

Bulletin Board

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The Brewster Ladies' Library Association Board of Directors

Applications are now being accepted for positions on the BLLA Board of Directors, beginning with the July Annual Meeting of the Association. Applicants must live in Brewster and be available for monthly board meetings. Interviews will be held in May. Please send your resumé to the attention of Janet Bantly, Nominating Chair, to the Library or by email to nbantly@comcast.net.

National Volunteer Week: April 15th – 21st, 2007

National Volunteer Week began in 1974 when President Richard Nixon signed an executive order establishing the week as an annual celebration of volunteering, a practice followed annually by every U.S. president since then. The theme for Volunteer Week 2007 is "Inspire by Example" to reflect the power volunteers have to help those they serve and to encourage others to volunteer as well. Watch for ways the Library will recognize all our *inspiring volunteers* during the week of April 15th!

Spring Art Exhibits

<u>March</u>	The "Weaving Network"	Hand-woven works
<u>April</u>	Karen North Wells, artist	Watercolors, oils, and prints
<u>May</u>	Jennifer Stratton, artist	Watercolors

Please come by and enjoy these exhibits. A percentage of your purchases benefits the Library.



Library Update

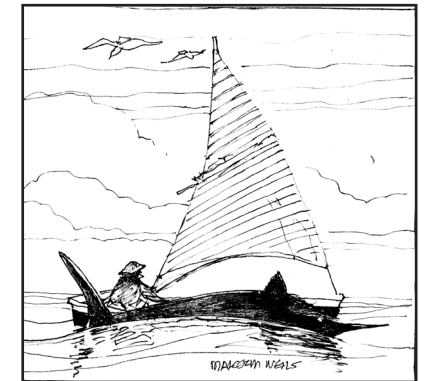
Brewster Ladies' Library Association

March-April-May 2007

Brewster is Reading ...

The American Library Association in 2003 began to promote a reading program entitled "One Book, One Community" to encourage communities throughout the United States with the prospect of civic unity through the reading of literature. Brewster held its first town-wide reading program in the spring of 2005 with the successful "**Brewster is Reading ... about King Arthur**" initiative.

I am pleased to announce that during the month of May, the Brewster Ladies' Library will again be sponsoring a town-wide reading program entitled "**Brewster is Reading... *The Old Man and the Sea***" written by Ernest Hemingway. While many of us may have once read this short novel as a requirement of our high school English class, the Library will be encouraging the entire community to read this Pulitzer Prize winning, epic novel written by Hemingway, recipient of the Nobel Prize for Literature. For the young adult readers, *The Young Man and the Sea* by Rodman Philbrick will be featured as it is modeled after Hemingway's book and provides young readers with a powerful metaphor for life.



Drawing by Malcolm Wells

The events being planned include: a festive kick off event on Saturday, May 5th with free copies of *The Old Man and the Sea* for the first 100 attendees, Cuban music, and tasty samples of Cuban food. Throughout the month of May there will also be: book discussions for all ages, talks by local scholars, a Beyond Our Borders program on Cuba, interesting displays and exhibits on a wide-range of relevant topics, a program about the fishing industry on Cape Cod, showings of the film version of the book featuring Spencer Tracy's Academy Award winning performance as the main character Santiago, and other activities that are still being finalized. All events are guaranteed to be informative, enjoyable, and each will offer delectable treats! Funding has been secured through a grant from the Eddy Foundation. Detailed information will be forthcoming on the Library's website <http://www.brewsterladieslibrary.org/> and through local media outlets.

Please read the book and consider joining in the community-wide event **Brewster is Reading ... *The Old Man and the Sea***.

Suzanne Teuteberg, Director

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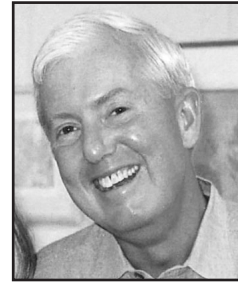
Library Services to People with Disabilities

Brewster had 2,053 people (20.4 percent) out of the population of 10,049 who self-identified as "having a disability" in the most recent Federal Census in 2000. A disability may include: being deaf or hard of hearing, being blind or visually impaired, having mobility or orthopedic impairments, having learning disabilities, and/or having speech disorders.

The Brewster Ladies' Library, as the public library in the Brewster community, has recently begun a planning process to evaluate and to address our "Library Services to People with Disabilities". The planning process will: gather information, convene an open community meeting, identify issues, develop goals and objectives, and ultimately present a plan to the Library's Board of Director's for final acceptance by September of 2007.

Community involvement from all interested library patrons is critical to the success of this planning process. Please contact me (steuteberg@brewsterladieslibrary.org) and/or consider attending the community meeting - tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 10th.

From the BLLA Board President, Chris Kenney



2007 promises to be an exciting year for the Library

Among a number of notable events, May will host "One Book, One Town" and September marks the ten year anniversary of the Library's expansion.

Also beginning in March, we'll be trying out an innovative new service called "MyLibraryTV." This service allows you to borrow a wide array of downloadable video programs. Using a broadband internet connection from your home, go to the Brewster Ladies Library website (www.brewsterladieslibrary.org). Look for the icon for "MyLibraryTV" and follow the simple instructions. The varied content will include a large selection of programming including children's, cooking, travel and do-it-yourself programs. Over time, we'll also be able to access programs from libraries across the country and even upload local Brewster programming for re-broadcast. Obviously, unlike conventional broadcast television, all the programs in our video library are accessible whenever you'd like to download and watch them. Once you've had a chance to use the service, later in the spring, please let us know what you think.

Youth Services - News and Events

Story Hour Wednesdays at 10:00 am. Stories, songs, crafts, and snacks. For ages 2 to 5

Toddler Time Fridays at 10:00 am. Stories, free play, and snacks. For ages birth to 3

March 3	9:00 am	The Cat in the Hat's 50th Birthday Celebration! <i>A Green Eggs and Ham</i> pancake breakfast. Dr. Seuss will read a favorite story and the Cat in the Hat will make a special visit. Space is limited, sign-up is requested.
March 17	10:00 am	Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with <i>The Grab Brothers Band</i> A movement and rhythm musical program for young children.
April 7	10:00 am	Mother Goose on the Loose Sing-a-long with Cathy Weidhaas. For pre-school ages and up.
April 17	10:00 am	A Fairy Tea Party Build a fairy house, fairy tea and cookies served. Fairy costumes are welcome. For ages 3 and up. Space is limited, sign-up is requested.
April 19	10:00 am	How Does Your Garden Grow? Special school vacation week Story Hour. For ages 2 and up.



Eddy School 4th Graders

Coming Soon! A Teen Advisory Board

Starting this spring, teens ages 12 to 18 will have an opportunity to join a new Teen Advisory Board (TAB) at the Library. Members of the TAB will have a voice in selecting materials for the young adult collections, recommending and creating content for the Library's web site, planning programs and in working on a possible re-design of the Teen Room. Youth Services staff member, Kathleen Mahoney, will oversee the creation of the group and work with the members to strengthen the library's services for 'tweens and teens. Forming the Advisory Board is a first step in bringing more teens from this hard-to-reach age group into the Library. "There's a whole movement toward community-based programming aimed at young adults, and we want to be in a position to offer the type of services and programs that are exciting and relevant to teens," says Mahoney.

Details about meeting dates and times will be available soon. Teens or parents who would like more information about serving on the TAB can email teens@brewsterladieslibrary.org.

Shop with Amazon.com and support your Library: Here's How

Simply log on to the Library web site at www.brewsterladieslibrary.org and click on the link to Amazon.com located in the "What's New?" section on the home page.

From there you will go direct to the Amazon site: your shopping experience will be the same, **but because you started from the Library site, Amazon will donate up to 8 percent of what you spend to the Library.**

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The Author Speaks Series featuring Megan Marshall

Thursday, April 19th at 2:00 p.m.

“A Biographer Grows Up: My Twenty Years with the Peabody Sisters”

Megan Marshall, author of the highly acclaimed book *The Peabody Sisters: Three Women Who Ignited American Romanticism* (Houghton Mifflin, 2005) is a biographer whose web site says she has a “particular interest is in recovering lives of women who are on the periphery and making them central. She works with primary documents—letters, journals, commonplace books—as well as with the printed texts these women read and wrote to recreate their lives and times, working from the inside out”.

The Peabody sisters, Elizabeth, Mary, and Sophia, were in many ways “our American Brontes” as these remarkable sisters had a central role in shaping the thinking of their day. Ms. Marshall’s biography gives the sisters a voice and sheds light on their contributions in the field of education and in the Transcendental Movement. The author spent twenty years researching and writing this biography. The book has been awarded the Francis Parkman Prize, the Mark Lynton History Prize and the Massachusetts Book Award for nonfiction and was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in the biography and memoir category in 2006.

A *Booklist* reviewer in March 15th, 2005 noted: “This book is the result of 20 years of research, but despite its 100 pages of notes and daunting length, it is an engrossing account, replete with both penetrating insights and interesting details. It brings these remarkable women to life and reminds us what struggles our foremothers faced when they tried to make full use of their powers.”

Ms. Marshall is currently a fellow at the Radcliffe Institute where her research subject is Elizabeth Hawthorne, novelist Nathaniel Hawthorne’s older sister, a brilliant recluse and her brother’s mentor and muse, who left a record of her life in letters to her family. She is working on her next book *Ebe: The Untold Story of Hawthorne’s Forgotten Sister*.



With sadness we note the passing of Sandi Wisner on February 4th, 2007. Sandi took great pride in facilitating this year’s Book Discussion Group. She enthusiastically contributed her time, her expertise as a librarian, and her passion for books and reading. We send our condolences to her family and friends.

Preserving Brewster’s History

The Library was recently awarded its first ever federal grant, from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) in the amount of \$4,998. The grant will be used to preserve and care for the Library’s archival and manuscript holdings, and to make them more accessible to the public via detailed indexing that will be available at the Library, through the Library web site and on the CLAMS catalog.

Suzanne Teuteberg notes that this grant supports a key goal in the Library’s Five Year Plan, to improve access to information about Brewster’s history, as well as facilitating ongoing cooperation with the Brewster Archives Committee.

Kathleen Remillard - Adult Services and Reference Librarian and Sally Gunning – author and historical researcher, co-authored the NEH grant proposal.

Dates to Remember

March 11	2:00pm	Second Sunday Concert - Sarah Burrill performs folk-rock music
April 1	2:00pm	Second Sunday Concert - Squibnocket Quintet
April 12	7:00pm	Association to Preserve Cape Cod - a talk by Marietta Nilson “From Your Backyard to the Bay: What Every Cape Lover Needs to Know About Septic Systems, Nitrogen, and Water Quality”
April 19	2:00pm	Author Talk by Megan Marshall - <i>The Peabody Sisters: Three Women Who Ignited American Romanticism</i>
April 21	10:00am	Mid-Morning Musicale with Gordon Brooks and Susan Godoy
April 27	2:00pm	Brewster in Bloom - A Garden Talk “Butterflies & Birds in Your Garden” by Mike Sarowsky
April 28	9:00-3:00pm	The Garden Club’s Festival of Tables To benefit Nauset High School Scholarship Fund
April 29	9:00am	Brewster in Bloom Parade - “Catch” our float in the annual parade! Library Open House: Concert by the Nauset Honors Chorus
May 5	1:00-3:00pm	Brewster is Reading - Kickoff Event. Free food, books, music, fun!
May 11	7:00-8:30pm	Brewster is Reading w/ Dan McCullough - Professor of Philosophy, Cape Cod Community College: Hemingway’s <i>The Old Man and the Sea</i>
May 12	10:00-11:00am	Brewster is Reading: Family Event w/ Mike Orb Adventures of a marine life naturalist on Cape Cod
May 15	1:00pm	Brewster is Reading: Book Discussion - <i>The Old Man and the Sea</i> by Ernest Hemingway
May 18	7:00pm	Brewster is Reading: Beyond Our Borders - Cuba. Christine Esperson, Professor of Spanish at Cape Cod Community College
May 20	2:00pm	Second Sunday Concert -The Silver Foxes perform swing music
May 22	7:00pm	Brewster is Reading: The Fishing Industry on Cape Cod A talk by the Hook Fishermen’s Association
May 24	9:00-3:00pm	Brewster is Reading: Finale! Food, prizes, and much more!
May 25	9:00am	Children’s Author - Martha Day Zschock Discusses her series of <i>Journey Around</i> books

Book Discussion Groups

Please consider reading and meeting to discuss these books with other interested patrons. All meetings are held at 1:00pm.

March 13	<i>March</i> by Geraldine Brooks
April 10	<i>All the Pretty Horses</i> by Cormac McCarthy
May 8	<i>The Memory Keeper’s Daughter</i> by Kim Edwards
May 15	<i>The Old Man and the Sea</i> by Ernest Hemingway (Library Auditorium)
June 12	<i>Rules for Old Men Waiting</i> by Peter Pouncey