

# Footnotes

*Friends of the Newburyport Public Library*



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## New Faces, New Places

### *Staff Changes at Newburyport Public Library*

You may have noticed some staff changes over the past few months at the library. In November, Sarah Moser became head of the Information Services Department as the Senior Librarian. Sarah earned master's degrees in Library and Information Science and Museum Education. She has worked in museums, libraries, and archives, including a volunteer stint at the Newburyport Public Library Archival Center. Prior to coming here, she worked at the Social Law Library in Boston. Sarah is raising a puppy and is an avid Red Sox fan. She even got to attend spring training this year!

Beth Pendak, who has worked at the library for several years as a part-time library technician, has been promoted to Staff Librarian working primarily in the Information Services department. Succeeding Beth as library technician is new hire Dan Tremblay, who has experience in public and academic libraries and an archive. Dan holds a master's degree and has many interests including sports and music (he plays guitar and drums). He will work primarily at the Circulation and Children's Department desks.

Donna Childs, who formerly served as Staff Librarian with a focus on teen services, is now in charge of Inter-Library Loan services. Her successor is Andrea Bunker, who comes to the Newburyport Public Library with experience as a high school teacher, reference and young adult librarian, and gay-straight alliance advisor. She has created and carried out many programs for adults, teens, and "tweens" and has lots of ideas for programs here. In her free time she runs, sings, and does crafts. We look forward to having Andrea join the staff and extend encouragement and welcome to all in their new positions.

## Dear Friends,

This spring has been busy with the Friends of the Library. April's Great Old Book Sale was a big success, raising \$12,322 over three days. Our success is measured not only in dollars but also in the efforts of volunteers, new friendships made, and satisfied expressions on the faces of book-laden shoppers. Recent volunteers Johanna, Jon, Joyce, Jim, and Alex joined the crew of veterans and devoted many hours to helping with sorting, selling and cleaning up.

The second Annual Appeal—requesting library supporters to donate to the support of the library through the Friends—is under way. So far, many generous contributions have been received. All members of the Friends should have received a donation request in the mail. If you did not get one, they are available at the Circulation Desk.

This issue of "Footnotes" includes a form for your membership renewal, which comes due at the end of June 2009. The Friends of the Newburyport Public Library can boast being one of the largest Friends groups in the state—larger even than the Boston Friends—and we greatly value your membership. Mail your check and completed form to the library or drop it off at the Circulation Desk.

The Annual Meeting of the Friends in September will feature a talk by local historian and author Jean Doyle. Mark your calendar to join us to learn about Jean's latest research on Tuesday, September 15.

Enjoy your summer reading!

See you at the Library,

Amantha Moore, President  
Friends of the Newburyport Public Library

## Brain Teaser

Al Lavender

What do the following words all have in common (besides having just one syllable each)?

BALL MESS LIST TON PUT

The winner's name will be drawn from those who submit the correct answer. That person will be presented with a Blake Hughes print of the Newburyport Public Library.

Entries are limited to one per member and must be sent to Al Lavender, 10 Rawson Hill Road, Newburyport, MA 01950 (or e-mail: allavender@comcast.net).

Deadline for receipt of entries is July 15, 2009.

## Contest Results

The last contest was to come up with as many words as possible made from the letters:

NEW HEAD LIBRARIAN

Congratulations to Mary Gage for getting 674 words, and an honorable mention goes to Gloria Braunhardt for finding 654 words.



## Newburyport Public Library Web Notes

### *Digital Audio Book Downloads*

Have you tried Overdrive, our digital library where library patrons can browse, check out, and download best-selling and classic audio books? These audio books are playable on a variety of devices, now including your Mac, iPOD, MP3 player, and PC. The online collection is available any time of day from anywhere in the world—all you need is an Internet connection and your library card. Stop by the library to pick up an informational brochure.



Visit [mvlc.lib.overdrive.com](http://mvlc.lib.overdrive.com) and try it today. You can also find the link to Overdrive on our website—[www.newburyportpl.org](http://www.newburyportpl.org)—scroll to the bottom of the page and click on “view online resources.”

### *NPL Receives Public Relations Award*

The Massachusetts Library Association has awarded the Newburyport Public Library third prize for website design in its nineteenth biennial Public Relations Award competition. iMarc LCC, a web development and interactive marketing agency located on Inn Street, designed the site with input from library staff under the direction of Giselle Stevens. The library is grateful to iMarc for the donation of its services as well as its ongoing web hosting. Judges remarked that the site draws users in and is well organized and easy to navigate, with very effective colors and design elements. The public relations award was presented at a special ceremony on May 7 at the Massachusetts Library Association annual conference in Springfield.

## Summer Programs for Kids

Summer and with it Summer Reading are upon us here in the Children's Room and up in the Teen Loft. A hard working committee of principals, teachers, and librarians has developed reading lists for the Newburyport Public Schools. All books on these lists will be made available in mid-June, and will be found in the Children's Room (entering grades K-6) and the Teen Loft (entering grades 7-12). To make them easier to find, all books will be set aside and will be labeled with the grade number to which they are assigned. Throughout the summer you may check the Newburyport Public Schools web site for complete information including summer reading book lists and assignments at [www.newburyport.k12.ma.us](http://www.newburyport.k12.ma.us).

In the Children's Room we will kick off the summer with our Reading Logs, which will be available beginning Monday, June 15. Students entering grades K-6 are invited to participate and keep track of the minutes they read or are read to. We will hold prize drawings every Friday morning and all participants are invited to attend our end-of-summer ice cream party



on Thursday, August 13. We will also be offering a variety of programs for all ages throughout the summer, including: Starship Adventure, Science in Motion with Robert Rivest; a live, hands-on cooking demonstration; Romper Rhythm Puppets; Starship Magic Show with Steve Rudolph; Howl at the Moon Sing Along with Tom Seiling; Curious Creatures; Magnificent

Mosaics with Leslie Doherty; Make a Rocket Ship with the Museum of Science; and many other original programs organized and planned by the Children's Room staff.

Thank you to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring many of these wonderful and exciting programs. Stop by the library in early June to pick up a calendar of summer events and keep checking [www.newburyportpl.org](http://www.newburyportpl.org) for the most up-to-date information on Children's Programs!

## Friends of the Newburyport Public Library

### Membership Form

Good through June 30, 2010

I wish to:

- join the Friends of the Library
- renew my membership

in the following category:

- Individual \$7.00
- Senior or Student \$5.00
- Family \$15.00
- Contributor \$25.00
- Patron \$50.00

In addition, I wish to make a donation to:

- The Archival Center \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- The Endowment Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- The General Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to  
**Friends of the Library**  
for memberships and donations to special funds.

Mail this form with payment to:  
Friends of the Library  
Newburyport Public Library  
94 State Street  
Newburyport, MA 01950  
(or drop off at the library's Circulation Desk)

*Thank You*

### **Executive Board**

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### **Summer Hours**

#### **Main Library**

Monday–Thursday, 9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.  
Friday, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Saturday (through June), 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Saturday (July & August), 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.  
Closed Sundays and July 3–4; September 5–7

#### **Emma L. Andrews Branch**

Wednesday, 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Saturday, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

#### **Newburyport Archival Center**

Monday–Friday, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. and  
1:00–4:00 p.m.  
Saturday, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.  
Call ahead for availability on Wednesday from  
5:00–8:00 p.m.

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