

Friends of the Eldredge Public Library

TIDINGS



Summer 2013

Chatham, Massachusetts

Save the Date **FEPL Annual Meeting** **Tuesday June 11, 2013**

Please mark your calendars for the Friends of the Eldredge Public Library's Annual Meeting. This year we are honored to have State Representative Sarah Peake, Chatham Town Manager Jill Goldsmith, and Eldredge Public Library Trustee President Dick Evans joining us for a philosophical discussion on the role of government in funding cultural institutions, such as libraries. In unsettled economic times there is always a call to reduce

unnecessary expenditures and decisions must be made on which organizations to support. How do you do this when there are so many worthy causes?

These issues and more will be covered in a round table discussion that is sure to raise more questions than can be answered in a short-time frame. We hope to see you there.

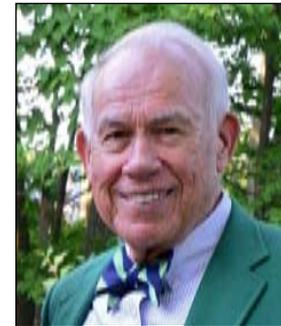
*Sharon Oudemool, President
Friends of the Eldredge Public Library*



Sarah Peake



Jill Goldsmith



Dick Evans

Hear Ye!

All EPL Friends and the public are cordially invited to attend the
Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Eldredge Public Library
Tuesday, June 11 at 3 PM

in the Forgeron Room, Lower Level, EPL

*Refreshments will be served at 2:30 followed by a
short business meeting and program at 3:00.*

***Round Table Discussion with
State Representative Sarah Peake
Chatham Town Manager Jill Goldsmith
Eldredge Public Library Trustee President Dick Evans***

See page 7 for the Nominating Committee Report.

Meet your Friends. All are welcome.

Who Benefits? – Everyone!

Your annual gift to Eldredge Public Library provides essential services to your friends and neighbors in Chatham. As Director of Eldredge Public Library, every day I find meaning and inspiration in the comments of our Library patrons:

- The senior who hadn't been to the movies in years, who's now an avid member of our film discussion, saying "the best part is having people to discuss the movie with after we watch it!"
- The citizen determined to do his own tax return, but baffled by a lack of the necessary forms, who finds relief, and forms, at the Library.
- The do-it-yourselfer showing off his completed project, inspired by a Library book, and sharing his idea for the next project.
- The immigrant who proudly announces her new citizenship, and says that the Library's help was the key to her new status.
- The young mother who found her "support group" attending our infant and toddler programs.
- The anguished teen who says "The Library is the only place I feel accepted."
- The toddler who cries when it's time to leave his favorite place, and won't be comforted until he's assured that he can come back another day.

These people and more tell me that the Library is more than just a house of books. It is a place that creates meaningful connections in a multitude of ways for the people who enter our doors.

The Town of Chatham provides about half of our basic operating costs; for the remainder we depend on the help of Chatham residents and visitors who love and use the Library. Won't you please join the enthusiastic donors who support the Annual Fund by making a contribution this year?

Your contribution can be made by check payable to *Eldredge Public Library Annual Fund* or by credit card authorization.

Or simply visit our website at
www.eldredgelibrary.org
 and use the "Donate" option.

Thank you! Your continued support is vital and greatly appreciated.

Irene Gillies, Library Director

Eileen Dunn Memorials

The Friends of Eldredge Public Library have received a large number of memorial donations in honor of Eileen Dunn, who passed away suddenly on January 14th. Long-time coordinator of the Library's Learning Series, Eileen served the Library and the community in many ways and left countless loving friends. In appreciation, we list below the names of donors-to-date to the Eileen Dunn Memorial Fund.

Dennis Allen	Mary Ann Fritsch
Hugh Andrews	Theodore Fritsch
Susan and Ralph Bauer	Mary Joan Giansante
Ann Behling	Nancy Groves
Joshua Berish	John J. Kennedy, Jr.
Mary Jane Bilik	John Lamanna
Marilyn Brown	John Murray
Anne Casey	Maggie & Don Nash
Denise Cerasani	NYPD 23 Precinct
Katherine Cima	Rev. Mark Noonan
Alice A. Clack	Donna Oldenburg
John & Diane D'Alessio	Virginia Pond
Karen Dallaire	Dorothy Raymond
Priscilla Dalrymple	James Rooney
Ellen Dunn	Dr. Peter Saunders
Shirley Dunn	Barbara Schweizer
William Dunn	Don & Carol Scott
Geraldine Durning	George Snider, Jr.
The Ellis Family	Barbara Stevenson
Richard Evans	Malcolm Ward
Roger Foley	Holly Whiting
	Kenneth Willig



The Eldredge Public Library

*Facing Cross Street, from the heart of Main
 Sits the Library I come to visit, again and again.*

*Beyond the busy sidewalk, up each stone step
 Through sturdy, double doors where I am met
 With a warm embrace. . .an invisible hug*

On a rainy summer's day, it's so cool, yet snug.

*The oak wood is polished and the floors are worn,
 The books have been read, not tattered and torn.*

Now I'm here, where shall I go. . .who shall I be?

Inside this old building, all the trips are for free.

Should I travel by plane, train, ship. . .or horse?

*The answer lies on these old wooden shelves, of course.
 Will I live on land, at sea, or even live in this century?
 I choose my journey happily; glad the choice is left to me.*

Joyce Cressman

FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Welcome Summer Weather & Summer Friends!

James Dent said, "A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken." To me, that's a good summer day; to be perfect I need to add a shady deck, a new mystery book, and the Red Sox on the radio!

One of the seasonal treats to which I look forward with the most anticipation is the return of our loyal summer residents and visitors and the influx of new faces. Welcome one and all!

Be sure to check our new website at www.eldredgelibrary.org to find out what's going on at the Library and explore the online resources we offer! Renew or reserve a book, see what's new on the shelves, read our Youth Services and *Tidings* Newsletters, sign up for email notices, join the Friends of the Library, and more....

Of course, as pointed out by Ralph Waldo Emerson, "Do what we can, summer will have its flies." In our case, that translates to "In summer, Chatham will still have its parking issues," so gear up your strategic planning! Allow extra time to find a spot, walk or bicycle to the Library, or come at less busy times. Before the Library opens at 10:00, from 5:00-7:00 on Tuesdays and Thursdays, are usually lucky times; or 15 minutes after a popular program ends (check the calendar on our website) you might just find a choice of parking spaces!

Whatever you need to make your summer afternoon perfect, find it at Eldredge Public Library. We've got books for the beach, music and books on CD, e-book downloads, games, and computers to check your email. And don't forget some recipes for the family reunion, and a DVD for the perfect summer evening! If you don't find what you're looking for, be sure to ask the staff.

Come early, come late, but come often. Make *your* summer perfect at the Eldredge!

Irene Gillies, Library Director



Read the Book – Watch the Movie – Discuss!
Saturday, June 8, 2013 at 2:00 pm
***Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* / Lisa See**

Centuries ago, two 'sworn sisters' are isolated by their families but stay connected through a secret language written in the folds of a white silk fan. In modern-day Shanghai, their descendants draw inspiration from the past as they struggle to maintain their own bond in the face of life's complications. Two stories, generations apart, of the universal notion of love and hope.

You Could be a Winner! The Summer Raffle Has Returned!



The Friends of the Eldredge Public Library once again announces the fabulous prizes for the *Chatham By the Sea Summer Raffle*. Through your support, this major fundraiser affords the Eldredge Public Library the opportunity to continue to help improve and upgrade Library equipment and fund programs for adults and children.

The prize donations offered through the generosity of local residents and merchants this year include:

- **Brand new iPad donated by Pine Acres Realty**
- **Dinner for six at STARS restaurant at Chatham Bars Inn with wine pairings**
- **Dinner for eight at Wequasset's twenty-eight Atlantic Restaurant including four bottles of house wines**
- **Queen-sized luxurious rainbow star quilt designed and made by local resident Laurie La Conte**
- **Elegant starfish-themed white pearl and sterling silver necklace with complementary bracelet and earrings from East Wind Silver Co.**
- **Claire Murray "Scenes of Chatham" rug**
- **Half-day cruise for 6 aboard the 75' Classic Schooner *Tyrone* with Capt Matt Sutphin, including lunch by Chatham Village Market**
- **"Two-Night Stay for Two" with two breakfasts and one dinner for two donated by The Chatham Wayside Inn in Chatham**
- **Watercolor "Cat Boat on Pleasant Bay" donated by popular maritime and coastal artist Tom Upson**
- **Lady's diamond watch with interchangeable straps from Chatham Jewelers**
- **An evening with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres creating your own personal style for Fall offered by Chatham Clothing Bar**
- **Hand-made oval number sign with scallop shell by the Chatham Sign Shop**

Don't miss the opportunity to purchase your tickets, available now at the Circulation Desk of the Eldredge Library for \$10 each or 3 for \$25. You do not need to be present to win at the August 23rd drawing. Everyone is a winner, whether you win one of the prizes or simply appreciate that you have contributed to support our "pearl in the oyster," our Eldredge Public Library.

The Friends of the EPL thank you for your support!

Judi Clifford

Ways and Means Chair for the Friends of the EPL

Upcoming Events Sponsored by the Friends and the Library

Wicked Fun Games

2nd Saturday of the Month at 1:00 pm:

May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14,
October 12, November 9, December 14



Game Day at the Eldredge: Come experience Modern Table Top Games. Whether you like working together to escape an underground temple, recovering artifacts from a sinking island, slaying

monsters during a dungeon crawl, saving people from a burning building, holding off a horde of zombies, building a medieval city up, or smashing a more modern one down as a monster from the movies, there is something for you. Matt Donle from Wicked Fun Games will be your Game Ambassador and introduce you to some new games as well as some old favorites. If you have some games that you'd like to play feel free to bring them along. This event is for adults, young adults, and families. Children 8+ must be accompanied by an adult. No registration is required.

Tramping the Dune Shacks

Saturday, June 1, 2:00 pm

Join us for a lively picture presentation of "Tramping the Dune Shacks." The Dune Tramp, a local writer and photographer, has captured the beauty and mystery of the outer Cape Cod dune shacks. Take a journey across the landscape of Truro and Provincetown, over a 3¼ mile stretch, to visit the 19 existing dune shacks remaining in the Cape Cod National Seashore. This collection of photographs will take you inside these rustic dwellings, for a rare glimpse of shack living. View vintage images of some shacks back to the 1940s, graciously shared by the Cape Cod National Seashore. Each shack is discussed, along with a brief history...and an anecdote or two. It's an entertaining and informative presentation for all ages.



ESL Conversation Class

Beginning Tuesday, June 25

We will once again be offering our English Conversation Class this summer for non-native English speaking people who want to practice and improve their English. This class will begin June 25 and continue on Tuesdays throughout the summer. If you or someone you know is interested in evening ESL classes, please sign up at the Circulation Desk before June 25. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Andreasson at the Library, 508-945-5170 or ref@eldredgelibrary.org. We are very happy to welcome back our volunteer instructor, Karen McPherson. These classes are free and open to everyone.

Macular Degeneration Symposium

Wednesday, June 26, 10:30 am

Scott Krug, President of New England Low Vision and Blindness, will team together with Dr. Jen Salvo, of Metro Low Vision, at the Eldredge Public Library to provide an overview of resources currently available, including resources on the latest technology to help remain independent and active. This program is open to everyone at no charge. No reservations are necessary. Please join us to learn more about macular degeneration, either for yourself or a loved one.

"Treasurers in Our Midst"

Get to Know the Museums in Your Hometown!

Saturday, June 29, 3:00 pm



We wrap up our six month series with **The Chatham Marconi Maritime Center**. Hear why it was created, find out about its collections, and learn about upcoming plans and activities. Visit their website for more information about the Museum:

<http://chathammarconi.org/>

Summer Music Concert

Tuesday, August 20, 7:00 pm

Musician David Polansky returns to bring us **Music Through the Decades**. Join us for this fun-filled one-hour concert. Mr. Polansky will show the audience how the last hundred-plus years of American history has influenced the great American Popular Song Book. Using keyboard, trumpet and vocals, David brings alive the music of George M. Cohan, Irving Berlin, Fats Waller, George Gershwin, Hoagy Carmichael, and a host of others from the Gay 90's, World War I, the Roaring 20's, the Great Depression, World War II, Big Band and the Swing Eras. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Chatham Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a stage agency.



Friends, Old and New!

We want to thank our loyal Members and our new Friends of the EPL. Friends' financial support provides the "extras" that keep our Library special. The Friends' volunteers who assist staff and patrons are vital to EPL operations. If you are not yet a Friend, please consider joining and complete the membership form on page 7!

Dan McPhee, Friends' Membership

Poems Celebrating The Eldredge Public Library

Thank you for all the wonderful poems that were submitted to help celebrate National Library Week. We hope everyone got a chance to read the poems that were displayed in the Library April 15-20. Reprinted here are a few samples. We appreciate the time and thoughtfulness that was put into each poem!★

The Library

When I searched for wisdom I found it 'mongst the shelves
Inside a quiet building staffed by kindly elves.
It held so many books! A thousand shelves I found
Receptacles of knowledge all wrapped and neatly bound
And standing at the ready awaiting my command
To open and disgorge themselves into my eager hand.

Tier after tier stands waiting. So much on them to know.
Each volume holds a journey, an unknown place to go—
Horizons to be sailed to, far lands to explore:
Alps to be ascended; wings on which to soar.
Reach up, take any book you like from off its perch.
Let it lift you skyward so you can soar and search.

There'll spring from off its pages adventure, fun and lore.
A glorious fount of wisdom lies just behind the door
Of the most humble library. It's up to you
To step inside its hallowed walls. You'll find it's true
That just across the threshold inside that magic land
There sits a world of wisdom awaiting your command.

John Hutchinson

The Eldredge Public Library

For more than a century this stately red brick
building, set solidly upon its granite block
foundation, has stood atop a low knoll
overlooking Main Street in Chatham.

A wide gable, rising above a slate-tiled roof,
graces the facade of this imposing edifice,
which holds an honored place on the
National Register of Historic Places.

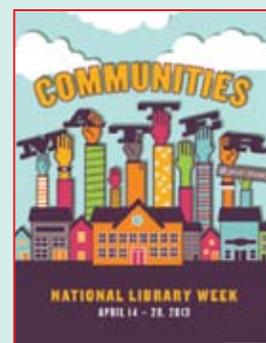
More than three generations of residents
and visitors, young and old, have passed
beneath its pink Romanesque arch
to marvel at the lofty coffered ceilings
of the Reading Room, its walls wainscoted
in oak, its massive oak-manteled fireplace,
and its pair of double-paned stained glass windows.
In Marcellus Eldredge's noble Athenaeum
story-tellers have captivated countless children.
lecturers have brought the world to Chatham,
poets and writers have read their works,
and musicians have delighted their audiences.

G. L. Snider

The Library Life

Shelves
piled with books
Full of dreams
and hopes
and cares
Though they are
overwhelming
at first
soon
they feel
as close
as kin
Each book
will hold a soul
but it is up to you
to see it
This magical world of wonder
is behind a single door

Sage Barnes



The Library

I'm overwhelmed by what I see
Shelves of books tower over me
Books of Adventure, books of grief
I get real sad when I have to leave
Small children enjoy picture books
I like to read mysteries, that have bad guys and crooks
A million thoughts fill my head
as I imagine what I read
Clicking of computer keys
World atlases have pictures of mountains and seas
It's not just reading it's so much more
The library is the imagination store

Kaitlyn Lyons

★*Abinder of all poems submitted is available for patrons to view at the Front Desk.*

Dig Into READING



Children's Logo



Tween/Teen Logo

Youth Services will once again participate in the Collaborative Summer Library Program, a grassroots consortium of all 50 states working together to provide public libraries with high-quality summer reading program materials with a unified theme for children, teen, and adults at the lowest cost possible.

The 2013 themes, "Dig into Reading" and "Beneath the Surface," celebrate discovery and encourage us all to explore the wonders below! Registrants of all ages and reading abilities will "dig in" for a summer filled with exciting reading opportunities, outstanding performers, and a variety of activities.

Stop by the library after June 15th to pick up the summer calendar of events or download a copy from our website: www.eldredgelibrary.org.

*Tammy DePasquale
Youth Services Librarian*

BOOK & AUTHOR EVENTS

The following authors are coming to the Eldredge Public Library this summer. Please join us to hear the authors talk about their books and answer questions from readers. The authors will be selling and signing books at the program.

Tuesday, May 28 @ 7:00 pm: Mary Anne Dennison, author of *Elegy for Paul*. This first novel by Mary Anne Dennison is a mystery story set in Chatham.

Tuesday, June 11 @ 7:00 pm: Lisa Genova, author of *Love Anthony*. Lisa's third book is a beautifully woven story about family, friendships, and autism, set on Nantucket.

Tuesday, June 25 @ 3:00 pm: Carol McCleary, author of *The Formula for Murder*. This is Carol's third historical fiction book based on the adventures of American Journalist Nellie Bly (1864-1922).

Wednesday, July 10 @ 3:00 pm: Roger Denk, author of *Anadyr* and *Skunk's Neck*. *Skunk's Neck* is a continuation of *Stepping Stones*, which is a mystery novel set in Chatham. *Anadyr* is a tale of an imagined final chapter in the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Volunteers Keep the EPL Strong



Without its hard-working volunteers, the Eldredge Public Library would never be able to provide the level of service patrons have come to expect. We take pride in introducing some vital members of the Eldredge team, beginning in this issue of

Tidings with **Rosanne Geylin**.

For the last six months Rosanne has been working diligently on book donations, now known as "Irene's Rare Books." She has been sorting through these books to determine their value prior to selling them on eBay, in hopes of increasing revenue for the Library.

Rosanne, who recently became a full-time Chatham resident, has worked in both public and corporate libraries. She has a Master's Degree in Library Science from Long Island University and is happy to be involved now in the Eldredge Public Library. Rosanne is an avid knitter who loves to read and spend time with her husband and yellow Lab Casey, exploring the Cape.

Welcome Rosanne!

Beth Holden, FEPL Vice President

ANNUAL MEETING

FRIENDS OF THE ELDRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES 2013–2014

To be approved at the Friends' Annual Meeting
(Final Slate will be presented at meeting)

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

2:30 pm Refreshments

3:00 pm Meeting

Forgeron Room

OFFICERS

President	Sharon Oudemool
Vice President	Beth Holden
Treasurer	Ward Burian
Secretary	Regina McDowell

DIRECTORS

Book & Author	Kathy Robertson
Book Sale	Penny Keith and Chris Lapuc
Chatham Alliance/Merchandise	Ruth Tichenor
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Grants	Thomas Quill
Hospitality	Midge Nash
Learning Series	Barbara Fouhy and Sheila Marx
Membership	Dan McPhee and Sherry Hesch
Programs	Joann Creedon
Publications	Rosanne Geylin
Publicity	Carol Garey
Ways and Means	Libby Mottur and Carol Garey

EX OFFICIO

EPL Director	Irene Gillies
Past President	Barbara Gibson
Trustees President	Phyllis Freeman

★ Program ★

*Following the business meeting, a presentation by
State Representative Sarah Peake, Chatham Town Manager Jill Goldsmith, and
Eldredge Public Library Trustee President Dick Evans.
All are welcome to share with Friends this unique opportunity.*

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

**Friends of the Eldredge Public Library
Learning Series Classes Thursdays 1:00-2:00**

The Plays of Monomoy Theatre June 2013 Discussions

*with Shannon Griscom, Discussion Leader
Forgeron Room*

Thursday, June 6: *The Odd Couple* by Neil Simon

Thursday, June 14: *Death of a Salesman* by Arthur Miller

*Books are on hand near the Circulation Desk, and may be borrowed in preparation
for class discussions. Ask at the Desk if you need assistance or have questions.*



ELDREDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY
Friends of the EPL
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Chatham, MA 02633
508-945-5170
www.eldredgelibrary.org

Library Hours

10-5 Monday
Wednesday
Friday
Saturday
1-9 Tuesday
Thursday

Genealogy Dept. Hours

1-5 Tuesday
Thursday
Saturday



FRIENDS' BOOK CLUB

The Friends of the EPL Book Discussion Group reconvenes on Tuesday, September 24. It is suggested that members each bring one title to that meeting for possible reading by the group. **Everyone is welcome!** If you have any questions, please call Linda Nixon at 508-945-2094.



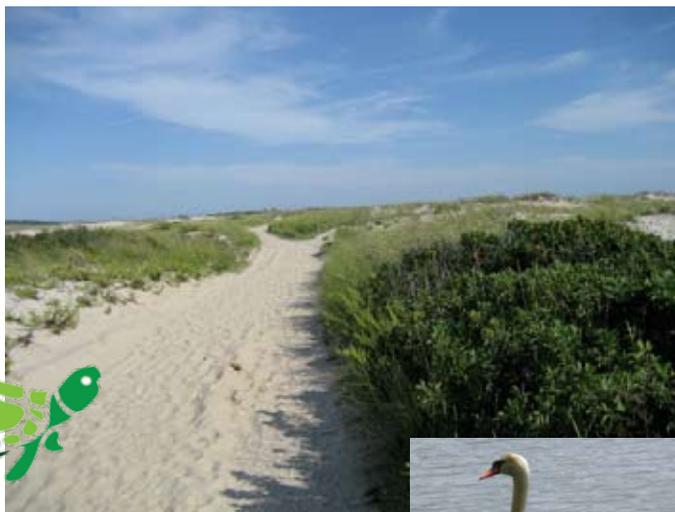
WRITERS' GROUPS

CHATHAM WRITERS @ 02633

After the June 17 meeting, this writers' group breaks for summer and will reconvene on September 16. The 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

Every Friday from 10:30 am to 12:00 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.



In summer,
the swan song
sings itself.

Chuting the Breeze

In skies blue as the Virgin's robes
The para-gliders fly.
Their chutes domed high above their heads
In brilliant hues of greens and reds
As they go drifting by.

I hear their cries upon the wind
But can't tell what they say.
Perhaps they shout in pure delight
Or sudden panic at the sight
Of earth so far away.

I watch them on their thermal rides
In safety on my deck below.
From whence they come, to where they go,
And how they land,
I do not know.

Maris Childs

SUGGESTIONS

If you have suggestions for *Tidings*, please contact our new editor
Rosanne Geylin email ro@kgpr.com
or write *Tidings*, EPL, PO Box 70, Chatham 02633.

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