

THE LIBRARY CONNECTION

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Summer 2010

A Message from the FOBPL President



Whew - what a busy spring we had! Our May Basket raffle was another huge success, we sold a lot of books at our book sale, our Evening Programs enjoyed great turnouts, and our initial Mother's Day Keepsake Photo event produced some wonderful portraits!

Friends members worked very hard on these events and their efforts are greatly appreciated! For the summer, at Celebrate Burlington on August 7 we plan to again offer kids the chance to make their own bookmarks and may also have a mini-book sale. Please join us either as a volunteer or participant at this and other upcoming events - check the library website for details, attend our second-Monday monthly meetings, or contact us personally! Enjoy the summer!

Rosalie

From the desk of Lori Hodgson, Library Director...



With summer now upon us the library is a buzz of activity. A wide variety of programs and events have been planned for children and teens centered on the state-wide theme "Go Green @ your library". A relaxed Summer Reading Program and helpful workshops are available for adults. Passes to 13 area attractions can be borrowed thanks to funding by you, our "Friends". Free internet access at our public work stations and free connection through our wireless network are available to all.

Visit the library and participate in one of the events or come in and find a quiet space to work, read newspapers, magazines or books. Escape the heat of summer in our comfortable, air-conditioned building.

If you can't get to the library, remember, you can do much of your activities through our website. Search databases, download audio and ebooks, renew items, check museum pass availability and make reservations, check the calendar for an event and much more. Just log on to burlingtonpubliclibrary.org.

For one other source of library information check us out in our newest location - on Facebook. Now you can search "Burlington Public Library" from your Facebook page to see the latest news and events.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer and we'll see you at the library!

Friends of the Burlington Public Library

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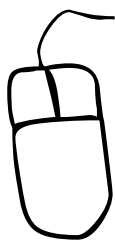
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Library Workshops

Are you getting the most out of your library experience? Do you want to create an Email account? Maybe we can help. The Burlington Public Library has several One-on-One Workshops that may be of interest to you. Our Library Catalog Workshop will teach you how to search for books, videos, CDs, etc. at the library or from home. You will also learn how to access your library account to place holds and renew items.

Our Database Workshop will teach you how you can find newspaper and magazine articles, take practice exams for the SATs, GREs, Civil Service, and many other tests, read books and book reviews online, and gather business information and sales leads. If you don't have an Email account yet, what are you waiting for? We will show you how easy it is and give you some assistance if needed.

To attend a workshop you must be able to use a computer mouse. If you need help with this, speak to a librarian and we can set you up with a tutorial. With a little practice, it's easy!



All computer workshops are FREE, but you must register in advance.

Call (781) 270-1691 or come to the Reference Desk on the second floor of the library to make an appointment with a librarian.

Mango Languages

Are you interested in learning a foreign language for free from home?

Will you be traveling to a foreign country and want to learn the language?
Would you like to learn a language to keep your mind active?

Burlington Public Library is now offering a FREE FUN INTERACTIVE tool called MANGO LANGUAGES.

Mango is addicting. You listen to words and phrases and repeat them. Mango lets you record and listen to your pronunciation and compare it to the speaker's.

Twenty two languages and 14 English as a Second Language courses are available.

You can access Mango Languages anywhere with an Internet connection and your Burlington Public Library card.

Don't miss the fun!

If you have any questions about Mango, call us at the Reference Desk at (781) 270-1691 or come and see us.

Downloadable audio books and ebooks

The downloadable audio books have been available for a few years and have been very popular with the Burlington library users. Now we are offering eBooks that can be downloaded and read either on your computer or with a compatible eBook device. Compatible eBook devices include the Barnes & Noble nook™ and the Sony Reader™. Browse the 200 titles available in the new eBook collection and download the free software onto your computer from the Overdrive website. The Overdrive website provides easy step-by-step instructions. You will need a valid library card from an MVLC library to access. For more information contact the staff at the Reference Desk.



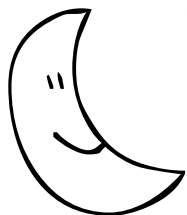
“Kick Back and Relax” Summer Reading for Adults

No stress, no fuss – take it easy and win a prize in the Library's “Kick Back and Relax” summer reading program for adults. Read anything you like, any where you like. Then fill out a brief form, drop it in the raffle box at the library and be entered into a drawing for soothing and delightful prizes. You might win dinner out at a restaurant or a free massage. The program

runs until August 31 and there will be monthly drawings for prizes. Don't know what to read? Have a look at the "Great Summer Reads" display on the main floor.

Evening Programs for Adults

Thursday, August 19, 2010 – 6-8 p.m. – **"Van Gogh's Starry Night" Pastel Painting class**, with



Gregory Maichack. A favorite instructor will return to do another lecture and demonstration before students try their own hand at working with pastels. Admission is free and all materials will be provided, but registration is

limited to 20 adults (age 16 or older.) Call Susanne Sullivan at (781) 505-4985 to reserve a place in this wonderful class.

Thursday, Sept, 16 – 7 p.m. – **Friends of the Landlocked Forest** will do a presentation about Burlington's own unique nature preserve.

Evening Book Discussions for Adults

Wednesday, July 28 – 7-8:30 p.m. The Last Wednesday Book Discussion Group will discuss Christopher McDougall's engaging non-fiction book, **Born to Run: a Hidden Tribe, Superathletes, and the Greatest Race the World has Never Seen**. This is the book that suggests we'd all be better off if we ran miles each day with bare feet. Read it and be inspired! Valentina Kalatcheva will lead the discussion. Copies of the book will be available at the library's front desk by July 1.

No book discussion in August.

Wednesday, Sept. 29, 7-8:30 p.m. Join Patrick Moreno and Philip D'Allevia for a discussion of Anthony Bourdain's **Kitchen Confidential**, a book that is sure to make your mouth water.

Thursday Morning 'Book Talk'



All who love to read are invited to gather for coffee and conversation on the second and fourth Thursday morning of each month at 10:30 a.m., to hear about new books in the library collection and then share with others what they have been reading. There is no required reading for this group: just a shared pleasure and enjoyment in books. Summer dates include July 8 and 22, August 12 and 26.

Exhibits at the Library

In July: Treat yourself to a pleasant jolt of color and energy in the July exhibit of paintings by young Jaclyn Meyer, on display at the Library through the month of July. Jaclyn titles her exhibit "Paintbrushes Filled with Sweet Dreams and a Little Psychosis" and assures us her work is "complex and oddly satisfying." Please stop by to enjoy something very different! Do YOU to have artwork, photographs, handcrafts, or interesting collectibles that you would like to share with the larger community? The Library has Fall openings for exhibit space in both the first floor Gallery and glass display cases. If you have something you'd like to show, contact the Assistant Director at (781) 505-4985

SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Summer Reading Program

Let kids have fun with recycling this summer. The statewide 2010 theme, **Go Green@Your Library**, recycles our imaginations through books. Our staff has been thinking up creative ways to adapt this year's program to the "recycle, reduce and reuse" theme. This year we will reuse the hands-on gameboard for kids to keep track of their hours of reading; and we will reuse the crossword puzzle concept from 2001. The puzzle will be different, because this year we will focus on words related to our "green" theme. We

will recycle old calendars into Children will piece for each on their game-puzzles will the walls of the readers will have in two local papers and on the website, and they will get a sticker from the sponsoring Boston Bruins to put on their gameboard. Kids can write online book reviews for an additional prize.



cereal boxes and jigsaw puzzles. receive a puzzle completed word board. These be displayed on library. 50-hour their name listed

Teens will take the “green” theme even further. Students entering 6th grade through high school participate in **Think Green@Your Library**. Teens can keep track of walking and bike-riding for prizes; and participate in eco-friendly programs, crafts and swaps. The 8-week programs end on August 14. Please check our website for more information.

Please Register for these Children’s Programs and Activities

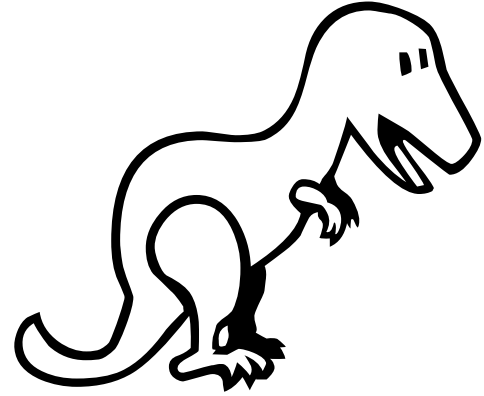
ON-LINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE FOR SOME PROGRAMS

Chess Basics for children & teens, Mondays, July 12 & 26 and August 9, 7-8:45 pm. BHS graduate, Peter Hovey, teaches chess. Registration required for each date. Any age welcome.

Scrabble Club, Tuesdays, July 6 – August 10 at 3:30 - 4:45 pm for grades 4 – 8. New and inexperienced players welcome. “Scrabble Tournament” Thursday, August 12, 12:00 - 4:30 pm: All 4th - 8th graders who play Scrabble are eligible for this tournament. Teams must register by August 5. Co-sponsored by the Woburn Public Library.

Building Greenville, Thursdays, July 15, 22, 29, 3:00 – 5:00 pm. Build scenes from an imaginary village using recycled items. Registration required for each date. Grade-schoolers.

Adventures in Science: Discovering Dinosaurs, Wednesday, July 7, 11:15 am. for ages 6 & 7; & 12:15 pm. for ages 8 up. Dinosaur science is changing every day as new discoveries rewrite what we know, or thought we knew, about these amazing animals. Are they really extinct? Touching will be allowed. Registration required (no online).



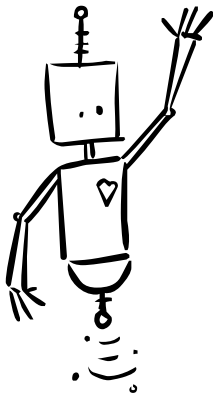
Need 2 Read Book Club: Paddle to the Sea, Thursday, July 8, 3:30 – 5:00 pm. Make fun stuff or play games based on the book. Snacks provided. All elementary students are welcome, age is not important. Need 2 Read will continue in the Fall.

Recycled Words: a Poetry and Art Workshop, Wednesday, July 28, 2:30-4:30 pm. Salvaging words from magazines, fliers, junk mail, etc. we’ll create associations between the words and compose a poem, simultaneously recycling these same words into a visual collage. With artist and poet, Yetti Frenkel. This Burlington Public Library program is sponsored by the Burlington Cultural Council and the Friends of the Library. Frenkel has worked on murals at Pine Glen and Francis Wyman Schools, and was at the library last year.

Adventures in Science: Jaws and Claws, Thursday, August 5, 11:15 pm. for ages 6 & 7; & 12:15 pm. for ages 8 up. Explore the amazing adaptations of predators, using skeletal remains and live animals. Touching will be allowed. Registration required (no online).

Fun Programs for Kids that do not require registration

July 14, Wed., 1:00 pm Rainforest Reptiles. Meet some exotic reptiles up close as professional handlers teach us about alligators, snakes, lizards, tortoises and other creatures. This fun, interactive program also gives everyone who wishes a chance to handle a snake or alligator, as well as offering a glimpse into why it is important to preserve the rainforests. Please do not bring children under the age of 4 years to this program. Thanks!



July 14, Wed., 7:00 pm Science in Action: Burlington High School Robotics Team! In March the team entered the USFIRST.org Regional Robotic Competition and won the Imagery Award. The BHS-team members have created a demonstration for younger students to introduce, encourage and discuss the possibilities and rewards of science, engineering and technology. This program is designed for elementary-aged students. No registration required.

July 21, Wed., 1:00 pm Sparky's Puppets. What's greener than a tree? Oak, apple and pine...a tree in every tale! See what happens when a poor woodcutter meets a mysterious forest creature who grants him three wishes if he spares her tree. Meet a magic talking tree and an acorn-loving squirrel.

The Friends of the Burlington Public Library is a non-profit, volunteer organization duly registered with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Public Charities; it consists of concerned citizens who share the belief that a strong public library is a valuable intellectual, cultural, educational and recreational resource in the community. Committed to this belief, they actively support the Burlington Public Library. The affairs and activities of the Friends are managed and directed by the group's officers, members, and the staff of the Burlington Public Library.

Become a Friend of the Burlington Public Library!

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 Friends of the Burlington Public Library
 22 Sears Street
 Burlington, MA 01803

Please make checks payable to FOBPL. Your donation is tax deductible.

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ANNUAL DUES (for 2010 calendar year)

_____ Senior (60+) \$7 _____ Individual \$10
 _____ Family \$12 _____ *Sustaining \$50
 _____ *Supporting \$100 _____ *Life Member \$200

*Sustaining, Supporting and Life members are acknowledged with a book plate in a library book recognizing their generosity.

Check below if you would like to help with:

_____ Planning Adult Programs
 _____ Helping with a Book Sale
 _____ Baking for Events
 _____ Fundraising
 _____ Membership Drive
 _____ Publicity or Newsletter

July 27, Tues., 2:30 pm Classicals. Meet a green dog, a carefree cricket, an unfortunate fish, a happy cat, a swarm of butterflies... Dance the Maypole Dance or the Cake Walk. Using props and puppets, projected pictures and piano, this collaboration of two singers and a keyboard makes classical music fun!

July 28, Wed., 7:00 pm Children’s Event: Science in Action: ‘Chemical Reactions’ Adhvait Shah, BHS graduate, will do chemistry demonstrations. This program is designed for elementary-aged students. No registration required.

Aug 4 Wed., 1:00 pm Mike the Bubbleman. It’s a 40-minute interactive, indoor show all about the science and wonder of bubbles! Learn about the shapes, colors, and chemistry of bubbles! You might even find yourself inside a bubble!

Aug 11, Wed., 1:00 pm Vic and Sticks: Recycled Rhythm Band. Make lots of noise at the library! You can do that when you join in with Vicki on her trusty ukulele, and Rick on his antique washboard and suitcase percussion, to become part of the Recycled Rhythm Band! Sing about the three ‘R’s’...reduce, reuse, recycle... with a vintage/vaudeville recycled rhythm beat. You will even hear that the best place to practice ‘reuse’ is at your neighborhood library!

Aug 17, Tues., 2:30 pm Summer Reading Program Finale: The “Double Decker Bus” with Brownie Macintosh. From Double-Decker Buses, to sign language and Spanish, to just plain fun; “Julie & Brownie” offer delightful, original and traditional songs for all ages. Everyone is welcome. Preferred seating for Summer Readers who have completed 24 hours of reading.

SUMMER STORYTIMES

Family Storytime Specials, Tuesdays. There will be a Storytime Special each week through August 10 that includes stories, and crafts using recycled objects. Storytime Specials are for ages 3 – 8. Two examples of these storytimes are listed below; check the website for more as they are developed.

Tuesday, July 13, 10:30 am “Storytime Special: Shadow Puppet Redux” Family storytime brings back good shadow stories, shadow version of “The Three Little Pigs, and shadow puppet-making.

Wednesday, July 20, 10:30 am “Storytime Special: Rocky the Dog Redux” Family Storytime brings back canine visitor, Rocky the Library Dog, along with some entertaining dog stories.

OTHER POPULAR STORYTIMES ONGOING IN SUMMER



Baby Time	Toddler Time
For birth to 18 months (with caregiver)	For 18 to 36 months (with caregiver)
Fridays at 11:00 a.m. (July 9 - August 13)	Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. (July 7 - August 11)

THE SEARCH FOR SERGEANT READ-A-LOT

This year the Sarge is visiting biomes on Earth. (“Biome” as a word is defined in our crossword puzzle.) He will text us from each biome. Each week he will write us from a different place. Look for his message in the library each week and see if you can guess where he is! Put your guesses in the Cat’s Hat and we will draw each Friday for prizes. Remember, we draw only correct answers!

Teen Summer Reading Programs and Registration

Registration is necessary for Teen Programs and Eco-Friendly Crafts. For Tuesday Teen Programs, registration will end on Monday at 9pm, and for Thursday Eco-Friendly Crafts, registration will end at Tuesday at 9pm. You can register a number of ways: by emailing youngadulteventsathebpl@gmail.com, calling the Youth Services Desk at (781) 270-1692, or stopping by the Youth Services Desk whenever at the library!

July 5 – July 9 Fiction and the Environment

Decorate Canvas Book Bag July 8th 1-2pm Decorate a canvas bag for all your book toting needs!

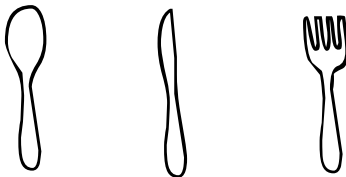
July 12 – July 16 Travel, Transportation, and the Environment



Biking Tips July 13th 7-8pm Want to know more about bicycles, and don't know where to go? Well, look no further! Come to the Burlington Public Library for more information on bicycling.

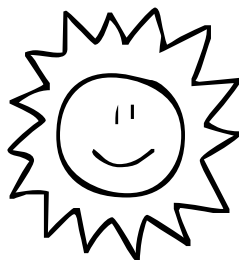
Travel Cup Bracelets July 15th 1-2pm Ever get a coffee to go? Well those coffee sleeves will come in handy for a new fashion accessory. Put those sleeves to work by making your own bracelet.

July 19 – July 23 Food and the Environment



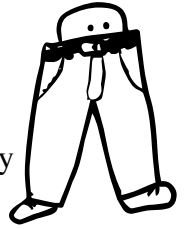
Composting July 20th 7-8pm Learn alternative ways of disposing of food scraps with a composting lesson. Information about environmental issues and food will be provided.

Reusable Snack Packs July 22nd 1-2pm Use plastic bags to hold your snacks? Turn green by making reusable snack bags that you can put right in the wash!



July 26 – July 30 Fashion and the Environment

Clothing Swap July 27th 7-8pm Bring in clothes you no longer wear, and trade them in for ones you will! (Please make sure that all clothes are washed, and ready for the next person to wear!)



Revamp Your Old Tee Contest July 29th 1-2pm Have t-shirts that you just don't wear? Why not refashion them? Reference books for how to change your old tee into something new will be provided.

August 2– August 6 Health, Beauty, and the Environment

Teen Community Walk Aug 3rd 7-8pm Often what is good for the environment is good for you too! Meet up with other teens in the community for some fun and fresh air.

Make Your Own Beauty Products Aug 5th 1-2pm Learn about the benefits of natural beauty products, and learn to make some of your own.

August 9–August 13 Leisure and the Environment

Game Day Aug 10th 7-8pm Come in for an energy saving good time. Board games will be provided, and of course feel free to bring in some of your own!

Choose Your Own Craft Aug 12th 1-2pm From Monday, June 14th until Friday, August 6th vote for a final Eco-Friendly Craft! Pick up a ballot in the Young Adult Fiction section of the library.

Teen Trivia Contest and the End of Summer Reading Aug 13th 1:00-2:30 Throughout the summer, trivia information on the theme of the week will be provided during programs, in the library, and online. These facts will be used as trivia questions during the Teen Trivia Contest. See how much you have learned throughout the summer! Two teens per team. Winners of the contest will receive a Think Green Survival Pack. All participants will receive a small parting gift for entering.

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