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9. The Perks of Being a Wallflower
10. Homeland
11. Hotel Transylvania
12. Ted
13. The Twilight Saga
14. The Master
15. Looper
16. Zero Dark Thirty
17. Rise of the Guardians
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Margaret Cardello, Library Director

Letter from the Director

Year in Review

As I look ahead to the end of the fiscal year on June 30, I am also thinking of the end of the first year of the Library’s Long Range Plan. This plan has helped us identify our priorities for the next five years, 2013 - 2017. Year one has been filled with examples of how we are working on these priorities, including:

- Redesigning our Children’s Room to make it friendlier and more welcoming to all the children and families that use the space.
- Updating our collections so we have newer, more current materials on the wide variety of topics that Marlborough residents request. This work is ongoing, but we have made a lot of progress this year.
- Our Home Delivery service has helped us better serve the senior citizens in Marlborough who love the library but can’t come anymore. One recently told us, “I can live without television but not books.”
- Expanding library weekend hours in June to support those still in school. We will now switch to our summer schedule on July 6 and resume regular hours on September 7.
- Our Conversation Circle grant will help us to work with residents who want to improve their English language conversation skills.
- Expanded programming for Children and Teens which helps us attract even more young people to the library. Promoting a lifelong love of reading and learning is at the core of what we do every day at the Library.

If you would like to read a copy of our Long Range Plan, you can pick one up at the Library or go to www.marlboroughpubliclibrary.org to see what we will be working on in the years to come!

New Computers @ the Library

Thanks to Mayor Viveant and the City Council, the Marlborough Public Library has recently updated all our computers. All public computers now have flat screen monitors that sit on top of the desks. No more craning or squinting to see the old screens! All the computers have Windows 7 and Office 2013 and are connected to the printing station across from the circulation desk. The computer in the periodical room can now connect to the internet. The computers down in the Children’s Room have been updated with new games. There is now a new computer for parents so they can remain close to their children while browsing the internet. Currently, one children’s computer is connected to the printer upstairs, but in the near future, all children’s computers will be connected to a printing vending station on the same floor. A big thanks also goes out to the City’s IT department for helping set up all of our new computers!

Dearly Missed, Marge Parker

On New Year’s Eve, Marjorie (Marge) Parker passed away. She was an integral part of our library, working at the circulation desk for almost 20 years! She was always quick with a witty joke or a sticker for the kids. Last October, she retired due to illness and spent the remaining months surrounded by family and friends. We miss her lots, and know you do, too!
Our Constantly Growing Collection

The reference department continues to grow our collections and branch out into new programs for adults. The past few months have seen many areas of our non-fiction collection growing rapidly, such as computers, job-hunting, photography, and crafts. Other areas to look at for new materials in the coming months include interior design, gardening, and home improvement.

All new materials are easy to find in the heart of the first floor, in the designated section right behind the computers. You can also virtually browse our shelves for new materials by searching for “New!” in an advanced, numeric search for call numbers; include part of the Dewey decimal number for non-fiction or the first letter of an author’s last name for fiction to narrow your search. If that list is a little too daunting (we really do have a lot of new books!), you can see what new books come in weekly by visiting the “NEW ITEMS!” link on our homepage (www.marlboroughpubliclibrary.org), which takes you to Wowbrary, a new items newsletter. While you’re there, you can sign up to receive a weekly e-mail with all the newest titles so you never have to miss a new arrival again.

In the month of April, as part of our celebration of National Library week and the theme of “Communities Matter,” the reference department will be conducting a survey to hear back from you about programming for adults and the music collection. Look for the brief survey at the circulation desk or visit http://tinyurl.com/biz4xr6. We look forward to hearing from you!

Join our Book Club!

Visit the circulation desk for a copy of the book. E-mail Karen Mattes at kmattes@cwmars.org with questions.

On Agate Hill
by Lee Smith
Mon., April 22nd at 6:30pm
or Thurs., April 25th at 10:30am

A Prayer for Owen Meany
by John Irving
Mon., May 20th at 6:30pm
or Thurs., May 23rd at 10:30am

“Our Surely You’re Joking, Mr. Feynman”
by Richard Feynman
Mon., June 17th at 6:30pm
or Thurs., June 20th at 10:30am

Growing Your Family Tree With Genealogy

On March 25th from 7-8pm in the Bigelow Auditorium, we welcomed Jeff Carpenter, a local genealogist, to give a presentation on “DNA and Its Application to Genealogy.” Carpenter became interested in DNA after getting surprising results from having his own DNA tested. Genealogy is a very popular topic these days and the ways to conduct research are constantly growing and changing. Check out the various genealogy resources we have available in our archives, such as Vital Records to 1850, High School Yearbooks for Marlborough High and Assabet Regional Vocational High School, and The Marlborough Enterprise on Microfilm, among others. There are also a number of books to help you get started on your research including The Complete Idiot’s Guide to Genealogy by Christine Rose and Key Germain Ingalls (New! 929.1072 Ros), The Everything Guide to Online Genealogy : Use the Web to Trace Your Roots, Share Your History, and Create a Family Tree by Kimberly Powell (NEW! 929.1028), and New England Court Records : A Research Guide for Genealogists and Historians by Diane Rapaport (929.374 Rap). Come see us at the Reference desk and we can help you get started with the right resources!

SPREADING THE LOVE OF READING, PERSON TO PERSON

World Book Night April 23, 2013
On April 23, 2013, 25,000 volunteers from Berkeley to Boston and Sitka to Sarasota will give away half a million free books in more than 6,000 towns and cities across the country.

World Book Night U.S. is an ambitious campaign to give thousands of free, specially printed paperbacks to light or non-readers across America on one day. Volunteer book lovers help promote reading by going out into their communities and sharing free copies of books they love.

Some of the volunteers in our community will be picking up their books at Marlborough Public Library and sharing them in locations as diverse as VA hospitals, mass transit stations, nursing homes, schools, food pantries, and more. We at MPL are proud to be a partner in World Book Night U.S. and will be holding a pre-World Book Night reception the week before on Thurs., April 18th. See our online calendar for more details.
APRIL BREAK FUN:

Learn to Draw Cartoons and Manga with Author Mark Crilley
Tuesday, April 16th, 6-7pm
Ever wanted to learn how to draw cartoons and manga from a real, published comics professional? Now’s your chance! Follow along with pencil and paper as Mark Crilley, the creator of Akiko, Miki Falls, and Brody’s Ghost, teaches you how to draw a manga character, render different cartoon facial expressions, and even begin telling comic book stories of your own, panel by panel.

Teen Movie Night
Wednesday, April 17th, 6-8pm
Vote to see Paranorman or Fun Size. Enjoy pizza, popcorn and soda while participating in our movie trivia to win $10 to Dunkin Donuts. All attendees can put their names in a raffle to win a 5lb Gummy Bear.

APRIL BREAK COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Window Artists
Decorate the Children’s windows for Spring, inspired by The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle!

Many opportunities and time slots: Sunday, April 14th, Wednesday, April 17th, Saturday, April 20th, and Sunday, April 21st. Register online via our calendar or this link: http://bit.ly/WindowArtistsApril2013. Spots are limited due to the limited number of windows. Registering will ensure you have a window to paint!

Teen Volunteer Workshop
Wednesday, April 17th, 3-4pm or Saturday, April 20th, 2-3pm
Learn about the different community service opportunities offered to teens at the library and then try them out! Online registration required.

WRITING COMPETITION:

2nd Annual Teen Writing Competition
Open to teens, grades 6-12.
Categories:
- 6th-8th grade Poetry
- 6th-8th grade Fiction/Nonfiction
- 9th-12th grade Poetry
- 9th-12th grade Fiction/Nonfiction
First place: $100, Runner-Up: $25, and Honorary Mention.
First place winners will be included in our Library Newsletter and all winners will be published on our website.

Winners must be able to attend the Teen Writing Competition Reception on Thursday, May 30th at 7pm. Everyone is invited to attend, and winners will have the option to present their stories and poetry.

Look at our online calendar for more details! Contest deadline is Friday, April 26th. All submissions must be emailed with the submission form (found on our website and in the library) to Jess Bacon, Teen Librarian, at jbacon@cwmars.org

For the latest information, follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TeensMPL
With exciting new ideas from both new and long-time Children’s Staff, our selection of weekly, monthly, and special programs is growing this spring! We hope that our expanding calendar of events will allow more children of all ages to get involved at the library.

READ TO A DOG is a wonderful opportunity for children to gain confidence in their reading skills by reading aloud to a friendly chocolate lab. Christopher, a trained reading therapy dog from Therapy Dogs of Massachusetts, will be visiting the library on the first Saturday of each month from 10am-12pm. Beginning and experienced readers up to age 12 can sign up to read to Christopher for a 15 minute session.

In LEGO CLUB, children ages 5 to 12 are invited to come to the library for an hour of fantastic Lego building. This program will take place on the second Saturday of each month. Children can register for either the 1:30-2:30pm session or the 3-4pm session.

TUESDAY NIGHT BOOK PARTY is a monthly book group for children ages 10 to 12 who love to read books from all different genres. On the first Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30pm, join Geralyn for a fun book discussion, a snack, and an activity relating to the book. So far, the activities have included an origami project and cookie decorating. Sign up for the April 2nd meeting if you would like to read and discuss Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl and make homemade chocolates!

Our school-year programs will run through the end of May. Please check our website for the latest updates on all of our upcoming events.

Spring Children’s Programs

BABY & TODDLER TIME
Join Tricia for songs, fingerplays, and stories for children ages 0 - 3 1/2. Great program for siblings!
Fridays, 10-10:45am

PRESCHOOL PALS
(Now drop-in; no registration required!)
Join Geralyn and Tricia for stories, fingerplays, songs and a craft! This program is for ages 3 1/2 - 6 with a caregiver.
Tuesdays, 1:30-2:15pm
Wednesdays, 10-10:45am

PJ STORY TIME
Put on your pajamas and join Meredith for bedtime stories and songs! This program is for children ages 3 - 7 with a caregiver.
Thursdays, 6:30-7pm

ART CLUB
Create a beautiful piece of artwork each month! For ages 8 - 12. Registration is required.
Apr. 23rd and May 21st @ 4-5pm

DROP IN CRAFT
Children of all ages can drop by and make a different craft each month.
Apr. 20th and May 18th @ 10am-12pm

AMERICAN GIRL CLUB
Every month we’ll read about a different American Girl, make themed crafts and eat snacks. For girls ages 6 - 12. Dolls of any kind are encouraged. Registration is required.
Group 1: Apr. 2nd and May 7th @ 4pm
Group 2: Apr. 9th and May 14th @ 4pm

MAD SCIENCE
Are you mad for science? Then join Debby for some fun science experiments! This program is recommended for grades 1 - 3. Registration is required.
Apr. 11th and May 9th @ 4 pm

MUGGLE SUPPORT GROUP
If you love to read fantasy, join us to discuss a different fantasy novel each month. Registration is required. This group is recommended for ages 10 and up.
Apr. 8th and May 13th @ 7-8pm

See article above for info on our new programs!
Spring and Summer Vacation at the Library

If you are looking for fun activities to do during April or summer vacation, join us here at the library for a wide variety of performances, story times, crafts, and more!

This year’s April vacation theme is music. On April 16th at 2pm, bring the family to enjoy a screening of beloved movie musical “Mary Poppins”. On April 17th at 10am, children ages 2 to 5 with their parents or caregivers can join Geralyn for Hands on Music, a fun musical exploration including songs, movement, games, and musical instruments. The same day, children of all ages can drop by between 10am and 12pm for a music-themed craft.

The Toe Jam Puppet Band will be performing at the library on April 18th at 2pm. Kids 0 to 10, as well as their parents and caregivers, will love this exciting musical group. If you enjoy singing, dancing, puppetry, and storytelling, come and join us! You can find out more about the band on their website, www.toejampuppetband.com.

Our summer reading theme for 2013 is “Dig Into Reading”. Summer reading at the MPL will begin shortly after school ends, with an opening party on Saturday, June 22. The activities, parties, and crafts throughout the summer will cover a range of exciting, underground topics from archeology and paleontology to insects and gardening!

Stop by the Children’s Room or check our website for more information as we get closer to the start of summer.

Children’s Room Celebration

On Saturday, May 4 from 1-4pm, you are invited to join us for balloon animals, cake, fabulous door prizes and a drop-in craft, as we celebrate our beautifully remodeled Children’s Room!

Check Out Our Wii and DS Games!

Our collection of Wii and DS games is growing! Come take a look at the games we already have and keep an eye out for the new games that we plan to add in the near future.

LEGENDARK WARS III: THE CLONE WARS

Do you love the epic stories and iconic characters from the Clone Wars animated series? Now you can create, control and explore in a galaxy far far away like never before! (NEW! J GAME LEGO WII)

Universe

Mischief, magic and mayhem reign as players explore six different worlds inspired by Disney and Pixar films. (NEW! J GAME UNIVERSE WII)

Digging for Dinosaurs

Travel the world on an expedition to unearth dinosaurs. (NEW! J GAME DIGGING DS)

How to Train Your Dragon

Battle your friends in this all-new adventure, based on the world of the movie “How to Train Your Dragon.” Fight, fly, and fire your way to victory! (NEW! J GAME HOW DS)
Friends of the Library

Upcoming Events - April, May & June

Check out our upcoming concert and author events! Don’t forget our April book sale, right around the corner on the 27th. See you there!

Wed. Apr. 10 - 7pm
Annual Pasternoster Trust Concert

2013 Spring One Day Book and Bake Sale

Saturday, April 27th
from 9am to 4pm

Wed., May 1 at 7pm
#3 Author Series Program
Featuring Andre Dubus III

Author of House of Sand and Fog, which was a finalist for the National Book award and made into a 2004 movie with the same title. His 2011 book, Townie, has received much acclaim.

Wed., May 15th at 7pm
#4 Author Series Program Featuring Tiffanie DiDonato

Marlborough native and author of the memoir Dwarf, “It’s okay with me if you picked up this book because you’re curious about what it’s like to live with dwarfism. But I hope that you’ll take away much more—about adapting to the word when it won’t adapt to you.” - Tiffanie DiDonato

Wed., May 22nd at 7 pm
#5 Young People’s Performing Arts Concert

From Our Music Shelves to Your Player

Our music selection is growing! Check out these titles from among our new CDs:

Fun: Some Nights—A theatrical pop-rock album that won the band “Best New Artist” and “Song of the Year” at the 2012 Grammys. Contains the hit singles “We Are Young (ft. Janelle Monae),” “Some Nights,” and “Carry On.”

The Greatest Video Game Music—Performed by the London Philharmonic Orchestra, this album contains themes from “Call of Duty,” “ Bioshock,” “Legend of Zelda,” “Super Mario Brothers,” and more.

Alicia Keys: The Diary of Alicia Keys: One of the highest-selling albums of the 2000s and winner of several Grammys including “Best R&B Album,” “Best R&B Song,” and “Best Female R&B Vocal Performance” in 2004.

Mumford & Sons: Babel—Folk/bluegrass inspired pop that won “Album of the Year” at the 2012 Grammys. Contains the single “I Will Wait.”

Bob Dylan: Blonde on Blonde—Classic album by one of the most influential folk singers of the twentieth century. Contains famous tracks like “Visions of Johanna” and “Rainy Day Women #12 & 35.”

Taylor Swift: Red—One of the best selling albums of 2012. Country-pop that includes the singles “We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together” and “Begin Again.”

Home Delivery in the News!

Our Home Delivery program is now underway! Recently our program was highlighted in the Community Advocate: http://www.communityadvocate.com/2013/03/09/marlborough-library-makes-special-deliveries/

We are looking for more participants and volunteers. If interested, please download our form via our website. If you don’t have Internet access, we can mail you a copy. Just call us at 508-624-6900 and ask for Cathy or Margaret.
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**Help Me Get Ready To Read**

Workshop for all Caregivers of 0-5 year olds
- Understand early literacy concepts and skills
- Learn reading strategies
- Choose good books to read aloud
- Foster children’s emotional, social, language, and cognitive development
Writing Group for Adults

Interested in writing and sharing your stories/poetry? Join our adult writing group every third Friday of the month. Writers are encouraged to stop by for a few hours, share their work, and critique their peers’ stories/poetry. If interested, please register online or email Jess Bacon at jbacon@cwmars.org. Space is limited to 15 writers, so sign up now!

Upcoming Meeting Dates:
April 19th, May 17th, and June 21st
All meetings are 9:30am-12pm.

Please Note:
All calendar dates are subject to change. Please see our website calendar for the most current program information. Go to www.marlboroughpubliclibrary.org and click on “Calendar of Events” on the left.
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