



Good Things Happen When Friends Get Together



Friends of EPL Board gathered for the October 2012 meeting.

Left to right in photo, seated: Ward Burian, Treasurer; Regina McDowell, Secretary; Joann Creedon; Sharon Oudemool, President; Winnie Lear; Barbara Fouhy. Back row: Dan McPhee; Thomas Quill; Ruth Tichenor; Penny Keith; Barbara Gibson; Carol Garey; Janine Scott; Holly Whiting; Midge Nash. Absent from photo: Beth Holden, Vice President; Judi Clifford; Liz VanWye; Kathy Robertson; Shiela Marx. See complete list page 2.

Friends of the Library

Every Library Needs Friends! Won't You Join Us?

We invite all of you who treasure friendship and love books to join us in service to the Eldredge Public Library and to the entire community. For newcomers to Chatham joining the Friends and coming to our Library programs is the perfect way to meet new friends!

Founded in 1979 by a small group of volunteers, the Friends of Eldredge Public Library continues to serve its mission: to support and enhance the Library's role in Chatham. The dedication of Friends allows the Library to offer services otherwise beyond its financial means and helps assure the Eldredge Public Library's continuing excellence.

The Friends recruit volunteers, sponsor fundraising events for special projects, and provide outreach programs for the community. Examples of the Friends' community offerings include special cultural, educational, and public interest programs for people of all ages, children's activities and events, book discussion groups, on-going book and merchandise sales, and Library decorating and hospitality to warmly welcome the community we serve.

A Letter from Friends' President

It is a pleasure for me to have this opportunity to thank the 405 people (as of late October) who have sent in their check for our annual membership drive that began in September. I am happy to report that we are ahead of last year's contributions for the same time period. Your support is vital for the many "extras" that the Friends of the Eldredge Public Library are able to fund for our wonderful Library. Recently, I was upstairs in the Library and noticed a group of ladies working in the quiet room where it was obvious that they were repairing books. I stepped in and they showed me the new book binding machine that the Friends had recently purchased; the old machine had given out after many years of use.

At the October meeting of the Trustees, Librarian Tammy DePasquale gave a PowerPoint presentation vividly highlighting the past year in the children and youth services wing. Unless you have children or grandchildren who use the Library you might be unaware of the variety and number of creative and engaging activities that help pull young people into our Library, an important service in an age that often seems to value computers and technology over books and reading. Many of Tammy's programs

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CHATHAM POETS READ on First Night

7:00 pm December 31, 2012
Forgeron Room

First Night Chatham is a celebration of the arts. Join local poets of all ages at the Eldredge Library for a respite from the noise of the night. Chatham poets are invited to read their own original work at this special occasion. They must register in advance: a signup sheet will be available at the circulation desk December 1-18. Readers will be limited to five minutes; we ask that presentations be appropriate to a family audience and a night of celebration. Because of time constraints, readers may be limited to the first ten poets to register. Listeners are most welcome!

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are paid for by the Friends' annual contribution to youth services.

When the power went out for many hours in Chatham this summer, one of the computer stations at the front desk died. A replacement has been purchased by the Friends. You may have noticed the new sign recently installed on the front lawn giving the hours of operation, a gift from the Pease Memorial Fund managed by the Friends. The list of past purchases could go on but let's look ahead. The Friends and the Library staff are now engaged in a dialogue to revamp the staff room, an area that is sorely lacking in work space and work stations suitable to the modern era of library work where so many tasks revolve around computers. This room has not been altered since the Library addition was built over twenty years ago. The staff has been surveyed for their input and a floor plan to modernize this space is being devised. The improvements will be paid for from the fundraisers and membership monies that the Friends volunteers work to provide.

If you are not a member of the Friends of the EPL please consider joining us in our endeavors to help maintain the high standards of library services that the Eldredge Library staff is committed to.



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

Shop at the Eldredge

Find a perfect gift at our
Ongoing Book Sale,
including our bargain
"a buck a bag"

T-Shirts, Caps and Bags with
the Library logo make
great gifts too

First Snow

A flight of Canada geese
trumpets its passage
beneath low-hanging
banks of dense cloud.

Fingers of light
struggle desperately
to tear asunder the dark clouds
that fill the horizon.

A few mallards bob upon
the slate-gray waters
of the river which flows
to the Sound on an ebbing tide.

All that the eye surveys –
bank, marsh, and wood –
everywhere wears a
winter mantle of white.

G L Snider

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FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

I was an insatiable, indiscriminate, omnivorous reader as a child and had many sources to satisfy my hunger for the written word. Key among them was my public library, where my big brother would wait, idling the motor at the curb, while I ran into the children's room and grabbed my limit of six books as quickly as possible. As far as I knew, that *was* the library; until, at the advanced age of eight, I was taken by a neighboring family to a story hour. As I now enter my sixties, I still remember Miss Van Dyck showing a film strip of pictures from *Many Moons* by James Thurber as she dramatically recited the story from memory. I was awed, charmed, and knew I would always remember that special event. I never had the chance to attend another story hour, but I can still recall every detail today.

Now, after 33 years at the Eldredge Public Library, and seeing all the changes that have taken place in library services, technology, communications, resources, publishing, and the demographic shifts, sometimes I'm asked why we put so much emphasis on services for

Kids are VIPs at EPL!

teens and children, who are a distinct minority in Chatham. I've got some good reasons why it is more important than ever that we make our children feel welcome, cherished, and satisfied.

If kids don't come to the Library, they'll go elsewhere for entertainment, culture, companionship. There's plenty of competition for their attention online and on television, and their "free" time is packed with activities like sports, music, dance, after-school programs and lessons, leaving little time for reading. If they have no real connection to the Library as children, they will not return as adults, and they will not bring their children. As library use declines, library funding declines, and libraries decline. The fulfillment of our basic mission of providing universal access to knowledge, culture, and information, making it possible for all to thrive, would decline. It's *essential* to introduce children to the Library, and that's what we do!

Irene Gillies, Library Director

In the past six years the number of programs the Library offered to Chatham's youth rose by 65%, including special efforts to reach out to the middle and high school kids. In that time, circulation of materials in the Youth Services Department rose 20%. The biggest increase was in books. Our kids are reading more than ever, defying the national trend.

Our secret? The programs we offer deliberately incorporate books and literacy skills, making personal connections between children and books and fostering a love of books and reading. Most programs are pure fun, but that very serious purpose is at the bottom of each. "If you build it, they will come" – and when they come, they become readers.

Do you have a special memory of your childhood library? Those lingering memories are what drive thousands of adults to support Youth Services through taxes and donations. And those memories are the key to promoting a future of enrichment to people of all ages at the public library.

Book-To-Film Discussion Group

Winter Calendar

Meetings start at 2:00

Read the Book – Watch the Movie – Discuss!

Saturday, December 15, 2012 at 2:00 (3rd Saturday of the month)

Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close / Jonathan Safran Foer

Oskar begins searching New York City for the lock that fits a mysterious key found in the closet of his father, who was killed on 9/11. His journey takes him to a better understanding of the world around him. Tom Hanks, Jeffrey Wright, Max Von Sydow, Sandra Bullock, Thomas Horn

Saturday, January 12, 2013 at 2:00

The Remains of the Day / Kazuo Ishiguro

Blind devotion & repressed love between a fanatically perfect butler and a strong-minded young housekeeper in the employ of a British lord who is an unwitting Nazi dupe. Anthony Hopkins, Emma Thompson, Christopher Reeve

Saturday, February 09, 2013 at 2:00

True Grit / Charles Portis

Mattie Ross, 14, determined to avenge her father's murder, enlists the help of Marshal Rooster Cogburn, and Texas Ranger LaBoeuf to find the killer and exact retribution. Jeff Bridges, Matt Damon, Josh Brolin, Hailee Steinfeld



Upcoming Programs — Not to be Missed!

Tuesday, December 4 @ 7:00 pm

“Views from a Hometown Diplomat”

Come meet your hometown diplomat. George Chane will speak on his experiences abroad, his career in the Foreign Service and the work of the U.S. Department of State. Mr. Chane serves as an International Economist in the Office of Monetary Affairs. He has lived and worked in Mexico City, France, and Seoul. Mr. Chane is a graduate of Cornell University with a BA degree in Economics, received an MBA with distinction in Finance and International Business from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and is a graduate of the Advanced Executive Program at the Kellogg School at Northwestern University.

Saturday, December 8 @ 3:00 pm

“Family Holiday Concert and Singalong with David Polansky”

As you and your family enjoy the Chatham Christmas By the Sea weekend, make sure to leave room in your schedule to come to the Library for a holiday concert and singalong! David Polansky is loved by everyone from preschoolers to grandparents. His songs have been compared to those of Stephen Sondheim and Tom Lehrer and he has won numerous awards including the coveted Artists' Foundation Fellowship, Music City Song Festival, Sheet Music Magazine Grand Prize, and others. His concerts are true musical treasures that everyone will love.



Learning Series Notes

Don't forget to sign up for classes with **Ward Burian** lecturing on George Washington as well as **Carol Yindra** showing and discussing *Movies of Triumph* in our December/January mid-semester. See page 7.

Looking ahead to Spring, the Eldredge Learning Series will have an eclectic selection of courses for the 2013 spring season. This term we are excited to welcome **John Whelan** and his Great American Songbook series, **Ed Fouhy** and his lessons on *The Crisis in Journalism*, **Karen Moore** with her timely tips about *Waking Up Your Garden*, and **Kerry Brown** walking us through Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. A few of our other favorites on board will be **Peter Saunders**, **John Kennedy**, **Frank Smith**, and **Shannon Griscom**.

Sunday Afternoons at the Eldredge We will travel the globe during our winter lecture series

January 6 @ 2:00 pm

“Travel off the Beaten Path”

So you've been to New York, London, perhaps Paris too? Maybe it's time to think of visiting places less frequented. Dick Evans will introduce you to some marvelous travel locations you probably have not seen. Some are in the United States – such as Antelope Canyon, the Sunlight Basin, Yellowstone Park in winter and Yosemite; others are farther away – Vieques, Churchill, Botswana, Sayulita, Iguazu. What fun you could have over cocktails telling others about the places you've visited!

January 27 @ 2:00 pm

“English Gardens South of London and the Chelsea Flower Show”

Sharon Oudemool will present a slideshow of photographs taken during two trips to England, one in the spring and the other in the fall. You will visit Kew Gardens, Hampton Court outside London, Sissinghurst, Wisley, Great Dixter and other famous garden destinations. She will also show you pictures from The Chelsea Flower show, the most complete plant show in the world.

February 3 @ 2:00 pm

“Incredible India”

Betsy Bray will present an illustrated talk about her visit to India, a country of contrasts. She will highlight Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, the holy city of Varanasi and Mumbai. Betsy will also talk about her visit to the southern city of Kerala. Come enjoy some beautiful photos and hear stories of Betsy's experiences in India.

February 24 @ 2:00 pm

“Growing Up In Southern Africa, a Personal Story”

Warren Nash was born and raised in Southern Africa. When he was thirteen, his parents took everything they could fit in their car, including Warren and his brother, and left their home in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) to start over in Cape Town, South Africa. Warren will tell his amazing and personal story of growing up in this area of political turmoil from the 1960's to the 1990's.

*What good is the warmth of summer,
without the cold of winter
to give it sweetness.*

– John Steinbeck

Reminder

To receive upcoming news and announcements,
please be sure the Library has your Email Address.

“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 the 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>

Nooks and Kindles and iPads...oh my! Which e-book reader should you buy?

Are you thinking of buying an e-book reader for yourself or someone else this holiday season? Which one should you buy? The answer is it depends! There are more choices than ever before but it all comes down to what, how and where you want to use the reader. “E-book reader” commonly refers to three different classes of products.

The dedicated, black and white, e-ink readers, such as the Kindle and the Nook, are the cheapest and simplest types of readers. They are small and lightweight (avg. 7 oz) and the e-ink most represents the printed page. The e-ink readers can be used in direct sunlight, which is something you can't do on the LCD screens. Until recently the biggest drawback was that they were not self-illuminating, but that has changed with the release of the Nook Simple Touch with Glowlight from Barnes and Noble and the Kindle Paperwhite from Amazon.

If you want more functionality and a color screen, then you will want to consider either a smaller 7-inch tablet or the full size 10-inch tablet. The color 7-inch tablets, such as the Kindle Fire, Google Nexus 7, and the Nook Tablet are heavier than e-ink readers (avg. 14-16oz), but offer bright and colorful displays. The reflection from the LCD screen makes it harder to read in bright sunlight but easier to read in a darker environment. The

10-inch tablets, which are almost double the screen size, include the Apple iPad, the Kindle DX, and the Samsung Galaxy Tab 10.1. These all weigh about 1.3 lbs. The tablets offer many features including checking your email, connecting to the internet, watching movies, and downloading apps.



All devices offer touch screen (except the entry level Kindle) and they all offer the ability to change font size. On most you can choose wireless or 3G/4G (which uses the cellular wireless transmission and comes with a data plan fee) connection.

Free library e-books can be downloaded to mobile devices (iPad, iPhone, Android phone, some Nook devices, some Kindle devices, and more) through wireless or 3G/4G connection.

To download to a Kindle e-ink reader, users will need to use a computer to search and download the books, then use wireless service to download the book to the device. Owners of Nook e-ink reader will need to download the book to their own personal Internet connected computer, then transfer the book to their device. It is important to know what the device can offer and what other equipment you may need to download e-books. Best Buy offers many of the products and would be a good place to actually see and touch them before you make a decision.

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

Dec 5 (3:30 pm), Jan 8 (6:00 pm), Feb 6 (3:30 pm), March 6 (3:30 pm)

E-book Demonstration for Nook Users

Dec 19 (3:30 pm), Jan 15 (6:00 pm), Feb 13 (3:30 pm), March 13 (3:30 pm)

I have just returned from the New England Library Association's (NELA) annual conference in Sturbridge. I was so fortunate to join librarians from six states to network, share best practices, and hear from experts in the field. As you might guess, several sessions were devoted to ebooks and ereaders, the future of libraries, the relevance of Dewey, social networking, and budgeting. The focus for Youth Services included these topics as well as innovative programming ideas for the digital age, the changing definition of literacy, and the recurring discussion of teen involvement in the public libraries.

For three days I was able to focus solely on all things related to libraries and that was nothing short of awesome! Not only did I play with new ideas, but I was also able to look at the EPL's existing programming with fresh eyes. One program in particular stands out and would make any NELA presenter proud. The EPL's tween and teen programming is indeed innovative, fun, and well-attended.

We have made pasta from scratch and stomped grapes; we have gathered clues and solved numerous library murders. We have enthusiastically embraced the art of improv and tested the benefits of yoga and line dancing. We are avid gamers, and that does not limit us to video games – we have our own version of "Minute to Win It" and "Jeopardy." While celebrating our love of graphic novels and manga, we have met professionals who taught us how comics are constructed and how to make a tasty vegetable sushi or bento box. We have welcomed Boston comedians and bands, and we have held coffee houses showcasing student poetry, art, and music. Add book discussion groups, movie nights and a variety of professional performances and you will see a full calendar of events and activities that have reached out to all interests and levels of participation.

These programming opportunities all come with a cost and a commitment to the tweens and teens. The Friends of the EPL are an extraordinary group of volunteers who consistently support Youth Services. Without their dedication and hard work, none of these programs would make it past the planning stages.

For that, we are all grateful. The Friends members are also models for our Jr. Friends. Though the Jr. Friends do not raise funds for the Library, they give back in ways that also allow us to offer a variety and high number of programs for our younger patrons.

The Jr. Friends are an amazing group of student volunteers who range from 5th grade to college age. They assist in planning programming and developing special collections. They are the "extra hands" and "enforcers" at large performances. They are the scorekeepers, the "muscle" for event set-ups, and the laborers behind summer reading

materials. They are the diligent ones who clean the toddler toys every week throughout the year. Most importantly, they are the enthusiastic young Library lovers who become the role models for our youngest patrons. And I would be less than honest if I said they didn't prop me up on those very busy days with an encouraging reminder to "just breathe, Tammy!"

So, yes, thanks to workshops like the ones offered through NELA, we will have some new, exciting programming ahead in Youth Services, but we also champion the great things we already have in place thanks to the two groups who make it all possible: The Friends and Jr. Friends of the Eldredge Public Library.

Tammy DePasquale, Youth Services Librarian
(See more photos on last page.)



Jr. Friends in Action didn't

There is Nothing Like a Friend!

We began our 2012-2013 Friends of the Eldredge Public Library Membership Drive in early September. Many loyal, long-time Friends have responded generously and have been joined by new members and supporters from past years. Their generous support continues to provide the "extras" that help make the EPL what it is for all of us.

Thank you to all who have responded and to 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 Committee



Friends of the Eldredge Public Library
present
LEARNING SERIES AT THE ELDREDGE
Early Winter Specials

Sponsored by the Friends of the Eldredge Public Library, the Learning Series is a program of academic and general courses open to the public at a cost of \$10.00 per course. Register by mail or at the Library. Contact Program Co-Chairman Sheila Marx at 508-945-4058 or Barbara Fouhy at 508-945-5031, or call the Library directly, 508-945-5170, with any questions.

W1: 10:00 - 11:30 AM. **Lecture on George Washington.** To most of his contemporaries including his principal adversary, King George III, George Washington was considered the greatest man in the world. Historians have written millions of words about him, but to many biographers he remains an impenetrable mixture of ambition with diffidence and confidence with self-doubt. Where did he come from and what formed his remarkable character? Do we really understand the enormous burdens he labored under while he carried the fate of America on his shoulders? This course will address these issues and more. Lecturer Ward Burian first developed his love of history as a student at Dartmouth College. After a long career in finance, he now lectures about the life of George Washington at civic, social, and educational organizations. His book, *George Washington's Legacy of Leadership*, resides in the Eldredge Public Library. **Five Weeks Course. (Note: This class runs Dec 5, 12, 19, & Jan 9, 16, 2013.)**

W2: 1:00 - 4:00 PM. **Movies of Triumph.** In difficult times, we often look for entertainment that lifts our spirits and gives us hope. In this film series, we will examine movies that do just that. Each film will highlight people who beat the odds and triumph over adversity. What makes us root for the "little guy?" What allows seemingly ordinary people to do extraordinary things? What is the real definition of winning? These are some of the themes that we will explore in discussion following the viewing of each film. Beat the winter blahs by joining us for this upbeat and inspiring movie series. Presenter Carol Yindra's love of movies was perpetuated by "Dish Night" at the Webster Theatre in Hartford, CT which she attended with her mother whenever a new dish was offered with the price of admission. **Five Weeks Course. (Note: This class runs Jan 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2013.)**

REGISTRATION FORM FOR LEARNING SERIES: Early Winter Specials

Please circle Number of Courses and return promptly to assure a place.

Wednesday: W1: George Washington W2: Movies of Triumph

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Email _____

Phone _____ Number of Courses _____ Remittance \$ _____

Comments _____

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



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
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- Mailings
- Front Desk
- Shelving Books
- Organize Book Shelves
- Library Displays
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Please complete this form and make checks payable to Friends of EPL

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Membership
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 Chatham MA 02633

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Thank You for Your Membership

More Jr. Friends in Action



Returning college students and Jr. Friends plan and host Muppets Treasure Island movie experience.



Jr. Friend assists Hogwarts Summer School Students.



Jr. Friend reads to pajama-clad storytimers at the Bedtime Storyhour.

Jr. Friends help at the literacy event in Barnstable.



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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.



December 18

Any book of poetry by Mary Oliver

January 29

Let's Take the Long Way Home
Gail Caldwell

February 26

Any book or play by W. Somerset Maugham



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 12:00 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.

Happy Holidays!



SUGGESTIONS

If you have any comments or suggestions for *Tidings* please contact Holly Whiting, 508-945-4246 or email hoken@earthlink.net

Library Hours

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

Genealogy Dept.

1-5 Tuesday
Thursday
Saturday

Deadline for *Spring Tidings* copy is January 25, 2013