



Library Update

Brewster Ladies' Library Association

October-November-December 2009

A New Library Grant: “Geocaching: High-Tech Treasure Hunting”

The Brewster Ladies' Library is one of only ten of the nearly 400 applicants in the nation selected by the American Library Association to receive funding to launch a new gaming initiative. The Library's grant is for a project in “Geocaching: High-Tech Treasure Hunting”, and for those of you who've never heard of geocaching, be assured that you are not alone. Geocaching is often described as a game of high-tech hide and seek. People all over the world hide containers, called caches, with trinkets and small prizes tucked inside. The owner of a cache runs the game and posts coordinates and clues online at sites like geocaching.com to help players find them using a GPS receiver. There are over 900,000 caches hidden in over 200 countries with each cache relying on players to use clues and follow a trail to the final waypoint. What does it take to stay on track? Maybe a bit of local history and geography, perhaps a keen eye for identifying natural plant life, or knowledge of pop culture and music.

This fall the library will use grant funds to partner with the Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter School (CCLCS) in launching a geocaching program for teens. Preparations began last spring when members of the Library's Teen Advisory Board (TAB) received special training from geocaching expert, Jennifer Kunze, to learn the basics of the game. Ms. Kunze serves as the official cache site reviewer for Massachusetts and is responsible for enforcing the standards for responsible geocaching, like not hiding caches near railroad tracks or federal build-

ings, or doing harm to the environment. Armed with GPS receivers and a set of clues, the teens successfully tracked down three caches hidden on Library property.

In the coming months students from the CCLCS and the Library's TAB will create and hide original caches in and around Brewster and introduce the geocaching program to the community. The Library will hold special sessions to teach anyone else – young or old - to start doing the seeking. The equipment needed will be available through the Library, which makes geocaching a fun and free way to spend time with friends and family, explore new areas of Brewster, dabble in local history, and compete to be the FOF (First to Find) in a town-wide treasure hunt!

Program updates and schedules will be available on the Library's website at <http://www.brewsterladieslibrary.org>.



Successful finish to a geocache search!

From BLL Director

Suzanne Teuteberg

The Brewster Ladies' Library, like most public libraries during this difficult economic period, faces a difficult challenge: a growing user base that is increasing its use of Library resources while the Library budget faces cuts in funding. So far, these factors have challenged us to find ways of doing more with less.



For example, our self-service check out system to accommodate the growing volume of patrons borrowing library materials and requests for your email address so we can cut down on the ever increasing postage costs to mail library notices. We are also exploring ways to reducing printing costs of the library newsletters by sending them to you in an online format.

I hope you will take a look at some of the new items for sale in the Library Store, (including new, colorful re-useable book bags), and consider purchasing items that promote and support the Library.

Also, the Library's largest annual fundraising event, the Annual Summer Book Sale Event, ran for five weeks rather than the usual four weeks. The co-chairs, Linda and Jim Mills, and the many volunteers worked harder than ever to meet the fundraising goal of \$31,000 and we thank them for this tremendous effort!

The library staff joins me in thanking you for your continuing support of our wonderful Library and in renewing our commitment to service excellence.

Suzanne Teuteberg
*Director,
Brewster Ladies' Library*

From BLLA Board President

Susan Bugden

As I begin my tenure as BLLA Board President, I continue to be amazed at the willingness and energy of both staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to make this library such an important community resource for all of Brewster. We have seen a more than 12% circulation increase in the past year. Additionally, the Brewster Ladies' Library has become a destination for discerning tourists who increasingly participate in our children's and teen programs to augment their vacation experience.



Many patrons rely on our library as their primary resource for Internet access and reference resources as they deal with career setbacks, financial challenges and housing challenges.

The Library too is facing financial concerns as State funding of public libraries has been cut by nearly 29% making your membership renewals more important than ever. If you have not already renewed your association membership, we do hope to hear from you soon, and would greatly appreciate any additional gift – large or small.

I am delighted to welcome two new members to the Board: Michael Kemp and Kathy McNamara. Michael is a Consulting Project Manager for Kemp Resources and brings management and information technology expertise to the Board. Kathy is Executive Director of the Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter School in Orleans and brings special expertise in the field of education to the Board.

On behalf of the all of the Association's Board members, I thank you for your contributions and for your continuing efforts to sustain the Library.

Susan Bugden
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Dates to Remember

October 2	1:00 p.m.	Friday Foreign Film <i>A Simple Curve</i> (Canadian, 92 min.)
October 4	2:00-3:00 p.m.	Sunday Concert Series <i>Classical Pianist Igor Lovchinsky</i>
October 8	1:30-2:30 p.m.	Scams & Fraud Speaker from the Better Business Bureau
October 13	1:00 p.m.	Book Discussion <i>Madame Bovary</i> by Gustave Flaubert
October 15	1:30-2:30 p.m.	Identity Theft Speaker from the Better Business Bureau
October	16th -31st	October Art Show <i>Guild of Chatham Painters</i>
October 17	10:30 a.m.	Mid-Morning Musicale <i>with Gordon Brooks</i>
October 22	1:30-2:30 p.m.	Giving Wisely to Charities Speaker from Better Business Bureau
October 22	7:00 p.m.	Brewster's Literary Evening Readings by Brewster writers
October 30	10:00 a.m.	Halloween Pre-school Parade <i>wear a costume and join the fun!</i>
November	3rd-28th	November Art Show Laurie Celine Balliett
November 6	1:00 p.m.	Friday Foreign Film <i>Somers Town</i> (Polish with subtitles)
November 8	2:00 p.m.	Sunday Concert Series <i>Toast and Jam- guitar, mandolin, vocals</i>
November 10	1:00 p.m.	Book Discussion <i>Bound</i> by Sally Gunning
November	15th -29th	Pottery Exhibit and Sale Cape Cod Potters – <i>Annual Sale</i>
December	1st-31st	Art Show <i>Cape Cod Mermaid</i> , Theresa LaBrecque
December 4	1:00 p.m.	Friday Foreign Film <i>Munyurangabo</i> (Kinyarwanda w/ subtitles)
December 8	1:00 p.m.	Book Discussion <i>Life Class</i> by Pat Barker
December 11	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Holiday Open House <i>Nauset Regional HS Honors Chorus</i>
December 12	10:00-11:00 a.m.	Santa Claus visit <i>Bring your camera!</i>

Hot Summer Teen Programming

Brewster teens are back in school, and it's time to take stock of the summer's successes. Teens flocked to our newly remodeled Teen room to log onto computers and/or to check out the latest books and DVDs. At the end of the summer Young Adult collection circulation figures had reached an all-time high – up 113% from the past summer. The summer also included our usual slate of gaming nights, teen movies, and book discussions. But the following programs were special:

As part of the Massachusetts summer program theme, "What's Out There?" the Library teamed with the Junior Tech Program of the Cape Cod Technology Council and professional designer, Andrew Newman, to offer a two-part course in Adobe Photoshop.

A photo journaling workshop, "Cape Cod: Through My Eyes", challenged a group of teens to shoot photographs that represented their own experiences and match the photos with words. Year-round and seasonal residents developed fast friendships while sharing stories of their friends, families, and pets. Amy Woods of the Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter School worked with them and each teen created a journal of photos and memories.

The Library partnered with the American Red Cross for its "Pet First Aid for Teens" program. A Red Cross instructor coached a group of students through an interactive tutorial, which included CPR for dogs and cats, how to tell if a pet has been poisoned, and when to call 9-1-1 for animal emergencies.



Teens at photo journaling workshop



Teens attend pet first aid workshop



The Library's new children's room computers



Children join in on "Take Me Out to the Ballgame"

Wanted! Bridge Players

If you enjoy playing Bridge, consider playing in a Bridge Marathon to support the Brewster Ladies' Library. We need four partnerships and if you do not have a partnership, we will match you with another single. We play once a month Oct-May with each partnership playing against one of the other seven partnerships at the home of the designated host. We use rubber bridge scoring and cumulated scores determine the season winners. Each partnership contributes \$40.00 in support of the Library. We all meet at the Library in June for a finale when book prizes will be awarded.

If you are interested in joining this group, please call Margaret or Bruce Blance at 508-896-3255.

Volunteer Notes

By Daryl Bladen, Volunteer Coordinator

We are indebted to our many volunteers who worked so energetically for the Library over the summer both in the busy Library departments and in the bustling month-long Library Book Sale. Thank you for your outstanding assistance!

Please Note: the Volunteer Appreciation Party that in recent years has been held in the fall is being moved to the spring, probably during the month of April. Postcards invitations will be forthcoming.



Pat Pratson being congratulated for her 2009 Mayo Outstanding Volunteer Award

New Library Online Language Learning Program: *Mango Languages*

The Library has recently made available Mango Languages, an online language instruction program that provides detailed, structured lessons for English speakers in Italian, French, Spanish and Brazilian-Portuguese as well as two English as a second language programs for Spanish speakers and Brazilian-Portuguese speakers. Users need a Brewster Ladies' Library card number to gain access via the library's website and the user's computer must have Javascript enabled and Adobe Flash Player. The computer's speakers must also be turned on.

Mango languages also includes a translation program that translates between English and 12 other languages. While the translations are in many cases somewhat primitive they can be especially useful in translating travel and advertising material in foreign languages.

To get to Mango Languages go to the Brewster Ladies' Library website: <http://www.brewsterladieslibrary.org/> and click on Mango Languages which appears on the lower right of the homepage, under "From the Reference Desk".

Wanted: Book Reviews

The Brewster Ladies' Library publishes reviews written by our patrons of recently published books or classics. These are printed for distribution within the Library and are also available on the Library website. The reviews range from 300-900 words. Please share your reviews by sending them to Jim Mills jl Mills43@comcast.net or Suzanne McInerney smcinerney21@comcast.net.

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FOREIGN FILM SERIES – All at 1 pm.

October 2nd, *A Simple Curve*

Caleb is a charming small-town entrepreneur determined to keep his woodworking shop afloat in spite of the relentless idealism of his business partner and father. In English, 92 minutes

November 6th *Somers Town*

Two Polish teenage newcomers to London forge an unlikely friendship during a hot summer. Marek lets homeless Tomo move into his room, unbeknownst to his father. English and Polish with English subtitles, 70 minutes

December 4th *Munyurangabo*

After stealing a machete from a market in Kigali, Munyurangabo and his friend, Sangwa, leave the city - Munyurangabo to seek justice for his parents who were killed in the genocide, and Sangwa to visit the home he deserted years ago. From separate tribes, their friendship is tested. Rwanda in Kinyarwand with subtitles, 97 minutes

Better Business Bureau Consumer Information Programs

Sponsored by the Library, 1:30-2:30 in the Library Auditorium

Thursday, October 8th *Scams and Fraud* – Scam artists are always adding new twists and finding more victims.

Thursday, October 15th *Identity Theft* – Tips on preventing scams and fraud and avoiding identity theft.

Thursday, October 22nd *Giving Wisely to Charities* – Tips on tax deductions and how to avoid scams.