six actual medal winners!

In addition to the Mock Caldecott, we just hosted a visit from Mary Roy’s fifth grade classroom that featured a Newbery Medal discussion. (The Newbery Medal is given annually by the American Library Association to the author of the most distinguished contribution to children’s literature.) The students then chose a Newbery title for their book report.

These medal winners along with all other Youth Media Awards were announced on January 28th by the

American Library Association. For children’s and young adult literature fans this annual announcement is the equivalent to the movie industry’s Oscar nominees – minus the red carpet! These annual awards, the attention they bring to the best in children’s and young adult literature, and the enthusiasm they generate for libraries, books, and reading are the ideal lead-ins for February’s National Library Lovers Month. I would argue, however, that it should be National Library Lovers Year!

Let’s be honest, what is not to love about our Library and ALA’s estimated 121,785 public libraries across the United States? Don’t most New Year’s resolutions include finding more time to enjoy ourselves, learning something new, and even finding ways to save more money? The public library, the Eldredge Public Library, is the means to achieving all three!

◆ From music and movies to magazines, books, and video games, all circulating materials are free with your library card, not your debit card!

◆ Books and music can be downloaded to your mobile devices for free!

◆ Looking for entertainment for your family? The library offers year-round activities for patrons of all ages.

◆ Join a book or movie group and meet new friends.

◆ Want to learn something new? Professionals from a range of backgrounds and experiences often offer lectures and workshops at the EPL.

◆ Our internet is free, and the wifi is available 24 hours, 7 days a week.

◆ Thanks to the Friends of the Eldredge Public Library we offer a variety of museum passes that provide either free admission or a reduced ticket price.

◆ From puppet theaters and Lego blocks to a dress-up corner and train table, the EPL is the perfect destination for free play activities.

◆ Friendly, knowledgeable professionals are prepared to assist you in your quest for information and/or entertainment.

These are just a few of the many reasons to become a library lover! I encourage you to learn more about just what the EPL has to offer and take advantage of this extraordinary community resource!

*Tammy DePasquale
 Youth Services Librarian*

WINTER/SPRING 2013 LEARNING SERIES AT THE ELDRIDGE

Sponsored by the Friends of the Eldredge Public Library, the Learning Series is a varied program of academic and general courses open to the public at a cost of \$10.00 per course. Beginning Monday, February 4 (unless otherwise noted), the series takes place Monday through Thursday, mornings and afternoons, and Tuesday evenings, in the Forgeron meeting room, in the lower level of the Library. Programs and registration forms are available at the Library as well as below. Register in advance by mail or at the Library. Contact Program Co-Chairs Sheila Marx at 508-945-4085, or Barbara Fouhy at 508-945-5031, or call the Library directly, 508-945-5170, with any questions.



MONDAYS

NOTE: No class on Monday February 18 or April 15 ~ Library closed for the holidays.

PROSE OR POETRY

M1 12:30 to 2:00 pm 10 weeks
Exercises in creative writing to stimulate poems, then share your work. *A fun thing I'll never do again; One who got away; A time you were lost.* Gentle critiquing. Goal: prose and poems of your own and of your favorite poet. Presenter Peter Saunders: PhD, MFA—lifelong writer, late life poet. Author of *My Father's Shoes*. **(Note: Class is limited to 10 members.)**



THE GREAT AMERICAN SONGBOOK

M2 1:00 to 2:30 pm 6 weeks
Each session focuses on an individual composer significant to the Great American Songbook. The five composers are Irving Berlin, George Gershwin, Richard Rodgers, Cole Porter, and Johnny Mercer. Featured are the Broadway Musicals and Hollywood Musicals written by the composers and talk about their lives and important songs. Presenters are John Whelan and Steve Bornemeier. **(Note: Class begins April 8.)**



TUESDAYS

AMERICANS I WISH I HAD KNOWN

T1 1:30 to 2:30 pm 4 weeks
Numerous men and women have made significant contributions to American history during a particular era or in a specific field of endeavor. Yet, the majority of history books tend to make no mention of these individuals. The purpose of this course is to take a step in correcting that oversight. Presenter John Kennedy is a retired educator, having taught at every level from high school to graduate school. BS, Seton Hall; MA, University of Houston; PhD, New York University. **(Note: Class begins April 9.)**



SHAKESPEARE

T2 7:00 to 8:30 pm 5 weeks
This will be the eighth year this course has been offered and this time we will be reading *Romeo and Juliet*. During the course we will read the play and view scenes from at least two movie versions. In addition, as in the past, we will look at a few of Shakespeare's sonnets and consider how he has woven their language into the play. Presenter Kerry Brown instructs British and American Literature classes and Advanced Placement seniors at Cape Cod Academy. BA, Colgate University; MA, Middlebury College; PhD, University of Delaware. **(Note: Class begins April 9.)**



WAKING UP YOUR GARDEN

T3 10:00 to 11:30 am 2 weeks
Karen Moore returns with timely advice and suggestions on how to prepare your spring gardening, including cutting gardens, annuals, vegetables, and herbs. In addition to being a professional gardener, Karen is a writer for *Prime Time Cape Cod*, a bread vendor at the Orleans Farmers Market, a weaver and spinner, and also the owner of the Chelsea Gardens for almost 20 years. **(Note: Class begins April 23.)**



LECTURES ON THE CAPE COD SYMPHONY

T4 3:00 to 4:30 pm 2 weeks
For the first lecture, George Scharr, Director of Community Education, will speak on the upcoming concerts in the Classics IV series which will feature Brahms' Masterpiece conducted by Jung-Ho Pak with Heather Goodchild Wade featured on the violin and Laura Manko on the viola. Mr. Scharr will look at the two men, Bach and Brahms, both Germans and two of the three B's but very different. Learn how each was influenced by the world around them, historical and family events. What



made them great? We will learn why they forged a new path in music and the arts and why we still listen to them today. This lecture links history and the arts and the art of the passacaglia. For the second lecture, Jung-Ho Pak, Conductor and Artistic Director Cape Cod Symphony and Conservatory of Music and Arts, Inc., will speak on the upcoming concerts in the Classics V series which will feature Bartok's Concerto for Orchestra and, in addition, he will enlighten us on the Soloist finalists who will perform at this concert. The semi-finals are February 9, 2013 at 1:30 PM in the Barnstable Performing Arts Center. **(Note: 1st Lecture is Tuesday, April 2; 2nd Lecture is Wednesday, May 1.)**

WEDNESDAYS

HOW GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE IS AFFECTING CHATHAM

Hurricane Sandy Could Occur Here!
W2 1:00 to 2:30 pm 4 weeks
Dr. Costonis, our Dr. Lorax, will be discussing local effects of global climate change and how it is affecting our lives here in Chatham. His series of lectures will show the interconnectedness of weather patterns, the ocean, and our fishing industry. He will discuss current data for the proof that the oceans are rising, warming, and becoming more acidic. The good news is that we still have time to reverse the very dire trends of today. **(Note: Class begins April 3.)**



CRISIS IN OUR MEDIA

W3 10:00 to 11:00 am 3 weeks
TV, online, and print journalist Ed Fouhy will discuss the state of journalism and today's media. The course will look at today's news media, how they are coping (or not) with the crumbling economic foundation of their business, and how our democracy can possibly survive without the critical role played by the nation's news media. **(Note: Class begins May 1.)**



THURSDAYS

THE PLAYS AT THE MONOMOY THEATRE

Th1 1:00 to 2:00 pm 4 weeks
Shannon Griscom returns with her ever popular series with discussions of the 2013 schedule of plays at the Monomoy Theater. Plays will be announced at a later date. **(Note: Class begins May 23.)**



REGISTRATION

Please circle Number of Course(s) and return promptly to ensure a place.

Monday	Wednesday
M1 Prose/Poetry	W2 Climate
M2 Songbook	W3 Media
Tuesday	Thursday
T1 Americans	Th1 Monomoy Plays
T2 Shakespeare	
T3 Garden	
T4 Symphony	

Name(s) _____

Address _____

email _____

Phone _____

Number of Courses _____

Remittance \$ _____

*\$10.00 for each course
(No refunds after registration).
Please make check payable to
Learning Series at the Eldredge.
You may register at the Library or
mail with payment to:
Learning Series at the Eldredge
P.O. Box 70, Chatham, MA 02633*

*Anyone who stops learning
is old, whether at twenty
or eighty. Anyone who
keeps learning stays young.
The greatest thing in life is
to keep your mind young.
- Henry Ford*

The Summer Raffle Returns!

The lucky ticket is all you need to win one of 12 prize choices in the **2013 Chatham By the Sea Summer Raffle** to benefit Chatham's Eldredge Public Library.

Watch your mail for information pertaining to this year's exciting fundraising event!

*Judi Clifford, Ways and Means Chair
Friends of the Eldredge Public Library*

Attention All Housebound Book-lovers

Are you a reader who is housebound by weather or illness, unable to make use of our Library's riches? Would you like to have selected library materials delivered to your door by a friendly person who has volunteered to do just that? A little-known program organized by Saint Christopher's Church in cooperation with Eldredge Public Library, matches readers with volunteer drivers to make this magic happen.

It works like this: a reader calls EPL (508-945-5170) and speaks with a Library staff member, making known a request. The book is located and a driver is put in touch with the reader to arrange a delivery time.

Readers: Don't hesitate: We already have volunteers on call who would be happy to be of service!

Riders: Contact Ward Burian (508-945-4855) if you would like your name to be added to (or removed from) the list of available drivers.

SUGGESTIONS

If you have any suggestions for *Tidings* or would be willing to help with editing, please contact JanineMScott@comcast.net or HollyWhiting, hoken@earthlink.net

Count Me As A Friend!

Name(s) _____

Mailing Address _____

State _____ Zip _____

Seasonal Address _____

State _____ Zip _____

Start _____ Stop _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

New Membership Renewal

Here's My Annual Membership Donation

- Individual \$10 Sponsor \$75
- Family \$25 Patron \$100
- Supporting \$50 other _____

Matching Gift from _____

I would like to volunteer

my talents to help the Friends of the Eldredge Public Library. Please check one or more:

- Friends Programs / Special Events
- Hospitality / Flowers
- Mailings
- Front Desk
- Shelving Books
- Organize Book Shelves
- Library Displays
- Deliveries to Housebound

Please complete this form and make checks payable to Friends of EPL

Mail to:
Membership
Friends of the Eldredge Public Library, Inc.
PO Box 70
Chatham MA 02633

You can also join on-line at www.eldredgelibrary.org

FEPL, Inc. is an IRS approved, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization

Thank You for Your Membership

Library Hours

10-5 Monday
Wednesday
Friday
Saturday

1-9 Tuesday
Thursday

Joyous Spring!

Genealogy Dept. Hours

1-5 Tuesday
Thursday
Saturday



WRITERS' GROUPS

CHATHAM WRITERS @ 02633

This group meets in the Friends' Room on Mondays from 10:30 am 'till noon to explore different writing genres. Members share their work with the group and receive guidance and feedback. Each year the group publishes an anthology of their work. If you would like to join, call Jeff Hahner at 508-945-9962.

THE MEMOIR GROUP

Meets every Friday from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Friends' Room. Everyone can write about their own experiences, but do you need tips to make them interesting reading? If so, call Mal Ward at 508-945-4284.

Friends Book Club

The Book Club meets to discuss books once a month from 4:00 to 5:00 pm in the Friends room in the lower level at the Library. **Everyone is welcome!** If you have any questions, please call Linda Nixon at 508-945-2094.

Book Selections for the Spring

March 26

The Sense of an Ending
Julian Barnes

April 23

Lady Almina and the Real Downton Abbey
Countess Fiona Carnarvon

May 28

The Greater Journey: Americans in Paris
David McCullough



GAME PLAYER

With cleavage to her navel
And skirt up to her thighs,
She rocks the National Anthem
To rapturous cheers and cries.
Heading for the dugout,
She stumbles at Third Base
And losing equilibrium
Falls flat upon her face!
The Home team rush to help her
But she gets up with a grin,
"I'm okay, boys, I've done my bit
"Now go out there and win!"

Maris Childs

Poetry Footnotes

We welcome submissions of original poetry for publication in *Tidings*. Poetry entries for publication in the Summer issue of *Tidings* should reach us by the end of April. Email to hoken@earthlink.net. Please be sure to include your name and phone number. Questions: call Holly Whiting at 508-945-4246.

**Please note -
Summer Tidings deadline for all copy
is April 29, 2013**

N.B. See FEPL President's green page, following.

Tidings Newsletter will soon come to you via email!

When I was young I was fortunate to have a public library at the end of my street. I learned to read in first grade and was then allowed to walk to the library by myself and pick out my own books. By the time I was 16 I was working at that library as a page, helping patrons find items and shelving books and magazines. And that is all that there was to shelve! Today's library is very different; there are audiobooks, DVDs, music CDs and many on-line resources and computer services available, besides standard books and magazines. Library patrons have adapted to these changes and love the variety of formats. The Friends of the EPL are adapting to our technological times and making some changes of our own.

Starting in September, the *Tidings* newsletter is moving to an e-Newsletter format. *What does this mean?*

- The *Tidings* newsletter will be sent to you through your email
- The quarterly newsletter will contain the same great articles and information you've come to expect
- This change will allow us to expand our readership while becoming more responsible to our environment
- We will save \$14,000 per year by reducing our designing, printing and mailing costs

The money saved will allow us to focus on projects such as:

- Renovations to the Forgeron Meeting Room and the staff workroom
- Our commitment to Youth Services Programming
- Keeping our technology and equipment up to date
- Enhancing the property surrounding our historic building
- Cultural & public interest programs

Please join me in welcoming the new *Tidings* format!

Thank you,
Sharon Oudemool
President, Friends of the Eldredge Public Library

Starting with the Fall issue, the *Tidings* newsletter will be sent to you via your email.
The newsletter will be available on our website to print out in hard copy.

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