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FALL NEWSLETTER 2011

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Top 20 Books
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1. The Bruins by Brian McFarlane
2. In Their Footsteps by Tess Gerritsen
3. The Postcard Killers by James Patterson & Liza Marklund
4. Wicked Appetite by Janet Evanovich
5. Painted Ladies by Robert B. Parker
6. The Sentry by Robert Crais
7. Tick Tock by James Patterson & Michael Ledwidge
8. The Nomination: A Novel of Suspense by William G. Tapply
9. Private by James Patterson & Maxine Paetro
10. Scarlet Nights: An Edilean Novel by Jude Deveraux
11. I Still Dream About You by Fannie Flagg
12. The Judas Gate by Jack Higgins
13. Strategic Moves by Stuart Woods
15. Deliver Us From Evil by David Baldacci
16. Legacy: A Novel by Danielle Steel
17. American Assassin: A Thriller by Vince Flynn
18. Hell’s Corner by David Baldacci
19. Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth by Jeff Kinney
20. To Have and To Kill by Mary Jane Clark

This newsletter and many of the changes we are planning are because of you. In a recent survey people took the time to offer over 600 comments on the Marlborough Public Library. Many offered suggestions on how we could make things better - which was just what we wanted. We read each and every one and have started making changes:

* Wednesdays are once again Fine Free!
* Children no longer have to sign out toys.
* A public fax machine will soon arrive for those who told us it would be helpful if we had one.

We asked for your input as part of a Long Range Plan we recently completed. We are waiting to hear that it has been approved by the State. Word is due by December 31. This plan will allow us to apply for state and federal grant funds. In the meantime we have started making changes. While we can’t do anything about parking right now or some of the other changes you suggested, we wanted to change what we could right away.

I am grateful for all the help and good wishes from the Marlborough community and the support of the Trustees and the Staff in my first year at the Marlborough Public Library and look forward to working on these issues in the year to come.

Thank You, Lori, for 15+ Years of Service

Fifteen years ago, Lori Galvin started working at the Marlborough Public Library. She began as a page and ended as a Library Clerk.

Marlborough couldn’t have asked for a more dedicated worker. No one has kept the Children’s Room tidier or returned books to the shelves so quickly.

On November 1st, Lori retired. She may have shelved her last book, but she’s opening a new chapter in her life. She will be missed at the library, but we’re all happy for her and grateful for her many years of service. Thank you, Lori and enjoy your retirement!
Adult Services

Who Says Reading is a Solitary Pursuit?

Come join Marlborough Public Library’s adult book club! We meet the third week of each month, except where that week includes a Monday holiday. (Please check our calendar at www.marlboroughpubliclibrary.org for any scheduling changes.) Members can choose to come on Monday evening from 6:30 to 8:00pm or Thursday morning from 10:30am to noon. The same title is discussed at both meetings. The discussions are always lively and fun! Refreshments are provided by the library and volunteers. All are welcome to join! E-mail Annie Glater at aglater@cwmars.org with questions.

Don’t Read These Books!
Banned Book Week Display

October’s book display celebrated National Banned Book week, September 24th through October 1st. On display were books from the American Library Association’s list of the Top 10 Most Frequently Challenged Books of 2010. Also included was classic literature that has been burned, banned or challenged by various schools and organizations over the years.

Topping the 2010 list are many popular Young Adult books such as Twilight by Stephenie Meyer and The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins. Twilight made the list due to its violence and religious viewpoint. The Hunger Games is frequently challenged as unsuitable to teens for sexually explicit and violent content. Even classics have been frequently challenged, such as The Lord of the Rings by J. R. R. Tolkien for its religious viewpoint and The Call of the Wild by Jack London for graphic violence.

The display remained for the entire month of October, along with brief explanations as to why each book has been banned and challenged.

Celebrate your right to choose and check out a banned book today!

What We’ve Been Reading...

Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet
by Jamie Ford
Read in October

Little Bee
by Chris Cleave
Read in November

American Gods
by Neil Gaiman
Mon., Jan. 23rd at 6:30pm or Thurs., Jan. 26th at 10:30am

Writing Group for Adults

Starting January 20th, we will be holding a writing group for adults on the third Friday of every month. Writers are encouraged to stop by for a few hours, share their work, and critique stories. If interested, please sign-up at the Circulation Desk or email Jess Bacon at jbacon@cwmars.org

Upcoming Meeting Dates:
January 20th, February 17th, March 16th
All meetings are 9:30am-12pm

Fine Free Wednesdays!!!

Fine Free Wednesdays are back! Starting on October 12th, any items returned on Wednesday will have fines waived. This doesn’t include fines for museum passes or lost items.
Meet Our New Teen Services Librarian, Jess

As of September 19th, Jess Bacon has moved up from the Children’s Department to be the new Teen Services Librarian. Her passion for teens, young adult literature, and programming has her excited with her new role in the library.

As teens are underserved in many communities today, having a full-time Teen Services Librarian has given Marlborough Public Library the opportunity to reach out to teens and provide them with a place to hang out, programs and events to enjoy, and access to multiple resources like books, magazines, DVDs, CDs, and games.

Jess looks forward to working with the community (especially schools and homeschoolers), trying to reach teens in different environments. If you work with teens or are a teen and want to get involved, please email Jess at jbacon@cwmars.org.

Teen Advisory Group (T.A.G.)
Advising the Teen Services Librarian on what books, movies, CDs, DVDs, and games you want in your collection! Enjoy food and get first dibs when these new items arrive! 2nd Friday of the month, Grades 7-12.
Dec. 9 and Jan. 13 @ 3-3:45pm

Do-It-Yourself Teen Projects
Enjoy creating your own crafts? Join Allie to create things like candy turkeys, paper decorations, and more! 4-5pm one Monday each month, Grades 7-12.
Dec. 12 @ 3-5pm (craft and movie)
Jan. 9 @ 4-5pm

Operation Otaku
Join our anime and manga fan club! Every other Tuesday, 5-6:30pm. Ages 13+
See Calendar on pages 5-8 for dates.

Winter Break Boredom?
 Tues., Dec. 27th 2-4pm Wii and Crafts
 Wed., Dec. 28th 6-8pm Teen Movie Night w/Popcorn
 Thurs., Dec. 29th 3-5pm Special Program
If you want to help plan the movie or special program, attend our Teen Event Planners meeting Friday, Dec. 2nd, 3-3:45pm.

Teen Event Planners
Help the Teen Librarian Jess plan teen events and programs! Winter break is coming up—let’s plan what you want to do. 1st Friday of the month, Grades 7-12.
Dec. 2 and Jan. 6 @ 3-3:45pm

Musings: Teen Writers
Enjoy writing? Interested in creating your own stories? This is the group for you! We meet the 2nd Thursday of every month, Grades 7-12.
Dec. 8 and Jan. 12 @ 6:30-8pm

B.L.T. Teen Book Group
Calling all teens! If you like to talk about books, then join Necia each month for fun discussion and a snack. We'll read from different genres chosen by group members. Ages 13+
Dec. 19 and Jan. 23 @ 7-8pm

To Sign-Up For These Programs, email Jess at jbacon@cwmars.org

1/2 Day, 1/2 Wii Fun
Not sure what to do with those half days after school? Come hang out at the library! The Auditorium is booked for you! 1-3pm. Play Wii games, do arts and crafts, listen to music. Snacks are provided. Grades 7-12.
See Calendar on pages 5-8 for dates.
On October 24th, the Children’s Room held their annual Halloween party. Led by a book fairy and her assistant, fun was had by all, including Tinkerbell, Batman, a Ninja and more! Participants brewed a potion with a cauldron toss, and ran a skeleton relay. Silly pumpkins were decorated and everyone made a Halloween bookmark. Yummy snacks included edible band-aids and spooky cookies.

On October 20th, kids and adults were entertained by storyteller Mary Jo Maichack with spooky, eerie, snort-candy-corn-in-the-dark, funny set of Halloween stories.

Upcoming Children’s Programs
Please register early! Space is limited. Call 508-624-6902 or visit the Children’s Department.

**BABY TIME**
Join Debby for stories and bouncing rhymes for babies ages birth through 18 months.
*Tuesdays, 10-10:30am*

**TODDLER TIME**
Join Tricia for songs, fingerplays, and stories for children aged 1 1/2- 3 1/2.
*Fridays, 10-10:45am*

**PRESCOOL PALS**
Join Tricia for stories, fingerplays, songs and a craft! This program is intended for ages 3 1/2-6.
*Wednesdays, 10-10:45am*

**AFTERNOON ADVENTURES**
Do you like stories, crafts, and fun activities? Then join us one afternoon a month for Afternoon Adventures! Each month will feature a different activity and snacks. Grades 1st-3rd.
*Dec. 1 and Jan. 5 @ 4pm*

**MUGGLE SUPPORT GROUP**
If you love to read fantasy then come join us! Please stop by the Children’s Room to find out what book we’ll be discussing this month and to pick up your copy. Ages 10+
*Dec. 12 and Jan. 9 @ 7pm*

**MAD SCIENCE**
Are you mad for science? Then join Debby for some fun science experiments! This program is recommended for ages 6-12.
*Dec. 8 and Jan. 12 @ 4pm*

**AMERICAN GIRL BOOK GROUP**
Every month we’ll read about a different American Girl, make themed crafts and eat snacks. For girls ages 6-10 and their mothers and friends. Parents are requested to participate in the program. Dolls of any kind are encouraged but not required.
*Group 1: Dec. 13 and Jan. 10 @ 4pm*
*Group 2: Dec. 20 and Jan. 17 @ 4pm*

**THE MIGHTY PEN**
Attention writers! Interested in learning how to write better, share your ideas, and have fun? Then come join Jess for our monthly writers’ group. Activities will include writing prompts, word wars, picture inspirations, round robins, and more! Grades 5 - 6.
*Dec. 27 and Jan. 31 @ 4:30pm*

**E.B.T.K.S. BOOK GROUP**
A book group for kids who like to read a little bit of everything! Join Allie as she shares different types of books with you and helps you discover the wonderful world of genres! Ages 10+
*Dec. 6 and Jan. 3 @ 6:30pm*
Children’s Room Survey

As Director Margaret Cardello mentioned, the Children’s Room is in the process of improving our services. Trains and toys no longer have to be signed out. The trains are now on the train table in the back and the puzzles and board games can be found below the magazines on the bottom shelf.

Additionally, patrons mentioned that some of the children’s DVDs they checked out were damaged. Look for a new slip of paper inside the DVDs. If the disc doesn’t play properly, please check the box and let us know. We’ll get the disc cleaned or replaced.

In October, the Children’s Room conducted another survey to find when our young patrons are available for programming. Stay tuned in the upcoming months for these changes to take effect.

Deborah Costine: Puppeteer

Kids will love the live puppet show that’s coming to the library on Monday, December 5th at 6pm in the Auditorium.

Deborah Costine, puppeteer, created an original story that shows Blanding the turtle in search of a new wetland habitat. Please register for this event at the Children’s Circulation Desk or call 508-624-6902.

Awesome New Children’s Selections

Check out these great new books in the Children’s Room:

**Our Earth: How Kids are Saving the Planet** by Janet Wilson—Profiles twelve children who have had an impact on the environment, from a Malawian boy who brought electricity to his village to a Chinese boy who works to keep endangered animals from the market. (NEW! J 333.720922 WIL)

**Zombie in Love** by Kelly S. DiPucchio—When all his efforts to find a sweetheart fail, Mortimer the zombie decides to place an ad in the newspaper. (NEW! J PIC DIP)

**The Detention Club** by David Yoo—Sixth-grader Peter Lee, in a desperate attempt to regain the popularity he had in elementary school, discovers that serving detention can win him important friends, much to the dismay of his over-achieving eighth-grade sister, Sunny. (NEW! J YOO)

**If You Were a Penguin** by Florence Friedmann Minor; Read by Antonia Bath -- Pictures and rhyming text present some of the many extraordinary things penguins can do. Includes facts about penguins as well as related websites. (NEW! J BOOK/CD MINOR)
Successful Book Sale!

The Friends of the Library hosted their semiannual book sale in October. After one day of sales, they raised $2,300 for future Friend events. Thank you so much to the community for coming out! President Ray Johnson expressed his gratitude to Jean Peters and her volunteers for their hard work putting the book sale together and to Teresa Stefanski and her volunteers for a delightful bake sale. We’ll see you all again in the spring on April 28th!

It was Said with Magic

On October 19th, the Friends hosted their 6th annual membership night, Say It With Magic, with emcee and magician, Jason Kallio. With a full house that evening, participants enjoyed learning about the Friends in between magic tricks. The Friends were pleased to have 16 new members join. All the proceeds from membership donations and fundraisers cover the cost of programs they host throughout the year, such as the juried art exhibition, concert series, author/celebrity series, photography show, and more. They also support children and teen programs at the library. Interested in becoming a Friend of the Library? Go to http://mpl-friends.org/get_involved.htm

New Catalog Coming:

Get ready folks, we have a new circulation system and catalog coming your way. Some of the key features of Evergreen will include:

- Central and Western region libraries will now be combined into one catalog for your convenience.
- Expanded search tools will give you the ability to narrow down what you’re looking for, such as searching for available items.
- Your online account will be more streamlined with tabs guiding you to Account Summary, Items Checked Out, Holds, Account Preferences, and Lists.
- There will be a new holds limit of 20 items instead of the current 10.
- You will be able to share reading lists with friends or members of your book group.
- From December 16th to January 3rd when we go live with Evergreen, we will not be able to check out items to you if you do not have your library card.
- We will also not be able to create new library cards, replace them, or update patron information during the change over.
- Reading histories will not be carried over to the new system. You can, however, e-mail yourself the list.
- The ability to pay your fines online will be not be available right away but later in 2012.

Evergreen will be coming to the public library January 3rd.

Thank you in advance for your patience as we switch over to this new system.

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**E-Books Now Available for Kindles!**

We are pleased to announce that if you own an Amazon Kindle, you can now check out e-books from the C/W MARS Digital Catalog at [http://digitalcatalog.cwmars.org/](http://digitalcatalog.cwmars.org/)
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**Please Note:**

These dates subject to change. Please see our website calendar for the latest program information.

Go to www.marlboroughpubliclibrary.org and click on “Calendar Events” on the left.

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**Food for Fines Amnesty**

Nov. 26th – Dec. 31st

Donate food to clear fines!

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**Please Note:**

Please note that the dates and times provided for various events may change. For the most up-to-date information, please visit the library’s website calendar at www.marlboroughpubliclibrary.org and click on “Calendar Events” on the left.
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**Mailing:** 35 West Main Street  
Marlborough, MA 01752

**Parking:** 22 Witherbee Street  
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**Regular Hours (Labor Day to Memorial Day)**  
Monday-Thursday: 9am to 8:30pm  
Friday: 9am to 5pm  
Saturday: 9am to 5pm  
Sunday: 1pm to 5pm

**Contact Information**  
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Reference: (508) 624-6992  
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