



BOY SCOUT TROOP 3

Led by Eagle Scout Connor Howlett and assisted by his crew of Alex Taliaferro, Erik Arntsen, Chris Dumont, Corey Barstis, Will Burgess, Piper Browne, Kevin Cellucci, Colin Babikan, Mike Chlumecky, Josh Christopher, and Kyle Marsh, the final phase of the Children's Room space reconfiguration was completed. The goal of the project was to create more space for crowded story times and other children's activities. Last summer the reference collection was moved into the stacks and the children's nonfiction collection was relocated to the Reference Room. The final phase involved moving thousands of books and removing the old metal shelves. It was a huge accomplishment and the Library Trustees are extremely grateful for all the help on this community service project.

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Friends of the Manchester Public Library Spring 2011 Newsletter



**Mark Your Calendar to Attend Manchester's Town Meeting
April 4 at 7pm and Vote to Support the Library**

Who are the Friends of the Library and what do they do?

The Friends (FOL) is a group of volunteers who care deeply about the library. They provide financial support and enhancements that are not included in the library budget.

The Friends provide:

- An on-line reservation to free or discounted passes for museums in Boston and the North Shore.
- 50% of the cost of library and children's programs.
- Freegal, a downloadable music service offering free music to library patrons from the Sony Music Entertainment catalog
- Supplemental supplies for children's activities, including the summer reading program
- Landmark audio, 36 best seller titles that change quarterly
- Tumblebooks, the on-line children's library
- Credo Reference, 100 ready reference titles
- New acquisitions.
- BookLetters, an online content service
- Annual Meeting with speaker, open to the general public.

How you can help:

- Membership donations. In this year of budget cuts, libraries need your help more than ever. We hope you will send in your contribution in the enclosed envelope. We also welcome memorial gifts and bequests.
- Donate your used books for our sales.
- Volunteer at our activities or join one of our committees.

FOL Officers: Co-Presidents Mary Lumsden and Cathy Vouwie, VP Andie O'Neil, Secretary Anne Walker, Treasurer Michael Morss. At Large: Martha Wales, MG Foster, Stephanie Nasson, Joan McDonald, Catherine Steinhoff and Paul Clark.

BOOK SALE

THE FRIENDS OF
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PUBLIC LIBRARY

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The Friends Annual Summer Book Sale will take place on July 23 and 24 to once again coincide with the Manchester Arts Festival. Your donations have already filled the library basement and we'll be moving them to a storage locker to make room for more to come. We have books in every category, including a large selection of cookbooks, offerings for young adults and children, and rare and unusual volumes for the serious collector. Other categories include fiction, nonfiction, classics, art and photography, nature, gardening, health and parenting, sports and travel. Please stop by; you're sure to find something of interest.

As always the summer sale will be held both inside the library and out on the lawn – rain or shine. Books withdrawn from the library collection will be on the wall and priced at one dollar.

We will also continue our popular fair-weather Saturday sales during the month of June. Watch The Cricket for further announcements. And for those who can't wait for summer, stop by and check out our book carts. They are stocked year-round with some of our better donations, all at bargain prices.

Every year we are fortunate to have a great group of volunteers, both teen and adult, help us carry books up from the basement on Friday, and out to the lawn early Saturday morning. If you would like to help, please call the library or just stop by Friday after 3 pm. Teens can earn community service credit.

Meanwhile, we continue to welcome your donations. Please drop small donations off at the circulation desk, or call ahead (526-7711) for large donations. We happily accept anything except textbooks, magazines and encyclopedias.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Storytelling in the Children's Room

The children's room will host world renowned storyteller Odds Bodkin performing The Odyssey on Tuesday, April 19th, at 6:30pm. Designed for children aged 10 and up, Odds Bodkin's character-voice and music-filled storytelling has been mesmerizing listeners for twenty-four years. Sponsored by the Hooper Grant to the Youth Services of the Manchester Public Library. Please register as space is limited by calling 978-526-2016 or e-mailing scollins@mvlc.org.

From the Teen Zone

The teen Advisory Board, TAB, a group of ten high school students, will be making their annual shopping spree to Barnes & Noble this spring to purchase new books, movies, and music for the library's collection. This fun shopping event is one of the most anticipated events of the year.

Coming in April

To celebrate the opening of the Red Sox season, the library will host Geoff Iacuesa, the General Manager of the Portland Sea Dogs, a Double A affiliate of the Boston Red Sox, on Wednesday, April 20, at 6:30pm. Geoff will talk about the Sea Dogs and their affiliation with the Red Sox.

During April vacation week award-winning comic artist Andy Fish will be leading a Comics and Cartooning workshop. Andy will be sharing this art form through a hands-on lesson showing techniques comic book artists use to tell stories.

Introducing Evergreen

A Note from the Library Director

Big changes are coming to the library's online catalog this May. The current Integrated Library System (ILS) is changing to Evergreen, a new open source software system already in use in Georgia, Michigan and Indiana. There will be a great deal of staff training and your patience is appreciated while everybody acclimates to the new system. For more information about Evergreen visit <http://www.open-ils.org/>. or, for further questions, contact Dorothy Sieradzki, Library Director, call 978-526-2011.



SPEAKER FOR MAY'S ANNUAL MEETING HA TRAN IS THE AUTHOR OF "EMPOWERED BY HOPE"

Ha Tran, author of "Empowerment by Hope", will be the speaker at our annual meeting on Thursday, May 19 at 7pm at Manchester's Community Center. Ha is an inspirational speaker. She is also a Navigational Coach who is certified as a Master Mind executive coach, life and business coach.

FROM THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees implore all Manchester by the Sea residents to think very carefully about the proposed Proposition 2 1/2 override scheduled for consideration at this April's Town Meeting. In the event that the town rejects the proposed override, the repercussion for the Library, and all town services, will be severe. How severe, will depend upon the Trustees and Library directorship, but the following Library programs, services and activities will be negatively impacted one way or another:

- The ongoing maintenance of our landmark historic building
 - Including plans to repair and renovate the Children's Room
 - Including the repair and maintenance of front wall.
- Young Adult and Adult Programs
- Part-time employment program

The Library continues to provide services to the whole community, book circulation, ebook and other reading technology review, tax forms, fax service, one-on-one computer instruction, book club kits, books at the beach in summer, lectures, home delivery for shut-ins and much more.

It also continues to provide essential amenities for the young people of our community, including the Young Adult Program and volunteer opportunities for students of all ages.

The Trustees are doing everything we can to insure that the Manchester Public Library continues in its vital dual role of supplying well researched information to patrons, and in providing a focus for community engagement, particularly for young people, in an increasingly complex world .

Please attend the Town Meeting on April 4th and vote to support YOUR Public Library!

There is not such a cradle of democracy upon the earth as the Free Public Library, this republic of letters, where neither rank, office, nor wealth receives the slightest consideration. ~Andrew Carnegie

MANCHESTER LIBRARY LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

The official launch of the new and improved Manchester Public Library web site was held at the library on January 25, 2011. The event was hosted by The Friends with refreshments, free magnets, and the raffle of a fabulous color Nook eBook reader.

Paul Clark did a masterful job of reviewing the highlights of the new web site during the presentation. The site has been designed to be user-friendly so that patrons can easily view upcoming activities, log onto their accounts to view their activity, hold and request books, and search and reserve one of the many museum passes.

Some advanced features of the site include Mango, a free online language learning program, Freegal for music downloads from the Sony Music collection – three free downloads per library cardholder per week, free downloads of eBooks and audio books through Overdrive, several search engines including a full-text technical library and online reading programs designed for children and young adults. Please visit the library site at <http://www.manchesterpl.org/> and explore this wonderful resource.