



Library Update

Brewster Ladies' Library Association

April - May - June 2008

The Future Is Now: "Library 2.0"

By Kathleen Mahoney

The Brewster Ladies' Library partnered with the Lighthouse Charter School of Cape Cod to celebrate the American Library Association-designated Teen Tech Week with a "Library 2.0" Community Night designed and staffed by local teens. Amy Woods, Language Arts teacher at the charter school, and Kathleen Mahoney, the Library's Youth Services Teen Grant Project Director, conceived the project in December to encourage teens to learn more about the Library's resources. They developed a "Library 2.0" elective seminar for students and to their delight, the class filled immediately.

Beginning in January twelve students and their teacher came to the library on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for 90-minute sessions. The students set most of the agenda and chose to pursue projects using social networking technologies. Their intent was to become experts in several applications and they have created a blog called Interesting Teen Books (soon to be linked from the Library's teen web page) in which they discuss their favorite reads, have learned to use LibraryThing to catalog favorite books, have made suggestions for the Library's LibraryThing page of new teen titles, and have used Project Playlist to create playlists of songs to accompany specific books. They also mastered a social bookmarking site (Del.icio.us) and used Flickr to spice up the teen website with better pictures. They are writing, shooting, and editing a video for You Tube aimed at encouraging library use.

The seminar concluded in the first week of March when the library invited the community to see the students show off their projects. Students

acted as teachers and tour guides and helped family, friends, and community members set up their own accounts with various social networking tools. Videos rolled, CDs played, pictures were snapped, and refreshments donated by Trader Joe's and BJs Wholesale Club were enjoyed by all. The fun continued on Saturday with a gaming night finale. Nearly fifty middle school students rocked, rolled and danced with the Library's new Wii gaming system. Perhaps the best part is that the teens have asked for "Library 2.0, Part 2" next semester to continue their projects.



3 generations at Teen Community Night; (l to r) Tilli Nelson, Sarah Kumiega and Amy Woods

From BLL Director

Suzanne Teuteberg

In recent months the Library has implemented two initiatives, which significantly improve access to library resources for distinct groups of patrons.



The installation of push-to-open door openers has been enthusiastically received by many, including a mother pushing twins in a baby carriage, as well as patrons who previously needed assistance with the doors.

The second initiative has been to establish the Brewster Ladies' Library as an integral part of 'tweens and teens lives "by developing programs and activities which reflect their culture and viewpoint..."*

The Library has created a Teen Advisory Board, developed new programming options, purchased and integrated the use of new technologies, and pursued outreach activities at local private and public schools. It is evident that 'tweens and teens are becoming an important component of our public library community and we welcome their participation.

*FY2008 Library Services and Technology Act
Serving 'Tweens and Teens Grant Application

From BLLA Board President

Chris Kenney

We will resume downloadable audio books in April with a new vendor, "Overdrive". Initially you will be able to choose from over 500 titles – but with new titles added regularly. The service is easy to use for anyone with a computer.



The Friday Foreign Film Series continues its run on the first Friday of each month at 1 PM in the Auditorium. Please join us - the films are entertaining, open the world to us - and - Jeanne Dubé makes great popcorn.

You'll read about our enhanced Teens/Tweens program elsewhere in this newsletter. One of the program's most popular events - its Gaming Night - attracted over 50 young people and parents who demonstrated their prowess in a variety of virtual settings.

While our commitment to the Library's cornerstone collection of books and periodicals is unwavering, we believe the Library must welcome change and offer users a variety of new, less traditional media as well.

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Volunteers

THANK YOU! In recognition of National Volunteer Week, April 27 – May 3, we thank our many volunteers for being the "heart of our library community".

WELCOME BACK: The year-round Library volunteers join the staff in welcoming back our seasonal volunteers who provide extra help needed during the busy months from May to October. The activity level in the Library grows in the warmer months and we rely on a large number of volunteers to staff the Annual Book Sale throughout August.

NEW VOLUNTEERS are always welcome. Please contact Daryl Bladen, the BLL Volunteer Coordinator, via the Library website, a note at the Circulation Desk, or by phone at 896-1530 for more information about volunteer service in the Library.

Recently Completed NEH Preservation Assistance Grant

By Kathleen Remillard

In December 2006 the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) awarded the Library \$4,998 to preserve the library's archival and manuscript holdings and to make them more accessible to the public. In March 2007, professional archivists Judy and Stephen Farrar of *History Preserved* conducted a survey of the library's holdings and submitted recommendations under a project funded by a grant from the Town of Brewster Community Preservation Act Committee.

The Library then hired the Farrars to continue working on the library's archival holdings and Suzanne Teuteberg, Director and Kathleen Remillard, Adult Services/Reference Librarian identified the creation of finding aids for four of the library's manuscript archival collections as project priorities. The Farrars would also improve the conservation of these collections and recommend specific collections for future digitization. The Farrar's completed the project on February 4, 2008 and handed over the finding aids for the Newcomb Family Correspondence and Document Collection, a Photograph Collection, the Caro Dugan Papers, and the Brewster History Collection. These completed collections will be important resources in the study of Brewster's local history.

This project is a significant step in preserving and providing access to the library's archival and manuscript collections and positions the library to pursue funding for future digitization projects to make these collections even more accessible. For an example of the value of preservation of local history documents and photos we can cite a recently rediscovered photo of Helen Keller and Annie Sullivan taken in Brewster that appeared in over 25 newspapers and magazines in several countries during the past month.

Annual Library Book Sale

The 2008 Library Book Sale will begin on Monday, August 4th, 2008 and continue through the month of August during regular library hours and from noon to three on Sundays and Mondays. Donations of books, CD's, DVD's, sheet music, VHS videos, books-on-tape, or puzzles are welcomed but preferably by June 15. Questions about donations to the book sale may be addressed to Linda and Jim Mills at 385-7264.

Marathon Bridge Recruiting:

The Brewster Ladies' Library Marathon Bridge group is looking for new players for next year. The group meets monthly from Sept. to May and consists of experienced players. Cost is a \$20 donation to the library – please call Len Neil at 896-2924 for further information.

Upcoming Author Talks

Brewster native and author **Sally Gunning** will do a reading and sign her new book *Bound* on **Thursday May 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.** *Publishers Weekly* states: "[A] page-turner . . . Gunning weaves a horrifying, spellbinding story of colonial indenture's cruelties and a meditation on the meaning of freedom." Pulitzer Prize winning author Geraldine Brooks describes *Bound* as "...beautifully researched and ardently imagined . . . you can taste the salt in the Cape Cod air."

Author Sara Young will do a reading and sign her new book *My Enemy's Cradle* on Tuesday, **June 24 at 7:00 p.m.** Mining a lost piece of history, the Lebensborn, a maternity home for girls carrying German babies, Sara Young takes us deep into deep into the lives of women living in the worst of times. *Publishers Weekly* describes Sara's novel as "a stunning adult debut..."

Dates to Remember

April	On-going	April Art Show Oil Paintings by Coco Lorrain
April 4	1:00 p.m.	First Friday Foreign Film <i>Arranged</i>
April 4	4:30-7:30 p.m.	Artist Reception for Coco Lorrain
April 6	2:00 p.m.	Teen Advisory Board Meeting
April 8	1:00 p.m.	Book Discussion <i>The Tenderness of Wolves</i> by Stef Penney
April 13	2:00 p.m.	Sunday Concert The Tim Sweeney Trio
April 17	6:30 p.m.	Teen Movie Night <i>Juno</i>
April 19	10:30 a.m.	Mid-Morning Musicale with Gordon Brooks
April 22	10:00 a.m.	Children's Program Professor <i>Readsalot</i>
April 23	10:00 a.m.	Children's Program Fairy Tea Party
April 29	3:30 p.m.	5th Grade Book Discussion- <i>A Dog's Life</i> by Anne M. Martin
May	On-going	May Art Show Mixed Media by the Star Gallery
May 2	1:00 p.m.	First Friday Foreign Film <i>Festival Shorts Collection</i>
May 3	1:00 p.m.	Teen Advisory Board Meeting
May 3	2:00 p.m.	Teen Movie Matinee <i>The Golden Compass</i>
May 4	3:00 p.m.	Sunday Concert Nauset High School World Music Group
May 6	7:00 p.m.	Teen Program "College Admissions 2.0" <i>Admissions Officer from MIT discuss trends in college admissions</i>
May 13	1:00 p.m.	Book Discussion <i>Half a Yellow Sun</i> by Chimamanda Adichie
May 22	7:00 p.m.	Author, Sally Gunning presents her new book <i>Bound</i>
May 23	10:15 a.m.	Children's Author, Karen Beil visits with kindergarten classes
May 31	10:00-12:00 p.m.	Art Demonstration Michele Carrozo <i>Watercolor techniques</i>
June 1-15	On-going	June Art Show Photography by Louis Cormier
June 6	1:00 p.m.	First Friday Foreign Film <i>The Violin</i>
June 16-31	On-going	June Art Show Mixed Media by Joyce McConnell
June 10	1:00 p.m.	Book Discussion <i>Forgetfulness</i> by Ward Jus
June 24	7:00 p.m.	Author, Sara Young discusses her new book <i>My Enemy's Cradle</i>

Children's Services News and Events

By Claire Gradone

April: artwork by Students at the Eddy Elementary School depicting events from Brewster's history to be displayed in the Children's Room to celebrate *Brewster in Bloom*.

April 14 through May 2: Stony Brook and Eddy Elementary Schools' students participate in a read-a-thon sponsored by BESPIE. The Library will display books and booklists during school vacation, April 21 - 25. Professor *Readsalot*, aka magician Greg McAdams, will present a special program on Tuesday, April 22 at 10 am to encourage young readers.

Wednesday, April 23: 2nd Annual Fairy Tea Party held at 10 am. Costumes, stories, and juggling by Trevor Pearson, with tea and cookies. Please sign up in the Children's Room for this event.

Friday, May 23: Stony Brook Elementary School kindergarten classes visit the Library to hear children's author Karen Beil speak about her latest book, *MOOOVE OVER*. Children will receive their first library card and parents and friends are invited to attend. The Library is donating a set of Ms. Beil's books to the kindergarten classrooms.

The Brewster Cultural Council has awarded the Library's Children's Services area two programming grants for 2008. One supports *Magic* by Scott Jameson, scheduled for July 24 at 2pm. The second

supports four science programs to be presented by Kim Torres of "elements" on Tuesday mornings in July.

June 23-mid September: *Wild Reads @ the Brewster Ladies' Library*. Children will log the books they read through mid-September with prizes awarded for books read and Library programs throughout the summer will promote this theme. Anne Moore, Brewster elementary school librarian and Claire Gradone, Brewster Ladies' Library Youth Services librarian, will prepare a suggested list of *Wild Reads*.



"Bubble Magic" with Keith Michael Johnson

Notes from the Circulation Staff

By Chris Lord

Library patrons may now check availability and reserve library-sponsored museum passes from home via the Internet. Simply go to the library's web site www.brewsterladieslibrary.org with your CLAMS card and pin number* in-hand and follow the prompts under the Museum Pass heading to make your request. You will receive an email confirmation and, if you wish, an email reminder of your reservation. Stop by the Library to pick-up the museum pass and off you go!

Other computer-based services: a computer and your CLAMS card and pin number allows you to request items from the catalog, and access your CLAMS account to view the items you have checked out, renew items, create preferred searches, rate items, keep track of your reading history, and view the status of your requests.

* Pin numbers can be obtained in person at the Circulation Desk. Please come by to get your own unique pin number.

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First Friday Foreign Film Program:

Friday, April 4, 1:00 p.m. Arranged This film centers on the friendship between an Orthodox Jewish woman and a Muslim woman who meet as teachers at a Brooklyn public school.

Friday, May 2, 1:00 p.m. Festival Shorts Collection A collection of eight original short films from all over the world.

Friday, June 6, 1:00 p.m. The Violin A violin is used to charm an army captain in the hopes of recovering lost ammunition for a Mexican peasant guerrilla movement.

Spring Music Program:

Sunday, April 13, 2:00 p.m. The Tim Sweeney Trio *Cape Cod Magazine*: their music "brings light into the gloom of these troubled times"

Sunday, May 4, 3:00 p.m. The Nauset High School World Music Group Following the *Brewster in Bloom* parade, this group led by Lisa Brown will perform songs written by these student musicians.

Teen Program:

Tuesday, May 6, 7:00 p.m. College Admissions 2.0. Ben Jones, Associate Director of Admissions and Director of Communications for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Office of Admissions will share insights on the changing environment of the college admissions process. Parents and students of all ages are encouraged to attend.