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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Speaking at an American Library Association annual meeting then-Senator Barack Obama said "Literacy is the most basic currency of the knowledge economy." In the years that followed and while the nation's economy sank into a recession, the nation's libraries saw a significant uptick in usage across all categories measured. Locally, just since July, we have registered 294 new patrons; foot traffic, computer use, and reference questions asked and answered are up.

The library staff, with total hours reduced by 15%, has had a very busy time since last spring and the reality of working within the FY2010 budget cut has been very difficult. The library building is 19,000 square feet and staff must cover 3 service floors. Library staffing is at minimum levels for 22 out of 30 of the total service hours.

Thankfully, the staff has had the support of over 145 volunteers. These generous individuals performed a wide variety of clerical tasks like shelving books, checking in book orders, maintaining statistical reports, folding newsletters, and the like. Some performed technical tasks like maintaining the website and trouble-shooting computers. All contributed greatly to the missions of the library and the Town of West Boylston.

On Saturday, May 1st the library Trustees and staff will hold the annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon sponsored by the Friends of the Library. We do this to celebrate these dedicated individuals who help make the library the great place it is. I know that there are many needs within the community and many places and programs that could use a helping hand. I am grateful that these individuals view the library as integral to their lives and I humbly thank each and every one.

Louise Howland
Director



Volunteers for 2009

Sue Abramson, Eleanor Adams, Kathy Atchue, Betsy Baker, Sandy Barakian, Whitney Barnard, Beaman Oak Garden Club, Nomar Benjumea, Amy Bloom, Jan Book, Tammy Bourque, Sue Bream, Jennifer Breen, Ginny Brink, Sarah Buono, Florence Butler, Tom Canavan, Nancy & Ken Cameron, Linda Chang Wong, Linda Chenard, Audrey & Ed Clary, Jessica Colorio, Jeanne Comstock, Victoria Cormier, Amy Corneliussen, Jean Costello, Chelsea Dellasanta, Don DeMarsh, Rose DePatsy, John Henry deRivera, Barbara Deschenes, Karen Eckhardt, Gerry Espe; Jared, Brian, Debbie and Luke Fancy, Sam Farrar, Heather and Andrew Feland, Hannah Flynn, Dawn Forde, Joe George, Girl Scout Troop 30245, Matt Gomes, Sue Gomes, Linda Guida, Nick and Zack Guida, Carol Hagan, Cole and Gabrielle Hamel, David and Deirdre Hennessey, Al Hesemeyer, Katy Jablonowski, Jan Johnson, Connie Kalloch, Mary Lacaire, Cecile Lavoie, Patty Leith, Meredith Lindquist; Sue, Derek and Jill Lundstrom; Anne Marchant, Isabel Marinus, Debbie McAloney, Pauline McCormick, Sandy Menard, Andrew Meindersma, Joe Morris, Tyler Moylan, Arianna Muhlidis, Josh Oberle, Rebecca O'Brien, Judy Ojerholm, Bridget Ordway, Amy Pasquale, Sally Phelps, Olivia Prato, Jackie Pruneau, Virginia Pulitzer, Janice Richinick, the Riopel Family, Riza Samonte, Zaran Samonte, Jen Sappington, Marilyn Sarnie, Katie Schraven, Jane Simmarano, Connie St. Cyr, Wendy Stone, Chelsea Szymkiewicz, Jean Tarkiainen, Kari Thomas, Marion Twining, Sarah Walker, Anne Webb, Phyllis Webster, W.B. Cultural Council, W.B. Light Department, the Witkovicz Family and Irene Woods

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Library Hours:

Tues: 10 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Wed: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Thurs: 10 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Fri: 1 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sat: 10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Public Meetings:

- The Board of Library Trustees will meet on March 2, April 13 and May 13. Each meeting will be held in the Stiles Meeting Room at 7:00 p.m.
- The Executive Board of the Friends of the Library will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24, 2010.



Friends Book Sale Dates!

Fri.: 4/9: 1-5 p.m.
Sat.: 4/10: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Sun.: 4/11: 1-4 p.m.
Tues.: 4/13: 1-4 p.m.
Thurs.: 4/15: 5-8 p.m.



We are a charter member of the Central Massachusetts Regional Library System.



Adult Book Group

BDG is held on the third Thursday of the month from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. March 18, the book will be *Sarah's Key*; on April 15, *Olive Kitteridge*; and on May 20, *Mudbound*. Join us for one book, the books that interest you, or every month.

Evening Book Discussion

There is now an evening book discussion group for anyone free in the evening. All are welcome. Meetings are at 6:30 at the library on the following dates: March 18, April 15 and May 20. Copies of the chosen titles will be available at the circulation desk



Go to [Amazon.com/wishlist](https://www.amazon.com/wishlist) and type Beaman Library in the search box

New Nonfiction Young Adult materials are arriving at the library!

These items were purchased with a grant from the Central Massachusetts Regional Library System.

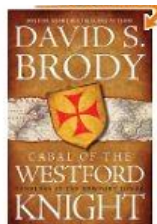


A D U L T P R O G R A M S

Asian Long-horned Beetle Update for West Boylston

Saturday, March 20 from 10:30 - 12:30

Join representatives of the USDA as they speak about what is currently happening in West Boylston and what you need to know to protect your property from the insect infestation. There will be handouts and plenty of time provided for questions and answers.



Author Talk with David Brody

Cabal of the Westford Knight: Templars at the Newport Tower

Tuesday, March 23 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

David Brody is from Westford, MA. He was featured on The History Channel in September as part of their series on the Templar Knights, who Brody suggests, came to New England before Columbus! Brody's work is historical fiction similar to other recent works like *The Da Vinci Code* only with a local focus. The novel is extremely well-researched and patrons will likely recognize many of the sites mentioned.



Friends Annual "Books 'n More" Sale - April 9-17 (see Friends page for details!)

Community Outreach Programs with the Registry of Motor Vehicles including:

Shifting Gears - tips for safe driving for elders

Tuesday, April 27 from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.



and

The Driving Decision - helping caregivers and professionals deal with unsafe drivers

Thursday April 29 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Both workshops will include information on the warning signs of unsafe driving, provide safety tips for drivers, and make suggestions for families dealing with unsafe drivers.

Job Search Workshop with Carol McGuiggan

Thursday, May 13 from 6 to 8 p.m.



Information about this program was not available at the time of printing. Please check with the library for details about this program.

Dean Cycon, owner of Dean's Beans speaks about Fair Trade Coffee

Rescheduled to May 5 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Call the library for more details!



Attention All Artists - Call for Entries

We welcome entries in any medium from West Boylston residents of all ages.

Entries must be ready for display; pictures should be framed and ready to hang. Entries must be submitted with an entry form by Friday, May 14 at 5 p.m.

Annual Community Arts and Crafts Exhibit - Tuesday, May 18 to Friday May 28

Opening Night for Public and Artists - Annual Community Arts and Crafts Exhibit

Tuesday, May 18 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. All are welcome!

For the latest information check our online calendar at www.beamanlibrary.org

T O T A L L Y F O R T E E N S

Tech-Savvy Teen Projects

Saturday, March 13 from 12 - 2 p.m.

Celebrate "Teen Tech Week" by learning about some cool applications! We will use *Picasa*, *Animoto* and *Wordle* to create a photo mosaic, pop art print, a short video or word cloud art. Bring a flash drive with digital pictures to create a photo mosaic or a pop art print. Or, you can create a book "trailer" about a favorite book or a word-art creation to define yourself. See a sample book trailer at <http://novalte.blogspot.com/>



The pencil means that we recommend you sign up ahead of time for the program. For some programs, sign-up is mandatory. **Town residents are given priority** for all program sign-ups. Non-residents will be wait-listed for all programs and admitted as space allows.

FOR TEENS!


Book Discussion Group for grades 6-8

You are invited to join "Pizza and Pages." The group will meet on Wednesday, March 24, April 28 and May 26 to enjoy some pizza while discussing the book of the month! Call the library for upcoming titles.

Book Discussion Group for grades 9-12


Enjoy pizza at the Pizza & Pages book discussion group. Upcoming dates are: March 11, April 8 and May 6. Stop by the library to pick up a copy of the first book! ☺

Live Clue 3

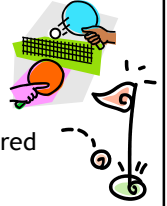
Friday, March 19 from 6:30-8:30 

Come to the Beaman Mansion dressed as a character of your choice and be prepared to help solve the mystery in this TAG inspired LIVE version of the classic board game! Be alert or you may become the next victim! Registrants must inform the library of their character's identity before March 17! Limited to 20 participants!

Unplugged Gaming

Saturday, April 24 from 2-4 p.m. 

Celebrate Earth Day week with some unusual non-electric games. This event will include Billiard-Golf, table tennis, and other earth-friendly, human-powered games crafted by the Teen Advisory Group. Sign up at the desk or by phone!



Mega-Recycling Lawn Ornament

Saturday, May 15 from 11-2

Join in the creation of a mega-creation to adorn the front lawn of the library as part of the Annual Arts & Crafts Exhibit. The gigantic work of art will also fit nicely into the Summer Reading theme for the upcoming summer: **Think Green** at your library!

Summer Program Overview

Get a chance for gift certificates in our Teen Summer Reading Raffle. There will also be many "Think Green" related programs throughout the summer. See our next newsletter for details! The library gladly accepts donations or gift certificates for the Teen program raffle if you would like to contribute to the fun!

DURING MARCH

Guess How Many Items in the Jar!

Each time you visit us, try to guess how many items are in the jar. The person who comes closest wins the contents. (In case of a tie, one name will be chosen.)

Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale April 1 - April 19

Clean out those bookshelves and donate any books your children have outgrown. The Children's Room is especially interested in books on the Major Edwards School reading list to add to our supply. Don't forget to visit the sale as there will be some great bargains and you'll be supporting the Friends of the Library at the same time. See details on the Friends page.

CALLING ALL KIDS

Mrs. Smith's Super Saturdays

March 6 and April 3 at 11:00

Drop by the Children's Room to register for these "free" craft classes. *Seating is limited!*

Classes for Baby & You! - "Mother Goose on the Loose"

Tuesdays, March 9, 16, 23, 30; April 6, 13

Join Librarian Susan Smith for 1/2 hour of music, rhymes, puppets, flannel board stories and activities all geared to babies, birth to 18 months. Enjoy open play after the class is finished. This will be held for 6 consecutive Tuesday mornings at 9:15.

Registration began in February and is open until the class is full. (Birth to 18 months)



"Books and Blankies" Lap Sit Program (For Pre-registered Children)

Thursdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25; April 1, 8

Join us Thursday mornings for a 6-week series for parents/caregivers and their children, 18 months to 3 years old. Interact with your child, guided by Librarians, in music, finger play, parachute play, stories and other activities. *Signups began in February and seating is limited. Registration is open until classes are full.*

SCHOOL VACATION WEEK

Comedy Magic Show with Magician Fran Flynn 

Tuesday, April 20 at 2:00 p.m.

Enjoy an action-packed, laughter-filled, highly visual comedy magic show featuring audience participation and a special appearance by "Snuggles", a very real and friendly magical rabbit. Registration starts March 23.



Spring Arts & Crafts Exhibit

May 18 - 28 during the library's regular hours

We would like to invite all those young artists out there who would like to showcase their work for all to see! Registration starts April 18.

Start Thinking Summer

We'll be accepting prizes again for the Summer Reading Program. Drop off your donations anytime; see Cecile or Denise or call 508-835-2980 with any questions.

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Dear Friends,

As the harsh winter winds down, the Friends of the Beaman Library encourage each of you to join us in the celebration of...dare we say it? Spring!

How do we show our gratitude for the warmer longer days and for the vibrant, diverse nature of our wonderful library community? Here are just a few ways:

❖ **The Beaman Book Sale!** One of the most visible, enjoyable and fruitful fundraisers sponsored by the Friends is the Annual Book Sale. Each year, people come from miles around and marvel at the bargains AND selection we offer. This year, we have decided to hold the Book Sale over two weeks to ensure that everyone can find a time to stop by and shop for fiction and non-fiction, children's books, puzzles, videos, DVDs, CDs, and audio books. Proceeds from the Book Sale support many of the programs you read about in each Beaman Browser. Sale will be held:

Fri, April 9	1-5	Tues, April 13	1-4
Sat, April 10	10-2	Thurs, April 15	5-8 pm
Sun, April 11	1-4	Sat, April 17	10-2



❖ Help take the chill off the last few weeks of winter! For the first time this year, we also have coffee, hot chocolate and homemade hats for sale at the library. Give them a try - the drinks are delicious and the hats are warm and colorful!

Find out more at: <http://www.beamanlibrary.org/friendsmerchandise.html>

Look forward to seeing you at the Beaman soon! Also, please think about joining the Friends; we're always looking for fresh ideas from the community.

Sincerely,
Sally J. Phelps
President, Friends of the Beaman Memorial Public Library
<http://www.beamanlibrary.org/friends.html>