

Community Read UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, February 1, 2010

Opening Event: Books available

Monday, March 1—1:00 pm

Book Discussion, *Glory in the Name*
at Curtis Memorial Library

Thursday, March 18— 6:00 pm

“Iron Ships and Iron Men: How Steam,
Iron and the Civil War Changed the Navy
Forever”, presentation by author James
Nelson

Maine Maritime Museum, Bath

Thursday, March 25—7:00 pm

Meet the Author: James Nelson
at Curtis Memorial Library



COMMUNITY READ



Midcoast Community Read 2010 *Glory in the Name: A Novel of the Confederate Navy* by James Nelson

As he witnesses the first shots fired on Fort Sumter and the opening of the Civil War, Lt. Samuel Bowater realizes he must resign from his beloved United States Navy to fight for his native South Carolina. Bowater is given command of the Confederate States Ship *Cape Fear* - in reality no more than an armed tugboat - and plunged into the fiercest naval action of the war. Torn between his loyalty to his ship and its enigmatic and difficult crew, his love for fellow painter Wendy Atkins, and his duty to fight the men who were once his shipmates, Bowater navigates the physical and emotional perils of the war that tore the nation apart. *Glory in the Name*, which Bernard Cornwell called “by far the best Civil War novel I’ve read,” is a fast paced yet utterly authentic look at the Civil War at sea.

Author James Nelson, a resident of Harpswell, will be making two appearances discussing different aspects of the *Glory in the Name*. On Thursday, March 18 at 6:00 pm at Maine Maritime Museum, his talk is entitled, “Iron Ships and Iron Men: How Steam, Iron and the Civil War Changed the Navy Forever.” For hundreds of years of naval warfare there were virtually no changes in the ships, the tactics, and the lives of the men who sailed in harm’s way. Then suddenly, with the outbreak of the Civil War, the combination of the Industrial Revolution and American ingenuity north and south changed fighting at sea forever. This presentation will focus on those profound changes and the way that they echo today.

On Thursday, March 25 at 7:00 pm in the Morrell Meeting Room you can meet author James Nelson. A native of Lewiston, a graduate of Lewiston High School, Jim will describe the long, strange trip that led him from a shoe factory in Auburn to a career in Hollywood (far less exciting than it sounds) to the life of a poor itinerant tall ship sailor with a wife, four kids, and fifteen published works of fiction and nonfiction.

The Community Read is sponsored by Patten Free Library of Bath, Curtis Memorial Library, Freeport Public Library and Topsham Public Library. Other participating libraries are Bowdoinham Public Library, Cundy’s Harbor Library and Orr’s Island Library in Harpswell, and the Albert F. Totman Library of Phippsburg. All libraries will have multiple copies of the book in February. Activities will take place in March.

Look for information on all area events at www.midcoastreads.com. — PB

DIRECTOR'S LETTER

Welcome to the new year! In January I start my fourth year as library director at Curtis. I feel very lucky in that I know this is



my "dream job", that ephemeral opportunity that we all seek in our professional careers. I find that I am challenged every day to do a better job of nurturing and supporting this outstanding organization and that makes me happy to get up in the morning. What more could anyone ask in their profession!

One of the best parts of my job is knowing that there is so much backing for Curtis in the community. Even in difficult economic times such as these, people continue to send their gifts to the library's Annual Book Fund, allowing us to purchase books for the library—and for that we are tremendously grateful.

The library will be facing an uphill battle for municipal funding this year as the Town deals with severe cutbacks in state support. In times like these we need every library supporter to become a *vocal* library supporter. Call your town council representative and let him or her know that you support Curtis and would like to see its funding kept as whole as possible. Write a letter to a local newspaper and express your support of the library. Attend the Town budget meetings and tell the council members that you support the library. All of these efforts make a real difference in ensuring that the library is able to maintain the staff and funding to serve the community.

Thank you! — ED

LIBRARY BOARD NEWS

The Curtis Memorial Library Board of Directors has two new members, Kate Egan and Sandy Peters. Kate is an author and editor and spends much of her time at the library with her two young children. Sandy lived in Brunswick for 22 years before moving to Harpswell in 2003. She attended the University of Maine in Orono for both her B.A. and her Masters in Education and has been active on many Boards in the community. We are very excited to have both joining the Board and welcome them to the library family.



Kate Egan (left) and Sandy Peters joined the Board of Directors in November

CML BOARD 2010

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A GENRE THAT MAY SURPRISE YOU

In my youth, I sampled some romance novels in which a wimpy, whiny female yearned after a rude, blockheaded male. Phooey, I said, and moved on.

Luckily, I am able to admit when I'm wrong. Yes, there are still badly written, cliché-filled romances out there, but there are many wonderful books to excite, amuse, and instruct as well.

The genre contains stores for my every mood, and takes me all over the world, to all eras, and even to outer space. The writers are concerned with important things—love, family, loyalty, honor. They also make me laugh.

For fantasy/science fiction, there's Meljean Brook's Guardian novels, Nalini Singh's Psi/Changling series, and Emma Holly's Upyr books. Snarky vampires and werewolves abound in Mary Janice Davidson's Betsy tales.

For mystery, there's J.D. Robb's Eve Dallas police procedurals set in a futuristic New York City. Amanda Quick's heroines chase criminals in Regency and Victorian times.

I'd always loved the grand mistress of Regency romances, Georgette Heyer. She has talented and witty descendents, Lisa Kleypas, Jo Beverley, Mary Balogh, Madeline Hunter, and many more. Loretta

Chase and Amanda Quick always make me laugh. The first chapters of Quick's *Mistress* knocked me right out of my chair.

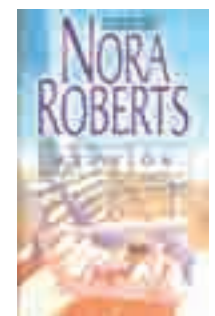
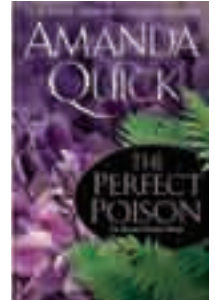
There's a whole sub-genre of Scottish romances—men in kilts! Karen Hawkins and Lorraine Heath come to mind.

Writing of modern life, Susan Elizabeth Phillips is funny and touching in turn. I recommend *Natural Born Charmer*. Jayne Anne Krentz's heroines are to cheer for. Jennifer Crusie and Bob Mayer's *Agnes and the Hit Man* made me laugh while I admired their brilliant plotting.

I traveled to Texas with Susan Mallery, to the Middle East with Alexandra Sellars. Nora Roberts takes me all over the world. Cassie Edwards writes about Native American heroes. Linda Lael Miller's historical and modern Westerns have rugged heroes and feisty heroines.

Military themes? Christine Feehan's Game series. I've only scratched the surface.

When I was young, I loved *Hamlet*. Now, it's *The Tempest*. I love that romance novels promise me a happy ending, something far too rare in everyday life and most literary fiction. Happy is good enough for me. — MN



ROMANCE BOOK SALE FEBRUARY 13

If you are looking for a little romance during the cold winter, come to the first ever Romance Book Sale to be held at the library on Saturday, February 13, 2010.

Hundreds of paperback romance books have been pulled from the book donations and will be available for purchase ranging from 50¢ to \$1. The sale is open from 9:30 am– 1:00 pm in the Morrell Meeting Room.

From 12:00 – 1:00 while supplies last we will be selling bags of books: a paper-bag for \$2 or a vintage blue Friends book bag


filled with books for only \$3. New and vintage Friends book bags and kids book sacs will be on sale throughout the morning.

Jennifer Mason is heading this inaugural sale and is eager for volunteers to help with set-up the day before and selling the day of. Call Pamela Bobker 725-5242 ext. 237.

Mark your calendars now and treat your Valentine to some special romance books! — CS

CONSUMER REPORTS

FULL-TEXT FROM YOUR HOME COMPUTER

Consumer Reports is fully accessible to you. As a Maine resident you don't need to have a subscription because the state subscribes to CR through  the Maine State database.

The following is step-by-step instruction to find that snow blower that you needed last week:

Step 1: Go to 

either through the Curtis Memorial Library web site at www.curtislibrary.com or go directly: www.maine.gov/marvel.

You may be prompted to log in, if so use your last name and library barcode number. Click Marvel's link to "Getting Started" if you have questions.

Step 2: Select a database

Scroll to the "M"s and select MasterFILE Premier. (This is where Consumer Reports resides.)

Step 3: Select Advanced Search

Step 4: Type "consumer reports"

Enter the magazine name in the first box

Step 5: Type your search term(s)

Enter "snow blower" in the next box—or any item you want to find in Consumer Reports.

Step 6: Click the "SEARCH" button

Your results will come up in a list just like a Google search with the newest information at the top. Select the most appropriate articles and you're on your way.

You may have the option to save a PDF file of the article. Click on the PDF button to save it on your own computer.

Consumer Reports is only one among thousands of magazines, newspapers, and reference books held in the database. There are millions of articles available to Maine residents that are as

HARBOR NOTES

In the winter, Cundy's Harbor can be a very quiet place. Now that we have our new space, Cundy's Harbor Library intends to change that with a series of weekday evening programs so there's somewhere to go after supper. Here's what is planned so far:

After two successful events in January, coming up on Tuesday, February 9 is: ReVision Energy Solar Energy Seminar, 6:00 pm. John Capron, from ReVision Energy, will answer your questions about Maine's energy situation, solar energy's place in Maine's future, and how you can use solar energy in your own home.

All programs take place at the library, 935 Cundy's Harbor Road, Harpswell. More evening programs are in the works, so check the library's website, www.cundysharbor.lib.me.us, for updates. — SS



near as your home computer or your Maine library.

If you need further assistance with the databases call us at the reference desk, 725-5242 ext. 204. — PD

WE LOVE ANIMALS

The bond between humans and animals is celebrated and explored in numerous library titles. Popular veterinarian authors are James Herriot, Jeff Wells *All My Patients Have Tales*, and Maine vet Bradford Brown *While You're Here, Doc* and *Just One More Thing Doc*.

Pets and farm animals are central characters in *Marley & Me* by John Grogan, Dean Koontz's *A Big Little Life: Memoirs of a Joyful Dog*, *Dewey the Small Town Library Cat Who Touched the World* by Vicki Myron, and *Homer's Odyssey* by Gwen Cooper. Less traditional pets are highlighted in *The Good Good Pig* by Sy Montgomery and *A Lion Called Christian* by Anthony Bourke.

Animal rescue and rehabilitation books are hot recently. An unlikely group of tattooed bikers from New York take center stage in *Rescue Ink* by Denise Flaim. A trio of tales from women who rehabilitate wild birds recently entered the Curtis Library collection: *Flyaway: How a Wild Bird Rehabber Sought Adventure and Found Her Wings* by Suzie Gilbert and *Corvus: A Life with Birds* by Scottish author Esther Woolfson. *Wesley the Owl* by wildlife biologist and owl expert Stacey O'Brien tells the story of her rescue of an abandoned barn owl and their 19 year life together.

For those who would like to expand their understanding of the animal human bond, consider *Animals Make Us Human* by Temple Grandin and John Franklin's *Wolf in the Parlor*. *Inside of a Dog* by Alexandra Horowitz explores dog psychology. — LO



Browse at Dewey 636 or ask at the reference desk for these and other titles.

VOLUNTEER: JEFF HALL

Jeff retired from a career in construction and moved to Brunswick to be near family.

He loves films and enjoys putting away the library's DVDs.



TRACK YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

Since last May, library users have downloaded over 11,000 transcriptions and images using Ancestry.com at the library. We hope this means that a lot of you are making progress with your family histories!

We also hope that in providing this resource we've encouraged those of you with no prior genealogy experience to try it out

and see what a fun and challenging hobby it can be. Who doesn't enjoy unraveling a mystery?

Don't forget that Ancestry is continually adding new records and updating others. So, if you didn't find what you were looking for the first time, be sure to check back later. — RF



DESIGNER'S EYE

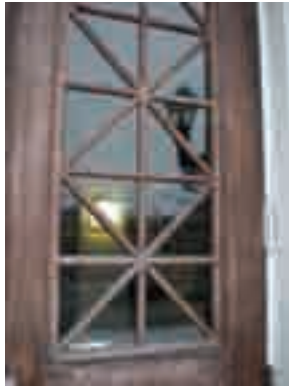
Proofreaders are trained to spot mistakes in the copy they read. But many of us breeze right past an extra word because our eye-brain has learned to filter out information that doesn't count for much, or that over time we just stop noticing. I've gotten so used to my half-completed kitchen remodeling that I no longer see the bare studs around one door frame anymore. (It's been about a year since I removed the trim to add a cabinet.) Perhaps there is some evolutionary selective advantage to unconsciously discarding certain sensory input, but that trait leads many of us to miss details around us.

One detail in the library that hasn't been lost by either architects or logo designers is the eight-pointed star motif. Though many of us look past the stars that are integral to many aspects of woodwork, glass and windows throughout the building, Robert Brochu, the creative director at Briggs Advertising, drew on the design as a concept for the new library logo. It may be interpreted as a star or a window to the world, but in any case Robert translated the architectural pattern into "A World of Possibility".

Boston architect A.W. Longfellow built the star motif into the windows and doors on the original library building in 1904. Longfellow was a nephew of the poet and a senior architect for the firm that, along with projects at Harvard University and Radcliffe College, designed many of the Carnegie libraries of the era. Longfellow designed Merrill Memorial Library in Yarmouth at about the same time as Curtis Memorial. It shouldn't be a surprise that Merrill has similar star-shaped windows. The motif is seen in structures of the time including buildings at the University of Maine, Farmington.

Another Boston architect, Tom Amsler of Amsler, Woodhouse and MacLean, latched onto the motif and included the design element throughout our new building, now ten years old.

Take a fresh look around Curtis for all the different applications of Longfellow's star design. — MH



Looking for a challenge?

Anyone with time on their hands is welcome to make a stab at locating all of the stars in the building. We have yet to get a definitive count.

COMMUNITY READ THEME PUZZLES

BOGGLE

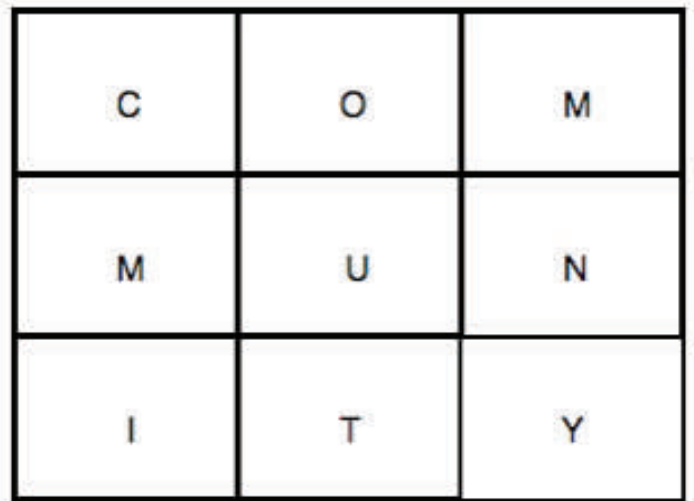
Try your hand at these puzzles designed by our Puzzle master George Burr. If you are reading *Glory in the Name*, you are sure to recognize the source of George's inspiration.

This puzzle challenges you to create as many words as possible using sequentially adjacent letters—horizontally, vertically, diagonally— using letters only once per word.

Rumor has it there are over 70 words possible.

WORD SEARCH

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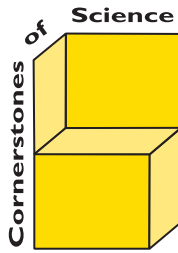
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A world of books awaits you—Read, Write & Win

A wonderful way for children and teens to discover the incredible collection of Cornerstones of Science (CoS) books available here at Curtis Memorial Library is through involvement in the annual CoS **Read, Write & Win** contest. Students in grades 3 through 12 choose a CoS nominated book to read, write a review about it, then submit their review to the contest by March 26, 2010. Original illustrations, inspired by the chosen book, may also be submitted for prizes.

To find the Cornerstones of Science nominated books, go to the CoS website, www.cornerstonesofscience.org, and search the book list by topic, author, title, or grade level. Another way to search for CoS books is to type “Cornerstones of Science” into the library’s e-catalog. Or, peruse the science stacks and look for the blue, two-cube CoS spine labels that designate CoS nominee books.

Winners receive a gift certificate to Gulf of Maine Books and have their review posted on the CoS website. Each year the contest has grown in popularity, and in 2009 we had over 300 entries from students all across Maine, as well as a few from across the country, including entries from the twenty CoS partner libraries. Entries are judged by grade level against all other entries received.

Rules and guidelines for writing the reviews can be found at the CoS website under the “Read, Write & Win” link. All interested students are encouraged to participate, either on their own or through their library, or public, private or home school.

Adults can get involved and share the fun too by becoming a volunteer judge. Judging templates and flexible time commitments make this an easy task. Contact Sandy Kauffman at 725-5242 ext. 216 for more information.

We eagerly await this year’s crop of reviews and delight in the knowledge that more and more young people are finding that science isn’t something to shy away from, but rather an exciting world of discovery and possibilities. — JH



UPDATING CHIP

Each year thanks to the generous support of the hospital partners, Mid Coast Hospital and Parkview Adventist Medical Center, it is possible for the Community Health Information Partnership (CHIP) to replace about 500 items about health, medical conditions, lifestyle changes, fitness, diet and parenting.

Some 2009 additions include books for adults about:

- Vegan lifestyle and vegan cookbooks
- Senior health topics, e.g., brain health, hearing aids, assisted living, macular degeneration
- Cancer - prostate and breast cancer, chemotherapy
- Diabetes - living with diabetes, complications, restaurant eating, cookbooks
- Family medical guides, the *Merck Manual Home Health Handbook* and the *Mayo Clinic Family Health Book*



- Books in the series *100 Questions and Answers about...* e.g., cancers, fibromyalgia, OCD, ADD
- Autism spectrum disorders, also diet and cookbooks for autistic spectrum disorders
- Cleveland Clinic guides covering: arthritis, diabetes, heart attacks, infertility, liver disorders, menopause, sleep disorders, thyroid disorders, lung cancer, prostate cancer

New CHIP children’s materials will be highlighted in the next newsletter. — LO

DELIGHTFUL DINO-LIT

Dig into some dino-mite dino-books for kids! Here are some of our favorites:

Non-fiction —

Dinosaurs: The Most Complete, Up-to-Date Encyclopedia for Dinosaur Lovers of All Ages by Thomas R. Holtz, Jr.

Extreme Dinosaurs by Robert Mash

Finding the First T. Rex by Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld

Picture Books and Fiction—

Buying, Training, and Caring for Your Dinosaur
by Laura Joy Rennert

The Case of the Dinosaur Birds (with Hank the Cowdog)
by John R. Erickson

Jane Yolen's *How Do Dinosaurs...* series

The Littlest Dinosaur's Big Adventure by Michael Foreman

Create Your Own—

Kids Draw Dinosaurs by Christopher Hart

Ralph Masiello's *Dinosaur Drawing Book* — PJ

What do you get if you cross a dinosaur with a rabbit?

A: [Tricera-hops](#)

What do you call a dinosaur in a cowboy hat and spurs?

A: [Tyrannosaurus Tex](#)

What do you call a sleeping dinosaur?

A: [Stego-snore-us](#)

from *Dino Riddles* by Katy Hall and Liza Eisenberg



TeenTechWeek March 7-13

Teen Tech Week [TTW] is a national initiative encouraging teens to take advantage of libraries' nonprint resources, including DVDs, e-readers, online and console gaming, etc. The 2010 theme is Learn Create Share@your library so what better way to do that than to have one of our regular teen patrons present two workshops?

William Thieme, a 9th grade student at Brunswick High School, offers these programs for Apple users during TTW:

Managing Your Music: Saturday March 13, 2:00-3:15 pm

Do you use iTunes to manage your music? Would you like to learn all the tricks and tips of an iTunes guru? Learn how to manage your music like a master at this workshop for teens only. Bring your Mac laptop if you have one.

Syncing and Apps: Saturday March 13, 3:30-5:00 pm

Do you have multiple computers or an iPod Touch or iPhone that you would like to keep in sync no matter where you go? Would you like to learn some helpful new apps to enhance your Mac experience? Then come to this session to learn about both features. Bring your iPod Touch or iPhone. — MO

For a complete schedule of events for teens, check out the teen calendar on our website at www.curtislibrary.com, or email Melissa Orth, morth@curtislibrary.com or fan the Teens@Curtis Library page on Facebook.

T-RRIFIC T-REX IN THE CHILDREN'S AREA!



This life-size fiberglass cast of a *Tyrannosaurus rex* skull is on loan from science educator Tony Sohns, owner of the Rock and Art Shop in Ellsworth, Maine. The skeleton of "Black Beauty" was discovered in 1981 in Alberta, Canada. The model is on display in the Children's area through the end of February.

NEW MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Curtis Friends was established in 1965 and is an independent, non-profit organization that provides financial and volunteer support to the Curtis Memorial Library. We are proud to be able to assist such an exceptional institution and consequently benefit the citizenship of our greater community. While our membership is currently 650 strong, we are always looking for ways to keep our ranks vital and growing.

In recent years we have noticed some confusion concerning the differences in various Curtis Friends membership levels. This has been particularly evident at the Annual Book Sale Thursday night sale for members only (previously known as the Preview Sale and now referred to as the Member Appreciation Sale).

In order to bring clarity to membership and fairness to all, we have changed our membership categories from Individual/Family and Business — to Silver, Gold and Platinum. You may still join the Friends for the same low price of \$10 (Silver). Or you may choose to contribute \$20 for a Gold membership. Donations of \$30 or more will make you a Platinum member, the balance of funds being noted as a donation to the Friends and its support of the library. The number of books you may buy at the Member Appreciation Sale is commensurate with your level of membership (10 books for Silver, 20 for Gold, 30 for Platinum).

If you are currently a member of Friends (whether Individual/Family or Business), your membership remains as is until the expiration date on your membership card. At that point in time you may re-join as a Silver, Gold or Platinum member.

Regardless of your membership category, you can be sure that your contribution is helping a great library become an even more valuable asset to our community. Look for our new membership brochure at the library or visit the Friends section of the library's website at www.curtislibrary.com/curtis-friends.

Please consider becoming a Friend today! — SM

BECOME A FRIEND

Use the form below and drop it off at the library or mail it to Curtis Friends, 23 Pleasant Street, Brunswick, ME 04011

You may also join online at www.curtislibrary.com/donate.

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- Silver — \$10
- Gold — \$20
- Platinum — \$30
- Additional Donation \$ _____

Please Note: One benefit of being a member of Curtis Friends is admission into our annual book sale the night before it opens for the public.

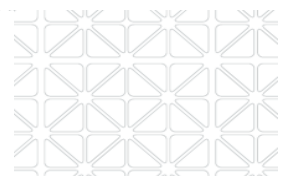
That evening the number of books you may buy is based on your membership level (10 books for Silver, 20 for Gold, and 30 for Platinum).

Please make checks payable to: Curtis Friends. Your contribution is tax-deductible. Thank you!

- Contact me with information about volunteer opportunities.



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



FRIENDS BOARD NOTES

At the November Board meeting, the Curtis Friends welcomed new Board members and also elected officers. New to the Board are Ann Lehmann, Bill Mason, Carol Sockloff, and Greg Sullwold.

The new Board members bring with them a wealth of community and professional experience. Ann Lehman has lived in Harpswell since 1993 and prides herself in being a professional volunteer. She will be heading the Curtis Friends outreach program, Books to the Homebound.

Bill Mason graduated from Bowdoin College, and he and his wife have recently returned to Brunswick to retire. Bill's professional life has focused on college and prep school admissions at several top schools in New England. He will be working primarily with the Board's Membership Committee.

Carol Sockloff and her husband have lived in Brunswick since 2005. She is a retired reading specialist and will be heading the Children's Book Sale in 2010.

Greg Sullwold is a Brunswick resident and has held financial management positions including serving as a corporate officer of the Salvation Army. He will also be working with the Membership Committee.

New officers elected at the November meeting to take over at the end of the fiscal year in May 2010, are Carrie Strasburger



Adult bag (left) Versatile, functional, stylish, and eco-friendly, this Curtis Friends Book Bag is only \$10. Great for totin' your treasures around town, whether they be books, groceries, school supplies, etc.

Kids bag (right) Introducing the new cool Curtis Kids Knapsack. Made of durable nylon with drawstring straps, this is perfect for carrying books, sports gear, and more. Only \$5.

as President, George Burr as Vice-President, Stephanie Foster as Secretary, and Mary Turner as Treasurer.

The board bid farewell to Joan Brewer, Beth Caputi, and Catherine Ferdinand and expressed its gratitude for their hard work and commitment to Curtis Library and Curtis Friends. — CS

KIDS BOOK SALE A HUGE SUCCESS

On Saturday, November 14th the Children's Book Sale, sponsored by Curtis Friends, was tremendously successful. Hundreds of patrons came out to take advantage of the amazing bargains and wide assortment.

Donated children's books and media material, sorted by many volunteers, were in more than 20 different categories making it easier for shoppers to find exactly what they were looking for.

Local illustrator, Charlotte Agell was on hand sketching portraits

for those willing to wait in line. As in years past, this was a very popular activity for children while their parents shopped. Many local teachers came to the sale to stock up on books for their classroom libraries.

In addition to books, this was the debut for the Curtis Kids Book Sac, which was very popular with many shoppers. This year's sale earned over \$2,100, and all proceeds are used to support children's programming, projects, and book purchases. — CS



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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

Closed Monday, Feb. 15, 2010
Presidents' Day

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