The Library consists of the Main Building on South Street (now nearly 22 years young) and the Manomet Branch (celebrating its 10th anniversary this year). The request for resources is at an all-time high – and we are delighted, honored and privileged to be serving the community. Here are some fun facts about The Library:

• Did you know that as of the 2010 census there were 56,468 residents in the Town of Plymouth? Last year, 23,163 residents were active Library card-holders – nearly 50% of the population! And, 3,000 of these cards were issued this past year alone
• 211,054 individuals used The Library last year
• Approximately 390,501 items are circulated per year
• In 2013 558 meetings were held in our community meeting rooms attended by approximately 15,549 people
• We hosted 369 children's programs with an attendance of 8,149 and 143 adult programs with an attendance of 3,249
• We have free WiFi and make 25 computers available to our patrons. An average of 620 people use our computers each week. WiFi is available while in the comfort of our buildings on South Street or Strand Avenue; while in your cars in our parking lot, or on the grounds enjoying the sunshine. Remember the warm sunshine? We promise it will be back
• Between the Main Library and Manomet Branch, we are open seven days and four nights per week

The Library: By the Numbers ...

Approximately 600 people cross our threshold daily
• We purchase approximately 16,000 new items annually and this doesn't include additions to our electronic databases! Just last year we added 35,000 items to our electronic databases. Yes, 35,000! Thank you, Plymouth Industrial Development Corporation!
• The Library houses several special collections: Large Print: Thanks to the Newfield House; Irish: Thanks to Genevieve Ash. Plymouth History: Thanks to Reverend Bartlett… and there are plenty more. Come see!
• We have subscriptions to the Boston Globe, Wall Street Journal, New York Times, Washington Post, Old Colony Memorial, Patriot Ledger, Christian Science Monitor and countless periodicals
• The Library is a stop on the real-estate brokers “tour of Plymouth” for prospective home owners. The Library building is beautiful and symbolizes our town’s commitment to community; our investment in education and life-long learning
• People who come into the Library to check out a book, museum pass, DVD or audio book are accessing only a small portion of the resources available. The majority of our patrons are here to do research, use our computers, work with tutors, conduct business, make copies or just relax and read in a safe, comfortable, warm, friendly environment
• We are the largest library on the South Shore and the busiest south of Quincy
• We are the only location in Plymouth that carries tax forms
• Ebooks and internet access to information are only part of our Library’s story. As a matter of fact, we teach people how to use their ereaders and access information!
• The Library includes The Literacy Program of Greater Plymouth, which helps people earn high-school equivalency degrees, learn English, become citizens and prepare for the future. Seriously good stuff right under our roof!
• The Reference and Children’s Department answered 32,418 questions last year either in person, via email or on the phone. Imagine.
• The Plymouth Public Library Corporation (PPLC) is the “non-profit arm” of the PPL and is committed to providing enhanced library services. How can you help fortify the need for library services in our community? Become a member: $10 per individual or $20 per family. It’s that simple. A great surge in our numbers at the close of our current fiscal year (6/30/2014) will only make us stronger. Thank you in advance for your support. Spread the word…
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Library News

The New England Chamber Players will perform on Monday, Feb. 3, at 7 p.m. in the Main Library. This Boston-based group of classical musicians will perform Serenade for Flute, Violin and Viola Op. 25 by Beethoven, Chansons Madécesses by Ravel and Trio in Eb Major “Kegelstatt” K. 498 by Mozart. The New England Chamber Players includes Alex Conway, Flute; Thomas Weston, Clarinet; MaeLynn Arnold, Violin; Evan Perry, Viola; Julia Morelli, Cello; Benjamin Bouton, Baritone; and Augustine M. Gonzalez, Piano.

In the event of snow, this free performance will be held Feb. 5. For more information, contact Adult Services at 508-830-4250.

100 years of women’s clothing
Local historian Peggy Baker will discuss her new book One Woman’s Wardrobe: A Rogers Family Vignette at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 27, in the Main Library. It is a colorful look at a hundred-plus years of women’s clothing in New England, 1620-1730, inspired by the will of Anna Tisdale Leonard Thomas of Norton (1672-1733). Anna, a great-granddaughter of Thomas Rogers of the Mayflower, was the mother of 11 and grandmother of 41. She was unusual in having a will while also having a living husband. Not only was this rare document detailed, but it devoted significant attention to how Anna wished her clothing to be distributed. Combined with genre paintings and portraits, these probate documents afford an intriguing glance into the evolving wardrobes of colonial women.

Baker, Director Emerita of the Pilgrim Society, will offer a PowerPoint presentation of her book, published by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants Silver Books Project. There will be a book-signing after the program.

In the event of inclement weather, this event will be held Wednesday, Jan. 29, at 7 p.m. Call Adult Services at 508-830-4250 for more information.

Learn about wellness during Heart Month
For American Heart Month, Dr. Joshua Koenig will speak at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 10, in the Main Library. Heart disease kills an estimated 630,000 Americans each year. It is the leading cause of death for both men and women.

In the United States, the most common type of heart disease is Coronary Artery Disease (CAD), which can lead to a heart attack. You can greatly reduce your risk for CAD through lifestyle changes and, in some cases, medication.

Since 1963, February has been celebrated as American Heart Month to urge Americans to join the battle against heart disease. Since 2004, February also has been the signature month for the American Heart Association’s Go Red For Women campaign with the message that heart disease is not only a man’s problem.

Dr. Koenig will discuss the importance of improving blood circulation, reducing stress and stabilizing blood pressure as three ways to improve heart health. Learn about taking care of one of your most precious organs. A question-and-answer period will follow.

Dr. Joshua Koenig is a licensed chiropractor in Plymouth. He works to not only eliminate pain, but also correct the reason for the pain. He learned and perfected his techniques while attending Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, IA. This program is free. In the event of inclement weather, it will be rescheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 12. For more information, contact Adult Services at 508-830-4250.

A Night at the Opera
Enjoy A Night at the Opera with Jim Carroll at the Main Library. This three-part series will feature discussion and viewing of Tosca, La Bohème.
and *Turandot* at 6 p.m. on Mondays, March 10, 24 and 31. All three operas were written by Giacomo Puccini (1858-1924).

An avid opera fan, Carroll will introduce this art form to all those interested in learning more about it. He was a marketing director in the diagnostic-medical field for several pharmaceutical companies until his retirement. While traveling for business, he attended operas at Teatro alla Scala-Milan, Paris Opera House, Staatoper in Vienna and Florence Opera House.

The first evening will include the showing of a video of *Tosca* from a live performance by the New York Metropolitan Opera in 1985. It stars Hildegard Behrens, Plácido Domingo and Cornell MacNeil.

The second part will feature a performance of *La Bohème* from a live performance at the Sydney Opera House in 1993. It stars Cheryl Barker, David Hobson, Christine Douglas and Roger Lemke.

The final evening will include a viewing of *Turandot* from a live performance at the Wien Staatoper in 1983. It stars Eva Marton, Waldeman Kmentt, John Paul Bogart, José Carreras and Katia Ricciarelli.

All three films of the operas feature English supertitles. Discussion will follow each performance. For more information, contact Adult Services at 508-830-4250.

**Weston Winds to play chamber music**

The Dr. Richard M. Shiff Forum presents: **Weston Wind Quintet** at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2, at the Main Library. This evening of chamber music is dedicated to our dear friend, Dr. Shiff, in grateful appreciation for his commitment to ensuring cultural programming at The Library.

The Weston Wind Quintet was formed in 1967 by first chair woodwind players of the Harvard-Radcliffe Orchestra. Members include: Michael Tabak, flute; Elizabeth England, oboe; Danby Cho, clarinet; Shu Satoh, bassoon; and a performer on French horn.

Check out this link to hear the live recording of the group in concert at The Library last year: http://soundcloud.com/wwq/sets/weston-wind-quintet-march-19/.

This free program is sponsored by the Plymouth Public Library Corporation. For further information, contact Adult Services at 508-830-4250.

**Celebrate Irish Poets April 7**

Enjoy music and lyrical poetry of the Irish Poets by the **Castlebay Players** on Monday, April 7, at 7 p.m. in the Main Library. This Maine duo will perform Celtic music and maritime songs while celebrating the Irish Bardic tradition.

This concert includes ancient poetry and legends as well as songs based on old stories and lore with lyrics by modern poets. Mystery, romance and blarney combine with music for a delightful program which includes sprightly dance tunes and haunting ballads.

Castlebay Players include Fred Gosbee and his wife Julia Lane who regularly tour throughout the country promoting the music of the Celtic lands of Scotland and Ireland. Julia strums the Celtic harp and Fred plays the 12-string guitar, fiddle, flute and whistles.

For more information, visit Castlebay’s website at www.castlebay.net. CDs will be available for purchase at the event. Call Adult Services at 508-830-4250 for details.

**Poets get rhyming at Read-A-Thon**

Meet and greet Plymouth area poets who will read from published works on Monday, April 22, at 7 p.m. in the Otto Fehlow Meeting Room of the Main Library. There will be a book-signing at the conclusion of the program. All poets have recent collections published and their books will be available for purchase.

Scheduled to appear are Ellen Jane Powers, Barbara Siegel Carlson and special guest Robert Knox, correspondent for the *Boston Globe South*. Slots are limited, so contact Jennifer Harris, Assistant Library Director, about presenting at the **Local Poets Read-A-Thon**.

The Plymouth Public Library Corporation sponsors this program. This program is free and no registration is required. For more information, call Adult Services at 508-830-4250.
Join Junior Friends of the PPL

Teens and tweens, 11 to 18, are invited to join the Junior Friends. The Library organization is for young adults interested in participating in activities, volunteering for events, having a voice in what The Library offers young people, earning community service hours for school or church and just having fun!

Each year Junior Friends help at The Library book sales and with children's events, plus plan and put on four or five events for children and teens throughout the academic year. All programs are held at the Main Library. For details, contact the Manomet Branch Librarian at 508-830-4185 or jenniferj@ocln.org.

Young Adult News: Fun activities for teens at The Library

Teen writers are invited to a group meeting at the Main Library to share pieces they are working on. Short stories, poems and novel chapters are welcome. There is no obligation to share. We will provide helpful feedback to strengthen your stories. Dates are Jan. 28, Feb. 11, March 11, April 8 and May 13 – all at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for Vacation Claymation over the April school vacation week. Teens will get to create a short claymation film on Tuesday, April 22 from 2 to 4 p.m. and Friday, April 25, from 2 to 4 p.m. Work in a team to build the characters, write a script and film a short animation. Please plan to attend both days to finish the project. Space is limited and registration is required.

Teen Tech Week includes an introduction to OverDrive and Zinio: Two Great Free Things for You! Join us Sunday, March 9 at 2:30 p.m. to learn about these two digital collections. If you have an ereader or tablet, bring it along and we'll go through the steps to download and read ebooks and digital magazines. These services are provided by The Library. Learn how to start downloading at home. Bring the family. No registration is necessary.

The traditional sounds of South India were brought to life with Deepti Navaratna's expressive voice while accompanied by North Indian tabla player Amit Kavthekar at the Dr. Richard M. Shiff Forum presents program on Nov. 4.

Scan documents, files at Main Library

A scanning station is now available for public use at the Main Library. Patrons can use the at the Express Computer in the Reference Reading Room to scan and save documents and files. A step-by-step instruction sheet is available on how to scan a document and how to attach and email a scanned file.

The Library recently increased the number of public-access computers to 19 available for use in the Technology Room on the first floor of the Main Library. All have internet access. They operate using Windows 7 and are equipped with Adobe Reader and Microsoft Office 2010, including Word, Excel and PowerPoint. All computers also provide black and white printing for 10 cents a page.

The Library subscribes to several research databases, notably American Ancestors and Ancestry.com Library Edition. These resources can be accessed from all computers. Headphones are also available for use; just ask for them at the Reference Desk.

Brahms recital features young prodigies

Dr. Richard M. Shiff Forum presents: Hui Min Wang Piano Recital at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 5, in the Main Library. The accomplished classical pianist will perform various Brahms pieces in the Otto Fehlow Room.

Hui Min Wang will be accompanied by some of her talented young students, including pianist Karen Ji, who recently won the Russian Music Competition, along with soprano Jing Wei and bass-baritone Xingyan Zhang, who will sing arias, art songs and duets.

The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Adult Services at 508-830-4250.
Fun times for youngsters at The Library!

Beat the winter blues at the Main Library on Wednesday, Feb. 17, from 2-4 p.m. at the 2nd Annual Winter Beach Party. Enjoy summery activities, crafts, and treats with us. This program is for families with children ages 5 and up. Registration begins on Jan. 11.

Families with children of all ages are invited to celebrate Take Your Child to the Library Day on Saturday, Feb. 1. This program is held at 185 libraries in 19 states on the first Saturday in February as an annual day of celebration. Drop by The Library from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for activities, crafts and book-readings. This program is free and no registration is required.

Families with Star Wars fans can interact with a real Jedi Knight at the Main Library on March 22. Jedi Knight Training is ideal for boys and girls aged 4-9. Jedi apprentices will work through a series of challenges, including Jedi Force Magic, Laser Balloon Barrage and Jedi Teamwork culminating in an epic light-saber duel with the Jedi Master himself. This program is free. Registration begins on March 8.

Child caregivers are invited for Help Me Get Ready To Read on Tuesday, April 1, at 6:30 p.m. at the Main Library. This special workshop will provide reading strategies that introduce early literacy concepts and skills, suggestions for good books to read with young children, criteria for choosing good picture books, research on the importance of early literacy, and parenting strategies that foster children’s feelings of competence and confidence when learning how to read. It is designed for parents, grandparents, daycare providers, preschool staff, early childhood professionals and literacy volunteers. This hands-on workshop will be presented by Susan Marx and Barbara Kasok, educators and co-authors of Help Me Get Ready To Read: The Practical Guide For Reading Aloud To Children During Their First Five Years. It is free and registration will begin March 18. Participants will receive Certificate of Attendance for PDP credit.

The Main Library will host the Third Annual Police Services Day on Saturday, May 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kids can meet officers from all Plymouth Police Department units, including the motorcycle, bicycle, mounted and marine units, get finger-printed and watch the K-9 and motorcycle demonstrations. Learn about all the ways the police keep our community safe.

Children’s authors from the Plymouth area will be on hand for the first Local Children’s Author Read-A-Thon on Wednesday, May 14, at 7 p.m. Following last fall’s successful program, the Youth Services Department invited local authors and illustrators to read from published works and answer questions. There will be a book-signing.

The Department of Public Works will present the Ninth Annual DPW Day at the Main Library on Thursday, May 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. rain or shine. This program will feature a display of public works equipment including a bucket truck, loader, sweeper truck, plow and more. Displays in The Library will include materials important to the infrastructure of the town. Plymouth’s DPW is composed of the engineering, highway, parks, water, sewer, cemetery, recreation and environmental management departments. The DPW is responsible for the 102 miles of roads in Plymouth, along with the public water supply, wastewater collection and treatment system, parks and cemeteries. This event includes popcorn, ice cream and lots of fun.

The Library will kick off 2014 Summer Library Program: Reading On The High Seas on Saturday, June 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Presented in conjunction with One Book, One Community, which will examine Herman Melville’s Moby Dick, Reading On The High Seas will offer weekly and monthly programs, activities, and performances for patrons of all ages. Join us for the Summer Library Program Kickoff! Children, teens and adults are invited to sign up for the Summer Library Program beginning June 21 and continuing through the summer.

Check the calendar in this newsletter for details on children’s programs. For more information on any of these activities, contact Youth Services at 508-830-4250 or Manomet Branch at 508-830-4185., or visit The Library’s website at www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org. The Library is fully accessible. Please let us know if you need special accommodations.
Sign up for HiSET, new GED Class
Hello, HiSET. Goodbye, GED. Massachusetts has a new high school-equivalency diploma program now. High School Equivalency Test – also known as HiSET – is replacing the former GED program in 2014.

The Literacy Program of Greater Plymouth at The Library is now offering free classes to prepare students for this new test. The program is funded by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Adult education classes are held from September to June.

Educational Testing Service (ETS), a leader in assessment development worldwide, is providing the more accessible HiSET, the first alternative to the GED test since 1942. The new test includes elements that are critical to providing educational opportunities for those who need a second chance to succeed.

Phase one of the testing process covers five core areas: Language Arts–Reading, Language Arts–Writing, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. Phase two measures the more rigorous college- and career-readiness standards being adopted.

Over the next three years, HiSET will become fully aligned to new college and career readiness standards for adult learners. This gradual phase-in of the new standards will allow adult basic education programs in Massachusetts to better prepare adult learners to meet more rigorous academic standards on the new exam.

The new high school equivalency test HiSET classes are open to any adult resident of Massachusetts who is no longer enrolled in school. In class, an instructor and a small group of adult learners work together to improve their reading, writing and math skills. There are three levels of class: Skills Review, Pre-HiSET, and HiSET.

The Literacy Program gives a placement test at The Library to determine in which class level a student should start. This placement test, which is made up of a short reading, writing and math test, will help the staff learn strengths and place the candidate in the best class level.

For more information about the program or to register to take the next placement test, contact Literacy Coordinator Jeanne Annino at 508-830-4260 or email her at plymouthlit@comcast.net.

Following the devastating typhoon in the Philippines that killed thousands of people and destroyed millions of homes, Technical Services Librarian Ann Clarke knew she had to help. Ann’s mother is a Filipina immigrant who left her entire family in the Philippines when she came to America more than 40 years ago. Through the help and generosity of The Library and Council on Aging, Ann was able to send five boxes of donated food and clothing to aunts, uncles and cousins who lost everything. Thanks to all who donated!
The Plymouth Public Library Corporation invites you to join us for a

**Storybook Breakfast**

Hosted by

*Peter Rabbit,* *Curious George,* *Clifford,* *Ladybug Girl* and . . .

*The Pig* (from *Give a Pig a Pancake!*)

and Introducing

*Big Joe the Storyteller*

**Saturday, March 8, 2014**

**9:00 - 11:30 am**

Plymouth South High School

9-11 am breakfast & storybook reading

10:30 am performance by Big Joe

- Breakfast including....pancakes of course!
- Storybook Reading & Pictures
  with your favorite celebrity/character
- Prizes & More

$8 per child / $10 per adult

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Proceeds to benefit the Children’s Department of The Library

For details or tickets: 508-830-4250 x216 or

www.plymouthpubliclibrarycorp.org

*Sponsored by the Junior Friends of the Plymouth Public Library
and the Sunrise Plymouth Rotary Club.*
Summer Solstice Book Sale June 21

SAVE THE DATE
Mark it down on your calendar that the annual Summer Solstice Book Sale and Family Fun Day will be Saturday, June 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Main Library. This is also the kickoff for the annual Summer Library Program with signups for reading events as well as performances on the lawn throughout the day.

The book sale will be held indoors – in the Otto Fehlow Meeting Room – with no entrance fee starting at 9 a.m.

Corporation Members can attend the Members-Only Sneak Preview the night before on Friday, June 20, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The summer read will be Herman Melville’s Moby Dick; or The Whale as part of One Book, One Community: Moby Dick. Keep an eye out for details!

Learn about Henry Beston’s Cape Cod
The 17th Annual Seniors’ Travel program on Tuesday, May 20, at 2 p.m. in the Main Library will include a discussion by Don Wilder, author and co-founder of the Henry Beston Society. He will conduct a multimedia tour of the Outermost House on Eastham Beach, where Beston spent a solitary year and found his voice as a nature writer on a par with Thoreau, Muir and Rachel Carson. Copies of Wilder’s book, Henry Beston’s Cape Cod, will be available for purchase.

‘Fearless Painting’ Art Exhibit
Artists from Stafford Hill Assisted Living return to show their latest works of art on Friday and Saturday, May 23 and 24, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Fearless Painting Art Exhibit was created under the direction of Jeannette Carney, Art Director at Stafford Hill in Plymouth.

Jazz in June for Seniors
Save the date for this afternoon musical program devoted to the sounds of smooth jazz on Wednesday, June 11 at 2 p.m. in the Main Library. Details to be announced soon.

Refreshments for all programs will be provided by Emeritus at Plymouth Beach. For more information on any of these events, contact Senior Services at 508-830-4250.

Senior Circuit

Warm up with Springtime Social
Seniors are invited to join the fun at the Ninth Annual Seniors’ Springtime Social on Thursday, March 13, at 2 p.m. in the Main Library. Festivities will include a karaoke contest with prizes and, of course, food! Registration is required. Watch for the announcement in early March. Snow date: Thursday, March 20.

Scam and Fraud Prevention
Learn how to protect yourself from common scams on Tuesday, April 8, at 2 p.m. in the Main Library. Amy Schram, Community Outreach Specialist for the Better Business Bureau serving eastern Massachusetts, Maine, Rhode Island and Vermont, will address red flags and precautionary tactics at this Money Smart Week program.

Retirement planning for municipal workers
Are you a planning to retire in the next three to five years? Then learn more at Retirement Planning for Municipal Workers on Wednesday, April 9, from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Main Library. Deborah Sullivan, Executive Director of the Plymouth Retirement Board, will offer her insight on how best to prepare for and enjoy your life during your retirement years at this Money Smart Week program.

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Manomet Musings

Warm up with fun activities at the Manomet Branch
Winter blues got you down? Check out these fun activities at the Manomet Branch:

History Book Group continues to meet one Thursday per month at 4 p.m. For the winter and spring, we will discuss Turkish history. Meeting dates are Jan. 30, Feb. 27, March 20, April 17 and May 15. Copies of the book will be available one month prior to the meeting. New members are welcome.

We’re starting a new Classics book group on Thursday, Jan. 9, at 7 p.m. Each month, members of Vintage Reads will read and discuss a novel considered to be a classic. Books will be available for checkout one month prior to scheduled discussion. Other discussion dates are Feb. 13, March 13, April 10 and May 8.

February is Great American Pie Month and to celebrate we’ll have a potluck on Saturday, Feb. 22, at 2:30 p.m. Bring in your favorite homemade or store-bought pie to share with everyone. Coffee and tea will be served. No registration is necessary.

Join us for a look at Extraordinary Women of Music of the 1920s, ‘30s, ‘40s and ‘50s on Saturday, March 22 at 2:30 p.m. We’ll listen to samples of music and discuss the trailblazing roles of women musicians and their impact on the industry then and today. No registration is necessary.

Digital photography is easy with your mobile device! Send your best images for the Mobile Device Photo Contest and Show to the Manomet Branch librarian at jenniferj@ocln.org. Photos should be in JPG format and labeled as artistname.jpg. Photos will be compiled into a slide show for viewing and voting on Saturday, May 17, at 2:30 p.m. Winner of best photo will receive a small prize and certificates will be given for honorable mentions.
**Library News**

**Tidepool Poets to hold reading**

The **Tidepool Poets** will present a poetry reading on Monday, April 28, at 7 p.m. in the Main Library. Members who will read their own poetry include Bill Alberti, Alison Cappella, Joan Dugas, Kit Dunlap, David Gover, Chuck Harper, Diane Harrison, Carol DeFelice, Judy Snow, Lisa Sullivan, Jim Brosnan and Gabrielle Turgeon.

The Tidepool Poets is a vibrant group of 12 poets who meet to share and improve their work. They have continued to grow in number, writing and being published. The group meets the last Thursday of every month. Their latest anthology, *The Tidepool Poets: Poems 2014*, will be available for purchase and signing at the event.

National Poetry Month was started in 1996. It brings together poets, libraries, schools, literary organizations, booksellers and publishers around the country. Check out the website www.poets.org for details of what is happening in the poetry scene.

This program is free and no registration is required. It is sponsored by the Plymouth Public Library Corporation. For more information, contact Adult Services at 508-830-4250.

**PPLC Golf Tournament on June 27**

SAVE THE DATE

Get ready to tee it up this summer for The Library! Join us for 18 holes of fun on Friday, June 27, at Souther’s Marsh Golf Club. Support The Library by enjoying a day on the links! For pricing, prizes and other particulars, call 508-830-4250, ext. 216, or email aphelan@plymouthpubliclibrarycorp.org.

Pastel artist Gregory Maichack encouraged Dr. Richard M. Shiff Forum presents: program attendees on Oct. 29 to tap into their creative talents by teaching them how to draw Calla Lilies like Georgia O’Keeffe.

The gang’s all here! The Tidepool Poets at last year’s annual poetry reading in celebration of National Poetry Month.
January
11 – Children 8 to 12 can build with Lego Fun at 2:30 pm in the Main Library. Free. Registration begins Dec. 28. Youth Services/508-830-4250.
24 – It’s Corporation Members Only Viewing the 17th Annual Winterfest Book Sale from 6-8 pm at the Main Library. Adult Services/508-830-4250.
25 – Find bargains galore at the 17th Annual Winterfest Booksale at the Main Library. Early admission from 8-10 am is $10. General admission from 10 am-2 pm is free. Adult Services/508-830-4250.
27 – Historian Peggy Baker will discuss One Woman’s Wardrobe: A Rogers Family Vignette at 7 pm in the Main Library. Her book is a look at a hundred-plus years of women’s clothing in New England, 1620-1730. Book-signing after the program. Snow date: Jan. 29. Adult Services/508-830-4250.

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22 – Bring your favorite pie for a potluck celebration of Great American Pie Month at 2:30 pm in the Manomet Branch. Coffee and tea will be served. No registration. Manomet Branch/508-830-4185.

March
8 – Join us for the Storybook Breakfast at 9 am at Plymouth South High School. Have pancakes with Peter Rabbit, Curious George, Clifford, Ladybug Girl and Pip! $8 per child, $10 per adult. Plymouth Public Library Corp./508-830-4250 x216.
9 – Teens can learn about OverDrive and Zinio: Two Great Free Things for You at 2:30 pm in the Main Library. Discover how to access free ebooks and emagazines with these two digital collections. Young Adult/508-830-4185.
10 – Join us for A Night at the Opera with Jim Carroll at 6 pm at the Main Library. This three-part series will feature discussion and viewing of Tosca, La Boheme and Turandot. Continues March 24 and 31. Adult Services/508-830-4250.
13 – It’s the Ninth Annual Seniors’ Springtime Social at 2 pm in the Main Library. Festivities include a karaoke contest with prizes and food! Registration required. Snow date: Thursday, March 20. Senior Services/508-830-4250.
22 – Kids 3-9 can get Jedi Knight Training at 2 pm in the Main Library. Jedi apprentices will work through challenges, including Jedi Force Magic, Laser Balloon Barrage and Jedi Teamwork, culminating in a light-saber duel with a Jedi Master. Registration begins March 8. Youth Services/508-830-4250.
22 – Learn about Extraordinary Women of Music from the 1920s, ’30s, ’40s and ’50s at 2:30 pm in the Manomet Branch. Listen to samples of music and discuss the trailblazing roles of women musicians. Manomet Branch/508-830-4185.

April
1 – Child caregivers can attend Help Me Get Ready To Read at 6:30 pm at the Main Library. This workshop provides reading strategies to introduce early literacy concepts and skills. Ideal for parents, grandparents, daycare providers, preschool staff, early childhood professionals and literacy volunteers. Participants receive PDP credit. Youth Services/508-830-4250.
2 – Dr. Richard M. Shiff Forum presents: Weston Wind Quintet at 7 pm at the Main Library. This group will perform classical chamber music. Adult Services/508-830-4250.
7 – Enjoy Songs of the Irish Poets with Castlebay Players at 7 pm in the Main Library. Adult Services/508-830-4250.
8 – Seniors can learn how to be protected from scams at 2 pm in the Main Library. Amy Schram, Community Outreach Specialist for the Better Business Bureau, will address, red flags and precautionary tactics at this Money Smart Week program. Senior Services/508-830-4250.
9 – Find out about Retirement Planning for Municipal Workers on Wednesday, April 9, 6-7:30 pm in the Main Library. Deborah Sullivan, Executive Director of the Plymouth Retirement Board, will offer his insight at this Money Smart Week program. Senior Services/508-830-4250.

22 – It’s the Local Plymouth Poets Read-A-Thon and book-signing at 7 pm in the Main Library. Local authors and illustrators will read from published works and answer questions. A book-signing follows. Youth Services/508-830-4250.

22 – It’s Vacation Claymation from 2 to 4 pm at the Main Library. Teens get to create a short claymation film at this two-day program (continues April 25). Registration is required. Young Adult/508-830-4185.

28 – Celebrate National Poetry Month with the Tidpool Poetry Reading at 7 pm in the Main Library. Adult Services/508-830-4250.

May

3 – Stop by the Main Library for the Third Annual Police Services Day from 10 am to 2 pm. Kids can meet officers from all Plymouth Police Department, get fingerprinted and view K-9 and motorcycle demonstrations. Youth Services/508-830-4250.

5 – Dr. Richard M. Shiff Forum presents: Hui Min Wang Piano Recital at 7 pm in the Main Library. Adult Services/508-830-4250.

13 – Join us for a Historical Autobiography Author Panel discussion on Diaries and Letters at 7 pm in the Main Library. Panel features Donna Curtin, Michelle Coughlin, Ondine LeBlanc and John L. Bell. These authors are specialists in compiling letters and diaries of local historical interest. Book-signing follows the discussion. Adult Services/508-830-4250.

14 – It’s the first Local Children’s Author Read-A-Thon at 7 pm in the Main Library. Local authors and illustrators will read from published works and answer questions. A book-signing follows. Youth Services/508-830-4250.

20 – Join us for the 17th Annual Seniors’ Travel program at 2 pm in the Main Library. Don Wilder, author and co-founder of the Henry Beston Society, will conduct a multimedia tour of the Outermost House on Eastham Beach, where Beston spent a solitary year and found his voice as a nature writer. Senior Services/508-830-4250.

22 – The Ninth Annual DPW Day runs from 10 am to 2 pm, rain or shine, at the Main Library. Features a display of trucks and equipment. Displays include materials important to the infrastructure of the town. Stop by for popcorn, ice cream and lots of fun. Youth Services/508-830-4250.

23 – The “Fearless Painting” Art Exhibit begins at 11 am in the Main Library. Artists from Stafford Hill Assisted Living will display their latest works in this two-day show with more on May 24. Senior Services/508-830-4250.

Weekly

Family Story Time – Children under 6 with parents or caregivers can enjoy books, songs, rhymes and movement activities on Mondays at 11 am at the Manomet Branch and Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 am in the Main Library. Manomet Branch/508-830-4185 or Youth Services/508-830-4250.

Mother Goose on the Loose – Weekly 30-minute story for children 18 months and younger with parent or caregiver at the Manomet Branch at 10:15 am on Mondays and at the Main Library at 10:15 am on Wednesdays and 2 pm on Thursdays. Registration. Youth Services/508-830-4250 or Manomet Branch /508-830-4185.

Tots ’n’ Tales – Story time features age-appropriate stories, songs and finger plays for children 3 and under with caregivers at 11 am on Wednesdays at the Main Library. Youth Services/508-830-4250.

Monthly

Dragon Eye Book Club – Kids 8-12 can join this new club, which meets the second Wednesday of each month at 4 pm in the Main Library. Youth Services/508-830-4250.

Junior Friends – Meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 pm in the Main Library. Friends help with library events and book sales as well as hosting its own events for children and teens. Manomet Branch Librarian/508-830-4185.

Kids Writing Club – Children 8-11 can bring poems, stories or other writing projects along to share and try fun writing exercises on the second Thursday of each month at 4 pm in the Main Library. Youth Services/508-830-4250.

Lego Fun – Children ages 8 to 12 cans spend an afternoon using their imagination to design and build with Lego bricks one Saturday each month. Free. Registration. Dates: Jan. 11, Feb. 8, March 8, April 5 and May 17. Youth Services/508-830-4250.

Teen Writers Group – Meets on the second Mondays at 6:30 pm (exception: Jan. 28) at the Main Library. Teen writers share pieces they have written and get feedback. Manomet Branch/508-830-4185.

Squiggles and Giggles – A monthly story and craft program for children 18 months to 3 with parent or caregiver one Friday each month at 10:30 am. Children listen to stories and participate in a fun craft. Dates: Jan. 17, Feb. 14, March 14, April 11 and May 9. Registration. Youth Services/508-830-4250.

Vintage Reads – This new Classics book group meets the second Thursday of each month, beginning Jan. 9, at 7 pm in the Manomet Branch. Members read and discuss a classic novel. Books available for checkout one month prior to meeting. Manomet Branch/508-830-4185.
Shop till you drop at Winterfest!

Find bargains galore at the 17th annual Winterfest Book Sale on Saturday, Jan. 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Otto Fehlow Meeting Room at the Main Library. Many hardcover and paperback books are available, as well as DVDs and music CDs.

Take advantage of preview hours from 8 to 10 a.m. for a $10 fee. Just come to the side door. Regular admission to the book sale at 10 a.m. is free. Stop by the night before for the Plymouth Public Library Corporation Members Only event! On Friday, Jan. 26, Corporation Members can participate in a private viewing and sale from 6 to 8 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. As a special bonus, Corporation members get one free item from the sale!

Becoming a member of the Corporation is easy. Applications are available at the Main Library and Manomet Branch. Annual dues are $10 for an individual and $20 for a family.

All proceeds benefit the Plymouth Public Library Corporation, a nonprofit organization with the sole purpose of supporting The Library. It provides funding for the ARTY award-winning Adult and Children’s cultural programs at both branches, as well as funding the many museum passes offered to the public. It administers the volunteer program, sponsors book sales and supports staff development. If you have any questions, contact Adult Services at 508-830-4250.

To celebrate the end of 2013 and usher in 2014, the Children’s Department hosted a special countdown – to NOON – for children and their families. The Library’s first (and hopefully annual) “Noon Years’ Eve” celebration included time for arts and crafts (all designed to make the celebration festive) balloons galore (released promptly at NOON) and tasty treats for all! A heartfelt thanks to our friends at Mayflower Market and Papa Gino’s Pizzeria for providing age-appropriate hors d’oeuvres and a fanciful “lupper” for the occasion!

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Welcome 2014!