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INTRODUCING SELMA

Isn't she lovely? She's a self-checkout kiosk and the extra pair of hands we have been hoping for! With our tight staffing situation and long lines, our circulation managers, Chris and Vicki, went looking for a cost-effective solution and found...Selma.

Now, we want to make it very clear that Selma is not replacing anyone. That is not her purpose. She is very limited in what she can do. She can only check items out, and print receipts. She can't fetch reserves on the Hold Shelf, fill DVD cases, place holds, check returned items in, take fines, find the next book in a series, make new cards, or stamp little hands. But we are very grateful for Selma's tireless, ever bright presence as she calmly checks out items for any patron who would care to use her.

She was very kindly purchased for us by the Curtis Friends, and she stands against the corner of the desk near the atrium. (She matches the circulation desk; kind of mother-daughter outfits.) Selma has sisters at the Scarborough, Auburn and South Portland public libraries. Vicki and Chris went down to Scarborough Public Library and found that sister to be very easy to use. We've been told that all the sisters have been trouble free. In over two years, none of them have ever required a service call, and they have all been very well received by staff and patrons alike.

We hope that you will give Selma a warm welcome and let her help you check out your books! — CE



SELMA'S FIRST DAY ON THE JOB

It's an easy learning curve with Selma. Try her out yourself, any-time.

Slide your library card then each item. If you want a printed receipt, just tell Selma; she works for you!

ROLLING OUT THE ANNUAL BOOK FUND 2010-2011

Fall is approaching and we are gearing up for the Annual Book Fund. This is the library's yearly endeavor to raise funds so that we are able to continue buying books, magazines, newspapers, music and movies for the library.

You support the library through your tax dollars. Why is it also important to make a gift to the Annual Book Fund? The tax dollars that Curtis receives are used to keep the building open, staffed and in good repair. However, all of the money used for programming, furniture and books must come through fund-raising by Curtis staff and volunteers. Your gift provides the funding to ensure that we are able to fill the library with the resources that make Curtis a tremendous community resource, available to all.

We are grateful that during the last three years an average of 800 residents of Brunswick and Harpswell have contributed to the Annual Book Fund. This year we are hoping to increase the number of donors that support the library through the Annual Book Fund. To that end we are asking all library supporters to:

- Consider making a gift to the library through the Annual Book Fund, even if you have never done so in the past.
- Encourage at least one friend who has never donated to make a gift to the library's Annual Book Fund.

When you make a gift to the Annual Book Fund you help ensure the continued availability of a "world of possibility" to every member of our community. We hope you will join us in this endeavor—and bring a friend with you! — ED

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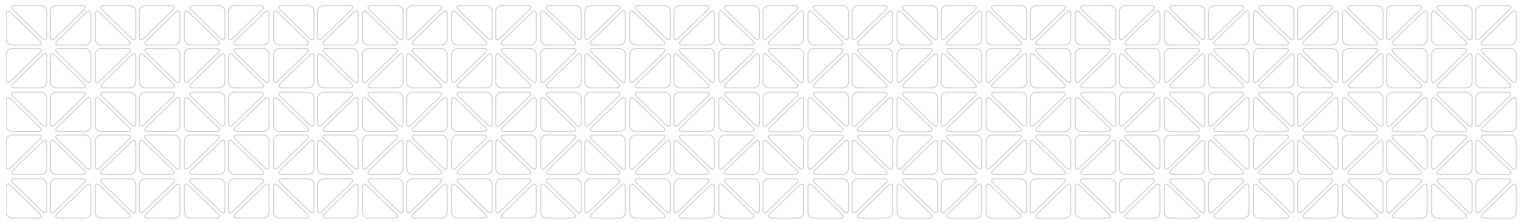
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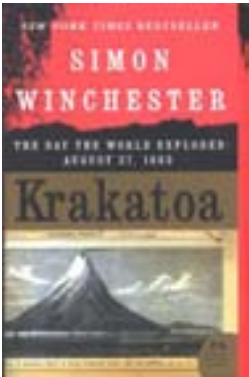
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SCIENCE READ DISCUSSION STARTS SEPT. 27



This year, the annual Adult Science Read and facilitated discussion series features Simon Winchester's *Krakatoa: The Day the World Exploded, August 27, 1883*. The noon time sessions begin Wednesday, September 22 and run through November 3 in the Morrell Meeting Room at the library. Feel free to bring a bag lunch.

In *Krakatoa*, Simon Winchester provides a fascinating blend of science

and history to explain the scientific, cultural and social setting of the eruption of the volcano. Along the way, readers will find themselves gaining knowledge about topics that at first glance seem unrelated such as the origin of logos for corporations and the impact of relatively "instantaneous" communication and world-wide awareness of news events.

Sept. 22, Prof. Matthew Edney, USM Professor of the History of Cartography, will kick-off the series with a fascinating look at maps, map-making and history. Chapters 1 & 2.

Sept. 29, Prof. Peter Lea, geologist from Bowdoin College's Earth and Oceanographic Science Department, will explain the science behind the concept of plate tectonics to help you understand Chapter 3.

Oct. 6, Prof. Peter Lea will make the connection between plate tectonics and volcanic eruptions in the Ring of Fire. Chapter 4.

Oct. 13, Prof. Peter Lea explains the connection between volcanoes, earthquakes and the eruption of Krakatoa. Chapter 5.

Oct. 20, The volcano heard around the world, Krakatoa erupts in Chapters 6 and 7, Speaker TBA.

Oct. 27, Prof. Collin Roesler, oceanographer from Bowdoin College's Earth and Oceanographic Science Department, will share her expertise about oceans, tsunamis and volcanoes. Chapter 8.

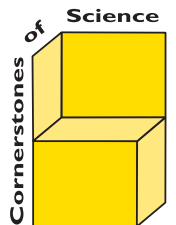
Nov. 3, Prof. Ed Laine, geologist from Bowdoin College's Earth and Oceanographic Science Department, talks about volca-

noes, weather and Brunswick's link to the Year Without a Summer. Chapters 9 & 10.

Renowned Icelandic volcanologist Prof. Haraldur Sigurdsson will speak in the Brunswick area this November in conjunction with this series. His talk is jointly sponsored by Cornerstones of Science and the Earth and Oceanographic Science Department at Bowdoin College. Prof. Sigurdsson studied Tambora, an eruption even larger than Krakatoa, and has recently worked on Iceland's volcano Eyjafjallajökul. The date is not yet set. Watch for more details.

Pick up a copy of *Krakatoa* at the library, reserve a copy online or download the audio book. For assistance contact the reference desk in person, by phone 725-5242 x 510, or email refdesk@curtislibrary.com. — LO

Sponsored by Cornerstones of Science



TREE WALK FAMILY PROGRAM IN OCTOBER

Coming this Fall, look for a Sunday afternoon Tree Walk with Peter Baecher, Brunswick Town Arborist. Check the online library calendar for the time and the date in October.

Walkers will meet at the library entrance on Middle Street for a tour of notable trees in downtown Brunswick. The tour will take about an hour and is suitable for family members of all ages. If it rains, the tour will move to a later Sunday.

The Curtis Library collection has a number of tree guides, including the *Forest Trees of Maine* and the *Sibley Guide to*

Trees. You can also pick up a *Self-Guided Walking Tour Trees of Brunswick* brochure from Brunswick Parks and Rec. or the Brunswick Visitor Center.

This program is also sponsored by Cornerstones of Science. — LO



This Yellowwood (*Cladrasra kentukea*) grows outside the library near the book drop. Look for the metal name tag.

MANY HANDS MADE BOOK SALE SUCCESS

The Curtis Friends 2010 book sale was a success on several counts. Our volunteer team, composed of donors and “field workers,” came through again. We had unexpected challenges. Some of these we met in good order, others we need to review and improve upon.

As everyone knows, the U.S. Navy is pulling out of BNAS. Sailors from the base did a super job loading and unloading trucks with boxes of books. Our own crew devised a system for hustling the boxes where they belonged inside the gym. One day I counted thirty volunteers on the floor at once. These ranged from a posse of enthusiastic teens to grizzled veterans of countless book sales.

Customer service is going to be a key focus for 2011. We plan to bring in fans, open more check-out lines during peak hours and place a few more chairs around for tired shoppers.

“A better sale.” That’s our goal in 2010 – and with your help, we’ll reach it. — JR

Editor’s Note: This year’s book sale netted an impressive \$30,740! Those funds will be used to purchase new books for the library; subsidize programs for children, teens, and adults; print the CML Newsletter; and support various other special projects throughout the year. Many thanks to our generous patrons who donate their used books to the library and those who purchase the books, and to the Curtis Friends and other volunteers for this huge success!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Book Sale work never stops. We are looking for people to transport boxes of donated books from the library to our warehouse. If you have a van or pickup truck and could help with this about once a month or even if you can help periodically, please contact Pamela Bobker at 725-5242 ext. 237; pbobker@curtislibrary.com.



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FOCUS ON THE LUNGS

International health organizations have designated 2010 as the Year of the Lung. Two conditions that make breathing difficult are prevalent in mid coast Maine: chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and asthma.

The National Heart Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI) describes COPD as a progressive disease that makes it hard to breathe. COPD is a leading cause of disability and the fourth largest cause of death in the U.S. It involves two conditions, emphysema and chronic bronchitis. This disease is often diagnosed in middle-aged and older people. Although it is not contagious, symptoms of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease include coughing that produces a large amount of mucous, wheezing, shortness of breath, tightening of the chest and other symptoms.

The NHLBI says that there is no cure for COPD, but treatment and lifestyle changes can make those afflicted feel better and lead more active lives. To learn more visit www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/dci/Diseases/Copd/Copd_WhatIs.html or check out a book about COPD from the library.

Asthma is a chronic disease of the airways in the lungs. The airways swell and narrow and produce mucous. Those affected by asthma and their families should know the triggers for asthma attacks, such as, tobacco smoke, dust, pets, pollen and colds so they can avoid them. Asthma patients and caregivers should know their medicines and how and when to use them. It is helpful for sufferers to keep track of symptoms. Every one with asthma should have an asthma action plan.

A helpful resource is *5 Things to Know about Asthma* at www.mainehealth.org/asthmapatiented. Visit the library to find more information about asthma.

These are serious health conditions yet many people do not know that they have COPD and often asthma goes untreated. Check with your health professional if you are experiencing problems breathing.

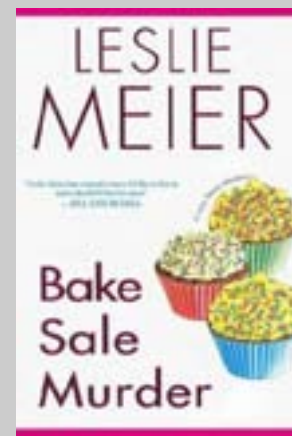
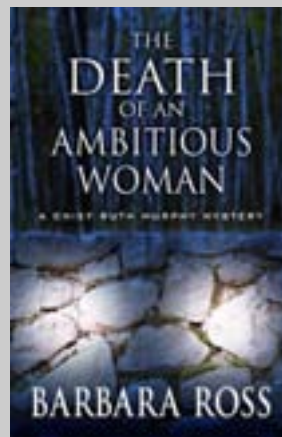
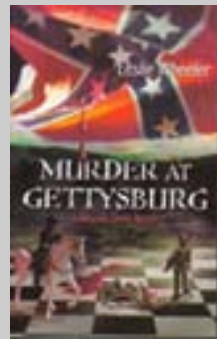
The library’s collection of health information is supported by the Community Health Information Partnership (CHIP). The CHIP partners are Curtis Library, Parkview Adventist Medical Center and Mid Coast Hospital. — LO

MYSTERY AUTHORS TO VISIT CURTIS

Once again, Curtis Friends and Sisters in Crime are working together to bring some very talented mystery authors to Curtis Memorial Library on Tuesdays this Fall.

Sisters in Crime is an international mystery writers' promotional group dedicated to connecting authors to their public with forums to spread their enthusiasm about their work and the mystery genre. (Experience long-time library volunteer Marilyn Nulman's passion for mysteries on page 7.)

- September 21 - Leslie Wheeler, award-winning author of American history and biography titles, will be at Curtis to discuss her departure from the non-fiction arena into the mystery field with her Miranda Lewis "living history" series.
- September 28 - Leslie Meier is the well-known creator of Lucy Stone, a reporter and amateur sleuth from Tinker's Cove, Maine.
- October 5 - Barbara Ross has had several short stories published in the anthologies of New England crime writers published by Level Best Books. Her first full-length novel, *The Death of an Ambitious Woman*, will be released in September. The advance reading copy has been enjoyed by many.
- October 12 - Local favorite J.S. Borthwick, author of the Sarah Deane mysteries, will be here to talk about writing and books.



Each talk begins at 7:00 pm in the Morrell Meeting Room with refreshments provided by Bohemian Coffee House. Highlight these special dates on your calendar and join us for some very pleasant evenings, getting to know these wonderful authors! — CB

HOBBIES & CRAFTS REFERENCE CENTER

A new resource for crafters is now available through MARVEL! Maine's Virtual Library, on the web and at Curtis. EBSCO's Hobbies and Crafts Reference Center is a full-text source for more than 960 magazines and books, as well as access to more than 720 videos and 140 hobby profiles. It offers detailed "how-to" instructions and creative ideas to meet the interests of virtually every hobby enthusiast.

Subject areas include arts & crafts, collecting; games & electronics, model building, home & leisure, needlework, outdoors & nature and

scrapbooking & papercraft.

To access Hobbies & Crafts click on MARVEL! on the library's home page, www.curtislibrary.com.



A LETTER BIT OF EXERCISE

Brought to you by Puzzlemaster George Burr, the following teasers may help you exercise some underused portions of your cerebral cortex. The answers are available online at www.curtislibrary.com/21-3_puzzles.

Can you name the State capitals from their first and last letter?

- A _____ A
- A _____ A
- B _____ E
- B _____ N
- C _____ D
- C _____ N
- D _____ R
- D _____ R
- F _____ T
- H _____ G
- H _____ U
- H _____ A

Change the first word to the second word by changing only one letter at a time. Each line will have a new word. Continue down until you have the bottom word.

B O O K

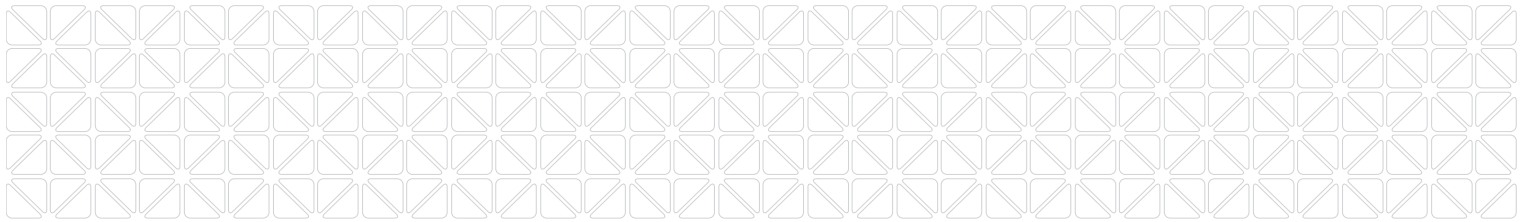
 R E A D

Which is the greatest amount of money?



S	R	E
O	L	N
T	A	C

Moving in any direction to adjacent letters (including diagonally) and using each letter only once in a word, how many words can you make?



MY LIFE IN MYSTERIES — PART I

When I was young, I was lucky enough to patronize a library that owned mystery novels from every era. They opened up many new worlds to me.

Sherlock Holmes took me to fog-bound Victorian London and made me an instant Anglophile. So did Baroness Orczy's *Old Man in the Corner*, who un-knotted bits of string while he untangled the mysteries posed to him by a young lady reporter. Following dapper Hercule Poirot through Agatha Christie's complex plots fascinated me. Her Miss Marple, Mr. Parker Pyne, Mr. Satterwaite and Harley Quinn soon felt like friends.



John Dixon Carr/Carter Dixon's larger-than-life heroes, Dr. Gideon Fell and Sir Henry Merrivale, both thrilled me and made me laugh. Carr's book about Titus Oats and the Popish Plot led me to learn about Charles II, and Josephine Tey's *The Daughter of Time* made Richard III and the early Tudors fascinating.

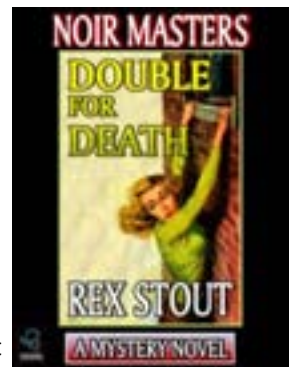
I delighted in the laugh and action-filled adventures of *The Saint*, a modern Robin

Hood created by Leslie Charteris. Dame Margery Allingham's Albert Campion, Dame Ngaio Marsh's Detective Superintendent Rodrick Alleyn, John Creasy/J. J. Marrick's West and Gideon and Michael Innes' Sir John Appleby gave me a glimpse into Scotland Yard. Idealized? Maybe. Romanticized? Perhaps. Fun? Definitely. I will never forget Appleby's

phantasmagorical train journey with a charming but mad encyclopedist.

Most fascinating, I watched Dorothy L. Sayers turn Lord Peter Wimsey from a Bertie-Wooster-with-a-brain Noble Sleuth into a complex, fascinating human being.

Across "the pond", I found Ellery Queen, whose eponymous hero assisted his father, Inspector Queen, to reason out the answers to New York's toughest mysteries. I prowled through Southern California with Raymond Chandler's Phillip Marlowe and Dashiell Hammett's Sam Spade. S.S. Van Dyne's attempt at an American Holmes, Philo Vance, as eccentric as the crimes he faced, kept me guessing. Rex Stout's Nero Wolfe gave me insights into gourmet cooking and orchid culture.



These writers are a few of the many who entertained and instructed me. Curtis owns many of them. I hope you try them, and get as much pleasure from them as I did and do. — MN

Editor's Note: To call Marilyn Nulman "a reader" is an understatement. To list her absolute favorite genres may be too large a task. You can look forward to more of Marilyn's literary guidance in future editions of this newsletter.

USE FEE NOW IN PLACE FOR MORRELL MEETING ROOM

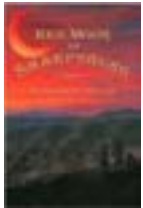
On July 1, 2010 the library started charging a modest fee for the use of the Morrell Meeting Room (\$10 per hour with a \$20 minimum charge). The goal of this fee is to help offset the cost of the care and maintenance of the room which is heavily used by the public. We do understand what a valuable resource the

Morrell Meeting Room is to local nonprofit organizations and we are committed to keeping the space accessible to all.

To make a reservation for your group: 725-5242 ext. 236 or mheath@curtislibrary.com — ED

PSST....GIVE A LISTEN

Adults, have you borrowed all the audios on CD, downloaded everything in Overdrive, and checked out each Playaway the library has to offer? Did you overlook the TeenZone? There are roughly 150 audiobooks on CD in the Young Adult collection waiting to be heard. Here are several you may have missed that aren't just for teens:



Red Moon at Sharpsburg by Rosemary Wells, read by Julia Gibson

India is a smart young woman who wants more out of life than to be a wife and mother but in 1861, the options are limited. Then the Civil War begins and an opportunity opens for her.

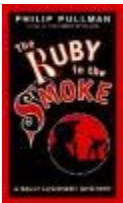
Little Brother by Cory Doctorow, read by Kirby Heyborne

A bomb destroys the Bay Bridge Tunnel, killing thousands. Marcus and his friends are in the wrong place at the wrong time and are imprisoned and questioned by Homeland Security. Upon release, Marcus uses technology to start an underground movement to spread the word about the government's actions, free his friends and find the truth about the terrorist attack.



The Ruby in the Smoke by Philip Pullman, read by Anton Lesser

Sally doesn't know who to trust when she receives a cryptic message from her deceased father warning her of danger. Dodging characters shadier than anything Dickens developed, she searches for a lost ruby, finds love, and uncovers a secret in this Victorian mystery, the first of a series.



If I Stay by Gayle Forman, read by Kirsten Potter
Before—Mia had everything: a loving family, a supportive boyfriend, and a slot at Julliard to practice cello. Now—she has a terrible decision to make. If you loved *My Sister's Keeper*, don't skip this heartbreaking but hopeful story of a young woman whose life changes in an instant.

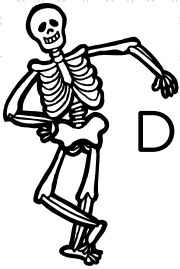


These are just a few of the many audiobooks that have adult appeal. If you ever need suggestions, just ask. — MO

RAISE A READER

“How can I help my child learn to read?” “How do I get my child to read more?” As a children's librarian, I hear questions like these often. Here are my tips for raising a reader:

1. Read to your child every day, beginning at birth. Talk about the stories and pictures.
2. Share a variety of experiences with your child and talk about them in detail – a trip to the supermarket or the beach, a visit from Grandma. This will provide the broad knowledge base and vocabulary that leads to reading success.
3. Provide lots of opportunities for developing readers to practice their skills. “Beginning Readers” feature short sentences, specific letter patterns, and lots of repetition. A current CML youth services staff favorite is Mo Willems’ “Elephant and Piggie Book” series – simple but highly entertaining!
4. Model reading for your child by being a reader yourself.
5. Utilize audio books. Like reading aloud, they're great for vocabulary-building. They also even the playing field for struggling readers, enabling them to experience the same wonderful literature as their peers who are stronger readers.
6. Include your child in book selection. Parents sometimes worry that their child's book choices are too easy or too difficult. So what if they are now and then? There's value in the confidence and success a child may experience when reading a simple story with ease, and many children stretch their limits when motivation is high. Also, not every book needs to be great literature. I know a teacher whose son went through a phase of reading only books and magazines about entertainment wrestling! She didn't discourage his choices and he continued to read enthusiastically, moving on to other literature in his own time.
7. Suggest titles about subjects that interest your child. Librarians are good at this – don't hesitate to ask them for ideas.
8. Finally, make weekly library visits a part of your family's routine. With such a wealth of great books available, there's a good chance your child will fall in love with reading! — PAJ



DEM BONES...

This summer, as in the past, we raised Monarch caterpillars and released butterflies. It was fascinating to observe our friends with exoskeletons. This fall, we'll turn toward those of us with the skeleton on the inside. In October, we will have a (plastic) human skeleton on display in the Youth Services area! Come by and examine those bones that support us. On Oct. 12, Family Fun Night celebrates Bone Bonanza! at 6:30 pm.

Dem Bones by Bob Barner

Sing your way through this toe tapping list of bones. An exuberant version of the Alphabet Song with brief bone facts.

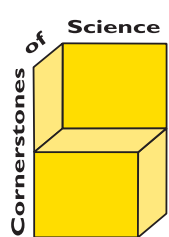
You Can't See Your Bones with Binoculars by Harriet Ziefert

Featuring x-ray images of bones, this is a fun book to wiggle and flex along with.



Bones by Steve Jenkins

What is the human skeleton like compared with the bones of other animals? Vibrant, sometimes life-sized illustrations show the wide range of skeletal adaptations.



The Skull Alphabet Book by Jerry Pallotta

Use the clues and illustrations to puzzle out the skulls from A to Z. — DMc

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FAMILY RESOURCE HANDBOOK 7TH EDITION IS READY

Thanks to the hard work of Lynn Bruce, Curtis Friends board member Marge Henry and many other volunteers, our Family Resource Handbook for the Brunswick-Harpswell Area has been printed in a Seventh Edition. Sponsored by Curtis Friends, this handbook is designed as a reference for families in the Brunswick-Harpswell area. The listings cover a wide range of services, activities and facilities, such as art classes, schools, sports, museums, healthcare, and other topics of interest to families.

The historic first edition of this remarkable little book was initiated in 1984 by volunteer Cara Hayes and the Friends. Subsequent editions were revised and released in 1986 (Ginny Hopcroft), 1989 (Liz Pierson), 1994 and 1998 (Elizabeth Owens) and 2003 (Margaret Hutchins and Carolyn Johnson). Curtis Friends have been dogged about updating and republishing the Handbook through the years and worked with volunteer programmer Robert Marshall and Assistant Director Brian Damien to publish the listings online following the 1998 edition.

The online version will always have the most current information. If you have any new listings or find errors, please email frh@curtislibrary.com with your updates. This is clearly a work in progress heading to the Eighth Edition already!

When the new print edition arrives in early September, you may pick one up at the Youth Services desk at the library. It will be available at other locations. It is always available online at www.curtislibrary.com/frh. — MH



WANTED: CHILDREN'S BOOKS

On Saturday morning, November 13, the annual Children's Book Sale will be held at the library. Donations of gently used merchandise for babies through teens are gratefully being accepted. Needed are books (both hard and soft cover), audio books, DVDs, and games (complete with all the pieces in sturdy boxes). To help find a new home for your children's

outgrown favorites, please take them to the donation cart or the front desk. Thanks for your help... and save the date, don't miss this great sale! — CS

HOW DO OUR GARDENS GROW?

Ask any gardener and they will tell you that the summer of 2010 has made everyone's thumb a green one. Good sun, good warmth, good rain...the plants love it all, and they reward us with vegetables and flowers in abundance. In fact, our Curtis gardens have been even more prolific this year because of dedicated volunteer gardeners. Thirty-five energetic helpers cleaned and pruned the grounds into great shape last spring and several have returned more than once to weed and trim.

Enter: Jack and Judy Hudson. As recent arrivals to Brunswick, the Hudsons were snookered by their neighbors George and Barbara Burr into helping with the spring cleanup. But they wouldn't stop there. It didn't take much convincing to have them lend their garden design talent, not to mention their inexhaustible energy for digging and planting, to create a new bed by the library sign on Pleasant Street. In the space of two days in June, Jack and Judy, with help from the Burrs and a few others, dug out the bed by the sign, replaced withering junipers by the walled garden gate with gorgeous holly bushes, filled in the hosta garden by the library's west entrance and planted a Camelot Crab tree near the Middle Street entrance and the bike rack.

The grounds have never looked so good. Some of that is the weather, but a lot of it comes from the hard work and care invested by library volunteers. Thanks to so many we can really be proud of our "look". --MH



If you build it... Creating the new garden by the sign required removal of an old cement flagpole base. We rented a jack hammer and struggled with the learning curve, and must have looked inept from the street. Two rugged, and obviously more experienced heavy equipment operators stopped by to observe. They took pity on us lightweights and got the old concrete out in good order.

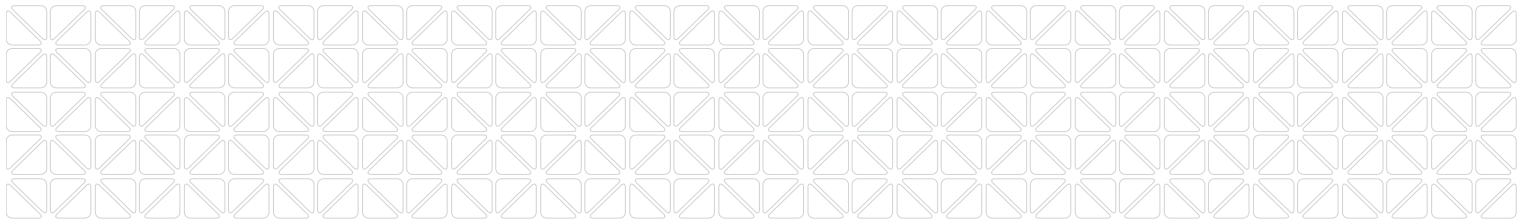
Here in a rare role reversal, Jack Hudson looks on.



We are looking forward to seeing all the color variations of the new Lime Glow Juniper (don't worry if it looks orange in the fall and brown in the winter—it should come back to a nice lime green next summer!) Stella Doro daylilies and colorful annuals fill out the new garden space.



After preparing the bed and following Jack's plan, Judy Hudson and Barbara Burr dig in.



CUNDY'S HARBOR LIBRARY IS 50!

June 30, 2010 marked the 50th anniversary - to the day - of the opening of the Cundy's Harbor Library. Library patrons, neighbors, and friends celebrated the occasion on that day, with speeches, music by Steve Quigley, the dedication of a plaque commemorating the original founders of the library, and the firing of a signal cannon. Three generations of descendants of Susan Pulsifer, the driving force behind the library's founding, were on hand for the festivities.

The annual Cundy's Harbor Library Book Sale has come and gone for another year. Over 9,000 books and other items were on display at the Cundy's Harbor Community Hall, along with savory and sweet bake sale items. Proceeds of over \$2,600 covered the cost of our new water softener system.

For details about library events please see the library's website, <http://www.cundysharbor.lib.me.us>. — SS

ORR'S ISLAND LIBRARY UPDATES

After a brief hiatus because of summer activities, the Orr's Island Library is moving ahead with the next phase of its expansion and renovation project. The new storage and workroom were finished in time to be used at the annual Book Sale and Fair.

Next, the contractors will be building the outside ramp and wheelchair lift to meet state and national requirements for accessibility. Inside, they will be finishing the new reading room, already framed on the south side of the building. The staff is so delighted with what has already been done that they can't wait for the rest!

Many thanks to the Curtis Friends from the staff and trustees of the Orr's Island Library for inviting us to come to your Book Sale set-up. Your generosity enabled us to acquire some new-to-us books that will enhance our collection. — HM



FREE EVENING CLASSES AT CURTIS IN COOPERATION WITH MERRYMEETING ADULT ED

Find Your Ancestors at the Library — Thursday, Sept. 23 (6:30-7:45 pm) Seminar Room. A one-evening class to learn about Ancestry.com. Come with one question about an ancestor. To register call Liz Doucett 725-5242 ext. 211.

Quest for a Good Book — Monday, September 27 (6:30-7:45 pm) Seminar Room. Passionate readers can learn about the NoveList Plus database and some book blogs to

research books, authors, series, genre fiction and nonfiction. To register, call Linda Oliver 725-5242 ext. 214.

The Marvels of MARVEL! Maine's Virtual Library. Monday, October 25 (6:30-7:45 pm) Seminar Room. Learn effective use of Maine's virtual library of databases. Free access to magazines, newspapers and reference books available. To register, call Janet Fullerton 725-5242 ext 229.



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Public library programming and books for children make a big difference in the lives of students everywhere. We are

making the pitch in September for all young people in Brunswick and Harpswell to get a card and use the library for work and pleasure. Kids from all backgrounds can become enthusiastic readers and our great staff can help them find resources they need to become better students.

A library card has always been the most important school supply of all. And the best part for both children and parents in these tough economic times is that it's all free.

Getting a library card is easy. Just stop by the Lending Services desk and talk with our library staff; bring proof of your address as a Brunswick or Harpswell resident.

Having a library card is the smartest thing for Back-to-School!

LIBRARY HOURS

Mon.-Thurs. 9:30 am—8:00 pm
Friday 9:30 am—6:00 pm
Saturday 9:30 am—5:00 pm
Sunday 12:00 noon—4:00 pm

HOLIDAY CLOSING

Labor Day Weekend:
Sun. Sept. 5 & Mon. Sept. 6
Columbus Day: Mon. Oct 11
Veteran's Day: Thurs. Nov. 11

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