

Spring 2016 NEWSLETTER



NEWS FLASH

In early January, Plymouth Town Manager, Melissa Arrighi, announced the appointment of a NEW Director of the Plymouth Public Library. Happily, that position was awarded to Jennifer Harris. Starting in the Circulation Department in 1993, Jennifer advanced to Assistant Director in 1995 and last month, without skipping a beat and with all the exhilaration and enthusiasm of a person who has just landed their dream job, Jennifer walked into the Library on Tuesday morning, January 5th, electric with excitement and wearing a smile that just wouldn't quit – and still hasn't!



PATRON APPRECIATION DAY
Wednesday, April 13th from 10 am - 2 pm
MEET & GREET WITH OUR NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR
see details under Patron Appreciation Day

LIBRARY HOURS

Main Library:
508-830-4250

Monday 10 am-9 pm
Tuesday 10 am-9 pm
Wednesday 10 am-9 pm
Thursday 10 am-6 pm
Friday 10 am-5:30 pm
Saturday 10 am-5:30 pm
Sunday 12:30-5 pm*

* Closed July & August

Manomet Branch:
508-830-4185

Monday 9 am-5 pm
Tuesday closed
Wednesday 9 am-5 pm
Thursday 9 am-9 pm
Friday closed
Saturday 9 am-5 pm
Sunday closed

Remember these dates!
The Library is closed:

- Easter**
Sunday, March 27th
- Patriot's Day**
Monday, April 18th
- Mother's Day**
Sunday, May 8th
- Memorial Day**
Monday, May 30th

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For Seniors



Leading Ladies of Hollywood's Golden Age:

An Afternoon with the Hepburn

Saturday, March 19th • 1 pm in the Otto Fehlow Meeting Room

Although they share the same last stage name, Katharine Hepburn and Audrey Hepburn were not related. They were, and continue to be, two of American cinema's most beloved female stars of all time. Frank Mandosa will share his knowledge of the lives and careers of these Oscar-winning actresses, including their impact on film, fashion, and culture. Come enjoy some film clips, learn some behind-the-scenes trivia of their most famous films, and be entered to win a small-scale, movie-themed door prize.

A lifelong lover of film, Mr. Mandosa lectures and presents programs on a variety of film topics in many venues, including libraries and local cable channels. He has taught courses in cinema at Project Contemporary Competitiveness (PCC) and in the high school classroom. In addition to teaching high school English, he co-hosts the Stoughton Media Access Center cable show *Reel Life*.

Leading Ladies of Hollywood's Golden Age: An Afternoon with Katharine & Audrey Hepburn is sponsored by the Plymouth Public Library Corporation. Light refreshments will be available, courtesy of Brookdale Plymouth Beach. The library is fully accessible; please let us know if you need special accommodations to attend.

Seniors' 11th Annual Springtime Social

Thursday, April 21st 2 pm in the Otto Fehlow Meeting Room



Just in time for election year antics, actress Judy Bernstein presents, **"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the White House: 200 Years of Political Humor in America."** This year's Spring Social will take a look at the lighter side of American politics.

The Dr. Richard M. Shiff Forum presents: Pianist Jacqueline Schwab in Concert

Wednesday, June 8th 2 pm in the Otto Fehlow Meeting Room

Best known for her sound track performances on over a dozen of Ken Burns' documentaries (including *Civil War*, *Lewis and Clark*, *Mark Twain*, *The National Parks*), Jacqueline Schwab creates spirited and meditative arrangements on traditional and vintage tunes from America, England, Scotland and beyond. In Ken Burns' words, "...her playing is insistent, physical, heartfelt and...unusually moving."

For Adults

AT THE MAIN LIBRARY....

NOTE: All programs are in the Otto Fehlow Meeting Room at 7 pm unless the Board Room is specified.

STRESS BUSTER: Adult Coloring

Monday, March 21st, 10:30 am - Noon

Coloring isn't just for kids anymore! Drop in anytime and pick up those colored pencils! We will meet in the Board Room and will have plenty of supplies on-hand, or feel free to bring your own. This is a great way to meet new people, channel your inner child and explore the joy of coloring without having to stay in the lines (unless you really want to!) This program will also be held on April 25th and May 23rd.

The Dr. Richard M. Shiff Forum presents: New England Chamber Players

Monday, April 4th, 7 pm

Enjoy an evening of classical chamber music. The musicians joining us will be: Alex Conway, Flute, Izumi Sakamoto, Oboe, Thomas Weston, Clarinet, Rachel Juszcak, Bassoon, Megan Marranta, Horn and Siu Yan Luk, Piano. This Spring concert will feature Ippolitov-Ivanov's *An Evening in Georgia Op. 71*, Mozart's *Quintet in EB Major, KV. 452* and Poulenc's Sextet.



The Dr. Richard M. Shiff Forum presents: Walt Whitman

Walt Whitman will be portrayed by actor Stephen Collins

Monday, April 11th, 7 pm

After a vote from the audience at Stephen Collins' last performance at the library, we decided to invite America's most beloved poet, Walt Whitman for this year's poetry evening. The impact of his writing is still felt today. Whitman found inspiration in the everyday life of America; he saw and wrote of "a teeming nation of nations". He wanted to help Americans understand their past, experience their present and anticipate their future. Collins, Renaissance man, grew up in Cambridge and received a BA in Literature from UMass Boston. After retiring from a business career, he is doing what he truly loves, performing and teaching. Spend an evening with Walt Whitman, it will inspire you.

PATRON APPRECIATION DAY

Wednesday, April 13th, 10 am - 2 pm

In honor of National Library Week the Main Library and the Manomet Branch Libraries extend an invitation to our patrons to share in a cupcake, cup of joe and a visit with the new Library Director, Jennifer Harris. The individual library departments put on a show of displays that feature the variety of reading material, services available to the public as well as highlighting programming galore. Please drop by and enjoy a moment with us.

Tidepool Poetry Reading-Celebrating National Poetry Month

Monday, April 25th, 7 pm

Members reading their own original poetry include: Bill Alberti, Ric Calleja, Alison Cappella, Carol DeFelice, Joan Dugas, Kit Dunlap, David Gover, Diane Harrison and Lisa Sullivan. Writing poetry is only one element that captures the creativity of the poet; the opportunity to read one's own work to fellow enthusiasts is another. Please join us for this very special evening of poetic contemplation.

Paying for College without Losing Your Shirt

Wednesday, April 27th 7 pm in the Otto Fehlow Meeting Room

A Money Smart Week @ Your Library program

Aside from buying a home, paying for college is the largest financial burden facing most families. Howard Freedman, financial aid consultant and author of *Making College Happen: The Realities of Coping with College Costs*, presents honest and insightful information on dealing with the emotional and financial realities of making a college education possible.

The Dr. Richard M. Shiff Forum presents: A Pastel Still Life Class with Gregory Maichack

Monday, May 2nd, 7 pm

In this free lecture/workshop, award-winning artist Gregory Maichack will teach participants the strokes and techniques of pastel drawing while encouraging attendees to try their hand at creating a still life. Join us and express your creative side. All materials provided and all levels of interest welcome! Registration will begin on April 1st. Seating is limited.

The PPL Book Club - Jojo Moyes, "Me Before You"

Monday, May 9th, 7 pm in the Board Room



Come share your thoughts on Jojo Moyes's, New York Times Bestselling novel, *Me Before You*. This book discussion will be led by Library Associate, Kate Gomes. The book has been called "A Love Story" for this generation, but *Me Before You* is not the typical romantic novel. Ex- corporate playboy, Will Traynor is acerbic, bossy and paralyzed. Louisa Clark is an ordinary girl, living an ordinary life when she starts working for Will. They are opposites in every way, but, soon, everything she thought about herself, about her ordinary life is tested by becoming part of Will's. What will she do when making the person she loves happy means breaking her own heart? Copies will be available at the Circulation Desk prior to the program.

No Place for Hate Book Collection Launch

Introducing: Dale Rossakoff, author of *The Prize: Who's In Charge of America's Schools*

Wednesday, May 11th, 7pm

Join us for the "unveiling" of additions to our *No Place for Hate (NPFH)* collection. This collection was originally established by Dr. Barry Meltzer as a way to promote Plymouth's NPFH work within the community. After Dr. Meltzer's passing in 2015, family, friends and associates – both near and far – made memorial gifts to the Library. These gifts were all to be used to expand the NPFH collection in Barry's honor. Tonight, we welcome guests to peruse the new titles before they join the collection in our Non-Fiction section and become available to our patrons.

In addition, author Dale Rossakoff, will speak about her book. Ms. Rossakoff spent twenty-eight years as a reporter for the Washington Post, covering politics, education, social policy, and other topics. Dale grew up in Birmingham, Alabama and credits her parents with encouraging her to question the politics of the world around her, particularly the racial segregation and inequity in her own hometown.

Tonight, we will hear how, even with the best of intentions and millions of dollars, the consequences of racism and poverty are extremely difficult to overcome, and must continue to be combated. Further, people need to be aware that community involvement appears to be a crucial factor in the success or failure of attempts at reform.

The Plymouth Public Library is indebted to Dr. Meltzer for his work to establish our NPFH collection and to the committee for continuing his good works and their role in educating and involving the public. Following the program, Ms. Rossakoff will sign books. Refreshments will be served.

The Three Penny Opera

A Sunday Afternoon at the Opera with Jim Carroll

Sunday, May 15th, 1 pm

Come enjoy a light hearted modern musical comedy with our opera aficionado, Jim Carroll who will introduce *The Three Penny Opera* and share his knowledge about this opera's story. Here's a hint, you've heard of Mack the Knife, right? Light refreshments will be served.

Fixing our Broken Sleep

with Rick Clerici,

Certified Clinical Sleep Educator &

Louisa Clerici,

Certified Hypnotherapist and Sleep Therapist

Tuesday, May 17th, 7 pm

One of the most significant health and work-place issues of our time is being identified as the lack of sleep. The most recent sleep surveys and studies say that 60% of Americans report struggling with their sleep nearly every night, 30% of workers get 6 hours or less sleep per night and children are not getting nearly enough sleep. In this 90 minute presentation we will explore the relationships between sleep and physical,



emotional and cognitive health. We will talk reasons for some of the most common complaints – and successful solutions – including: the difficulty of falling/staying asleep, waking too early, worried or excessive thinking at sleep time, chronic insomnia, daytime sleepiness and sleep apnea. There will be ample time for questions and answers, and sleep education materials to guide you in improving your sleep. This workshop has helped thousands of people win back their good sleep and health.



We Are Market Basket

Wednesday, May 18th, 7 pm in the Otto Fehlow Meeting Room

Grant Welker, *Lowell Sun* reporter and co-author of *We Are Market Basket*, shares the story of this popular New England supermarket chain and its fiercely loyal employees who took to the streets when their beloved CEO, Arthur T. Demoulas, was ousted in a family power struggle. Copies of the author's book will be available for purchase and signing.

The Dr. Richard M. Shiff Forum presents: Weston Wind Quintet

Monday, May 23rd, 7 pm

Enjoy an evening of classical chamber music with our annual concert featuring Michael Tabak, Flute, Catherine Weinfield, Oboe, Danby Cho, Clarinet, Samantha Benson, French Horn, and Shu Satoh, Bassoon.

The Dr. Richard M. Shiff Forum presents: Music as Meditation with Sergei Novikov, pianist

Monday, June 6th, 7 pm

Sergei Novikov will teach us how to use music as meditation in our lives. Classically trained in Russia, Sergei has performed at the library several times, and each time we want more. This feeling, that music has so much to give, inspired Sergei to create a class around meditation. Please join us while we relax, breathe deeply and enjoy his glorious music.

AT OUR MANOMET BRANCH LIBRARY..

History Book Group

History Book Group will continue to meet one Thursday per month at 4 pm. For the Winter and Spring 2016, we will discuss mankind and civilization from past to future. Meeting dates are March 24, April 21 and May 19. Copies of the book will be available one month prior to the meeting. New members are always welcome.

Vintage Reads: A Classics book group

Our classics book group meets one Thursday per month at 7 pm. Each month we will read and discuss a novel considered to be a classic. Books will be available for checkout one month prior to scheduled discussion. Discussion dates are March 10, April 14 and May 12.

The Poetry Games

April is National Poetry Month! Join us on Saturday, April 16th, at 2:30 pm for a series of poetry challenges to get your creativity flowing. This program is for any teen or adult interested in writing poetry. We'll be writing haikus, one line poems, group poems and more! Light refreshments provided.

Origami

Learn the fine art of Japanese paper folding on Saturday, May 14th, at 2:30 p.m. with traditional origami papers and designs. Intended for adults; no registration is necessary.



family fun



5th Annual Police Services Day

Saturday, May 14th, from 10 am to 2 pm

Families with children of all ages are invited to join us at The Library for a fun-filled day. Outside, in the library's parking lot, you will have the chance to meet and greet officers from all of the Plymouth Police Department units, including the motorcycle unit, the bicycle unit, the mounted unit, the marine unit, and the K9 unit. Get your fingers printed and don't miss the K-9 and motorcycle demonstrations. Learn about all the ways the PPD keeps our community safe. For families with children of all ages. This event is free and no registration is necessary. There will be free refreshments so come on down!

For more information, please contact the Youth Services Department at (508) 830-4250 x210, or visit the Library's web site at www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org for a full list of programs and events. The library is fully accessible; please let us know if you need special accommodation to attend.

DPW DAY

Bucket Trucks, Loaders and Sweepers...Oh My!

Thursday, May 26th, 10 am – 2 pm

Join us as we host the Department of Public Works for our **11th Annual DPW Day** from 10 am to 2 pm, rain or shine. On **DPW Day** the Library's parking lot turns into a "playground" for big trucks, featuring an assortment of public works equipment. Join us for a chance to see these trucks up close, climb aboard many for a turn behind the wheel and talk to the men and women responsible for keeping our Town safe. The Library's *Otto Fehlow Meeting Room* will feature individual department contributions, such as maps and materials that are important to the infrastructure of the Town of Plymouth - roads, bridges, signals, mapping, the beaches, and many others.

Plymouth's DPW is composed of the engineering, highway, parks, water, sewer, cemetery, and environmental management departments. The men and women of the DPW are responsible for the 102 miles of roadways in Plymouth, along with our public water supply, wastewater collection and treatment system, parks and cemeteries.

This program is free and open to everyone in the community. We celebrate this annual event with popcorn, ice cream, and lots of fun.

This program will be held rain or shine. No registration is necessary. For more information, please call the Youth Services Department at (508) 830-4250 x210. The Library is fully accessible; please let us know if you need special accommodation to attend.



SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, June 18th
FAMILY FUN DAY & SUMMER READING KICK OFF!

FAMILY STORY TIME

Family Story Time is presented every Wednesday at 11 am at the Main Library through May 11. This half-hour program gives parents, caregivers, and children ages 6 and under the opportunity to enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement activities together while helping to develop important early literacy skills.

Research shows that children get ready to read years before they start school. There are six pre-reading areas of

knowledge which children must develop: letter knowledge, phonological awareness, vocabulary, narrative skills, print awareness, and print motivation. Each week during **Family Story Time**, we pick one of the six pre-reading skills and put together a series of stories, music, and activities designed to reinforce these particular skills. We will also give parents ideas for how to work on these skills at home. This program is free and no registration is required.

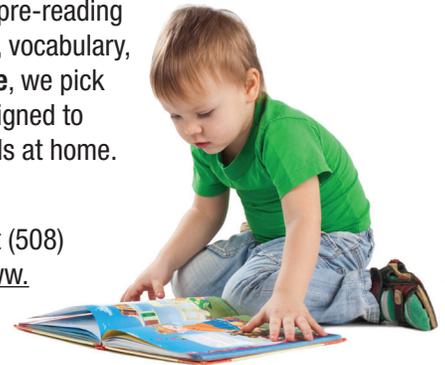
For more information about **Family Story Time**, contact the Youth Services Department at (508) 830-4250 x210, the Manomet Branch at (508) 830-4185, or visit the Library's website at www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org for a full list of programs and events. The library is fully accessible; please let us know if you need special accommodation to attend.

MANOMET STORY TIME

Manomet Story Time is presented every Monday at 11 am at the Manomet Branch Library. This half-hour program gives parents, caregivers and children ages 6 and under the opportunity to enjoy books, songs, rhymes and movement activities together while helping to develop early literacy skills.

Research shows that children get ready to read years before they start school. There are six pre-reading areas of knowledge which children must develop: letter knowledge, phonological awareness, vocabulary, narrative skill, print awareness and print motivation. Each week during **Manomet Story Time**, we pick one of the six pre-reading skills and put together a series of stories, music and activities designed to reinforce these particular skills. We will also give parents ideas for how to work on these skills at home. This program is free and no registration is required.

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READ TO A DOG

Join us at the Main Library, 132 South Street, for **Read to a Dog** one Saturday per month from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Children ages 6 years and older are welcome to sign up for a 15-minute time slot to read to Boswell, a Sussex Spaniel who is a certified trained therapy dog. Participants may register for one slot only, as space will be limited. This program is free. Registration is required and will begin two weeks before each session. **Read to a Dog** is a monthly program with upcoming dates of March 19, April 16, and May 21.

For more information or to register, please call the Youth Services Department at (508) 830-4250 x210, or click "Register" on our Calendar of Events at www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org. The library is fully accessible; please let us know if you need special accommodation to attend.



PRESCHOOL STEAM

The Plymouth Public Library will be offering **Preschool STEAM**, a monthly program about science through stories, songs and interesting hands-on activities. This program is for children ages 3 to 6 years with their parent or caregiver. This monthly program is free and registration is required as the program is limited to 12 children. Registration begins two weeks before each program date. The program will be offered on March 11, April 8, and May 20.

For more information or to register, please call the Youth Services Department at (508) 830-4250 x210, or click "Register" on our Calendar of Events at www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org. The library is fully accessible; please let us know if you need special accommodation to attend.

STEPPING STONE STORIES

Stepping Stone Stories is presented every Tuesday at 10:30 am at the Main Library through May 10. This half hour story time is for children ages 3 ½ to 5 who are ready to listen attentively unaccompanied by an adult. The program includes stories, songs, early literacy and kindergarten readiness skills. This program is free and no registration is required.

For more information about **Stepping Stone Stories**, contact the Youth Services Department at (508) 830-4250 x210, the Manomet Branch at (508) 830-4185, or visit the Library's web site at www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org for a full list of programs and events. The library is fully accessible; please let us know if you need special accommodation to attend.

For young adults



The After School Club

Teens are invited to stop by the library after school to work on homework, get help with research, work on group projects or just relax while having some snacks. The After School Club will start out with one Tuesday per month from 3 to 4:30 pm Dates are March 8, April 26, and May 10. No registration is necessary and it's free!

Artist Catherine V. Holmes

Catherine V. Holmes, author of *How to Draw Cool Stuff: A Drawing Guide for Teachers and Students*, will be at the library on Tuesday, May 24th, at 7 pm. She will present a workshop on drawing for teens! Register online beginning in March; space will be limited.

FOR EVERYONE

COMING SOON!

ART SHOWS at the LIBRARY

Calling all artists! The Plymouth Public Library Corporation has partnered with the Plymouth Art Guild to bring ART into the LIBRARY. This perfect pairing will debut later this Spring. In the meantime, we are seeking artists interested in showing their work at the Library. This latest venture is part of our mission to provide both educational and cultural opportunities for members of our community. We look forward to providing space for a variety of artistic styles and medium in an effort to enhance the experience for visiting patrons and provide an opportunity to showcase local creative talent. Plus, it will make the Library even prettier! For information call (508) 830-4250 x 216 or go online to www.plymouthpubliclibrarycorp.org and click on ART.

WORKSHOP: Do You 3Doodle?

Wednesday, April 6th, 6 to 8 pm

Fun isn't only for the kids anymore! Join us on Wednesday, April 6th, from 6 to 8 pm and try your hand at 3-dimensional doodling. The class is limited to six participants. We will learn the basics of using the 3Doodle pen and materials and create a pair of eyeglasses together. With the glasses finished – the 3D art world is yours to explore! All materials will be provided. Registration begins March 15th. Space is limited.

Fun Facts from 2015

Total # of Hours Open	4,647	Total Interlibrary loans from other libraries	33,276
Total number of people who used the library.....	206,331	Total Interlibrary loans to other libraries	19,592
Number of registered borrowers	25,252	Number of Reference questions answered.....	31,592
Number of Plymouth residents with library cards.....	22,841	Number of programs held	703
Number of new library cards issued.....	2,834	Total Program attendance	14,920
Total circulation of library materials	345,585	Total number of Volunteers.....	105
		Estimated Number of Volunteer Hours.....	3,946