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# Fall Brings Changes to your Library

This summer our displays of new books made a radical change as we added hundreds of more fiction and non-fiction titles to the shelves near the front of the library. In addition, we began displaying new Large Print (fiction and non-fiction) in the **New Arrivals** aisle. We've added scores of new crafts and cooking titles and have included two shelves in our new displays. Just when you thought there were no more changes to be made at the library we have more in store.

The staff of the library have chosen over one-hundred titles of their recommendations that we call **Staff Picks**. Each book has a bookmark and sticker identifying it. The entire list is on our website [www.bellinghamlibrary.org/staffpicks.htm](http://www.bellinghamlibrary.org/staffpicks.htm) We'll update this list every six months.

In August we got ready for the school-year and the after-school crowd and installed three more **Internet** computers for public use. Internet\* users are allowed two half-hour sessions per day. All of our public computers include Microsoft Office Professional applications including *Word, Excel, Access*

and *Powerpoint*. There are three word processing-only computers for public use in the Young Adult room of the library with 90-minute time limits.

In October we will install **wireless access**. Patrons with laptops will be able to access the Internet in most places in the library. Wi-Fi, or 'wireless fidelity' has been



Wi-Fi Arrives in October

available at many libraries already and we are proud to become a free access point in Bellingham.

We are working hard to become the library you want and need in your town of Bellingham.

\*Remember that the morning is a good time to find the Internet available. Avoid hours after school between 2 and 5 pm.

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# Ghosts Are Back@ the Library!

Local author Jeff Belanger will once again discuss his books, answer questions and show a multimedia presentation of his research into the world of ghosts on Tuesday night, October 24th at 7 pm. He will be presenting a night of Halloween history, true ghost stories from around New England and around the world, and ghostly evidence compiled from hundreds of witnesses to supernatural events. Jeff spoke to a large crowd last year at the library in October. He is the author of five books, the latest of which is *Our Haunted Lives* published just this past summer. He also has a new book just published on September 15, 2006 titled *Ghosts of War: Restless Spirits of Soldiers, Spies, and Saboteurs*. The library owns several copies of all Jeff's books. You can read about all of Jeff's work and his books at [ghostvillage.com](http://ghostvillage.com). Please call or visit the library to register for this free program which is sponsored by the Friends of the Bellingham Public Library.

## New programs in the children's room

Children's programming this fall includes some new ideas and faces. In September through October Nina Hunt, Head of Youth Services, offers **Wee One's Lapsit**, a special program for babies to toddlers aged 0-24 months and **Tails for Twos and Threes**. Library Director, Charlotte Rabbitt, and Youth Services Librarian, Roxanne Starkin, offer **Creature Comforts**, a thirty-minute storytime for the whole family. Renee Milliken, Children's Assistant, once again offers sessions of **Miss Renee's Preschool Storytime**. This session of stories and a craft is designed for four and five year olds only. There is a mandatory registration for all storytime sessions. New storytime sessions begin October 30th. **Story Safari, Big-Little Storytime** are both new programs on the calendar for later this fall. **Recipe Readers**, an after-school program for four to six year olds and for seven to ten years

olds begins on October 5th. This non-cooking 'cooking' class will explore stories and recipes. Registration is required. **Itsy Bitsy Yoga** will be held for babies to pre-crawlers at the library from 10-11 on October 11th. Registration is required. On Thursday, October 19th **Singalong with Glori B** will feature songs, skits, puppetry and frolic for all children and caregivers at 1 pm in the community room. Free tickets are required.

There are wonderful plans brewing for December with **A Gingerbread Storytime** on December 5th, **A Winter Tea** on December 12th and a special **Christmas Stories** storytime on December 21st. The Friends of the library will once again offer **Gingerbread Houses** and **Gingerbread Cookie** decorating workshops. Check the library calendar and children's page for descriptions, time and details for these and more events.

## Knitting and Crocheting Groups Continue

What began as a crocheting group for kids and knitting for 'tweens and teens has evolved into a weekly group for everyone on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. in the main room of the library. Roxanne Starkin and Renee Milliken have joined forces and included everyone in on the fun.



Library Director, Charlotte Rabbitt, and volunteer Connie Peter (once a library staffmember) will continue the adult knitting and crocheting group which meets to make afghans for the needy in a program called [warmupamerica.org](http://warmupamerica.org). Stitches of all types are need to knit, crochet and sew these warm afghans together. The group will once again begin meeting on Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. We need your ideas and hands! Join us!

## What's Happening For Young Adults @ Their Library

Between cooking and craft workshops, yoga and karate demonstrations, game and mystery nights and dance parties, the library hasn't been the same since Young Adult Librarian, Roxanne Starkin, came onboard at the library in the summer of 2005. This fall Roxanne has more planned for teens including a return of the Homework Club held on Monday afternoons complete with snacks and a tutor and cooking and crafts.



**Get Active@Your Library**, the Teen Read Week theme of 2006, begins with Salsa dance lessons on October 17th between 3 and 4 pm. A movie night is planned for October 20th at 6:00 pm. Registration is required for both events. On Friday night, October 27th, a **Tarot Workshop** will be held for teens aged 13 and older and adults. Registration is required.

The library is sponsoring a **Red Cross Babysitter Training** course on Saturday, October 21 from 10-4 pm. 'Tweens and teens eleven years and older must register for this course (a \$40 fee paid to Rhode Island Red Cross.) The following Saturday, October 28, a **Babysitter's Job Fair** will once again be held at the library for all Red Cross Certified babysitters and any interested family looking for babysitters. **Note:** The Bellingham Public Library does not endorse any babysitter.

## Nina Hunt joins our library staff as Head of Youth Services

Nina Hunt, new Head of Youth Services, joined the library staff on September 18th and brings her experience with children with her. She began her library career at the Norfolk and Foxboro Public Libraries as a library assistant and children's library assistant. Nina went on to complete her Masters degree at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Simmons College in Boston and began her professional work in children's librarianship at the Whitman Public Library, joining the Medway Public Library two years ago. In Medway, Nina began many diverse programs for babies, toddler, preschoolers and elementary school children. Her studies include the *Six Early Literary Skills*, a formula designed to help children become successful readers. These include phonological awareness (hearing sounds), print motivation and awareness, vocabulary, narrative skills and knowledge of letters. The National Research Council recommends that children enter school with these skills which serve as a foundation to learn to read and to write. Nina has spent time as an experienced professional clown and as an interpretative guide. She lives in Plainville, MA with her husband and youngest daughter.

## Library awarded \$10,000 Grant

This past spring Cecily Christensen, Reference Librarian, filed a grant application which would fund training for library staff in "Reader's Advisory." This means matching the appropriate book with the specific reader. The \$10,000 LSTA (Library Services & Technology Act) grant was awarded to the library in July, with the actual training beginning on October 1st. (It must be noted, however, that the grant is provisional; it is dependent upon the yearly LSTA funding being approved in the federal budget.) This money will fund training for library staff in the use of reader's advisory resources & examinations of literature. Also, authors will be invited to speak at the library with the public welcome to attend. We hope that by the end of the grant year, every patron who asks "What do I read next?" will get an answer to that question and leave the library with a book that they'll love.



## Book Discussion Groups

Cecily Christensen, Reference Librarian, has led a book discussion group here at the library for the past nine years since 1997. The group meets on the second Tuesday of every month and has between 7 and 10 participants. Books discussed include fiction, mysteries and non-fiction. The book discussion for the October 10th meeting is *I Know This Much Is True* by Wally Lamb.

Another book discussion group will begin this fall. Charlotte Rabbitt, Library Director will coordinate the group which focuses on books and the films that they are based upon. The group, **Page to Screen**, will begin with Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *The Bridge at San Luis Rey* (1927) and the 2005 film by the same name. Participants are asked to view the films at home or at the library and read the book before the discussion. (Free screenings of the films will take place in the library community room on an evening prior to the discussion.) Attendees wishing only to hear the discussion are also welcome. Books and films have been chosen for the months of October through June of 2007 and are posted on the library's website or are available in the library. Registration is requested; refreshments will be served during the Sunday afternoons discussion groups.

## Programs for adults @ the library this fall

On Tuesday September 26th Dr. Jennah Dieter of the Khoury Centre for Health and Wellness presented a free lecture "**Go With the Flow: Balancing Hormones Naturally: Understanding the Cause and Solution to Hormonal Imbalance.**" This lecture was for those who suffer from mood swings, hot flashes, exhaustion, monthly headaches, food cravings, cramps, adult acne, and more. Attendees received a coupon for a free consultation and discounted hair analysis.

On Wednesday, November 15th from 6:30-8:00 the library will again offer a free **Introduction to eBay Workshop** presented by Lyn Dowler. You must register for this free course sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Join others in learning how to sell and buy at the 'world's largest flea market' online!



On December 19th at 1:00

p.m. the library will once again present composer and pianist Alfred Watson in **A Holiday Tea and Concert** featuring Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker." This special event requires a free ticket available after November 1st and is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



Check out our calendar on the Web: [www.bellinghamlibrary.org](http://www.bellinghamlibrary.org).

## Audiobooks, Music and Video

The library has been investing in more and more entertainment for you. We've increased our audiobook on compact disk collection by hundreds of titles this year. DVDs will someday overtake videos as we are adding more titles each week. Remember that non-fiction DVDs are shelved in with non-fiction books—be sure to research your titles in our library catalog. Our collection of music CDs are increasing weekly and some categories are *New Age, Blues, Jazz, 30s-40s-50s, Children's Lullabies, Rap, Movie Soundtracks*, and a huge range of *Folk and Ethnic*, including titles in foreign languages and ethnic diversity (e.g. Cuban, Celtic, Hawaiian.)

## Museum Passes Available

- ◇ Boston Children's Museum
- ◇ Roger Williams Park and Zoo
- ◇ Museum of Work and Culture
- ◇ New England Aquarium
- ◇ Davis Farmland & Mega Maze
- ◇ Children's Museum of Providence
- ◇ Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum
- ◇ Slater Mill Historic Site
- ◇ Wheelock Family Theater
- ◇ Museum of Fine Arts
- ◇ Plimoth Plantation
- ◇ Boston Museum of Science
- ◇ Massachusetts Parks Parking Pass

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## Friends of the Bellingham Public Library

The **15th Annual Golf Classic** was held on a steaming day this past summer at the New England Country Club on July 17th. It was another great success complete with prize winners, raffle prizes and a luncheon. Next year's **16th Annual Golf Classic** will be held on July 9th. Supporting this fundraiser directly supports your library.

Friends of the library have special events planned this December. They will include **Gingerbread Cookie Decorating**, **Gingerbread Houses** for children and a **Holiday Decoration Workshop** for adults.

The Friends of the Library conducts an ongoing used book sale in the lobby of the library. The honor system is appreciated and you can look for special sales posted on the website.

The Bellingham Public Library accepts donations of used books all year round. If appropriate we will add a book to our library collection; if not,

the book will be used in several different ways:

- ◇ It may be added to our take-and-replace paperback rack, a source for quick and free reading.
- ◇ It may be sold by the Friends of the Library in the ongoing Book Sale in the front lobby.
- ◇ It may be donated to a worthy cause such as victims of a hurricane or other tragedy.

The Book Sale revenues of the Friends of the Library go directly to the library for funding of children's and adult programs, museum passes, new books and special media collections, equipment and special events. The library requests that books in damaged condition not be donated. Bags and boxes of books can be dropped off at the front desk of the library.

The Friends of the Library are

always looking for new members. Members receive a special invitation to Book Sale Previews. Any new or renewing member in the months of September through December of this year will receive a free Bellingham Public Library mug or mousepad. (Library mousepads will not be available until the first of October.)

Please pick up a Friends' Brochure complete with membership form and listing of museum passes available at the library—or download it from the library website.

You can check out all of our events on our library calendar. Simply sort by date, age-level, type and location. Send reminders or simply email them to yourself or friends and family. It's easy and simple by using the 'Remind Me' and 'Tell A Friend' buttons.

