



AMONG FRIENDS

Friends of The Goodnow Library Newsletter January 2012



Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

The holidays are upon us after a busy fall. Our Afternoon at the Goodnow cultural series began with two wonderful programs. In October, Christopher Klein spoke about the Harbor Islands and at the end of November, Alfred Watson entertained adults and children alike with music and information about the Nutcracker ballet. Our newsletter details the upcoming events that begin again in early January.

This fall there were lots of activities planned by our new children's librarian, Miss Heather. Some of these programs were possible through the financial support of the Friends. I had the pleasure of attending an author visit from Mark Peter Harris. The children loved hearing about his success as an author.

There are several changes to the board that I would like to share with you. Julie Kilmartin has stepped down as recording secretary. In addition to that position, Julie was very involved with our yearly book sale as she was in charge of the children's books for the last few years. Mary Blohm is stepping down as our hospitality chairperson. Mary made the library and Friends' volunteers very happy by planning our yearly volunteer luncheon. It was always a lovely event. Sally Wadman is stepping down as our publicist. In addition to handling all of our publicity for the past 22 years, Sally also coordinated the Brown Bag book group that meets once a month at Wingate. We thank Sally for her many years of dedicated service to the Friends.

But we are fortunate to gain several new board members. Susan DeSantis will be taking over hospitality so that the volunteer luncheon will continue as a wonderful tradition. Kathy Bautze will be our new publicist. We are very pleased to welcome these new members to the board.

I wish you and your family happy holidays and best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,
Ingrid Mayyasi



DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

Best wishes for safe and happy holidays from the Library!

As we head into the final weeks of 2011, we say goodbye to the last 12 months and begin to look to the new year and all the possibilities the future 12 months bring. As librarians, we often think about what's ahead so that we can anticipate what you, our patrons, want from their community library. The current trend toward e-books and mobile devices are making things even more interesting! The Goodnow Library is positioning itself to meet these changes by embarking on a new long range plan, where we will directly solicit your feedback in surveys and focus groups. In the meantime, we are working hard on increasing our "e-offerings," by purchasing additional downloadable e-books and online resources such as Freegal and increasing publicity efforts through our website, Facebook page and email announcement lists.

To learn more, follow these links:

Goodnow Library News and Announcements E-mail List

<http://sudbury.ma.us/services/library/mailling.asp>

Children's Room Mailing List

<http://sudbury.ma.us/services/childrenslib/mailling.asp>

Visit our website:

<http://sudbury.ma.us/departments/library/>

To view our digital catalog:

<http://digital.minlib.net>

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Online Resource of the Month: Freegal

Freegal Music gives you access to hundreds of thousands of songs in the Sony Music catalog, with your Goodnow Library card! How Freegal Music Works:

- Library users have a weekly download limit of 3 songs. You will be able to keep track of your downloads in the upper right corner of the site. Every song has a sample clip you can listen to before you download.
- The downloads on this site are all in the MP3 format with no DRM. This service will work with any MP3 player, including iPod, and can be loaded into iTunes. It works on both PCs and Macs.
- Be sure to check out the browsing areas, especially *Artists A to Z* and the genre lists. Click on *See All Genres* to view dozens of categories.

Enjoy the site!



Curl Up With a Good Book!

Cold, stormy, wintry days are a great time to curl up in a cozy corner with a drink and to catch up on all those books you have been wanting to read but did not have time for when the weather outside was more inviting.

The Friends of the Goodnow Library book sale shelves are a great place to find a large selection of fiction, nonfiction, and children's books at bargain prices. Choose from a variety of fiction genres: adventure, science fiction and fantasy, novels, thrillers, mysteries, classics, short stories, or horror. On the nonfiction shelves, select from biographies, history, cook books, gardening, humor, and much more. Hardcover books and large paperbacks are \$2 and small pocket size paperbacks are \$1.

In addition, each month the Friends feature a special half-price sale on their auxiliary cart located next to the sale shelves. The shelves and the cart are updated regularly with new selections so take a few minutes to browse each time you visit the library.

Best of all, your purchase will not only entertain you, but it will also enrich the resources of the library. Proceeds from books sales help to fund the CD and DVD Collections, Special Children's programming, the library's adult programming, the museum passes, movies, the copy machines and printers, and the restoration and maintenance of the entry gardens.

Support the Friends with your purchases. It is a win-win situation!



INTER-LIBRARY LOANS

Have you ever requested a book or a movie and not been able to get it through our Minuteman Library Network? Perhaps the materials had gone missing, were damaged, or were not eligible for loan. Perhaps none of our libraries owned a copy.

Did you know that our Reference Department is happy to try to get these items for you from a source outside our consortium of libraries? The Reference staff will collect pertinent information to proceed with a search tailored to your needs, whether that involves searching the Virtual Catalog with its many Massachusetts networks (we can show you how to do this yourself, if you desire) or continuing to a nation-wide search and request. Most items can be obtained at no charge, and like all our services, this one is free. So, stop in at the Reference Desk the next time you have an item you would like us to pursue!

**SAVE THE DATE: FRIENDS' ANNUAL BOOK AND BAKE SALE
MARCH 30 – APRIL 1
(MEMBERS ONLY PREVIEW NIGHT, MARCH 29)**



Children's Department

Thanks to the generous support of the Friends of the Goodnow Library, the Children's Department is now offering several new programs and outreach services.

Sing-a-Long with Peter Sheridan

On the third Wednesday of each month, children come to the Library for an interactive musical performance by local musician Peter Sheridan. Children love to sing and dance to their favorite tunes! Families are encouraged to check out new books on display in the Children's Room following the musical performance.

New Reading Program for Emerging & Reluctant Readers Benson the Reading Therapy Dog

Children will have the opportunity to read stories to Benson to help them develop important reading skills and gain self-confidence. Benson and his owner Kim O'Konis, are certified by the Pets and People Foundation, a non-profit organization committed to helping people through pet assisted therapy.

Movies at the Library

The Friends of the Library are pleased to announce the renewal of the Library's movie license. The Children's Room will be showing movies on early release days and during school vacations. Movie suggestions are always welcome!

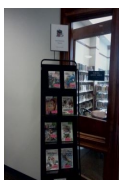
For Young Adults

A Call to Young Artists



The Young Adult room will be displaying art from artists ages 12-18, who are interested in sharing their creative talent in the form of an art / craft exhibition. Displays of art and crafts by local individuals, groups of friends, private and public art class students in the community are encouraged.

Young Adult Exhibit Guidelines and Request Forms are available at the second floor reference desk. Any questions? Please contact Krista Armstrong-Moon, karmstrong-moon@minlib.net or Cathleen "CB" Bradley at studioceb@comcast.net.



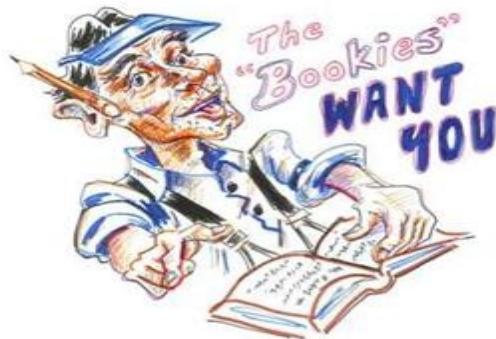
We got game!

The library now has a variety of games, PS2, Wii and Xbox games, all rated T or under. Place your reserve today!



Young Adult Book Group

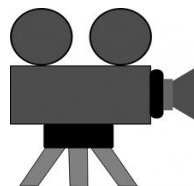
Middle school students are invited to join this book discussion group which meets the third Wednesday of each month from 7:15 to 8:15 p. m. The book for January will be Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli. We will read Savvy by Ingrid Law in February and March's book will be A Tale of Two Tails by Elizabeth Cygan. If you have any questions, please call Krista Armstrong-Moon in the Reference department at 978-443-1035 ext. 4.



THE BOOKIES BOOK GROUP

The Goodnow Library "Bookies" Book Discussion Group will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. at the library. We will read The Journalist and the Murderer by Janet Malcolm. Published in 1990, this unique book first appeared in the New Yorker Magazine. The author, Malcolm, relates that journalist Joe McGinniss may have betrayed convicted murderer Jeffrey MacDonald in McGinniss's popular book, Fatal Vision.

Feel free to ask for a copy of the book at the Circulation Desk. We hope you may attend and enjoy a lively, informal discussion. This looks like a book we bet will provoke interesting responses!



Join us for Movies @ the Library!

Thanks to the renewal of the library's movie license by the Friends, the Goodnow Library will present two showings of The Help on Thursday, January 19 at 6:30 p.m. and Friday, January 20 at 2 p.m. The movie, based on the book of the same name, is about an aspiring author during the civil rights movement of the 1960's who decides to write a book detailing the African-American maid's point of view on the white families for which they work, and the hardships they go through on a daily basis.

This film is rated PG-13 and runs 137 minutes. Popcorn will be provided.

Sunday Afternoons at Goodnow

All programs are free and will be held in the Library's Community Meeting Room at 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served by the Friends. For further information, call the Library at (978) 443-1035.

The Jade Quartet present selections from Dvorak and Elgar January 8, 2012

The Jade Quartet will perform selections from Dvorak's "Quartet in E Flat Major" Op. 51 (1879) and Sir Edward Elgar's "Quartet in E Minor," Op. 83 (1918). Members of the quartet include Dennis Townsend (violin), who has performed in Los Angeles as the first violinist of the Haddington Quartet and is currently a member of the Pioneer Valley Symphony; Janet Van Blerkom (violin), the current concertmistress of the Pioneer Valley Symphony; William J. MacKnight (viola), a student of the Eastman School of Music and former member of the Amicus Quartet; and Rae Nickel (cello), a graduate of the School for Strings in New York, and teacher of Suzuki cello.

The quartet began playing and rehearsing together in 2008. Since that time they have attended many chamber workshops together in both the U.S. and Europe. Their repertoire spans the quartet literature, from Beethoven and Mozart to Sibelius, Elgar and Bartok. They have been coached by many well-known quartets including the Borromeo and the Portland Quartets.

Guy Van Duser and Billy Novick Jazz Duo February 5, 2012

Together as a duo for more than thirty years, Guy and Billy have performed in concerts, clubs and festivals all over North America and Europe. You may have also heard them as frequent guests of the *Prairie Home Companion* show, NPR's *All Things Considered*, or on one of the numerous film and television soundtracks they have been featured on. The combination of Guy's innovative finger-style guitar wizardry and Billy's ever-inventive and soulful clarinet playing packs a real swing and creates a pulse as driving as any big band.

Guy Van Duser is internationally known for his unique "stride guitar" style of playing, as well as his imaginative and sometimes outrageous arrangements for finger-style guitar. A graduate of Oberlin College in music, he has recorded thirteen albums and CDs for Rounder, Daring and Linnet Records. As a composer, Guy produces soundtracks for films and public television programs such as "Frontline," "Nova," and "The American Experience." It is his guitar playing you hear on the "Antiques Road Show" theme song. He is a professor of Guitar at Berklee College of Music in Boston.



Billy Novick is recognized as a musician, performer, arranger and composer. He has toured extensively throughout North America, Europe and Asia, and has made spotlight appearances at festivals, including the Kool, Newport and Edinburgh jazz festivals as well as the Philadelphia and Winnipeg folk festivals. He

recently created a musical score for The Washington Ballet's adaptation of "The Great Gatsby." His studies have carried him from Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota to the Berklee College of Music in Boston. Mr. Novick joined the internationally acclaimed New Black Eagle Jazz Band in 1986 and continues to perform and record with them. His clarinet playing can be heard on theme songs of the popular PBS shows "Antiques Road Show" and "This Old House." As a composer or arranger, his music has appeared in dozens of feature films including John Sayles' "Eight Men Out" and "Lone Star."

The duo has a musical telepathy and understanding that has been honed by years of playing together, a rhythmic drive that doesn't quit and a thorough mastery of their instruments. Add to this their relaxed and engaging stage manner and you will be treated to a joyously entertaining and musically enchanting show that has already stood the test of time.



Exhibits in the McQueen Gallery and Meeting Room

January – John Sklenak and Debbie Dineen Exhibit Photographs

John and Debbie will exhibit their photographs together. They share an aesthetic affinity with one another for subjects and treatment they feel are both different and complementary.

John Sklenak

Combining his passion for the outdoors and his enjoyment of the creatures that inhabit it, John Sklenak seeks to capture the scenes in a way that will set his work apart from others. His favorites include landscapes, wildlife, sunsets, and candid human behavior. Although the subject matter is frequently seen in other photos, he tries to capture the scene from a different angle or under different conditions and strives for uniqueness. With an eye for subject matter and composition, he applies his engineering discipline to strive for "the perfect shot." He will return to frequently photographed sites such as Sudbury's Wayside Inn area to photograph the subject matter in the different seasons, times of the day, and varied weather conditions. John has an intuitive spontaneity that has him awake to a weather condition such as fog and think..."how can I use the fog in a unique shot?"

John has emerged on the photography scene in the last few years, thanks to his retirement from Raytheon, a couple of excellent mentors, and his desire to indulge in one of his long time hobbies. In the last four years, he has achieved 25 plus awards for his work. He is a member of the Sudbury Art Association and the Hudson Art Alliance. His work has been exhibited at the Wayside Inn, the Hosmer House, and numerous Hudson, Marlborough, and Sudbury venues.

A sampling of John's other work may be seen at: www.blue-heron-studios.com

Debbie Dineen

Debbie has had an interest in photographs for as long as she can remember. As a child, her grandfather's visits were always accompanied by the pop and fizzle of flash bulbs. Later, the fascination of Polaroid instant

prints captured her imagination. Debbie's interest in photography blossomed in 1983 when she got her first 35mm SLR camera. She shot mostly on slide film and processed her own slides. She switched to digital format fifteen years ago and now uses Canon SLRs and lenses exclusively. Debbie enjoys the additional creativity offered in post-processing using Corel Paint Shop Pro. She does all of her own printing using Epson Pro photo printers.

Architecture of nature is one of Debbie's favorite photo themes. Both the intricacies and simple lines created by nature and light are scenes she tries to convey through personal interpretation. Animals, especially whimsical animal portraits and animals in their natural habitat, are a favorite subject as well. An avid scuba diver, underwater photos are a part of Debbie's collection of work.

Debbie can be contacted at Debbie_dineen@msn.com

February – Paintings by Carolyn Lee and Photographs by Stephen Gabeler

The Abstract in Nature

Gabe and Carolyn have been interested in the abstract in nature for as long as either can remember. They have been hiking together while photographing separately for about 40 years. Both have a strong eye for, and a profound interest in, how nature presents abstractions, and how the apparently random in nature presents images of recognizable faces, animals, etc. In recent years Gabe has finely honed his sense of that abstract presence in his photography, while Carolyn has used her photography as the inspiration for works of abstraction and semi-realism in paint and pastel. The works presented in this combined show are a selection of these Nature Abstractions.

For Carolyn, life is all about color and the interplay of color in forms. Most of the abstract paintings presented originally were inspired by photographs taken of places visited while hiking. Sometimes the title tells you where. Once the painting gets going, it has a life of its own, based on all the memories of that place through time, the moods of the place and of the visit(s). More recently, paintings are frequently pure creations based on these impressions and memories with no explicit connection to any single place.

For Gabe, photographic practice and his relationships with nature have been both separate and deeply related. A photograph is an illusion, as is a painting, although photographs most often appear to be more literal. Abstract interactions and convergences of color, line, form and time in the natural world stop us and resonate with something we cannot explain. Abstract art is about these resonances which are not entirely from within.

March – Labor Union Posters from the collection of Stephen Lewis

Stephen offers a unique exhibit of labor related posters he has collected for many years. The posters are from the collection, of more than 3700, of Stephen Lewis. He is a long-time activist in the labor movement and is currently the Treasurer of his union, the Service Employees International Union Local 509. He can be reached by email at lewisposters@gmail.com The posters/photos were contributed by friends, collected at conferences, visits to some of the organizations, and from connections made through the internet.



Calendar of Events at the Goodnow Library January 2012 through March 2012

January

McQueen Gallery and Meeting Room Exhibition
Featured Artists: John Sklenak and Debbie Dineen

- 8 Sunday Afternoons at Goodnow: The Jade Quartet, Selections from Dvorak and Elgar
3 p.m. Community Meeting Room
- 10 "Bookies" Book Group: The Journalist and the Murderer
- 18 Young Adult Book Group: Stargirl, 7:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
- 19 Movie: The Help, 6:30 p.m. Community Meeting Room
- 20 Movie: The Help, 2:00 p.m. Community Meeting Room

February

McQueen Gallery and Meeting Room Exhibition
Featured Artist: Carolyn Lee and Stephen Gabeler

- 5 Sunday Afternoons at Goodnow: Guy Van Duser and Billy Novick Jazz Duo
3 p.m. Community Meeting Room
- 15 Young Adult Book Group: Savvy, 7:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

March

McQueen Gallery and Meeting Room Exhibition
Featured Artwork: Labor Union Posters from the collection of Stephen Lewis

- 21 Young Adult Book Group: A Tale of Two Tails, 7:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.