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CURTIS FRIENDS MEMBER APPRECIATION SALE THURSDAY, JUNE 24

To thank those who have joined Curtis Friends, members are invited to attend a special sale event Thursday evening from 5:00 to 7:00 pm before the Annual Book Sale begins. You are invited to purchase a select quantity of books based on your membership level.

With our new membership categories members are eligible to purchase:

- Silver – 10 books
- Gold – 20 books
- Platinum – 30 books

Unexpired memberships for those who joined before the categories changed have been adjusted to fit the new structure. Those who joined at the \$10 level are Silver members. Members who made additional donations are now either Gold or Platinum members. Businesses that joined at \$25 will be eligible to purchase 30 books at the Platinum level, for this year only.

To keep the lines moving quickly, please have your membership card with you. If you are not a current member, you may join or renew your membership at the door on Thursday evening. — SM



Bigger & Better than Ever

RAMPING UP FOR 2010

They flock to Brunswick! Book lovers and bargain hunters make Brunswick their destination. Here's why: Curtis Friends will hold their Annual Book Sale on June 25, 26, and 27, with the Member Appreciation sale tabbed for June 24. This is the largest sale of its kind in northern New England and this year's event will be bigger and better than ever.

It's a win-win for everyone. Experienced dealers assure us we've got the best selection, the best set-up and great prices. Our nearly two hundred volunteers do the work so the money we make goes right back into the library.

If you like jigsaw puzzles, we'll have about a hundred of them, many brand new. I've seen scores of high quality "collectibles" arrive. One local institution donated box after box of tip-top VHS movies, and the volume of art books we've received would make even Paul Bunyan's coffee table groan! We're on track to match the 51,000 items we offered last year. The chances are excellent that "if you want it, we will have it."

There'll be a few changes. For the first time in anyone's memory we've adjusted prices a bit, but only in a couple of places. A bag of "whatever" on Sunday will now go for \$3. Before you even think of whining, think of what you can fit in that bag, and recall that this sale is our Curtis Friends' biggest fundraiser. Another small change will keep our convenient shopping carts inside the building. Last year one of our donated carts "walked away" and we hope to avoid another loss; they are expensive.

Of course we thank all who have donated books during the year. Finally, a great big "thank you" in advance to the men and women of the U.S. Navy. They've been key helpers moving our inventory to Brunswick Junior High over the years. Next year we'll need your help 'cause we're on our own.

Bring some bags and collect your treasures! — JR



Last year's sale boasted 51,000 items and attracted shoppers from many states.

2010 Book Sale

When

Thursday, June 24:
Member Appreciation 5—7 pm
Friday, June 25: 10 am—7 pm
Saturday, June 26: 10 am—5 pm
Sunday, June 27: 11 am—3 pm

Where

Brunswick Junior High School
65 Columbia Ave.
Brunswick, Maine

Volunteer

Contact Pamela Bobker to help:

- moving (Tuesday)
- setup (Wednesday)
- selling and more (Friday-Sunday)

725-5242 ext. 237

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LIBRARY SUPPORT IS LOUD AND CLEAR

This year's budget situation has been challenging. The first budget recommendation to the Brunswick Town Council reduced the Town's allocation for the library's 2010/2011 operating budget by 10% or \$107,000. However, with strong support from the community for maintaining the mission of the library, half of that funding cut was restored by the Council.

What difference will that \$55,000 of restored funding make? Most importantly, the library will be able to maintain 62 hours of service a week and full interlibrary loan service.

What impact will library users feel from the \$52,000 budget cut still in place? We will increase extended use fees (otherwise known as overdue fines) to 25¢ on all materials and we will begin assessing a nominal fee for use of the Morrell Meeting Room. The rest of the budget cuts will be managed primarily by eliminating staff salary increases and cutting several positions.

Despite the fact that a budget cut is never a good thing for a public library, I am feeling very positive. As the library director, it is expected that I will talk about the importance of the library in the community. It is part of my job. However, we have had the opportunity to see the reality of that statement in the outpouring of support for Curtis this year. People from across the spectrum of the community got involved and the direct result was a substantially less dramatic cut to the library's budget.

I am thrilled that I live and work in a community that has such a passion for its library and is willing to express it. Thank you for caring so much about this institution and what it does and being willing to get involved to maintain it. — ED

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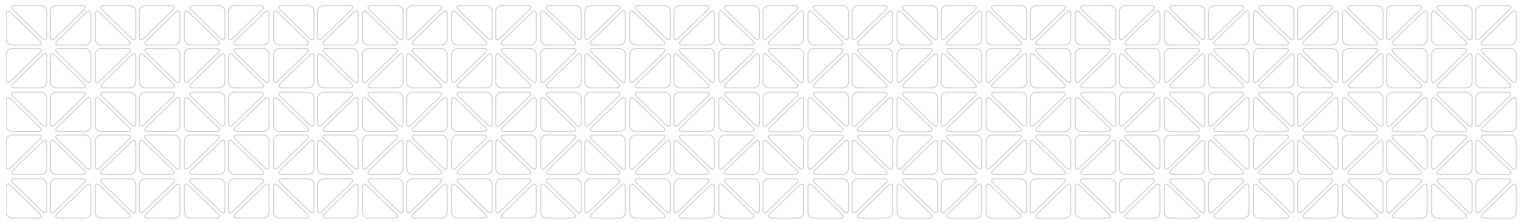
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MUSICAL QUESTS

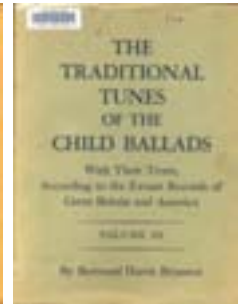
“Are you going to Scarborough Fair?....Parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme.....”

If you’ve listened to popular music on the radio regularly anytime in the last forty years you’re probably hearing a tune running through your head about now. But perhaps you weren’t aware that at the root of this familiar Simon and Garfunkel tune is an early English folk ballad—in this case, “Child Ballad number 2.”

Traditional folk songs were passed on via oral tradition for hundreds of years, and despite the invention of the printing press lived an aural life of their own. English language songs traveled

throughout the British Isles, and migrated to North America. In the 19th century a revived interest in these songs sent collectors to out of the way places to find and catalog different versions. One of the most prominent catalogers of the English language variants was Francis J. Child (hence the reference to the Child Ballad designation above.)

The most recent edition of Child's four volume set classifying English folk songs is only



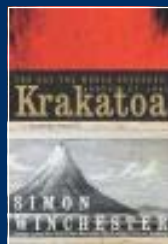
one of the treasures to be found in the Enne Amann Memorial Collection of Traditional Folk Song. This collection, donated in 2004 by Peter Amann in memory of his folk singing wife—former Brunswick resident Enne Amann—includes both scholarly works on the history of particular songs as well as simple collections of both words and music in the folk tradition. There are collections of songs from well-known performers Peggy Seeger and Ewan MacColl, Woody Guthrie, and Stan Hugill, as well as works devoted to geographic areas or general populations such as slave songs, work songs, songs collected from the English, the Scots, the Irish, the Pennsylvania Dutch, Appalachia and the Hebrides. The collection was also expanded to include works covering the more recent American folk tradition of the blues.

Most of the materials are printed works which are housed together in the 1904 Quiet Study Room, though a few CDs were purchased to augment the books. You can see a list of all the items in the collection by doing a keyword search in the CML catalog under Enne Amann. You can also do a word search using “traditional folk music.” You'll find a few items outside the Enne Amann collection, but isn't serendipity fun? — MD

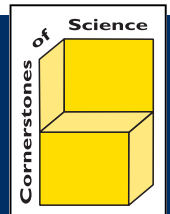


COS FALL SCIENCE READ: *KRAKATOA*

Coming this fall, the annual noontime science read and discussion selection is Simon Winchester's *Krakatoa: The Day the World Exploded, August 27, 1883*. Look for copies of the book to borrow in August. Schedules for facilitated discussions with guest speakers will be available as well. This program is possible through the generous support of Cornerstones of Science.



From Publisher's Weekly: An erudite, fascinating account by one of the foremost purveyors of contemporary non-fiction, this book chronicles the underlying causes, utter devastation and lasting effects of the cataclysmic 1883 eruption of the volcano island Krakatoa in what is now Indonesia.





TRAILS TO GOOD HEALTH

Walking is a great way to improve your health. Discover these local trails and more through:

- The Great Outdoors page on the Curtis website www.curtislibrary.com/greatoutdoors is a terrific guide to recreational facilities that was created by Marilyn Wilkoff.
- *Self-Guided Walking Tour: Trees of Downtown Brunswick and Brunswick-Topsham Area Trails* available from the Brunswick Parks & Recreation Dept. feature these and other area trails:

Brunswick Town Commons – wooded trail used for walking and winter sports; on the Harpswell Road (Route 123)

Crystal Spring Farm Preserve – trails winding through the Farm’s forests, fields and blueberry barren on Pleasant Hill Road

Captain Alfred S. Skolfield Preserve – an 11 acre nature preserve with trails off the west side of Harpswell Road, about 1.1 miles south of Middle Bay Road

Bradley Pond Farm Preserve – 2.5 mile trail system designed for hiking and cross-country skiing at the end of Bradley Pond Road in Topsham

Cox Pinnacle – 103 acres of rocky ledge, wooded hills and wetlands; includes the highest point in Brunswick with trails for walking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and horseback riding

Cathance River Nature Preserve – loop trails featuring heath, vernal ponds, grassy woodlands and river views in Topsham; read trail descriptions at www.crea.org

For other helpful resources check:

- Harpswell Heritage Land Trust website for an online guide to 12 walking and hiking trails www.harpswelllandtrust.org



- Library catalog for CHIP books about exercise and outdoor safety

Before beginning any exercise program, it is a good idea to check with your doctor or health care provider. — LO

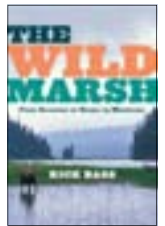
The Community Health Information Partnership is a collaboration between Curtis Library, Mid Coast Hospital and Parkview Adventist Medical Center.

READING NATURE

Nature writing is often drawn from scientific sources, facts about the natural world, personal experiences in nature or a writer’s philosophy about nature.

Some nature writers have an elegant form of prose which many readers find pleasing, as in:

- *The Best American Science and Nature Writing 2009* edited by Elizabeth Kolbert contains over twenty short pieces of fine writing with a strong emphasis on the environment.
- *The Wild Marsh: Four Seasons at Home in Montana* by Rick Bass won the O’Henry Award and Pushcart Prize, and was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award.



Readers with an interest in the natural history of Maine and New England might enjoy:

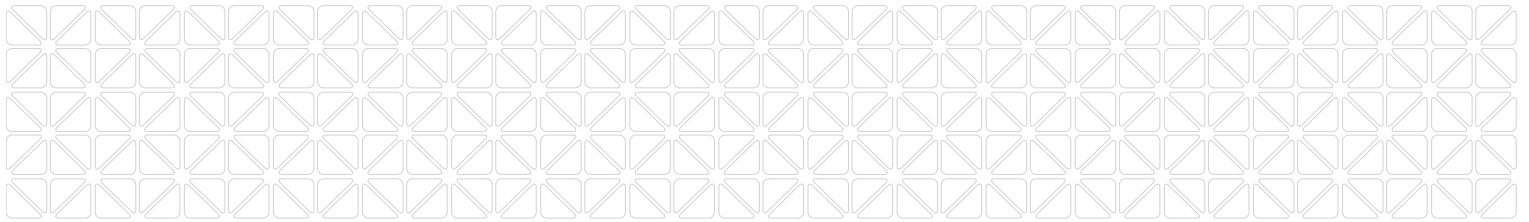
- *Settled in the Wild: Notes from the Edge of Town Nature and Renewal* by Susan Hand recounts thirty years of observations and anecdotes in Maine.
- *Wild River Valley and Beyond* by Dean Bennett includes writings and pen and ink drawings by the author.
- *Time and Tide in Acadia: Seasons on Mount Desert Island* by Christopher Camuto is an evocative exploration of the natural life on MDI.
- *Following the Water: A Hydromancer’s Notebook* by David Carroll celebrates New Hampshire’s wetland ecology.

Some authors relate their adventures in exotic locations:

- *The Weeping Goldsmith: Discoveries in the Secret Land of Myanmar* by W. John Kress
- *The Lion’s Eye: Seeing in the Wild* by Joanna Greenfields

To find these and similar nature titles, search the subject *Natural History* in the library catalog or contact the reference desk at 725-5242 x 510 or refdesk@curtislibrary.com. — LO





COLLECTIBLES TAGGED FOR SPECIAL ATTENTION

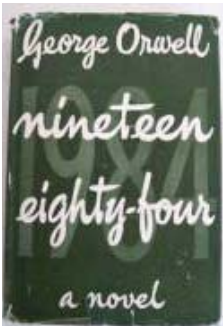
The Curtis Friends' Annual Book Sale is one of the largest in New England (see cover story) thanks to the donations of our very generous friends and patrons. Hundreds of these items are pulled from the donations and added directly to the library's own collection.

Periodically a book sale sorter or library staff person will spot a gem in the donations that's worthy of special consideration. Although most slip through for the Friends' Book Sale, some first editions or collectible classics have been set aside.

In the past eight years we've gathered more than a hundred of these books.

With all of the belt-tightening at Curtis to maintain our existing level of services and programs, a few enterprising volunteers saw this little shelf of books as an opportunity to generate additional funds for the library.

We tested the waters in December by offering a number of titles for sale at a price that would benefit professional book sellers, collectors and Curtis at the same time. The sale of



these books brought in over \$800, which was used to purchase new titles for the library's collection. This early success has encouraged us to continue to offer these valuable donated books for public sale.

Every book, CD, DVD, cassette or video - once donated to Curtis, becomes the

Nineteen Eighty-four by George Orwell
London: Secker & Warburg, 1951, \$50

property of Curtis - whether it's added to the collection, the Friends' Book Sale, or the Collectible & Special Books Sale.

Do you have a book that you prize but are ready to part with for a good cause? We hope you'll consider donating it to Curtis for the Collectible & Special Books Sale.

To distinguish your book from the hundreds of donations Curtis receives each week, please wrap it in paper and deliver it to Lending Services where they'll place it in a special box for this purpose. Our volunteers will collect the book, make sure it's in good condition, determine its likelihood for resale and then describe, price and post it on our CML web page.

Maybe you are looking for additions to your own collection. Details and purchasing information are on our Collectible and Special Books page, www.curtislibrary.com/collectible-sale.

The Collectible & Special Books Sale is a way to directly support the library and enhance its ability to expand the collection.

We welcome all contributions to this effort. Many thanks! -JV

Want to see what we're offering? Just click on the link on the CML home page for Collectible & Special Books for Sale at Curtis for our current list. You can search the page by author, title or keyword.

Email questions or comments: collectibles@curtislibrary.com

MAINE STATE MUSIC THEATRE CD's

For the past few years Maine State Music Theatre has given CML music CDs of their show list so that cardholders may check-out the music in anticipation of the shows.

MSMT has once again provided us with CDs of each of this season's locally produced shows as well as several of the special events. So we now have seven great new titles for borrowing. We appreciate their kind generosity. Please visit www.msmt.org for details of their fabulous season.

- Always...Patsy Cline
- My Fair Lady
- Chicago
- Monty Python's Spamalot
- Rent
- Toxic Audio
- Euan Morton in Concert



CLASSIC CHILDREN'S TITLES WORD SEARCH

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MAGIC TREE HOUSE
CINDERELLA
MY FATHERS DRAGON
CURIOUS GEORGE
NANCY DREW
FANTASTIC MR FOX
NO DAVID
AMELIA BEDELIA
FLAT STANLEY
PHANTOM TOLLBOOTH
BABAR
PIPPY LONGSTOCKING
BABE
HARDY BOYS
SECRET GARDEN
BLUEBERRIES FOR SAL
HARRY POTTER
STONE SOUP
CAT IN THE HAT
HENRY AND MUDGE
STUART LITTLE

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LIBRARY SUMMER HOURS

(May 29-Labor Day)

Mon.-Thurs. 9:30 am—8:00 pm

Friday 9:30 am—6:00 pm

Saturday 9:30 am—1:00 pm

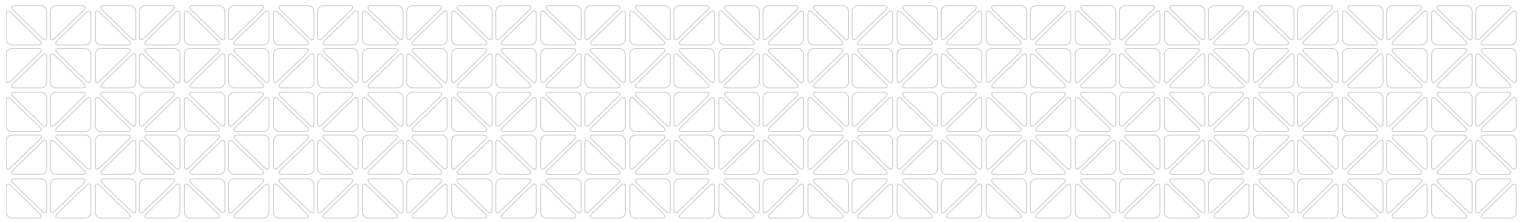
Sunday closed

HOLIDAY CLOSING

Independence Day: Mon. July 5

Labor Day Weekend:

Sun. Sept. 5 & Mon. Sept. 6



VOLUNTEERS RECOGNIZED AT BREAKFAST

This year marks the beginning of a new volunteer recognition effort funded by the Curtis Friends. A book was added to the library collection in honor of each volunteer who worked fifty or more hours in 2009. Twenty-nine people met this criterion — most of them worked far more than the minimum 50 hours and covered a variety of jobs from shelving books to gardening and everything in between.

Volunteer Coordinator Pamela Bobker asked each honoree to choose a category for his or her book. The librarians enjoyed making the selections for each volunteer and in some cases consulted the volunteers about what book would be best. It was a nice way for staff and volunteers to connect.

A few weeks passed and then the excitement in the back rooms was palpable as these new books began to arrive.

Bookplates were produced and the books were passed around and admired by staff. Normally, when a new book comes in, the staff ensures that the book is out on the shelves in about 48 hours. We decided to hold the titles so we could display the books at the Volunteer Appreciation breakfast and allow the honorees to be the first to check out their new books.

The next time you borrow a great new book, look to see if it has a bookplate honoring one of our fabulous volunteers! — PB

CAROL STINSON NAMED 2010 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

There have been many Carols on the roster at CML over the years, but Carol Stinson, this year's Carolyn Johnson Volunteer of the Year award recipient, has been a shining star for more than 15 years. She began with us as Administrative Assistant to Library Director Steve Podgajny. After Carol retired in 2003, she became a library volunteer and now serves on the Board of Directors. Carol continues her weekly task of removing discarded books from the computer catalog system and shelving books in the Youth Services area.

Carol has served the library on many levels and in many capacities and continues to bring a smile to her work and her colleagues. All of us appreciate her dedication. — PB



Carol Stinson sports her usual smile, shown here with her husband, Joel, at the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on May 1.

50+ HOUR HONOREES 2009

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| Betty Bibber | Betsey Grobe | Sheila Nacke |
| John Bibber | Jeff Hall | Marilyn Nulman |
| Lynnie Bruce | Bob Kingsbury | Susan Olds |
| Barbara Burr | Joan Llorente | Lynn Reese |
| June Coffin | Martha McBride | Kermit Smith |
| Dorothy Corkhill | Jo McCartan | Cathy Steele |
| Hannah Dring | Patti Melcher | Lois Thacker |
| Erin Eldridge | Bill Millar | Betty Wescott |
| Pam Galvin | Linda Millert | Genie Wheelwright |
| Tim Gardiner | Nan Morrell | |

"The volunteer appreciation breakfast was really excellent this year. The food was good and the program went very smoothly. Also, I was pleased and surprised that the librarian was able to get the exact book I requested to be purchased in my honor." — June Coffin

KIDS MAKE A SPLASH!

“Make a Splash – Read!” is the theme for this year’s Summer Reading Program for kids, preschoolers through grade 5. Children can explore the world of water through books, games and other activities while they develop reading skills and have fun, too! Programs and events run from Monday, June 21 through Friday, August 13.



SUMMER READING GAME BOARD

Participants use a game board to complete reading-related activities throughout the weeks of summer and track their progress, with fun prizes along the way including a new book. Pre-readers use a read-to-me version of the game. Registration begins on June 21. A free Portland Sea Dogs game ticket voucher is available for each child who signs up for the Summer Reading Program.

MUSIC

Favorite local musicians Michelle Pavitt and Matt Loosigian will offer several lively sessions of singing and movement during the month of July. The Bowdoin International Music Festival will host a Family Concert at CML on July 31, and the Curtis Strings ensemble will present an evening concert for families on August 11.

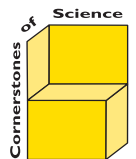


CRAFTS

Artist and crafter Heidi Boyd will join Youth Services staff in organizing several water-related craft projects throughout the summer including paddle boats, mermaids and mermen, I Spy bottles, pebble pets, a fishing game, pirate treasure boxes, and miniature aquariums!

SCIENCE

Children are invited to plunge into the science of the ocean with programs sponsored by Cornerstones of Science. Chewonki will present “Fins and Flippers”, where children will learn about the special adaptations of marine mammals, and then reconstruct a real whale skeleton. “Ocean Adventure’s Touch Tank” program will provide the opportunity



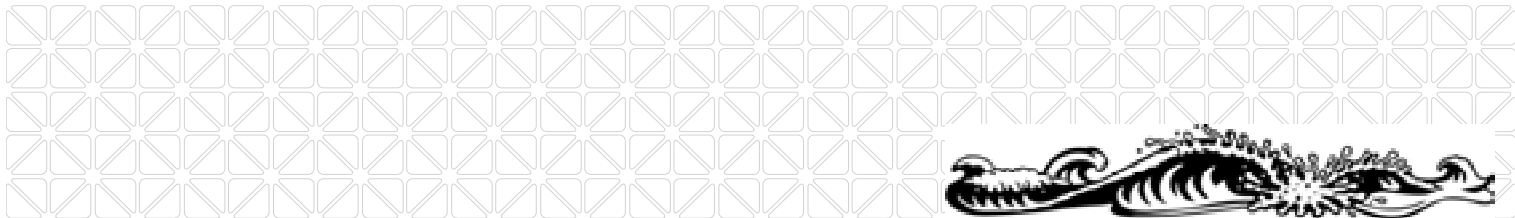
to roll up those sleeves and get up close with starfish, sea cucumbers, and hermit crabs from our local waters. Looking for a mini field trip for those hot summer days? Grab an Explorer Pack and head outside; we are creating a number of small kits with books and equipment, such as “Exploring the Coast” and “Exploring the Night Sky”, for families to share together. Cornerstones’ monarch tagging program will return, beginning with Monarch Docents training in July.

ENTERTAINMENT

You’ll be surprised and mesmerized when Scott Jameson presents his “Make a Splash! Creative Magic and Juggling Show” on Friday, June 25 at 10:30 am. Watch water appear and disappear, drawings of sea creatures come to life, and a bowl of water transformed into a time machine! On August 11 at 1:30 pm, 2-time world Frisbee champion Todd Brodeur will demonstrate his skills and teach the audience a few tricks at a “Frisbee Show and Playshop” for kids, teens, and adults that will be held on the grounds of the Kellogg Church in Harpswell. Finally, “Martha Dana’s Giant Puppets” will make an appearance at our summer finale on August 13.



Programs are open to the public and free of charge, generously sponsored by the Curtis Friends. For a complete list of events and dates, please stop in and pick up a program sheet or visit our web site: www.curtislibrary.com. For registration information contact Youth Services: 725-5242 x225. — PJ and DMC



TEENS MAKE WAVES OF SUMMER FUN



Ready to “Make Waves”? That’s the theme for the 2010 Teen Summer Reading Program. Think water, beach, ocean, sand, and fun - but at the library.

EVENTS

It all kicks off with the Brunswick High School ska band, *Sonic Libido*. At 7:00 pm Monday, June 21 the guys will play calypso, funk and rock in a mix of American and Jamaican music in the Morrell Meeting Room. The fun continues with weekly events: AniMaine Club 3:00—5:00 pm on Otaku Tuesdays; board, card and video gaming 3:00—5:00 pm on Wednesday’s Gaming afternoons; an after hours action film series on Thursday nights; and the D*I*Y crafts with Heidi Boyd returns

3:30—4:30 pm on Fridays. There are also special events as well such as an Ahhh...Spa! Day for girls; a 60 seconds Samurai Style competition based on the TV game show of a different name; Frisbee champion Todd Brodeur will demonstrate his skills in Harpswell; another after hours Nerf Turf War; Monarch Docent Training for the annual Cornerstones of Science monarch display; and a Hunger Games skills event on Monday, August 23 to celebrate the release of Suzanne Collins’ book *Mockingjay*. For a complete listing of events, visit: www.curtislibrary/teens

ACTIVITY/PUNCH CARD AND PRIZES

Students entering grades 6 through 12 can register at the library anytime between June 21 and July 30. Teens may select either an activity sheet that has different things to do with a goal to complete fifteen of them, or a punch card with a goal to read fifteen hours and/or attend library events this summer. Every registrant will receive a voucher for a free Portland Sea Dogs ticket. Those who complete the program will receive a prize packet containing books and other items plus a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of several theme baskets. Ask for a sneak preview of the baskets: Movie Lover’s Kit, Music Lover’s Kit, or Beach Bum Bag containing all the items you need to go to Popham Beach or Reid State Park.

Support for “Make Waves” comes from the generous donations of Curtis Friends and from local businesses. Registration is required for some events. Call 725-5242 x225 or email teen-zone@curtislibrary.com for information. — MO



FAMILY RESOURCE HANDBOOK ONLINE

Looking for fun things to do with the kids this summer?

The Family Resource Handbook is accessible from the parent’s page on the library website:
<http://www.curtislibrary.com/kids/parents-and-teachers>.

It contains listings, descriptions and contact information for local camps, museums, day care, sports activities, arts

resources, historic sites and more.

The handbook has been updated by volunteers in an effort led by the Curtis Friends.

Guiding the Handbook’s most recent facelift, volunteer Lynn Bruce has spent many hours throughout the year updating this handy guide for families.

TREAD LIGHTLY ON THIS LIBRARY TREASURE

Not many of us actually plan several generations ahead. We may think we take the “broad view” in life, but who among us besides architects and arborists intentionally embark on a project that is designed to be enjoyed by our children’s children or even centuries in the future?

Stephen and Clare Moss are such planners and have indeed created a legacy worthy of the generations, and it is underfoot at Curtis. The “Rainbow Rug”, which now gives the Reading Room in the 1904 building its unique character, was only a glimmer of an idea when the newly renovated building saw its first patrons in 1999. Stephen and Clare own Araby Rugs in Falmouth and had been long-time users of the library when former director, Steve Podgajny, asked for their help caring for the 80-year-old Heriz rug in the Curtis Living (aka “Fireplace”) Room. Podgajny also asked them to think about options for the large Reading Room. And so the quest for a rug large enough to fill the 19 x 33 ft. space began.

Needless to say, ballroom-size rugs are not easy to find and in the year following 9/11 the search was even more difficult. On buying trips overseas, Stephen enlisted the help of a Turkish colleague to arrange having a rug custom made in Gordes, Turkey. This traditional weaving region is one of the most important carpet producing areas, and is the source of the “Gordes knot” which has been used by rug weavers for centuries.

Seven experienced Turkish weavers began their work in July, 2003. They cut the rug from the loom nine months later and it



was installed and dedicated at Curtis in October, 2004. The craftswomen worked from a sketch made by Stephen Moss with a traditional Herati design, flexible enough for them to add their own spontaneous motifs as they went along. High quality wool came from Konya, Turkey and was woven on a strong cotton foundation. All natural plant dyes were used to produce the rich colors for the wool.

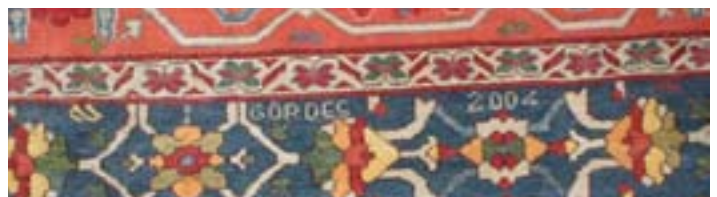


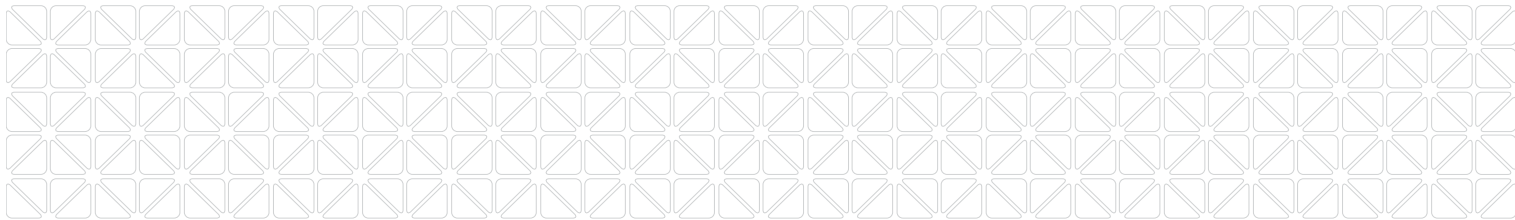
In addition to the unique animal figures hidden in the rug, the weavers integrated their initials and the names of Gordes and the library into one edge.

The oversized loom was created solely for this project. According to a 92 year-old retired weaver in Gordes, this is the largest rug woven anywhere in Turkey in her memory. The tangible costs were covered by private donors along with the generosity of Stephen and Clare Moss, who also donated the rugs for the other two periodical rooms. It is a priceless addition to the library.

The creation of this rug is chronicled in an article by Clare Moss which is posted on the library website www.curtislibrary.com/rainbow-rug. With photos from start to finish and details of the people, place and process, Clare tells the rug’s story. But even more meaningfully, Clare’s account tells how the colors of the rug reflect the weavers’ world and how the rug connects the spirit of the village of Gordes with the Town of Brunswick.

This rug is a treasure, and will be treasured for generations. No wonder the weavers named their creation, “Gokkusagi Hali”– Rainbow Rug. – MH





ORR'S ISLAND LIBRARY

It's spring—and all eyes on Orr's Island are focusing on the upcoming Book Sale and Fair, the annual highlight of summer at the Orr's Island Library. Traditionally held on the first Wednesday in August, preparations are already underway for the event that will take place on August 4, 2010—rain or shine.

It's especially exciting this year because we'll be using some of the space in our new addition, where we are sorting and storing books that we'll be selling. We won't have to think about the weather because the new storeroom and workspace are now fully enclosed, protecting the books that have already been donated. There's plenty of room for more books of all kinds and we welcome your donations at any time.

Make room on your shelves for new purchases, and if you have more than you can comfortably handle, give us a call at the library and we'll come and collect them. Call or bring your donations during library hours: Monday and Wednesdays from 1:00 to 6:00 pm, Fridays from 3:00 to 6:00 pm, and Saturdays from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Phone: 833-7811.

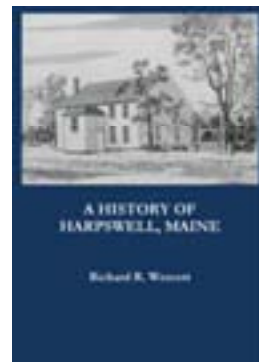
Then join us on August 4 when, thanks to all of our generous donors, books will be spread out under large tents on the library's lawn at 1699 Harpswell Islands Road (Route 24), from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. We'll also have light refreshments and a bake sale featuring mouth-watering treats! — HM



Some of the hundreds of buyers who came to look, to browse, and to buy, making last year's sale the most successful within anyone's memory.

NEW HISTORY OF HARPSWELL

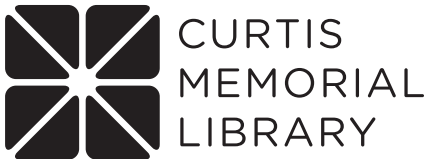
Harpswell has three community gatherings at which mittens and a strong charge of firewood are not needed. Those are Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, and recently, the Harpswell Festival. The first of these, Memorial Day, is the first time many residents have seen one another since the March Town Meeting and so greetings may be a tad tentative depending on the fractiousness of that democratic sausage-making process. Memorial Day is a good first warm weather holiday. It is a time of healing. It is a gathering of the residents to commemorate the town's war dead and to celebrate a shared past that unites the community.



At this year's Memorial Day parade, Harpswell residents were presented with a tangible gift of that shared past. Curtis Library and the Harpswell Historical Society have released a collaborative publication — the first complete history of the Town of Harpswell. Library staff and volunteers spent the winter digitizing, proofreading, editing and indexing a work that will become an exciting addition to the story of Midcoast Maine.

A History of Harpswell, Maine is the work of Richard Wescott who spent more than a decade researching and recording the history of his adopted town. It was a daunting task. Wescott mined primary sources in town and church records. He ferreted data from federal and state government agencies, business records, newspapers, diaries and reminiscences. He completed this book in 1998 but illness intervened and Wescott never got to see his work published. He died in 2006. A few years ago his family donated the typewritten manuscript to the Harpswell Historical Society in the hope that Wescott's efforts might benefit the town that he had grown to love. Those hopes were realized on Memorial Day.

Copies for borrowing are now shelved on the new book shelf Dewey 974.191 and copies to purchase are available at Gulf of Maine Books, 134 Maine Street, Brunswick. — PD



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A Bowdoin International Music Festival ensemble plays for this public presentation at CML, Saturday, July 31

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Having practiced at CML all summer the string group plays for the public Wednesday, August. 11 6:30 pm

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