

# CHAPTERS

The Newsletter of the Shrewsbury Public Library - SPRING 2012

## Book Sale to Return This May!



Friday, May 11, 10AM-4PM

Saturday, May 12, 9AM to 4PM

Sunday, May 13, 1PM to 4PM

Mark your calendars and get out your bookbags - the annual book sale is back! This May, you'll have the chance to buy a variety of books from the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library. All funds raised go back into library events, programs, and materials. The prices are still extremely low, and new boxes of books will be unveiled each day of the sale! Hope to see you here!

## DONATIONS

Donations accepted beginning April 1st. Items must be in good or better condition. Items must be donated in sturdy bags or boxes **that you can leave here and don't want back.**

**ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:** Condensed novels, encyclopedias, musty items, textbooks, old computer books (more than one or two years), audio cassettes, and VHS tapes.



Assistant Library Director George Brown Easily Makes a Cup of Coffee at the New Beverage Café

## New Developments Reach Far Beyond Library Walls

*A Letter from Library Director Ellen Dolan*

With many new things happening at the library, I thought I'd list a few developments in this issue. The quickly forming list caused me to reflect on the constant change and rapid improvement in libraries today. I had to laugh a bit when I thought back on how badly I had misjudged the library field some 30 years ago.

Early in my career I was offered a management position in a public library. At the time I was working as a Children's Librarian and was happy with the active pace and variety and creativity of the job. After much thought, I decided to take the management position, but only long enough to earn sufficient money to pay for my graduate studies in Library and Information Sciences. After finishing my degree, I was sure I would return to children's service work; where all the fun and creativity occurred. I naively assumed that library management would be rather dull work. Boy, was I wrong!

The past three decades have been anything but dull. I've had the pleasure of working during a period of amazing change and progress. I continue to find new challenges and opportunities in my work, where each day varies and provides ample opportunity for creativity and resourcefulness. I've witnessed changes that have improved librarians' abilities to serve the public.

Virtual services have allowed libraries to reach far outside their buildings, and library buildings have become important community centers and gathering spaces. We have this great mix of old and new, which makes library work incredibly exciting. I'm pleased to say that library management turned out to be anything but dull.

Now back to the list of new developments. Here are some of the changes our librarians have implemented over the past few months.

**Improved Wi-Fi Access** - You may have been enjoying the library's free Wi-Fi for some time, and had to deal with slow or dropped access at times. With generous support from SELCO, we are in the process of upgrading the Wi-Fi equipment. The connection will be faster, more reliable—and best of all—available in virtually every corner of the building.

**New Beverage Café** (above) - With a donation from local resident John Heller, who works for Keurig Company, the Friends of the Library are now offering a new Library Beverage Café. For one dollar, you can get a Keurig K-cup of coffee, tea, or hot chocolate, with a travel cup, and make your own hot beverage to enjoy in the library.

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"You don't have to burn books to destroy a culture. Just get people to stop reading them." - Ray Bradbury

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**New Preschool Computer Center** - Thanks to a very generous donation from the Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union, the children's room now has a preschool early literacy computer center. These child-friendly computers, with touch screen functionality, are loaded with numerous programs to promote pre-reading skills in children. Outfitted with new child height stools and tables, this center has become a popular drop-in spot for our youngest visitors.

**Expanding e-book and e-audio collections** - The library has invested a great deal more of its materials budget into building e-book collections you can access on your Nooks, Kindle, or other tablet device. Check out the OverDrive Digital Catalog at <http://digitalcatalog.cwmars.org> for free e-books. Look to OneClickDigital electronic for audio books to download. We now have over 2,500 e-audio titles which you can download to your computer or to your iPod compatible devices.

**Open hold shelf and self-check options** - Through our interlibrary loan services, Shrewsbury residents borrowed close to 44,000 items from other libraries last year. Previously, you would stop by the desk to pick up your requested holds. We've just introduced an "Open Hold Shelf" where you can retrieve your requests. Located across from the main service desk, you can find the requested materials listed alphabetically under your last name. To check out the items, you can use the self-check machines located nearby or have a librarian check out the materials for you. We've received many positive comments on the speed and convenience of this new service.

#### Exciting online tools -

•**Chilton Online** - You might recall the Chilton's Repair manual books, here's an easy-to-use online version with exclusive photographs, diagnostics, step-by-step repair procedures, Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) maintenance schedules, wiring diagrams, recalls and Technical Service Bulletins (TSBs) for automobiles and light trucks. It covers makes and models for cars going back to 1940.

•**Gale Career Transitions** - an online career guidance center that walks users through the job-search process from beginning to end, providing tips on resumes, the application process and performing well in interviews. There's also an interactive interview simulation feature.

•**Gale Legal Forms** - Here you will find all sorts of free federal, business, personal, real estate and general forms covering hundreds of legal subjects and issues.

•**Testing and Education Reference Center** - This includes practice tests and courses (including GED, TOEFL, SAT, GRE, GMAT, LSAT and MCAT), school information, scholarship information and more.

It all feels exciting and new, but I'm always mindful of that old adage "there's nothing new under the sun". Libraries have long provided resources for education, information and enjoyment. Today, we just have some new tools for offering those resources, but I expect earlier librarians felt the same excitement in serving their communities in new ways. I often recall the words of Library Director Ellen Chamberlayne who in her 1933 Town Report described how the Great Depression was changing library use in Shrewsbury. She wrote "Your Library, in common with many others, has just closed a year of intensive activity and expanding usefulness. The economic situation, with its attendant unemployment and enforced leisure, sent many people to the library who had not previously been here. They came for information and for recreation." With obvious pride, she wrote of providing new materials on animal husbandry, civil service exams, raising ducks and geese and more books to fit users' needs.

We are excited about what we can offer our patrons today. Some patrons will come to our website for job tools, free downloadable music, Chilton's manuals, e-books and more. And many will be just as likely come to our building for free Wi-Fi access, public gathering spaces, preschool computers and now-- even a cup of coffee. - ED

## Fashion and Style Workshop Returns

Register for select Wednesday nights to get out of your fashion rut!

Has your work or everyday look turned into a type of uniform? If so, consider attending this fashion series with style and wardrobe consultant Kim Long of Fashion. Life. You. Style on the Fly. The classes will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7PM until 8:45PM, at the Shrewsbury Public Library meeting room.



### Session Descriptions:

#### March 21 - Color Me More Stylish | The Perfect Color Palette for Fashion, Beauty and You!

- Learn your best colors
- Learn how to use a personal color palette to help simplify and spice up your wardrobe
- Learn how knowing your best colors can help with choosing makeup, hair color, eyewear and jewelry

#### April 25 - Get the Perfect Body | My Guide to Getting the Figure You Want by Changing How You Wear Your Clothes

- Tips on looking taller
- How to create slimmer hips
- How to create an hourglass figure for every body shape

#### May 16 - Spring Trends 2012 | The Top Trends of the Season and How to Wear Them

- Age-appropriate guide to what's in, what's out and how to update your look without looking ridiculous
- Ideas on how to recycle or repurpose items from your own wardrobe
- What to shop for based on your personal style

#### May 30 - Spring into Summer | How to Create the Perfect Wardrobe for Summer and Re-energize Your Style

- My complete guide to creating a comfortable and stylish wardrobe cluster that will take you from Spring through Summer with excitement and ease
- Learn my secrets to organizing your closet like a boutique making mixing-and-matching as easy as 1,2,3
- Tips on how to shop less but have more to wear

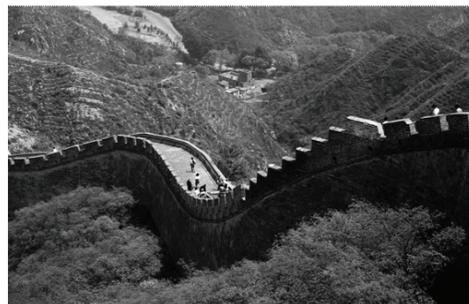
Register for this free series by calling the library at 508-842-0081 X3. Brought to you by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library.



## Event: Tuesday, March 6, 7PM

### 旅行 Travel to China: From Preparation to Immersion

This program provides many insights for future travelers on what to expect in China. The program contains a number of interesting stories - with great supporting images. Richard Ferland is a professional photographer, with about



5 years experience working and living in China. This familiarity gives him an insider's view of the culture, values and sights, documented through the eyes of a professional photographer. He also leads tours to China. Free and open to all interested.



## Discover the History of Wachusett Reservoir

*Monday, April 2, 7PM*

Eamon McCarthy Earls will speak about how the Wachusett Reservoir came to be, and what role it plays in the metropolitan Boston water system. Free and open to all interested.



## Can You Be an Interior Designer?

Join Joyce DeWallace of Shrewsbury in one or both of these helpful interior design idea workshops. Ms. DeWallace, a Home Stager and Decorator who helps realtors stage homes for quicker sales at higher prices and works with private clients to complete their interior design projects, will be conducting both of these free workshops. She will cover decorating basics, and provide ideas to add pizzazz and fun to your home while keeping costs to a minimum. Each class will run from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Pre-registration required. You can register by calling 508-842-0081 X 3 or by visiting the main desk.

**Tuesday, April 10** - *Decorating on the Cheap* - Ten steps to careful planning and making the right choices to create a fresh new look without breaking the bank.

**Monday, April 30** - *Shopping in your own Home for Treasures* - The secrets to looking at things you already own with fresh eyes. How to display collections for impact. How to refresh old and tired furniture and accessories.



## Trace Your Roots with the SPL Genealogy Club

This is a free club that meets every month at the Library.

### Next sessions:

Monday, March 26 at 7PM  
 Monday, April 23 at 7PM  
 Monday, May 21 at 7PM

## Eclectic Browsers Book Club: Something for Every Reader!

Join the best book club around!  
 Wednesdays at 10:30AM

March 28 - *The Reef* by Edith Wharton

April 25 - *Best of Friends* by Sara James & Ginger Mauney

May 23 - *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman* by Ernest J. Gaines



*These are the most requested items by Shrewsbury Public Library patrons at press time.*

<b>1</b>	11/22/63 by Stephen King
<b>2</b>	Water for Elephants (DVD)
<b>3</b>	The Litigators by John Grisham
<b>4</b>	Steve Jobs by Walter Isaacson
<b>5</b>	Midnight in Paris (DVD)

## Event: Monday, March 12, 7PM

### Voices of Worcester Women

Co-authors Maureen Ryan Doyle & Charlene L. Martin will speak about their new book - the results of oral histories of the Worcester Women's Oral History Project. Free and open to all interested. (Snow date: Tuesday, March 13th)

## Event: Saturdays, March-April

### Income Tax Help

Saturdays 3/3/12 - 3/10/12 - 3/17/12 - 3/24/12 - 3/31/12 and 4/7/12 (9AM-1PM) Sign up for free 45-minute slots with trained counselors who will help you file your taxes. Please call 508-842-0081x3 to register.

# CHAPTERS for kids

Events for Children in Pre-K through Grade 4



Local children use the new computers for recreation and learning.

## Pre-Literacy Gets a Boost from the SFCU

*A Note from Children's Librarian Linda Dashnaw*  
 Our new Preschool Computer Center in the Children's Room is made possible through the generous support of our community partner, the Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union. Two new computers especially designed to strengthen and support pre-literacy skills and development are now available. Please stop in and let your children experience our latest technology! Be sure to convey our gratitude to the members of the Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union board for this generous donation. -LD



## Schedule of Storytimes

**Baby and Me Storytime** *Tuesdays at 10:30AM*  
 March 13, 20, 27  
 April 10, 17, 24  
 May 15, 22, 29, June 5  
 Ages: Prewalkers  
 Lottery: Feb. 17 - 24  
 Lottery: March 26 - April 2  
 Lottery: April 30 - May 7

**Toddler Storytime** *Wednesdays at 10:30AM*  
 March 14, 21, 28  
 April 11, 25  
 May 16, 23, 30, June 6  
 Ages: New walkers  
 Registration: Feb. 17 - 24  
 Registration: March 26 - April 2  
 Registration: April 30 - May 7

**Preschool Storytime** *Thursdays at 10:30AM*  
 March 15, 22, 29  
 April 12, 19, 26  
 May 17, 24, 31  
 Ages: Preschool - Kindergarten  
 Drop-In, No Registration Required

**Music n' Motion with Wendy**  
 Friday, March 9, 16, 23, & 30 @ 10:00AM  
 Music enrichment program including singing, dancing, instruments, and a parachute. For children ages 2 - 5 accompanied by an adult. Registration begins Feb. 24. You may register for only 2 sessions. Sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library

**Read to a Dog Continues in March, April, and May**  
 Kuma or Sophie and Willow will be back to encourage reluctant readers or children who would like to practice their reading skills. For children in Grades K - 4. Register in the Children's Room or call (508) 842-0082 x4 for exact dates. Volunteers and dogs will be provided by "Paws For People", a volunteer group located at the Tufts Center for Animals, Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine.



## Singer/Songwriter Scott Kepnes to Visit SPL

*Thursday, March 8, 10:30AM*  
 Funny, funky, folk-rock music and storytelling for kids and families. Appropriate for preschool age children. Space is limited. Free tickets available beginning Feb. 23rd  
 This program is made possible from the Together We Can Family Network which is a program funded by the MA Department of Early Education and Care and administered by the YMCA of Central Massachusetts-Boroughs Family Branch.



## April Vacation Week Activities *Register 4/2 for All Activities*

Tuesday, 4/17 - 2:30PM	Thursday, 4/19 - 10:30AM	Friday, 4/20 - 2:30PM
Something Fishy in the Library	Sink & Float Fun	About the Titanic
Fishy crafts, snacks, games, and stories. For K - 2nd Gr.	Water experiments, craft, & story for Preschool age.	Activities for grades 3-4.

## Other 'Don't Miss' Events!

**Seed Germination Activities with the Garden Club**  
 Learn to germinate your favorite flowers, herbs, and vegetables indoors. This hands-on workshop will cover seed selection, sowing, seedling care and transplanting outdoors. Each child will take home a planted seed flat. All materials will be provided by the Shrewsbury Garden Club.

Wednesday, April 18 @ 11:00AM  
 For Grades 3 & 4. Reg. is required and begins April 4.

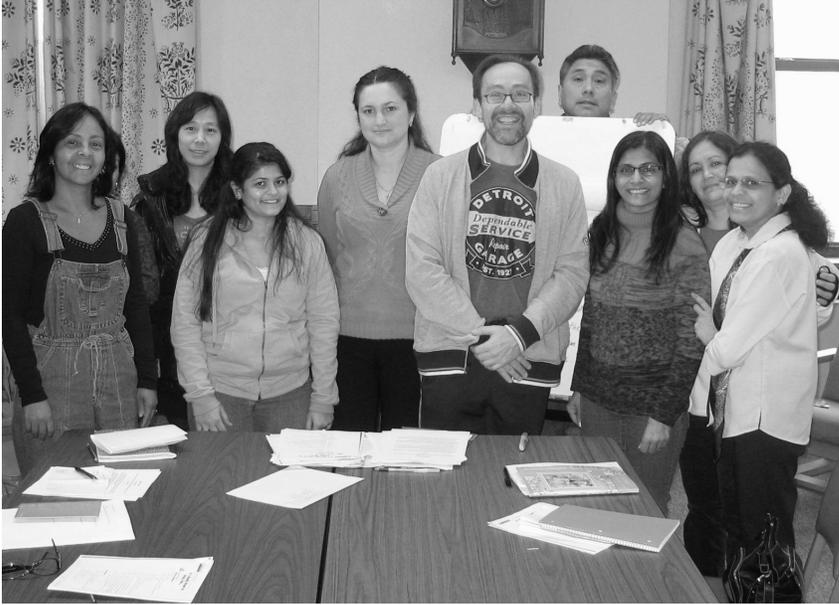
**May Basket Craft with the Garden Club**  
 Tuesday, May 1 @ 2PM For Grades PreK - 2  
 Children will celebrate Spring and learn the tradition of May Day by making a floral arrangement to take home. All materials will be provided by the Shrewsbury Garden Club. Registration is required and begins April 17.

## Sparky's Puppets



*Thursday, June 7 @ 10:30AM*  
 Storytelling featuring props, puppets and audience participation. Great fun for the whole family. Space is limited. Stop in or call to get your free tickets beginning May 24.

This program is made possible from the Together We Can Family Network which is a program funded by the MA Department of Early Education and Care and administered by the YMCA of Central Massachusetts-Boroughs Family Branch.



The English Conversation Group Stops For a Quick Picture

## English, Spanish Classes to Return Language Learning Has Never Been So Much Fun!

The Shrewsbury Public Library will continue to offer a series of very popular courses in both English and Spanish this coming Spring. The courses are all free, but you must register due to limited space. Sign up early because most classes fill up quickly!

### ENGLISH CONVERSATION CIRCLE

The English Conversation Circle is for non-native adult English speakers who wish to practice speaking English in a safe environment. The classes are facilitated by four experienced and committed teachers. This ongoing program is made possible by an LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) grant through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. Please call Priya Rathnam, Reference Librarian at 508-841-8533 to sign up for one of the classes.

The following schedule is for March, April, and May 2012. Sessions run for one hour.

**Mondays at 5PM    Tuesdays at 2:30PM    Thursdays at 5PM    Saturdays at 10:30AM**

March 5, 12, 19	March 6, 13, 20	March 1, 8, 15, 22	March 3, 10, 17, 24
April 2, 9, 23, 30	April 3, 10, 24	April 5, 12, 26	April 7, 14, 28
May 7, 14, 21	May 1, 8, 15, 22	May 3, 10, 17, 24	May 5, 12, 19

### BEGINNER'S SPANISH CLASSES

We have received an overwhelming response to our weekly Spanish class for adults. So, this Spring, we will continue to offer the Spanish class on Thursday evenings from 6:30 – 7:30 PM. We will also offer another class on Monday mornings from 10:30-11:30 AM. Registration is limited to 25 people in each class. Please call 508-842-0081 x. 2 or x. 3 to sign up for one of the classes.

### IF YOU CAN'T ATTEND...

If the slots fill up, or you cannot make the classes at the times scheduled, you can still use the Library website to access MANGO LANGUAGES, a popular online tool that is FREE to you if you have a valid Shrewsbury Public Library card. Ask at the Library for more info.

## Schedule of Computer Classes

**Register In-House.  
\$5 Refundable Deposit  
Required. Minimum of  
3 students required to  
run each class.**

### Intermediate Excel

**Wed. Mar. 14 - 2:30PM**

Learn charts and more advanced formulas in Excel 2007.



### Crash Course

**Tues. Mar. 27 - 2:30PM**

Learn some computer basics. Intended for those who have never used a computer.

### Maintenance and Fixes

**Wed. Apr. 11 - 2:30PM**

Keep your computer healthy and fast with these simple tips.

### Digital Cameras 101

**Wed. Apr. 25 - 2:30PM**

Learn the basics of your point and shoot camera, including transferring to your computer.

### eReaders

**Wed. May. 16 - 2:30PM**

Library materials can be loaded onto your eReader, and we'll show you how.



# FEELING FRIENDLY?

## Join the Friends of The Shrewsbury Public Library

The Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library is a special non-profit organization dedicated to the support of our Library. Becoming a Friend of the Library is an excellent way to support one of Shrewsbury's most valued resources. During these tough economic times, the Friends of the Library can help soften the blow of harsh fiscal realities by providing so many of the extras that make the library an exceptional place.

**What do the "Friends" do?**  
\* Provide the Shrewsbury Public Library with financial assistance and often give time and energy to projects to maximize its resources.  
\* Fund programs for children, teens, adults, seniors and families.  
\* Sponsor an annual scholarship to a deserving Shrewsbury student.  
\* Purchase museum passes for use by library patrons

### How are the Friends funded?

— Support comes from Friends' memberships, fundraisers and donations.

### Who is involved?

— Community members who believe a strong, vibrant library is an important part of our town.

## LEVELS OF 'FRIEND'SHIP':

- FRIENDLY ACQUAINTANCE ..... \$ 5
- BFF (YOUNG ADULTS) ..... \$ 15
- GOOD BUDDY ..... \$ 25
- FRIEND ..... \$ 50
- BEST FRIEND ..... \$ 100\*
- TRUE ADMIRER ..... \$ 250\*
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\*\$100 or more will receive a canvas bookbag. Check this box:  to waive the gift and make your donation fully tax-deductible. Make checks payable to "Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library." Mail to 609 Main Street, Shrewsbury, MA. 01545 OR drop off at the library.

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Events for Youth in Grade 5 through Grade 12

# FOR YOUNG ADULTS



Left to Right: Mary-Clare Ryan, George Brown, Erik Ness, contest winner Julia Naras, Lisa Forsberg

## Teen Wins Pizza for a Year Papa Gino's (White City) Comes Through in a Big Way

This past winter break, the annual Best Teen Chef competition was held for the fifth time at the Shrewsbury Public Library. Twenty teens teamed up to compete for the biggest prize given away at a single event in the history of SPLAT - free Papa Gino's pizza for a year. The generous donation was the idea of Papa Gino's general manager Erik Ness, who said he saw the prize offered by another location for another event, and thought it would be perfect for this occasion. The donation was also facilitated by regional manager Lisa Forsberg. Both Papa Gino's employees served as guest judges for the event.

This year's mystery bag contained pizza crust which the teams had to use in any dish they could with other limited supplies. All of the teams went the pizza route, which was appropriate for the prize they were competing to win. After the first round, the RED team advanced to then face off against each other in a battle for the 52 donated Papa Gino's pizza coupons. When the final buzzer went off, it was teenager Julia Naras who created the best dish and earned the coveted title of Best Teen Chef in Shrewsbury. This event, due to popular demand, will be back again this summer. - DB

## HUNGER GAMES WEEK FOR TEENS

A week celebrating the hit books series leading up to the release of the movie.

**MONDAY, 3/19**

Return of the HG  
Trivia Showdown!

6:30PM

**TUESDAY, 3/20**

Book Discussion:  
The Hunger Games

5PM

**WEDNESDAY, 3/21**

Hunger Games  
Scavenger Hunt

4:30PM

You MUST register for these events in advance. Grades 5-12 only. Other HG events are in the works. Check with the SPL for more info!



## 3-Hour Writing Contest Returns to the Loft!

Friday, April 20, 10AM

For the fourth year in a row, Spring break will be full of wild and crazy...writing! The popular program, limited to only 15 spots, will be back for another 180-minutes of crazy twists, narrative presentations, pizza, and of course, prizes! While the event is free, this year all participants will be asked to **bring a couple of pencils and a pad**. Everything else needed will be provided. Also, registration is required and always fills up quickly. Late-comers will be turned away as the event starts promptly at 10AM.

## Shamrock Scramble Scavenger Hunt Not Just for Irish

Friday, March 16, 4PM

Teenagers are invited to register for a 45-minute hunt around the library celebrating St. Patrick's Day and all things green. There will be plenty of green food, green games, and green prizes (not cash, sorry!). You must register in advance in order to compete.



## SPLAT Group to Hold Membership Drive - JOIN!

Friday, March 9, 3:30PM-5PM (Drop-In Anytime!)

Students looking to gain volunteer hours and/or leadership skills should join the funnest group around! This open house is for all current and new SPLAT members. The information session will be held in the Young Adult section of the Library. No need to register.



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## Library Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 10AM-9PM  
Friday 10AM-5PM  
Sat. 9AM-5PM  
Sun. 1PM-5PM (Oct. - May)



## Contact Information

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[www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/library](http://www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/library)

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**1** sunday

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## SUNDAY HOURS CONTINUE!

Thanks to the generous sponsors who have helped to sustain Sunday afternoon hours at the library these past six years. We are now in the midst of our seventh Season, which we began on October 2, 2011, and hope to have enough support to provide service through May 22, 2012.

We are so pleased to report that as of January 4, 2011 we have 69% of the season funded. You can help complete the season. The cost for sponsoring one Sunday is \$600. Please contact the Library Director at (508) 841-8537 if you wish to provide a sponsorship or need more information.

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and MUCH MUCH more!!