



# Library Update

*Brewster Ladies' Library Association*

*October - November - December 2007*

## **A Brief History of the Building of the Brewster Ladies' Library**

*By Kathleen Remillard*

**Library Founded December 27, 1852**

**Opened January 29, 1853**

**Original Library Building Dedicated June 24, 1868**

**Library Incorporated July 19, 1878**

**Library Additions: 1877**

**June 26, 1977**

**September 27, 1997**

In the mid 1800's the neighborhood girls of Brewster had a favorite custom of spending occasional nights together in their respective houses discussing town affairs and laying future plans. One night Sarah Augusta Mayo and Mary Louise Cobb lamented the scanty supply of books. And as they say the rest is history.

On December 27, 1852 the Brewster Ladies' Library was founded. Twelve members of the girl's history class became the library's founding members. Each girl gave two books and earned \$1.00 toward the purchase of other books. The books were kept for a time in Capt. Mayo's house with Sarah Augusta as librarian. Over time the collection grew and the books were moved to a room in the old parsonage of the First Parish Church. In 1864, it was decided that the old parsonage needed to be torn down. It was time for the young girls to have their very own building. On May 12, 1867 the Brewster Ladies' Library Association accepted a \$1000 gift from Capt. Joseph Nickerson of Boston to aid the Association in their building project. In addition, three pieces of land were offered as gifts. After a great deal of deliberating it was decided to accept the piece between Mrs. D. Crowell's and the Baptist Church. Thomas Crocker of Brewster agreed to build the new library at the cost of \$1505 to be finished in two months. The new library was opened in 1864 with a dedication ceremony held on June 24th.

On the 6th of April 1877, a meeting was held to see if the members of the Association wanted the library building enlarged. Once again, Capt. Joseph Nickerson offered to fund the library addition. The building was closed from July 7 to October 20, 1877. The library minutes do not contain information on the specifics of this addition, but the minutes do show that Capt. Nickerson paid for carpets and furniture. It was after this addition that the Association decided to incorporate. A copy of the "Resolution to Incorporate" was sent to Capt. Nickerson with a note of thanks for his "munificent bequest" to the Association.

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## From BLL Director

Suzanne Teuteberg

### New Library Hours to Begin October 16th, 2007!

Following local community opinion in favor of extending opening hours as expressed in the Library's Long Range Plan, and in conjunction with careful review of Brewster demographics, neighboring library and CLAMS peer-group practices, it has been decided to adjust the Library's hours.

We aim to accommodate the needs of as many of our patrons as possible by responding to all the constituencies that make up our community. Federal Census information tells us that over a quarter of Brewster's households have school age children, while over one half of residents over 16 are working. The Library's recent receipt of a \$20,000 grant to extend services provided to Tweens and Teens (see article "Library Receives Federal Grant") also factored in to the decision. By including one additional evening and slightly longer Saturday hours, we hope to more closely align the Library's hours to the needs of our school-age and working populations.

Please drop me an email, stop by, or call me with your comments. Thank you!

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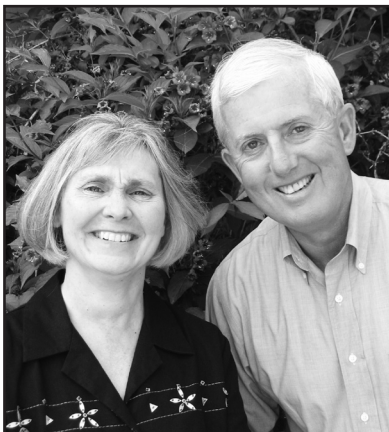
#### *New Library hours will be:*

Tuesdays	10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesdays	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Thursdays	10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fridays	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturdays	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## From BLLA Board President

Chris Kenney

In this quarter's newsletter, you will read about a number of new initiatives and programs. Also, we're commemorating a major milestone in the Library's history. Ten years ago, on September 27, 1997, we dedicated the most recent expansion of the Library. The intervening ten years have seen major increases in the Town's population, number of Library patrons, circulation and size of our collections. In addition, changes undreamed of 10 years ago including wi-fi, public internet terminals and numerous computerized reference and circulation tools have all become routine parts of the Library.



*Suzanne Teuteberg and Chris Kenney*

Although many changes have occurred over the past ten years, the need for your support has remained constant. You've just received your annual renewal notice for the membership year beginning July 2007 and ending June 2008. Please return it as soon as possible. Each of our members is essential in sustaining the Library.

### Friday Foreign Film Series

In September the Library launched a new monthly program, "Friday Foreign Films". This series, which is slated for the first Friday of every month, allows the Library to bring current, award-winning foreign films to the community. The selected films are critically-acclaimed independent and foreign films which have been showcased at the world's most prestigious film festivals such as Cannes and Sundance. They are distributed by the Film Movement Company and made available to the Library through a subscription service offered by Recorded Books LLC, a division of Haight's Cross Communications. The majority of the films are produced for adult audiences and are sub-titled in English.

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## A BRIEF HISTORY

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In 1972, the board voted to create a building fund with a gift from the Estate of Hettie H. Dunklee to address the desperate need for more space. A year later an architect, Mr. Henry C. Boles of Dennis, was asked for his opinion on a possible addition, and a committee was formed to raise funds for the expansion. The goal was to raise \$150,000 and increase the library space from 858 square feet to 2000 square feet. On August 8, 1974 the Library Board announced that \$67, 301.75 had been raised and by July 1975, \$90, 164 had been raised. The remaining funds were borrowed from the Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank. At a special meeting on November 21, 1975 board members awarded a contract to DuCharme and Baskin for \$98, 900. Formal groundbreaking for the new addition began Monday December 1, 1975 and the dedication of the new wing took place on June 26, 1977.

In 1988, Malcolm Broderick and Janet Francis presented a proposal for an expansion that would improve access to the library. This addition, however, would prove to be the Association's biggest challenge and took several years of planning and fund-raising to come to fruition. In 1992, the Association organized a "Space Needs Committee" to determine the space requirements of the library to the year 2010. In the winter of 1995, the Association formally announced its expansion plan and launched a public fund raising campaign. Architect, Stephen Hale was hired to design the building and John K. Scanlon to construct it. The expansion cost approximately \$2.5 million, was funded by a \$1.255 million construction grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, a town meeting article for \$1.1 million, and nearly \$512, 798 in community donations.

On September 27, 1997 the community gathered to celebrate the dedication of the "Brewster Ladies' Library – a building for all ages." In the words of Cheryl Bryan, Library Director, the successful expansion was "the combined vision, support, and industry of many citizens."

## FOREIGN FILM

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October: the Swiss-made movie, *Fraulein*, an official selection of the Sundance Film Festival. Written and directed by Andrea Staka this unrated film tells the story of a friendship among three women from Yugoslavia.

November: *Carol's Journey* (Spain 2004). Carol, a twelve-year-old Spanish-American girl from New York, travels with her mother to Spain in the spring of 1938 at the height of the Civil War.

December: *Long Life, Happiness and Prosperity* (Canada 2002). Set against a background of richly drawn characters, each of whom is exploring their own fate and destiny, this comedy focuses on the story of a young divorced mother raising her 12-year-old daughter. Starring Sandra Oh of *Grey's Anatomy*.

Please join us in the Library Auditorium at 1:00 p.m. on the first Friday of each month.

## News from the Reference Staff

The Brewster Ladies' Library is pleased to announce the addition of two new online database resources:

**Massachusetts History Online** contains full-text articles gathered from almost 50 sources that directly relate to Massachusetts history and includes: people, places, historical events and more.

**Literary Reference Center** is a full text database that combines information from major reference works, books, and literary journals. The database includes the Bloom Series – which consists of more than 500 books from Chelsea House Publishers edited by literary critic Harold Bloom and also *Magill on Literature Plus* that provides critical analyses of the most studied works of literature and includes the *Masterplots* series.

You can access these and other databases in the Library or from your home computer through the Library's website at [www.brewsterladieslibrary.org](http://www.brewsterladieslibrary.org); just click on the Online Database link in the box labeled Resources and enter the barcode number from the back of your CLAMS library card.

## Annual August Book Sale

The Brewster Ladies' Library Book Sale broke all records this year by raising just over \$30,000. Running from the first Monday in August until Labor Day weekend, nearly three-quarters of a tremendous inventory of 40,000 books and videos donated by Brewster and surrounding communities were sold! The remaining items were donated to: a library established by Wendy and David French in Kenya, the Cape Cod Center for the Arts for their upcoming Autumn Fair, and to the charity "Hands Across the Waters" which provides books worldwide to libraries and schools to support global literacy and education.

Five people worked many, many hours throughout the year preparing for this Book Sale and we owe a very special thank you to: Linda and Jim Mills - co-chairs, Jack Clarke, Val Darlington, and Jeff McLaughlin. These five were joined by an additional sixty or so volunteer staff during the actual event throughout the month of August, scheduled by Daryl Bladen, Library Volunteer Coordinator.

Our sincere thanks to all of you who came and came again to purchase books! Donations for next year's Book Sale are most welcome. Also, please visit the lower level Book Sale Room for used book bargains throughout the year.



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*Kay Dorn receives the Mayo Award from Arlene Ellis, Board member*

Our 2007 Sarah Augusta Mayo awardee has been a devoted volunteer at the Brewster Ladies' Library for 18 years and is characterized as loyal, kind hearted, hard working and a writer and editor extraordinaire.

Around 1994, she started the modern newsletter and acted as editor.

She worked with the publicity committee for the building campaign.

She sorted, typed, assembled and copied an Art Auction Directory for the last few years, often called upon in the last few days before the event.

She assembled and proofread at least 3 of our Annual Reports.

She edited, reviewed, re-typed, proofread several times *Looking Back: The Manuscript of Sarah Augusta Mayo*.

Not to be idle for a moment, she quickly moved on and transcribed *The First One Hundred Years* of the BLLA minutes and prepared them for publication.

In her spare time, she transcribed *The Diary of Caro Dugan*.

Her skilled and detailed proofing of the Library cookbook, *Brewster's Bounty*, saved many a culinary catastrophe.

Over the years she has been responsible for helping the library achieve its goal of making historical records collection available to the public and is now working on the next 50 years of the BLLA minutes. Her dedication, enthusiasm and attention to detail have been extraordinary.

Thank you, **Kay Dorn**, for giving the library so much of your time and yourself. In the words of William Shakespeare, "I can no other answer make, but, thanks, and thanks."

## Children's Room Activities

**Story Hour** (ages 2 to 5) Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Stories, songs, craft and snacks

**Toddler Time** (ages birth to 3) Fridays at 10 a.m. Stories, free play, snacks

## Special Events

**Saturday, October 6** – 10 am Bats and Owls Science Program  
with Kim Torres of Elements, presenters of science and nature outreach programs

**Tuesday, October 23** – 4 pm Halloween Craft – ages 5 and up

**Wednesday, October 31** – 10 am Halloween Costume Parade – walk from the Library to  
The Brewster Store  
Sing-a-long and Halloween treats

**Saturday, November 3** – 1 pm – Family Literacy Event featuring  
The Elbows at Cape Cod Community College  
Free tickets available at the Library

**Saturday, November 10** - Story hour 10 am – *Felix (the kitten) -  
& his adventures on the Mayflower II*  
Presented by Peter Arenstam from the Plimoth Plantation

**Tuesday, November 13** – 4 pm Thanksgiving Craft – ages 5 and up

**Saturday, December 8** – 10 am - Visit from Santa and Holiday Sing-a-Long



*Toe Jam Puppet Band*

## Dates to Remember

October 1-31	On-going	<b>October Art Show</b> – landscapes by Daniel Springer
October 5	1:00 p.m.	<b>Friday Foreign Film Series:</b> <i>Fraulein</i>
October 6	1:00-3:00 p.m.	<b>Art Show Reception for Daniel Springer</b>
October 9	1:00 p.m.	<b>Book Discussion Group</b> – <i>Moral Disorder</i> by Margaret Atwood
October 14	2:00 p.m.	<b>Sunday Concert</b> – Tripping Lily, traditional/contemporary strings
October 16	7:00 p.m.	<b>A Brewster Literary Evening</b> – readings by Brewster writers
October 20	10:30 a.m.	<b>Mid-Morning Musicale featuring Gordon Brooks</b>
October 30	7:00 p.m.	<b>Ghost Stories with author Edward Lodi:</b> <i>Moonlight Harvest: Haunted Cranberry Bogs of Cape Cod and Plymouth County</i>
October 31	10:00 a.m.	<b>Halloween Costume Parade</b>
November 1-30	On-going	<b>November Art Show</b> – oils/watercolors by Elaine Cohen
November 2	1:00 p.m.	<b>Friday Foreign Film Series:</b> <i>Long Life, Happiness and Prosperity</i>
November 3	1:00 p.m.	<b>Family Literacy Event</b> The Elbows at Cape Cod Community College
November 4	2:00- 5:00 p.m.	<b>Art Show Reception for Elaine Cohen</b>
November 8	3:00 p.m.	<b>Volunteer Appreciation Party</b>
November 10	10:30 a.m.	Children's Program – Plimoth Plantation presenter
November 13	1:00 p.m.	Book Discussion Group – <i>Mayflower</i> by Nathaniel Philbrick
November 15	2:00 p.m.	<b>Author Speak- Evelyn Shakir:</b> <i>Remember Me to Lebanon: Stories of Lebanese Women in America</i>
November 18	2:00 p.m.	<b>Sunday Concert</b> - Liz Schultze, Bo Ericsson, and Sam Ericsson
November 20 - December 1		<b>Pottery Sale</b> – “10 Potters Plus One” Library auditorium
December 1-31	On-going	<b>Art Show</b> – Expressions in Color by Thomas Connell
December 15	3:00-5:00 pm	<b>Art Show Reception for Thomas Connell</b>
December 7	1:00 p.m.	<b>Friday Foreign Film Series:</b> <i>Carol's Journey</i>
December 7	7:00 p.m.	<b>Holiday Concert &amp; Open House:</b> Nauset Regional High School Honors Chorus
December 11	1:00pm	<b>Book Discussion Group</b> – <i>The Professor's House</i> by Willa Cather

## Library Receives Federal Grant to Expand Youth Services

In July the Library was awarded a significant Federal grant that will enable us to expand our services to pre-teen and teenage residents of Brewster. Funded by the Institute on Museum and Library Services and administered through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, the \$20,000 grant will allow us to develop new programs and upgrade technology and decor in the Library's Teen Room. The funds will also be used to purchase popular young adult titles in various formats, including books, DVDs, audio books, and graphic novels.

One major component of the project will be to add video recording and editing capabilities to our technology platforms. The popularity of Internet sites such as YouTube and MySpace have paved the way for teens to create and distribute their own content and socialize around it. Making the technology and equipment available for teens at the Library is a natural fit. Teens who participate in the video production programs will have the opportunity to write and produce Public Service Announcements (PSAs) for the town, create original video book trailers, or act as video reporters for local events.

The newly formed Teen Advisory Board (TAB) will play a big role in shaping future services and developing the Library's collections. Project Director and Youth Services staff member Kathleen Mahoney noted that enlisting a core group of teens to serve on TAB is an important first step. "We're looking for teens who are willing to jump in and assume leadership roles and become involved in designing and developing programming and collections. It's really a great opportunity for them to play a role in the community, while fulfilling volunteer and community service requirements for school and church programs."

"The Brewster Ladies' Library is committed to reaching out to all residents of the community. We are thrilled to provide this opportunity to local teens and encourage them to take advantage of these expanded services," said Suzanne Teuteberg, Director.

Details about these projects will be available on the library's web site. Teens in grades 6-12 who are interested in joining the Teen Advisory Board should contact Kathleen Mahoney at the library by phone at 508-896-3913, or via e-mail at [teens@brewsterladieslibrary.org](mailto:teens@brewsterladieslibrary.org).



*Kallie Hannon and the "Singing Ringing Tree"*

## Bulletin Board

### Edward Lodi: Speaking Engagement and Book Signing October 30 at 7pm

**Topic:** *Moonlight Harvest: Haunted Cranberry Bogs of Cape Cod and Plymouth County* a collection of seventeen ghost stories

**Talk:** Edward Lodi will talk about his years of growing up and working on cranberry bogs, and explain how this experience influenced his writing. He will read selections from his book and respond to questions from the audience.

**BLL VOLUNTEERS:** Thanks go to all of our volunteers who worked at the Library this summer and helped us handle the ongoing operations, the extra summer workload, the special summer programs, and the August Book Sale and Bake Sale. Many volunteers contributed their time supporting all of these various activities.

This year's **Volunteer Appreciation Party** will be held at 3 PM, Thursday, November 8. Please try to save this date!

### The Giving Tree

This holiday season the Library will for the fourth time sponsor a "Giving Tree". The tree will be decorated with ornaments that provide the first name and age of a child in foster care under the protection of the Massachusetts Department of Social Services and will indicate what they hope to receive as a gift this holiday. As in the past, teenaged children are most in need.

Please come by the library to take an ornament from the tree and return a wrapped gift with the ornament attached as a gift tag. The Department of Social Services is grateful for the wonderful generosity of our library patrons.



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