



Library Update

Brewster Ladies' Library Association

December 2005

Three Remarkable Sisters

Mary-Louise Eddy (1915-2002), Jean Thorndike Eddy Wolf (1916-1992), and Ruth Nickerson Eddy (1920-2005) were three remarkable women who collectively made immense contributions to nearly every aspect of the Brewster community, including town government, the public schools, open-space conservation land, the Baptist Church, the Brewster Historical Society, the Brewster Garden Club, and the Brewster Ladies' Library.

While raised in West Newton, the three sisters spent many enjoyable times in Brewster as children. Each sister was college-educated and pursued a career; Mary-Louise (Bryn Mawr '37) was a teacher, Jean was an editor, and Ruth (Wheaton College '42) worked for twenty years in the insurance business. Not surprisingly, with family roots back to the town's namesake Elder William Brewster, each sister returned to this community later in life.

Perhaps it was their grandmother, Cora Nickerson Thorndike (1862-1936) who instilled in them a desire to serve and to support the Brewster Ladies' Library. Cora was President of the Library Association for thirty years (1906 until her death in 1936) and her portrait hangs in the Library. As Ruth said in an interview in 2000, "Our grandmother was very community service-minded, we learned a great deal from her."

The Eddy sisters' record of service to the Library included:

Mary-Louise, President of the Library Association (1971-1974)

Ruth, Treasurer (1970-1974)

Ruth, Building Committee member (1997)

Mary-Louise, Honorary Chairperson — Building Campaign Committee (1997)

Ruth, Board Member (1990- 1998)

Their financial generosity in supporting the Library throughout the last 35 years has also been unprecedented. It has included a \$15,000 challenge grant from Mary-Louise during the 1997 building fund drive and a bequest from Jean's estate in 1994 with the remainder of this trust being issued to the Library this past September. The Library also received a grant from the Mary-Louise and Ruth N. Eddy Foundation in 2004 and due to their foresight, such gifts may be available to the Library into the future.

We honor Mary-Louise, Jean, and Ruth, three sisters whose legacy will continue on for many, many years as part of the fabric of the Brewster Ladies' Library.

Suzanne Teuteberg, Director



Ruth (left), Mary-Louise (Center), and Jean Eddy (1926) Courtesy of the Eddy family estate.

From the Library Director, Suzanne Teuteberg



Several people have asked me “Why should the Library do a strategic plan?” After all, it is not a Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) requirement for a public library.

My answer is that the Library will benefit from doing a strategic plan because:

- The Brewster community will have an opportunity to provide the Library with specific service priorities. As the public library planning expert Sandra Nelson states “Excellence must be defined locally – it results when library services match community needs, interests, and priorities.”
- The Library staff and the Library board will have an opportunity to review and discuss the community’s service priorities
- The Library will have clearly defined goals and measurable objectives with specific ways or activities delineated for achieving these goals and objectives.
- Each dollar spent in the Library budget will reflect and support the service priorities and the goals and objectives to achieve these priorities.

“Good planning helps create [library] communities of lasting value. Creating such communities takes effort, vision, and dedication.”* I do hope you will join us in this planning process and I welcome your comments and suggestions.

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* The American Planning Association

From the BLLA Board President, Chris Kenney



To keep you updated on the Association’s three major initiatives for 2005/06:

Fund-raising. Our single largest fund-raiser, the Book Sale, has set new fund-raising records. The Board recognized the tremendous efforts of Jim & Linda Mills and their many supporting volunteers at the September meeting. In addition, kudos for turning the Book Sale into a yearlong event. Be sure to visit Linda in the Book Sale Room in the Library’s basement. Many Association members and Brewster businesses also supported the BLL at our recent Golf Tournament held on October 3.

Membership. While the BLL has some 6,400 patrons who hold library cards, our Association numbers only 1,000. Every member is truly valued and is critical to sustaining the Library. As many of you know, our annual membership campaign is generally held in June and July. However, some of you will be receiving a “reminder” notice asking that you renew your annual membership. Perhaps with the press of summer visitors and activities, you’d forgotten to join for this membership year. Please don’t delay; be sure to return a membership contribution in the envelope provided. In fact, beat us to the punch — get an envelope and renew your membership on your next visit to the Library.

Technology. We’ve formed a Technology Assessment Committee chaired by our director, Suzanne Teuteberg. Their work is already underway, but if you have skills or an interest and would like to get involved, please email Suzanne at steuteberg@brewsterladieslibrary.org. If you want to have some fun and explore some early stage technology, check out NetLibrary eBooks which can be accessed through the Library’s website.

Library Strategic Planning Process Begins

The Brewster Ladies' Library Board of Directors has voted to begin a planning process which will end in May of 2006 with the development of a Five-Year Strategic Plan. The plan will:

- Reflect the Brewster community needs for the Library
- Identify the library service priorities
- Delineate measurable goals and objectives
- Delineate activities of the library staff necessary to accomplish the objectives.

The process for developing this plan is being facilitated by a representative from the Southeastern Massachusetts Library System and the final plan will be filed with the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

The Library Planning Committee has been selected by the Board and the members are:

Eileen Bergquist, Board member and Committee Chair
 Steve Berzinis, Board member
 Bob Campion, Library volunteer
 Jillian Douglass, Town administrator
 Steve Ellard, Business person
 Mike Gradone, School Superintendent
 Howard Hayes, Business person
 Myles Marcus, Volunteer
 Emily O'Reilly, Parent
 Kathleen Remillard, Library staff member
 Doug Scalise, Pastor
 Jean Sears, Town administrator,
 Council on Aging
 Chris Kenney, Board President /ex-officio
 Suzanne Teuteberg, Director/ex-officio

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READ Interesting Books and JOIN the Library's Book Discussion Group!

The Brewster Ladies' Library Book Discussion Group meets in the Library on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:00 PM. New members are welcome at any time.

The schedule for the remainder of the year is:

Dec 13	<i>Black Narcissus</i> by Rumer Godden
Jan 10	<i>Runaway</i> by Alice Munro
Feb 14	<i>Saturday</i> by Ian McEwan
Mar 14	<i>Lost in the Forest</i> by Sue Miller
Apr 11	<i>Gilead</i> by Marilynne Robinson
May 9	<i>Never Let Me Go</i> by Kazuo Ishiguro
June 13	<i>The Great Gatsby</i> by F. Scott Fitzgerald

For more information, please call Joan Lange in the Library (896-3913)



Have you borrowed a book/video from the Library which helped you complete a task (ie. plant a garden, build a wall, cook a new recipe, write a resume, etc. etc.)??? If so, please submit the name of the book/video you utilized and a description or picture of what you created/developed. Submissions will be featured in an upcoming display to be mounted this April in the Library.

Massachusetts Libraries Raised Over \$30,000 for Hurricane Relief

The staff of the Brewster Ladies' Library hosted a benefit concert by the Silver Foxes Swing Band and a raffle on October 30. The event raised \$3,072.00 and all proceeds were contributed to the "Louisiana Library Foundation" for the rebuilding of Louisiana public libraries and the library collections. Thank you to all who contributed.

This event was part of a state-wide effort by forty-two Massachusetts school and public libraries to support the victims of Hurricane Katrina and Rita.

The statement on the next page was prepared by the State Librarian of Louisiana, Rebecca Hamilton for the event and was read by Suzanne Teuteberg, Director.



The interior of the Martin Luther King Library in New Orleans, LA was totally destroyed.



Nothing remains of the library in Cameron Parish Library, Johnson Bayou.

If you are interested in making a contribution in support of Louisiana libraries devastated by the hurricanes, please make out a checks to "Louisiana Library Foundation" and drop it off at the circulation desk. Thank you.

*On August 29, 2005, the greatest natural disaster in U.S. history occurred. Hurricane Katrina hit Mississippi and **Southeast Louisiana**. Orleans, Jefferson, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, Lafourche, St. Tammany and Washington Parishes in Louisiana were greatly affected. Seventeen public libraries were destroyed and hundreds of librarians displaced.*

*On September 24, 2005 **Southwest Louisiana** and Southeast Texas took a direct hit from Hurricane Rita. Terrebonne, Iberia, Vermilion, Jefferson Davis, Cameron, and Calcasieu Parishes in Louisiana were greatly affected by this storm. Twelve public libraries were destroyed. Cameron parish was for all practical purposes wiped off the map.*

On our darkest day, 121 of Louisiana's 337 public libraries were closed. As of today, thirty-nine remain closed, twenty-nine have been totally destroyed, twelve are in need of extensive repair, and thirty-five additional library collections are a total or partial loss; but even though hundreds of public library staff lost their jobs and their homes, all are accounted for.

Libraries in our unaffected areas moved quickly to handle evacuees moving into their parishes. They extended hours (until the last person left), issued library cards, prepared food and drinks, provided FEMA and other critical online assistance, ferried books and programs to area shelters and provided much needed moral support. Library usage in these libraries more than doubled showing everyone, especially public officials the importance of libraries.

Our libraries were able to accomplish these things because of the huge hearts, unyielding will and depth of spirit of the people of Louisiana, but also because of the kindness of strangers. Computers, printers, fax machines, library materials, money, job offers and offers of temporary housing have consistently come in from all over the country since our initial call for help two days after the first storm. The response has been and continues to be tremendous. Through these efforts and through the determined will and perseverance of the people of Louisiana, we will rebuild.

Last week I spoke with Charlotte Trosclair, Director of the Cameron Parish Library, who lost 4 out of 5 of her libraries, her home, her parent's home and everything she and her family owned. She could not even find where the main library ever stood in Cameron because there are no landmarks left in Cameron Parish. I told her about this fundraiser and tried to reassure her that we would rebuild Cameron Parish Libraries. She smiled, because Charlotte always smiles, and said "of course we will" with no hesitation. I think that sums it up.

Never in my life have I experienced such an immense and far-reaching tragedy, but I have also never experienced such generosity and good will. I am proud to be an American, a Louisianan and a Librarian.

As our Lt. Governor Mitchell J. Landrieu recently said, "Through tragedy comes opportunity. This is Louisiana's chance to rebuild from the foundation of our people and culture. It is our time to be visionary and forward thinking, our time to make bad things better and to preserve the good things and good times. "

On behalf of the State Library of Louisiana and all of Louisiana's public libraries, we thank you for your kindness and your support through this difficult time. My promise to you is that Louisiana's public libraries will rebuild.

Rebecca L. Hamilton, State Librarian of Louisiana

October 30, 2005



Volunteer Corner

Daryl Bladen
Volunteer Coordinator

BOOK AWARDS: During the September 22 reception hosted by the Board and Staff to thank our many volunteers, Book Awards (new acquisitions purchased in honor of individuals) were presented to five people. The recipients were:

JACK CLARKE: In his 25 years of volunteering, Jack has been involved in many aspects of the Library from shelving books to presiding over the Board and the Book Sale to participating in theatrical events. He also entertains the other mailing volunteers by making up limericks. Jack was presented with *Heavy Words, Lightly Thrown: The Reason Behind the Rhyme* by Chris Roberts.

MARTHA CLAPP: Another longtime volunteer, Martha has helped manage the Library magazines. While the tasks involved have changed over the years, her current job is to check in and barcode the magazines. Martha also participated in the barcoding project when the Library converted to computerized checkout. Considering this “coding” experience and her family’s interest in nature books for children, we honored Martha with the children’s book *Wild Fibonacci: Nature’s Secret Code Revealed* by Joy N. Hulme.

BELINDA ATWELL: A newer volunteer, Belinda has taken on several important tasks. In addition to working at the information desk, she has taken on the formidable task of BLLA mem-

bership data entry. She also cochaired the 2004 Silent Art Auction. Belinda enjoys quilting and scrapbooking and she was honored with *Quilted Memories: Journaling, Scrapbooking and Creating Keepsakes with Fabric* by Lesley Riley.

TERRY JOHANN: As part of the busy get-caught-up-from-the-weekend team early Tuesday mornings, Terry has become indispensable in helping to organize the books coming in and going out. When she finishes these tasks, she does an additional weekly job of entering volunteer hours into the database. Because one of her several interests outside of the Library is cross-stitching, Terry was presented with *The Cross Stitch Motif Bible* by Jan Eaton.

TED MURPHY: As one of the volunteers who helped make the handsome tables found throughout the Library, Ted has continued to create more tables, shelves, and frames for our changing needs. He also is relied upon for repairs of cabinets, drawers, and anything else requiring carpentry skills. Because of his interest and skill in woodworking, we honored Ted (in absentia, at first) with *The Real Wood Bible* by Nick Gibbs.

FLEXIBLE VOLUNTEER JOBS: Are you interested in helping out at the Library but not inclined to commit to a set time slot? No problem – there are several jobs that can be carried out when it is convenient for you or when the weather is not so inviting. Sorting books for the Book Sale, shelf-reading (reordering disorganized books) and delivering to the homebound are some of these tasks. If you are interested in discussing these options, please see me on a Tuesday morning or leave a message and I will call you.

Reviews Needed !

Be a Published Book/ Video Reviewer on the Library’s Website!

Reviewers of All Ages Welcome!

Please consider writing a brief review (300 words or less)
of any resource(s) found in the Library’s collection.

Send reviews to Suzanne McInerney at smcinerney21@comcast.net.

What is the “Virtual Catalog”?

The **Virtual Catalog** will let you request an item statewide if it not available in a CLAMS (Cape Libraries Automated Materials Sharing) Library. This is great news for a patron who is looking for a particular book and it is not available in the CLAMS system. This feature is accessible to all CLAMS patrons and can be found by going to the following CLAMS website: http://www.clamsnet.org/HTML/English/virtual_catalog_link.html.

The Virtual Catalog searches most of the library systems across the state including the four, University of Massachusetts libraries. Virtual Catalog items usually arrive in one to two weeks and are checked out to the patron for a month. These items cannot be renewed and must be returned to the library where you originally checked it out.

Please ask at the circulation desk or the reference desk for further assistance with the Virtual Catalog.

Also, if you can not find the book in the Virtual Catalog system come to the circulation desk and fill out an Interlibrary Loan (ILL) request form and we will try to locate a copy for you elsewhere.

Note from the Circulation Staff:

It is now possible to receive all notifications from the Library via your e-mail address. Just stop by the Library to register your email address and you will begin to receive all notices for items to pick-up, etc. via your e-mail account.

Museum Passes — Check Us Out!



Are you aware of the discount passes which you can borrow with your CLAMS card from the Brewster Ladies' Library? A family of four can tour **Plimoth Plantation** and the Mayflower for the greatly reduced fee of \$18.00. Or, you can visit the **Cape Cod Museum of Natural History** for free! Go bird watching at **Mass Audubon**, view the work of local artists at the **Cape Museum of Fine Arts**, or enjoy the beautiful gardens and see the antique cars at **Heritage Museum and Gardens**.

If you're planning a trip to Boston, we have discount passes for the **Museum of Fine Arts**, **Children's Museum**, **Museum of Science**, and **Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum**.

We urge you to take advantage of these opportunities to save money while you enjoy some very special places – all provided by the Brewster Ladies' Library. To reserve these passes, stop by or call the library at 508-896-3913.

For more details please consult the Library's website: <http://www.brewsterladieslibrary.org/resources/pass.php>.



MUSIC PROGRAMS

Friday, December 9 – 7pm. **Nauset Regional High School Honors Chorus.** The Library will hold an Open House from 7-9 pm. The public is invited to view the library holiday decorations and be treated to a concert by the award winning Nauset Regional High School Chorus. Holiday refreshments will be served.

Sunday, January 8 – 2 pm – **Pans in Paradise.** Escape the winter and enjoy an afternoon in Paradise with music from a steel band. Tropical décor and refreshments.

Sunday, February 12, 2 pm – **Robert Wyatt on piano.** Get in the mood for Valentine's Day with romantic music. Hum along to your favorite love songs. Refreshments.

Book Donations

Richard Eder, renowned reviewer for The New York Times, has for several years been donating a substantial number of books to the Brewster Ladies' Library. His contributions have been significantly aided by Dick Lockyer and Bob Amerson who pick up the books in Mr. Eder's office in Faneuil Hall and they are then sorted by Nancy Amerson and Maria Cranna.

The Reference staff adds the books to the library's collection; duplicate holdings are added to the Book Sale and generally sold as "better" books. Certain academic titles may be donated to the Cape Cod Community College.

The library is grateful to Mr. Eder for donating the books, to the Amersons, Dick Lockyer, and Maria Cranna for delivering and sorting. Thank you!

AND THE TRADITION CONTINUES . . .



About seven years ago, Brewster Ladies' Library became a wonderland for the month of December. Christmas trees were in every corner, decorated by many different people and greenery, wreaths and lights adorned the archways and doors inside and out. The mastermind of all of this beauty was Joan Goodyear, who organized this wonderful event for many years. Although Joan is no longer with us, the tradition continues, and the trees and decorations will again be adding to the spirit and joy of the Holiday season.

A number of new trees will be in evidence this year. Among them, trees by The Cape Rep Theater, the Chamber of Commerce/Board of Trade, and The Garden Club of Brewster, as well as two new trees called The Hawaiian Holiday Tree and A Heartfelt Christmas.

Several old favorites will still be seen. The Victorian Tree, The Quilter's Tree and the Shoe Tree will return, as well as several other lovely trees. Be sure to take a complete tour of the Library Trees.

Giving Tree

Among the trees decorating the library during the holidays is a very special "Giving Tree" located by the entrance to the auditorium. This tree will be decorated with ornaments with the first name and age of a child who is in foster care or under the protection of the Department of Social Services. Sizes and special wishes from these children are on the back of the ornament.

Please come by the Library to take an ornament from this tree and return a wrapped gift with the ornament attached. The gifts will be delivered to the children for the holidays. Last year the generosity of the Library patrons was overwhelming. It took two trucks to pick up all the gifts. We hope for another successful season of giving!

Recent Children's Events

The Brewster Ladies' Library hosted all fourth grade students from the Eddy School during class visits on October 27 and November 3. CLAM cards were issued, help was given on a "genre assignment," books were borrowed, and a tour of the entire Library was provided! We look forward to all students returning on a regular basis to the Library.

The Cape Cod Children's Librarians' Roundtable sponsored an annual Family Literacy Event to celebrate November's "Family Literacy Month." This year's concert featured Provincetown's own *Zoe Lewis and her Rubber Band*. Due to the efforts of the Cape Cod children's librarians and the generous support of the Cape Cod Five more than 300 children were treated to an afternoon of fun and each child took home a free book donated by Scholastic Publishing.

Children's Upcoming Calendar of Events

Saturday, December 10 – *Santa* will visit the Library and read holiday stories at 10 AM followed by a sing-a-long with Cathy Weidhaas. Refreshments and take home crafts.

Saturday, February 4– *HEARTSTRINGS*, a children's vocal group from the Laurel School will present a concert at 11 am.

Tuesday, February 21 — *Mardi Gras Party* (February School Vacation Program) – 10 AM..Stories, songs, Mardi Gras craft and snack

Tuesday, January 17 — *Winter Craft*, 4 pm, ages 5 and up. Sign-up requested.

Tuesday, February 12 — Valentine Craft, 4 pm, ages 5 and up. Sign-up requested.

Weekly Story Hour – Ages 2 and up, Wednesdays, 10 am

Toddler Time – Birth to three, Fridays, 10 am

Teen Events

As part of the *Teen Read Week* activities, students from the Nauset Regional High School provided a special treat for the preschool children attending Story Hour at the Brewster Ladies' Library. On October 12, they read stories to the preschoolers and helped with the Story Hour craft activities.

Teen reading lists were also available in the Teen Room and teens were urged to "GET REAL!" by reading non-fiction books during the month of October.

A new paperback book spinning rack has been placed in the Teen Room purchased by a grant from the Cape Cod Five Charitable Foundation. Title suggestions are welcome.



Some of Brewster's students make great use of the new Teen Room.

TEEN MOVIE NIGHT
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 5:30 PM.
MOVIE TBA,
PIZZA, POPCORN, SODA.
MUST BE 12 AND UP TO ATTEND.

Dates to Remember

December 9	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Library Open House and Nauset Regional HS Honors Chorus
December 10	10:00 AM	Santa Claus visits the Library
January 8	2:00 PM	Pans in Paradise , steel drum band
January 12	7:00 PM	Dan McCullough discusses his new book, <i>Out of the Cave: a First Look at Philosophy</i>
January 17	4:00 PM	Winter Craft (ages 5 and up)
February 4	11:00 AM	Heartstrings , childrens' vocal group from Latham School
February 12	2:00 PM	Second Sunday Concert Robert Wyatt on piano
February 13	4:00 PM	Valentine craft (ages 5 and up)
February 21	10:00 AM	Mardi Gras Party (February School Vacation Program)
February 21	5:30 PM	Teen Movie Night, Movie TBA
February 28	7:00 PM	Brewster History: Fact into Fiction: a panel discusion including Sally Gunning, author of <i>The Widow's War</i> ; and Myka Sokoloff, author of <i>Exploring Brewster: Footsteps to the Past</i> .
<i>March 11</i>	<i>1:00 PM</i>	Petticoats at Sea : a storyteller's performance about 19th century women's life at sea

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