

# The Library Connection

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## A Message from the Friends' President

I hope everyone had a great summer, as hot as it was! The Friends were very active at Celebrate Burlington day on August 7. Geri Degursky did a great job of managing lots of youngsters creating their own bookmarks with beautiful materials that she and Anita Smith provided. We also sold used children's books to fund children's programs. Many thanks as well to all the other volunteers that day.

We're excited about our fall book sale planned for October 14-17. We're also hoping you'll mark your calendar to enjoy a meal at Uno's at the Burlington Mall on Wednesday, Oct. 27 -- a percentage of profits that day will go to the library from dine-in, take-out and frozen prepared meals purchased with the coupon you see here.

*Rosalie Blum*

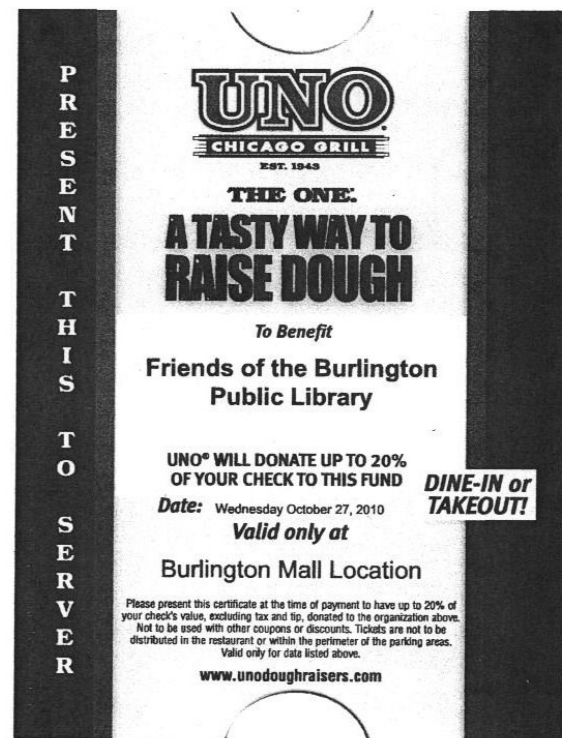
## THE FRIENDS NEED YOU!

Key Board members will be leaving the Friends of the Library at the end of the year. Could YOU fill one of these board positions in January of 2011? Can you attend a monthly meeting and help the Friends to flourish? We will need:

- Treasurer -- able to produce budget reports and manage money
- Recording Secretary to take minutes at meetings
- Membership Chairperson, to maintain membership list and welcome new members.

Contact Rosalie at 781-272-7785 or [rvblux@aol.com](mailto:rvblux@aol.com) if you'd like to join the fun.

**Eat at Uno's on Oct. 27  
to benefit the Friends!**



Clip this coupon to present when purchasing food or drink (eat-in or take-out!) at UNO Chicago Grill at the Burlington Mall on Wednesday, October 27, and the Friends of the Library will receive up to 20% of the money you spend!!

## BOOK SALE THIS WEEKEND

Thousands of books, paperbacks, audiobooks, DVDs, and music CDs, plus a selection of puzzles and games are available now at the Library. Prices are low, and every sale benefits the Friends of the Library! Sunday is "Buy a Bag" Day!! Details on p. 4.

## Upcoming Programs for Adults Enjoy an Evening Out!

Thurs., Oct. 21 – 7 p.m. – **“Introduction to Italian Opera”** with Bradley Pennington, founder and artistic director of Boston Bel Cano Opera, who'll give us a history and overview of some of the most glorious music in the world. A soloist will accompany him to sing samples of a selection of arias. Don't miss this delightful evening!

Thurs., Nov. 18 – 7 p.m. -- **“Creating an Edible Still-Life Buffet.”** Cooking instructor Liz Barbour will show you how to turn your holiday buffet table into a beautiful work of art, using found objects, fruits, vegetables, fine china, herbs and flowers to create a 3-dimensional still life.

Thurs., Dec. 16– 7 p.m. -- **"Holiday Dessert Tasting and Recipe Swap."** Plan to bring your favorite homemade dessert plus recipes to share, and be prepared to tell a bit about your creation. Everyone gets to taste the goodies, and everyone can bring home new recipes. Pre-registration will be required for those who plan to bake.

These and more are part of the *Friends* ‘Third Thursday’ program series, offered to you free of charge. See a complete list on the Library’s website at [www.burlingtonpubliclibrary.org](http://www.burlingtonpubliclibrary.org).

### “BOOK TALK”



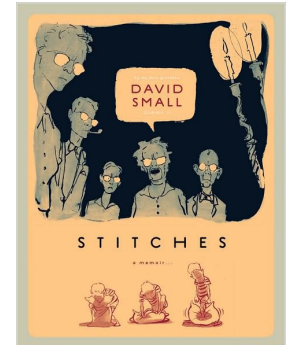
Are you a reader? Do you enjoy warm, convivial gatherings with others who enjoy a good book?

The Library's daytime book discussion group will meet on Oct.14 and 28, and on Dec. 9 and 23rd from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. (No November meetings due to holidays.)

Join us for coffee and conversation. Hear about new books at the library and share what you've been reading.

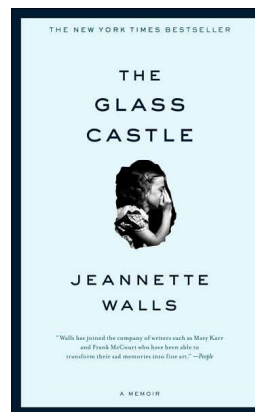
## EVENING BOOK DISCUSSIONS (7-8:30 p.m. on the Last Wednesday of each month)

**Oct. 27 - "Stitches: a Memoir" by David Small.** Swing by the Library after eating at Uno's and share in the discussion of David Small's illustrated book "Stitches." The author



is best known as a children's book illustrator, and here he shares the startling story of his childhood when he lost his voice to cancer because of well-intentioned medical treatments administered by his father. This is a story told with many pictures and few words: you can read it in an evening but you'll remember it for a long, long time Discussion will be led by Shelley Mastalerz, the Library's Young Adult specialist.

**Nov. 17 - "The Glass Castle,"**



**by Jeannette Walls.** We'll meet a week early (to avoid Thanksgiving to discuss an astonishing memoir about growing up with parents who were either creative and resourceful or criminally negligent, depending on your point of view. How would YOU characterize their

parenting style? Lisa Antonelli will lead the discussion.

### Why Would a Person Join a Book Discussion Group?

Have a look at the brief video on the Library's Facebook Page and see what your friends and neighbors had to say! Is it time for YOU to join a book group?

## EXHIBITS AT THE LIBRARY

**In October:** Burlington resident Ginger Greenblatt is exhibiting oil paintings and watercolors in the Library's first floor Gallery area. She is an extremely talented artist whose work will be familiar to many.

The Burlington Sons of Italy have filled the glass cases in the entry and exit lobbies with objects relating to Italian American cultural heritage.

**In November:** Aerial photography of Burlington taken by Ilan Singer will hang in both the Gallery and the glass display cases.

**In December:** The Burlington Library Quilters will showcase holiday quilts in the Gallery.

The glass display cases are currently available in December to someone who might have collectibles or small works of art to show. Contact Susanne Sullivan at 781-505-4985 or [ssullivan@burlmass.org](mailto:ssullivan@burlmass.org) for details.

## COMPUTER CLASSES

Let Library staff members introduce you to the wonders of the Internet or help you sharpen your skills, in a small-group class.

Participants MUST be able to use a mouse in order to participate. (If you're just dipping your toes into computer waters, staff at the Reference Desk can provide tutorials on using a 'mouse': just ask!)

**Navigating the 'Net 1** - A first look at the Internet. Wednesday, Nov. 10 from 1:15-2:30.

**Navigating the 'Net 2** - A deeper look at the Internet. Get more practice in learning to search the Internet to find information on your own with confidence. Check out the news, tax forms, watch TV and how-to videos.

Stop by the Reference Desk on the second floor, or call 781-270-1691 to register.

## ONE-ON-ONE COMPUTER WORKSHOPS

**Health Care Information on the Internet --** Learn how to evaluate online health resources for their authority, objectivity and timeliness. In addition to finding general health information, we will also look at websites that have physician directories, travel updates, tutorials, videos and newsgroups. Participants should be fairly comfortable with the internet. Stop by the Reference Desk on the second floor or call 781-270-1691 to make an appointment with Librarian Donna Manoogian.

**Library Catalog --** A one-on-one workshop to learn how to search the online catalog for books, films, music and other items that are available at Burlington and the other libraries in our consortium. A reference librarian will show you how to access your library account, place holds, and renew your items. Call the Reference Desk at 781-270-1691 to schedule an appointment.

**Database Workshop --** A one-on-one class to learn about online databases and how to access them from any computer at home or at the library. Learn how to find magazine and newspaper articles, take practice exams for SAT, GRE, civil service and many other exams, read book reviews or entire books online, gather business information and sales leads. Call 781-270-1691 to make an appointment with Librarian Marnie Smith.

**Email --** Set up a free Yahoo! email account and learn how to use it. Pick up a "How-to" brochure at the Reference Desk on the second floor and /or ask for a one-on-one lesson with a librarian.

**IMPORTANT:** Computer class participants MUST be able to use a mouse. If you need help with that, speak to a reference librarian: we have tutorials that can help. All computer classes at the Library are FREE but you must register in advance: stop by the reference desk or call 781-270-1691.

## FROM THE DESK OF LORI HODGSON, LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Another busy summer has come to a close. A wide variety of programs for children and teens based on the Summer Reading theme of "Go Green" was offered thanks in large part to funding by the Friends of the Burlington Public Library.

The adult summer reading program was able to offer 2 prizes each month because of donations from local business and additional funding from the Friends.

Also this summer, 468 passes allowing free or discounted admission to 14 different area museums and attractions were borrowed by our patrons. These passes are made possible by your membership in the Friends and your support of fundraisers held by this valuable organization.

### 'BURLINGTON READS'

Although it is still too early to share all the details, planning has begun for our second "Burlington Reads" town-wide reading experience! This time we want YOU to help us choose which book to read. A questionnaire will be available at the library and on our website (at [www.burlingtonpubliclibrary.org](http://www.burlingtonpubliclibrary.org)) later this month. Please vote for the book of your choice!

### FALL BOOKSALE HOURS

**Thurs., Oct. 14, 5:15-8:45 - MEMBERS NIGHT!** Best selection! If you're not a member you can join at the door.

**Friday, Oct. 15, 10:15-5:45**

**Saturday, Oct. 16, 10:15-4:45**

**Sunday, Oct. 17, 1:15-4:45.** Sunday is "Buy a Bag" day: fill a brown paper shopping bag that we provide and pay what you think it's worth (\$2 minimum, please). Or buy a BIG canvas Friends' bag for \$10 and fill it up for free!

## PERIODICALS AT THE LIBRARY

The Burlington Public Library currently purchases over 135 different magazines, 19 newspapers, and other serial consumer publications for you to read and enjoy. Our goal is to provide a wide variety to satisfy the needs of as many library users as possible! New title suggestions are encouraged. The Library is purchasing several new subscriptions for 2011. Recent additions to our adult collection are:

- *Consumer Reports Money Advisor.* Financial advice from the same unbiased, non-profit folks that help millions of people choose their next stove or automobile.
- Food Network Magazine. Famous chefs (Bobby, Giada, Paula . . .), recipes galore and mouthwatering photos. Looking for 50 different panini recipes? You can find them here.
- Harvard Health Letter. Drawing on the research of the physicians at the Harvard Medical School and its affiliated hospitals, this 8 page monthly newsletter presents current and authoritative health information.
- Men's Health Magazine. Information on fitness, health, relationships, nutrition, weight-loss and style.
- Irish Roots Magazine. A helpful genealogical tool for those whose family tree stems from the 'Emerald Isle.' Included are news updates, tips for using research repositories, interviews, and information on Irish culture, heritage, legends and traditions.

If you don't see what you need in our Periodicals department on the second floor, many full-text and indexed magazine and journal articles can be accessed through our online databases, available at the library or through our website, [www.burlingtonpubliclibrary.org](http://www.burlingtonpubliclibrary.org). Also, if you have a citation to a specific article we may be able to get a copy for you through our outside sources. Reference librarians on the second floor will be happy to help you, either in person or over the phone at 781-270-1691.

## Young Adults Love the Library!



**T.A.G/ (Teen Advisory Group) Schedule:**  
Mondays, 7-8 p.m. on Nov. 1 and Dec. 6  
Tuesdays, 7:45-8:45 p.m. on Oct. 19 and Nov. 16

### **Pumpkin Painting Contest**

Tuesday, Oct. 26, 7:45-8:45  
Get in the fall spirit by painting a pumpkin! The first 10 teens to sign up will receive their own pumpkin and all painting supplies will be provided. Pumpkins will be placed on display so that everyone will be able to vote on their favorite painted pumpkin. The winner will take home a free bag of fall goodies!

### **Wii Sports Tournament for Teens**

Tuesday, November 30, 7:45-8:45  
Test out your Wii skills with a little friendly competition, and pair up with a partner for a double elimination tournament. (This event may be a singles competition depending on how many people sign up!) Rules will be provided on game day -- all teams must be signed up by Monday, Nov. 29th to enter. Sign up the next time you're in the Youth Services department, or call 781-270-1692. If you don't have a partner, don't worry! We can pair somebody up with you.

### **Teen Holiday Cookie Decorating**

Tuesday, December 28, 7:45-8:45 p.m.  
Come and celebrate the holidays with some free cookies! All decorating materials will be provided.

## Special Programs Just for Kids!

**"Need 2 Read" Book Club** for elementary school students meets monthly on Thursday afternoons. Club members read a new book every other month, and then talk, do projects, and play games based on the book. For more information contact Mary Naugle in the Youth Services Department at 7891-270-1692

[See the 'Need 2 Read' video on the Library's Facebook page to see why kids love it!](#)

**Scrabble Club**, for students in grades 4-8 meets Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-4:45 beginning Oct. 5. Learn to



play or improve your Scrabble game. Learn new words, meet new people and have fun!

**"Halloween Happenings"** - Tuesday, Oct. 26, 7:15 p.m., and again on Wed., Oct. 27 at 10:30 a.m. A gentle, un-scary storytime for younger family members. This 40 minute program includes puppets, stories and songs, followed by a parade through the library. Come in costume: it adds to the fun!

**"Spine-Tingling Tales"** - Wednesday, Oct. 27, 4-5 p.m. Join storyteller Mary Naugle for some spookier storytelling for kids age 7 and up. Enjoy creepy stories, songs, and some bone-rattling audience participation.

**Thanksgiving and Harvest Storytime** - Tuesday, Nov. 23, 10:30 a.m., especially for children ages 3-7. Includes stories, music and puppets and a simple craft.

**Family Holiday Storytime** - Tuesday, Dec. 21, 10:30 a.m. For children ages 3-7. Christmas and Hanukkah stories and activities and a simple craft.

## Fall Storytime Schedule

September 21 - Dec. 21



Regular, drop-in storytimes: no registration needed! Just drop in whenever it is convenient for you.

**"Baby Time" -- Fridays at 11 a.m.** (except Oct. 15 and Nov. 26). For babies from birth to 18 months, with caregiver.

**"Toddler Time" -- Tuesdays at 11 a.m. OR Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m.** (except Oct. 13 and Nov. 24). For ages 18-36 months, with caregiver.

**"Three's and Four's Time" -- Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m.,** with caregiver.

**"Pajama Storytime" -- Tuesdays at 7:15 p.m.** for families with 3-7 year olds.

Keep posted for a possible  
**Christmas Puppet Show**  
 check the Library website!

## Clip 'n Save Calendar

Fall 2010 *Friends* events

and more at the Burlington Library

Day	Date	Event
Tues	Oct 19	T.A.G. 7:45-8:45
Thurs	Oct 21	Italian Opera, 7 p.m.
Tues	Oct 26	Halloween Happenings, 7:15 pm
Tues	Oct.26	Pumpkin Painting for teens 7:45 pm
Wed	Oct 27	Uno Dough-raiser
Wed	Oct 27	Halloween Happenings 10:30 a.m.
Wed	Oct 27	Spine Tingling tales 4 pm
Wed	Oct 27	"Stitches" Book Discussion 7 p.m.
Thurs	Oct 28	Book Talk 10:30 am
Mon	Nov 1	T.A.G. 7-8 pm
Thurs	Nov. 4	Need 2 Read 3:30 pm
Mon	Nov 8	Friends Meeting 7 pm
Wed	Nov 10	Navigating the 'Net 1:15
Tues	Nov 16	T.A.G. 7:45 pm
Wed	Nov 17	"Glass Castle" Book discussion 7 pm
Thurs	Nov 18	'Edible Still Life' 7 pm
Tues	Nov 23	Thanksgiving Storytime 10:30 am
Tues	Nov 30	Wii Sports for teens 7:45 pm
Thurs	Dec 2	Need 2 Read 3:30-5 pm
Mon	Dec 6	Friends Meeting 7 pm
Mon	Dec 6	T.A.G. 7-8 pm
Thurs	Dec 9	Book Talk 10:30 am
Thurs	Dec 16	Holiday Dessert Tasting & Recipe Swap 7 pm
Tues	Dec 21	Family Holiday Storytime 10:30 am
Thurs	Dec 23	Book Talk 10:30 am
Tues	Dec 28	Teen Holiday Cookie Decorating 7:45 pm

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