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INITIATIVE PROMOTES FINANCIAL LITERACY

Multiple surveys and studies have found that women tend to be more anxious than men about their financial future and less informed about how to secure it. Their salaries are still lower than those of their male counterparts and they enter and exit the workforce more often due to childrearing responsibilities. This often results in smaller or no retirement plans. Additionally, women tend to outlive men by seven years on average, meaning their smaller retirement funds have to last longer.

The above situation coupled with the current economic climate means that many women are being forced to take stock of their finances in a new way. Retirement savings have diminished. College loans have become overwhelmingly large for young women just starting out. Mid-career women are going back to school and taking care of their parents at the same time. It can all be overwhelming!

However, Curtis will soon be in a position to provide training and support around all of these issues. The library has been notified that it is a 2011 recipient of a \$73,000 grant from a partnership between the American Library Association and the FINRA Investor Education Foundation to develop financial training materials and programs that will address the unique needs of women of all ages with respect to money management. Two libraries in Maine received a grant this year, Camden Public Library being the other. Approximately twenty libraries nationally received a grant.

The funding from the grant will allow Curtis to provide resources in several areas. A space in the library will be dedicated to providing books, magazines, newspapers and electronic resources focused on the topic of managing money. These materials will be available to all library patrons. A financial literacy program developer and librarian will be available in that space to help teach library patrons, one-on-one, how to use these resources in managing their money. A website will be developed with financial information specifically targeted to the life-stages of women. Finally, an intergenerational women's investment club will be formed to meet on a monthly basis to hear speakers on investing and share learning among members.

We are tremendously excited about this grant. It is an honor for Curtis to receive it and it will provide substantial programming and support for the community in a much-needed area. You will see more information about the project over the coming months. Please feel free to contact Liz Doucett, Library Director, 725-5242, ext. 211 edoucett@curtislibrary.com, if you have questions or would like to get involved. — ED



THREE JOIN LIBRARY BOARD

The Board of Directors of the Brunswick Public Library Association is the formal governing body of Curtis Memorial Library. At the Annual Meeting of the Association in November three new members were elected. The complete list of Board members is listed in each edition of the Newsletter.

Mark Costa is a returning Board member who served during the years of the “new” library’s planning, funding and construction. He owns a software development company in Maine and is a technology enthusiast.

His present commitment to the Board is motivated by his interest in helping the library conceive of its collections and services in ways that embrace the latest technologies and fully exploit their great potential. Mark has lived in Brunswick for 23 years.

Kathy Christensen submitted this profile of her connection to the library and new role on the Board:

“As a Brunswick resident, I have come to appreciate how very important our library is for people of all ages in our community. My daughter, who headed off to college this past September, grew up in and around CML. She attended story hours as a preschooler and Curtis was also her school library as she attended St. John’s School through eighth grade. She benefited from classroom visits from library staff and participated in Cornerstones of Science activities.

“So much of what CML offers also dovetails with my professional life. I look forward to digging in and working to help support and grow the wonderful library resources and programs that are available; early literacy efforts, jobs information, financial literacy information and access and introductions to current technology to name just a few.

I was so very pleased to be asked to join the Board and am delighted to be giving back to CML.”

Frank Strasburger is a retired Episcopal chaplain who has devoted much of his vocational life to campus ministry, first at the secondary level and then as the Episcopal chaplain at Princeton. In addition, he was the founding president of Princeton in Africa, a national fellowship organization that provides opportunities for recent college graduates to do significant service work all over Africa.

Frank has served on a good many nonprofit boards as well as the Princeton (NJ) Board of Education and brings to the Curtis Board substantial fundraising experience. He is especially excited to participate in our long-range planning efforts as the explosion of information and means of disseminating it pushes us to be creative about what a library is. Married to Carrie Strasburger, president of Curtis Friends, Frank is currently working on a book on growing up. — MH

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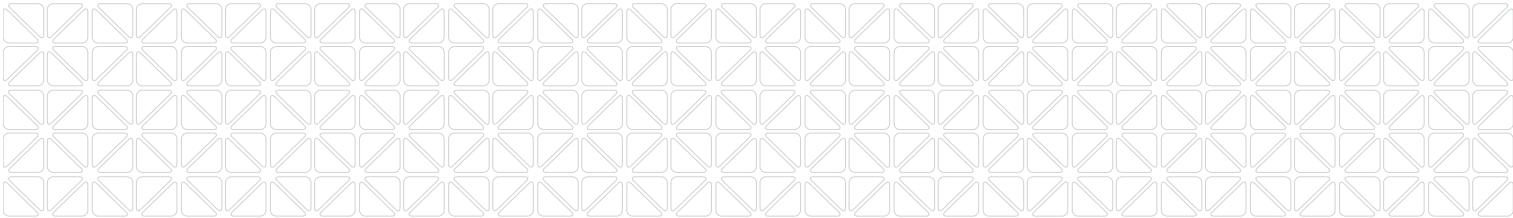
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The newsletter is one of the many projects funded by Curtis Friends.



ORR'S ISLAND NEWS

If you haven't taken a drive down Route 24 (Harpwell Islands Road) lately, you've missed a dramatic change at the Orr's Island Library.

The new outside addition on the south side is now the main entrance, connected to the front and the road by accessible ramps and railings, with preliminary landscaping which will be finished when weather permits. The new ramps and adjacent



walkways have automatic ice-melting equipment, and an electric lift will be installed in late spring.

This phase of the project has been a construction challenge because so much of the small

plot is ledge, but talented contractors and architects have enabled us to have the improvements that we have been anticipating, and we are most grateful for those in our communities who are helping us raise the necessary funds. — HM

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FRIENDS BOARD DRAWS NEW TALENT

Lynnie Bruce grew up in Virginia and attended Colby College. After earning her MBA from the University of Maine, she settled in Portland and began working for UNUM assisting in developing their first corporate advertising campaign. Upon leaving UNUM she continued work in advertising as an account executive in local agencies and as the first marketing director of Maine Credit Union League's for-profit subsidiary, Synergent. In 2001, Lynnie married Max Fletcher of Orr's Island and sailed on their boat for three adventurous years. Upon her return, she continued in advertising with McCabe & Duval. In 2008, Lynnie left the agency to help with her family and commit to volunteer activities. At Curtis, Lynnie was instrumental in the revision and production of the latest edition of the Family Resource Handbook. Additionally, she volunteers at the local yacht club and has a small in-house memory book business.

In a former life, **Jack Hudson** was a special agent with the U.S. Treasury Department working in criminal investigation. In 1978 he became Veterans Service Center Manager at the Department of Veterans Affairs and was responsible for the processing of all claims for V.A. compensation and pension benefits filed by Maine veterans. In 1998 Jack continued his work with the V.A. at the central office in Washington, DC as the Assistant Director of Compensation Services and led the creation and deployment of modernized claims processing and integrated paperless claims processing systems.



In 2001 Jack became the Director at the Veterans Benefits Administration Office in Cleveland, Ohio and was tasked with creating a process for consolidating and expediting all pending claims from WWII veterans throughout the country. Jack is currently consulting with the V.A. and providing help on various information technology projects. He has contributed many hours at Curtis working on the building and grounds. — CS

ARTISTIC GENEROSITY

Support for Curtis comes in many forms. We have volunteers who put in many, many hours working at the library. We have individuals who donate regularly to the library. We also have supporters who provide special treasures that add to the beauty and utility of the library. These tend to be quiet gifts that don't get much recognition but they add so much to the quality of life in our community that we want to share two of these stories.

Last year Eileen Kleinkopf, a resident of Thornton Oaks, was attending a concert put on by The Lark Society at the library. Eileen, being a music lover, couldn't help but notice the use of an electronic versus traditional piano. She discovered that the library did not have a piano. Eileen stored that piece of information away for future use.



In 1961 prior to leaving Brunswick and becoming an Associate Professor of French and Vice-Dean of the Graduate School at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, Prof. Brault and his wife visited the studio of Stephen Etnier in Harpswell. They wanted to purchase a painting that would remind them of their time in Brunswick. They left with "Beached", a picture of a Maine lobster boat getting repaired. The painting held an honored position in their house for many years.

In 2010 the Braults began downsizing and wanted to find a good home for their Etnier painting. They discovered that many of Bowdoin's Etnier paintings were on long-term loan to Curtis and that the library would make a good home for their painting.

Curtis only accepts art as a donation when it has some relationship to the library's maritime collection or has a local context. The Etnier fell into the second category and we were thrilled to accept "Beached" from the Braults for the library.

We are now in the process of working with Bowdoin to hang several of their on-loan Etniers with the library's new acquisition in the newer part of the library. Our goal is to ensure a wider audience for the Etniers since they will certainly be of great interest to anyone who knows and loves the Mid-coast area. We plan to have an official "unveiling" to share with the community both our new addition and the on-loan paintings that we house through the generosity of Bowdoin College.

Curtis Memorial Library is fortunate indeed to have supporters who find such creative and wonderful ways of supporting the library. — ED

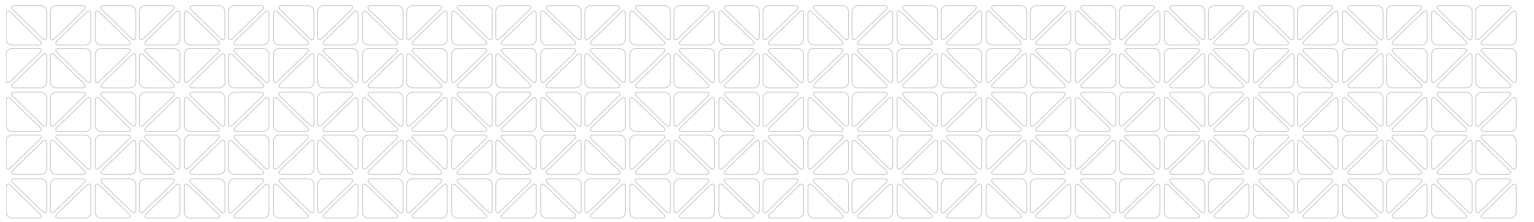


Several months later Barbara Hamlin, another resident at Thornton Oaks, mentioned that she

was looking for a new home for her family's piano. Eileen, remembering her experience at the library, mentioned that the library needed a piano. Barbara called the library

and today Curtis is the proud owner of a lovely piano! Barbara is happy knowing that her family's beloved instrument has found the perfect home. And Eileen, who made the connection between Barbara and the library, will be rewarded by being able to listen to a real piano in the future!

The next story started many years ago in 1957. Professor Gerard Brault and his wife Jeannie took up residence in Brunswick on Cleveland Street when he became an instructor and then Assistant Professor of French and Romance Languages at Bowdoin College. The Braults made many friends in the area and two of their three children were born at the Bath Memorial Hospital.



CHILDREN’S BOOK SALE A SUCCESS!

Saturday, November 13th was a beautiful day at Curtis Memorial Library. The sun shone outside and in the Morrell Meeting Room where the Curtis Kids Book Sale, sponsored by the Curtis Friends, took place. More than 5400 books, videos, games, and puzzles for kids of all ages were on display waiting for new owners. Children and their parents, teachers, grandparents, and friends were happy to become those owners. As in years past, local author and illustrator Charlotte Agell donated her time to draw portraits of dozens of delighted children. At another table, kids made personalized bookmarks while the adults accompanying them shopped.

Thanks to many dedicated volunteers, those who donated children’s books and other materials throughout the year, and all of our patrons, the event was our most profitable since the children’s sale began five years ago. This year’s earnings were \$3,213, all of which goes to the library to be used for children’s materials, programs, and services. Some of the funds have already been used to purchase a generous supply of LEGO® bricks for the library’s monthly LEGO® Club for Kids, and some provided a new gaming system—X-Box 360 with Kinect—for use in teen programming. A group of teens recently expressed their satisfaction with the system: “It’s very interactive and nice having no controller. You actually have to do the dance moves—you can’t cheat; I’m sweating!” Other purchases in the works include craft supplies for upcoming school vacation programs. — CS

TEENZONE REDO

Eleven years of age may seem too young for a face lift but it was time.

On October 18, 2010, George Burr and Carrie Strasburger, members of the Curtis Friends Board, generously donated their time on a Friday night after the library closed to give the TeenZone a makeover. The walls are now a bright and lively orange flanked by dark blue magnetic chalk boards, which



offer a place to post information about upcoming teen events. The light bright sign is gone and in its place two eco-friendly signs created by Carrot Signs welcome all to the TeenZone.

Where there once were dings and dingy scrapes from backpacks and chairs bashing the walls, a crisp white wooden chair rail hangs.

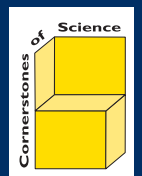
Teens who use the space have commented on the coziness of the pumpkin walls once the sun sets and the big bold Curtis Teens brand blazoned under the windows makes it clear that this area is for them. It is amazing how a little help from the Friends made a space look new again. — MO



A VISIT WITH DOCTOR BONES

Many children and their grown-ups got to know Dr. Bones this October and November. Here, Monica W. and her mom enjoy some hands on learning with the skeleton puzzle. The interactive Bones Exhibit also included real cow bones!

Keep an eye out for more exhibits in the Youth Services Area sponsored by Cornerstones of Science. — DMc





SEVEN LISTS

The answers are available at the Lending Services Desk or in a simple Google (or other engine) search online.
— GB

THE SEVEN DWARFS

THE THIRTEEN ORIGINAL COLONIES

THE FIVE GREAT LAKES

THE FIFTEEN PRESIDENTIAL CABINET POSTS

(14 Secretaries, 1 General)

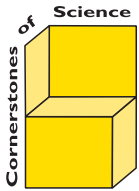
SANTA'S ORIGINAL EIGHT REINDEER

(sorry Rudolph)

THE SEVEN COLORS OF A RAINBOW

THE SEVEN CONTINENTS

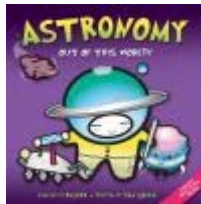
DEEP WINTER SKIES



During February, we plan to celebrate the science and beauty of the winter skies with astronomy programs at the library, sponsored by Cornerstones of Science. Join us during the day on February 22 for children's programs by Northern Stars Planetarium.

Also on February 22, weather permitting, there is an evening astronomy program for families with children from 6:30 - 7:15 pm and one for teens and adults from 7:15 - 8:00 pm. Ed Gleason from Southworth Planetarium in Portland will answer astronomy questions as we take the library iPads outside to use the Star Walk app. Dress warmly and keep in mind that children will need an adult to use the iPad with them. The snow date for the evening programs is the following Tuesday evening, March 1st.

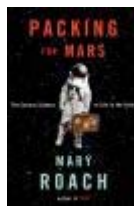
You can explore the winter skies yourself. Check out one of the Cornerstones of Science books about astronomy or one of the "Exploring the Night Sky" Explorer packs from the children's area. *Children's Night Sky Atlas* by Robin Scagell might also help you identify objects you can see in the night sky.



To find more Cornerstones books, use the library catalog and do a word search for the words "Cornerstones of Science" and "astronomy". Or look for the Cornerstones of Science spine label on books in the 520 Dewey area.

Are you looking for a family science activity? Check out these Cornerstones books, *Out of This World Astronomy: 50 Amazing Activities and Projects* by Joe Rhatigan or *Exploring the Solar System: A History with 22 Activities* by Mary Kay Carson. Use your sense of touch to explore astronomy with *Touch the Universe: A NASA Braille Book of Astronomy* by Noreen Grice. You may also borrow the library's pass for Southworth Planetarium for a day. The pass allows one family (up to 6 people) to visit the planetarium for free.

Adults who are inspired by the winter skies to think of space travel, might enjoy Mary Roach's recent book, *Packing for Mars* which features a humorous look at the challenges of long-distance space travel. — LO & DMc



HEARTS IN FEBRUARY

The Community Health Information Partnership (CHIP) is proud to announce a project with the Mid Coast Chapter of the American Red Cross. This fall CHIP used grant funding to purchase an automatic external defibrillator (AED) for the library. Ray Michaud from the American Red Cross provided an overview of the AED for all staff members and over half the library staff are volunteering their time to take additional Red Cross CPR training.

February is American Heart Month. Now is the time to lower your risk of heart disease. If you are a man over 45, a woman over 55 or have a family history of early heart disease, you are at a higher risk for heart disease.

Steps the American Heart Association recommends:

- Watch your weight.
- Stop smoking and stay away from second-hand smoke.
- Control your cholesterol and blood pressure.
- If you drink alcohol, do so only in moderation (no more than 2 drinks/day for men, no more than 1 drink/day for women).
- Get active and eat healthy. Even moderate activity reduces stroke risk.
- Talk to your doctor about taking aspirin every day if you are a man over 45 or a woman over 55.
- Manage stress.

Find CHIP resources at Curtis to help you with diet and nutrition, exercise, smoking cessation, making changes to a healthier lifestyle, managing stress and finding classes and support groups. The Community Health Information partners are Curtis Library, Mid Coast Hospital and Parkview Adventist Medical Center. — LO



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& CHIP

A World of Possibility

SCHOOL'S OUT!

Registration for these fun school vacation week programs begins February 8; call 725-5242 x225. All programs are free of charge and open to the public.

Astronomy programs sponsored by Cornerstones of Science:
Pictures in the Sky with Northern Stars Planetarium

Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 10:00 am. Preschool-K.

Using a "Day/Night Wheel" and the planetarium, children are introduced to the sky in a concrete manner. Discover stars, constellations, clouds, rainbows, and more. Please register beginning Feb. 8; space is limited.

The World of Dinosaurs with Northern Stars Planetarium

Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 11:30 am. Grades 1-3.

We begin by examining dinosaur bone reproductions and fossils. The show culminates with a 25-minute audio-visual planetarium presentation about dinosaurs. Register beginning Feb. 8; space is limited.

Star Walk

Tuesday, Feb. 22 from 6:30 - 7:15 pm. Families with children. Dress warmly and try out the Star Walk app on library iPads. An astronomy expert from Southworth Planetarium will be on hand to answer questions. Children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required. Snow date March 1.

Fantasy Express Writing Group

Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 4:00 pm.

Creative writing session with Marilyn Nulman for kids who love to write.

LEGO® Club

Wednesday, Feb. 23 at 2:30 pm. Ages 5-11.

Join other creative kids for a session of building and fun! We'll supply the LEGO® bricks. Sponsored by the Curtis Friends.

Snow Globes with Heidi Boyd

Thursday, Feb. 24 at 10:30 am. All ages.

Make your own shake-able snow globe with craft foam tape and glitter. Bring a small, clear, clean jar (10 oz. or smaller) with a secure screw-off lid. Please call to register between Feb. 8 and Feb. 22 so we can plan for supplies.

Music Fun with Teresa Gillis

Friday, Feb. 25 at 10:30 am. Ages 6 and under.

Sing, dance, and enjoy the music!

— PJ

ROMANCE FOR SALE

It's cold. It's dark. It's dreary. Time to escape. To dream.

Would you like to fall in love with a hunky guy next door? Chase demons with an elusive vampire? Ride the range with a laconic cowboy?

Or you can travel through time to waltz with a Duke, duel with an Earl, clash with a knight or rampage with a Viking. You can prow through gritty urban streets. Wander through fantasy forests. Match wits with a spy or several.

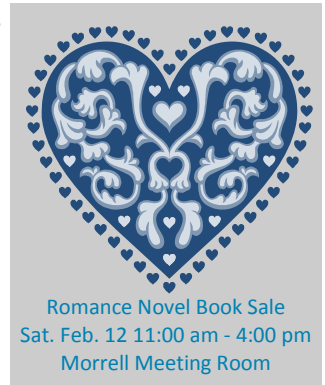
Find a book that will transport you to the gentle green hills of Ireland, or the dusty plains of the American West, or sultry New Orleans. Explore the worlds of a fireman, a corporate raider, a cop, a Navy SEAL or a NASCAR driver.

So many possibilities. Romance novels encompass all times and genres. There's something to pique all interests.



Let love warm your February at the Romance Book Sale on Saturday, February 12 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Morrell Meeting Room.

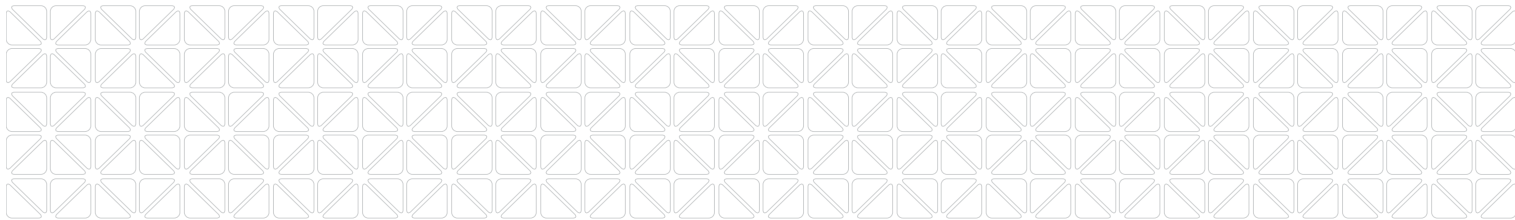
Come and find your dream. — MN



COMMUNITY READ REGROUPING FOR 2012

Curtis Memorial Library and its partners have decided to take a break from the Community Read this year. The program will be back—better than ever—in 2012, and the planning committee is eager to have input from patrons.

Please give your book suggestions to Pamela Bobker at 725-5242 ext. 237 or pbobker@curtislibrary.com.



HATE LITERATURE

On a Sunday afternoon in December a patron came to the reference desk with a book by Sholem Aleichem that he was going to borrow. Interleaved among its pages he found several dozen full-sized, fake \$100 bills laced with religious phrases. I spent about a half hour on Monday morning going through all of the other books by this noted Jewish author where I found many dozens more of the bills. There were also many more in the nearby books by Isaac Bashevis Singer, another well recognized Jewish writer. There were no bills in books by Gentile authors on the same shelves.



At first glance, these bills might seem simply to be a rather odd pro-Christian message. But dozens of them in Jewish literature delivers an anti-Semitic message.

For the past decade these kinds of leaflets have been found in many libraries in Maine including Curtis. Initially we regarded them as nuisance vandalism. But as the placement of them became clear, we now see them as hate literature, so libraries are taking action to catch the perpetrators.

It is our policy that this library be a safe and comfortable place for all members of our community. We ask your help to rid our library of inappropriate and hurtful leaflets. You will notice signs around CML with illustrations of the bills. Please inform a staff member if you find these bills anywhere in the library or see someone distributing them. Thank you. — JF

FIRST MONDAY BOOK GROUP

Please join us at 1:00 pm on Monday, February 7 and Monday, March 7 for the monthly meetings of the library's Monday Afternoon Book Group. The February book selection is *Still Alice: A Novel* by Lisa Genova and the March title is *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet: A Novel* by Jamie Ford. Anyone who has read the books is invited to join the discussions.

Books are selected by the group a few months in advance and are readily available for borrowing through the library catalog. Some book selections are also available through the Maine InfoNet Download Library, a.k.a. OverDrive. Through OverDrive, you can either read the book on a compatible e-reader or listen to the book on an MP3 player or iPod. Additionally, some titles are available through the library catalog as audio book compact discs and sound cassettes.

If you're interested in a list of the different books we've read over the years, go to www.curtislibrary.com and click on "Readers Corner" and then "Book Groups." Scrolling down to the bottom, you'll see that the group formed in May of 2005 and our first read was *The Jane Austen Book Club* by Karen Joy Fowler.

The book club is held on the first Monday of each month in the Seminar Room and new members are always welcome. For more information contact Janet Fullerton, 725-5242 x229. — PT

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM PASSES

Looking for a fun and inexpensive family outing? The library has free and discounted passes to several area venues, including the Children's Museum and Theatre of Maine. Located in downtown Portland, the museum features a wide variety of interactive exhibits and activities that "inspire discovery and imagination through exploration and play." Some of the ongoing exhibits include a fire truck, animal hospital, diner, dress-up theatre, rock wall, space shuttle, and tide pool touch tank. A SmartArt exhibit merges science and art as children create shapes from music and use vibrations to make robots dance, and an optics and light room provides more opportunities for learning about science. The museum also offers theatre productions by kids for kids; Roald Dahl's *James and the Giant Peach* is being presented several times during February and March.

Museum passes are available at the Lending Services desk, and you may call 725-5242, menu option 4, to reserve a date. Passes are sponsored by the Curtis Friends. — PJ



BIBLIOPHILES ONLINE

Are you, like me, one of those people who is always writing down books you want to read on scraps of paper, and then losing the scraps? Or maybe you're someone who keeps lists of books you've read, and your thoughts when you read them? Or perhaps you enjoy sharing your reactions to books with others? Any of these projects can be facilitated by joining a book-focused social networking site such as LibraryThing, Shelfari, Goodreads, or weRead.

All of these sites allow you to create lists of books - books you own, books you've read, books you'd like to read, etc. I started looking at them because I wanted to create a list of several hundred books donated to my church, and typing the titles and authors into an excel spreadsheet was proving very cumbersome! You can add a book to a list in several ways on these sites: enter title, author, or even ISBN, and the site will find the book and enter it for you, though often there are multiple editions to choose from. And many of the sites can link the books in your lists to various book swap sites as well.

Each of these sites has a slightly different user interface. For example, both Shelfari and Goodreads make it easy to enter details about your own interaction with a book: when you read it, whether it's loaned out, what you thought of it, etc. All of that is possible on LibraryThing, but the path to those details is not quite as intuitive. Another difference is that Shelfari shows the book covers, as if you had the books physically on a shelf, while both LibraryThing and Goodreads allow you to switch between a cover presentation and a list presentation. LibraryThing has users (and access to catalogs) worldwide, so if you are interested in foreign language material, this is a good site to try. But if you want to use a site to explore for new books in your favorite genres or subject, any of the other sites have tabs for that while LibraryThing does not.

In addition to using these sites to track your own books, they can all be used to connect you with other book lovers via communally generated booklists and forums, or by simply browsing another user's library. LibraryThing even runs a book swap at Christmas, and has an early reviewer program which offers pre-publication items to several lucky members each month. It's a wonderful new world for bibliophiles! — MD

E-READERS FOR E-BOOKS

Apparently the transistor radio did not signal the death knell for live concert attendance. Quite the contrary, it created audiences worldwide that sent the Rolling Stones laughing all the way to their French chateaus. Much hand wringing was also wasted when the microwave failed to kill *haute cuisine*. The Amish, without breaking stride, opened another appliance branch to Amana and appliances coexist in the same kitchen. The e-book will not likely harm the publishing industry or libraries either. We're betting on it.



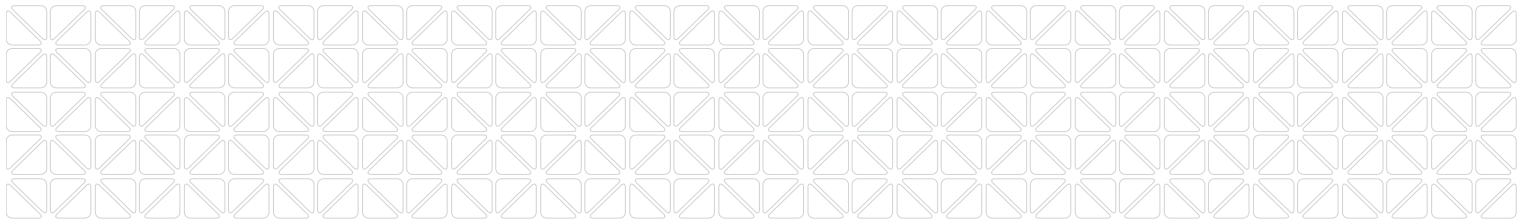
Curtis now lends out three Nook e-readers, one Sony Touch and a first generation Kindle to Curtis patrons.* Each e-reader is loaded with a number of new bestsellers taken from the New York Times listing in addition to some classic books and our own *History of Harpswell, Maine* by Richard Wescott. The lending period is three weeks with no renewals.

Librarians conducted an e-reader introduction forum in December and January to discuss device types and their compatibility with borrowed OverDrive e-books. Compatibility between e-readers and borrowed media is a moving target. In December iPad did not support OverDrive e-books. In January iPad did support them with a work-around. By the time this article goes to press there will likely be full compatibility.

If we needed to cite any one reason to lend e-readers (and there are many!) it would be because adjustable text size control turns every e-book into a large-print book, thereby expanding our stretched large-print collection. These books are in great demand not only by those of us who remember Buffalo Bob but also by our adult new readers. A *School Library Journal* article from April 2007 reported improved reading ability among Arizona high school students through the use of large-print books. Bigger is better.

The acid test of an e-reader lies in the user's ability to transcend the novelty of the device and get lost in the story. The current generation of e-readers is meeting the requirement.

* Patrons must be in good standing and produce a valid drivers license to borrow the e-readers. — PD



CUNDY'S HARBOR

It's been six months since Cundy's Harbor Library last contributed to the CML newsletter, and an eventful six months it's been.

As promised back in July, CHL fielded a 7-piece brass band for the annual Cundy's Harbor Days parade in August. Riding a flatbed trailer rather than marching, the Cundy's Harbor Library Glee & Perloo Society Band provided the first live music the parade has had in at least four years. The group also provided Christmas music for the Cundy's Harbor Christmas tree lighting ceremony and pot luck supper in December.

In between those two dates: CHL was awarded a \$1,050 Libri Foundation Books for Children matching grant for the expansion of our children's and young adults' collections; held a successful square dance for 70 people at the Cundy's Harbor Community Hall to raise the \$350 needed to match the Libri Foundation grant; hosted a talk by Karin Jackson and Jon Pulsifer celebrating the life of CHL founding patron Susan Pulsifer; and used a \$400 CHIP grant to acquire two dozen new health-related titles for our adult collection.

December was a quiet month at the library and now we're working on some programs to liven up the winter months. We've got several dozen new books and DVD movies on the shelves as well.

Everyone here at Cundy's Harbor Library is looking forward to a 2011 at least as exciting as 2010 was. — SS

...IT'S THE TAX MAN

AARP "Tax-Aide" volunteers are again ready to help prepare your federal and state income tax returns. This free service is sponsored by the IRS and the AARP Foundation. Tax-Aide counselors are trained, tested and certified each year.

Curtis Memorial Library: from Feb. 2 through Apr. 15

Wednesdays from 9:30 am - 2:00 pm and 3:30 - 7:00 pm

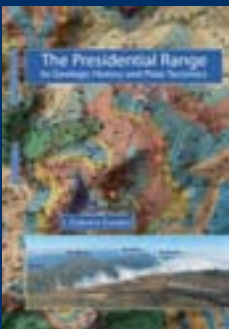
Fridays from 12:30 - 4:30 pm

Appointments are recommended and may be made at the reference desk or by calling extension 510. Walk-ins helped if possible.

Taxpayers should bring the following material to their appointment:

- A photo-ID for the applicant; Social Security cards (or numbers) for dependents.
- A copy of last year's tax returns, if possible.
- All tax-related forms received, such as W-2, 1099R, SSA-1099 or other 1099, etc.
- "Year-end summary" statements from investment accounts (if any); information on purchase dates and cost basis of any investments sold.
- Information on possible deductions, such as medical expenses, real estate and car excise taxes, mortgage interest and charitable contributions.
- Information relating to any tax credits the applicant may be entitled to. — PD

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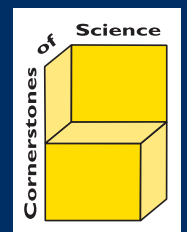
Monday, January 31 at 7:00 pm

Professor Dykstra Eusden, Bates College, Geology Department presents

"Geology and Tectonics of the Presidential Range, New Hampshire"

Morrell Meeting Room

Snow date: Monday, February 7



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BOLLYWOOD FRIDAYS IN MARCH

Escape with us to warm, sunny India on four Friday evenings in March. Curtis will once again be hosting Bollywood movie nights starting on March 4 at 6:00 pm. We will be showing four new movies that are guaranteed to take you to beautiful places, get your toes tapping and make you smile. No promises about the believability of the script, however.

Bollywood movies are, on average, longer than American movies and contain at least a few song and dance numbers, as well as colorful scenery and beautiful costumes. They are lots of fun and often contain elements of romance, suspense, comedy, satire and more. Stay tuned for more information on the films to be shown. Meanwhile, check out the selection of Bollywood films in our DVD collection.

On Friday, March 25, a guest sitar player will play for us and give us a short introduction to sitars and to Sangeet, Hindustani music. — CL



Shahid Kapoor and Rani Mukherjee dance in *Dil Bole Hadippa!* To be shown at the library in March.

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