



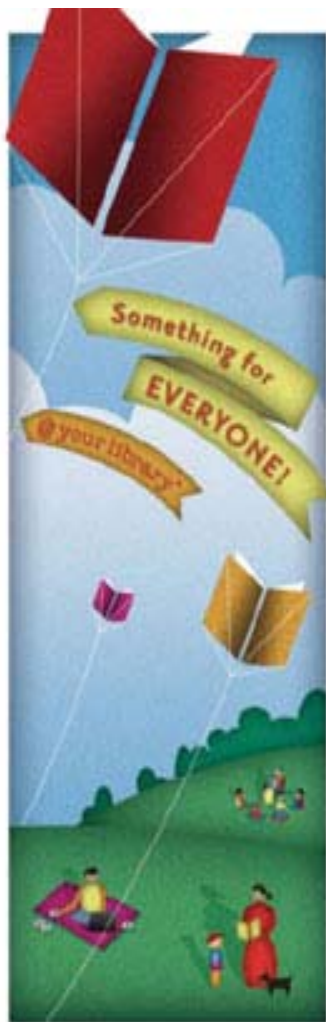
Friends of Tiverton Libraries

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NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK AT YOUR LIBRARY

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NATIONAL
LIBRARY WEEK
APRIL 10 - 16, 2005

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National Library Week will be observed April 10-16. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and staff, and to promote library use and support. For additional information, see www.ala.org.

From the Director's Desk:

A free society has a responsibility to its citizens in providing and maintaining information that allows them to make informed choices in regard to their personal lives, society, and government. Libraries meet the needs of the community regardless of their user's age, sex, religion, ethnic heritage, level of education, or economic status.

Last year in Tiverton, program attendance increased by 32%. Despite the need to hold programs off site because of space constraints, this year 7,809 people attended programs offered by the library. Circulation of library materials in all formats, increased by 3.4%. Foot traffic increased by 6.3%. Computer use increased by 66%.

The total proposed budget for the Library is \$454,332.99. This amount is offset by the projected State Grant in Aid of \$68,270, \$3000 in fines from the 'guilt jar', and the Endowment income of \$8000, leaving a balance of \$375,062 requested of the Town.

Support Library Staff: In Tiverton, according to the director, Cheryl Aboudola, the library's most important asset goes home at night—the staff. Although the building is long outgrown, the Town enjoys a full range of services for all, including homebound.

Tiverton meets only **minimum** State Standards for levels of staff and hours for a town of 15,000. Staff works weekends and evenings without a pay differential, and at rates not comparable to other Town employees.

Budget Support: *In 2003-04, the Library requested, and the voters overwhelmingly approved, a three-year plan to rectify historically disproportionate compensation. At last year's Financial Town Meeting, the three-year plan was set aside.*

This year, please support staff in restoring and honoring the Town's agreement. More: <http://www.pay-equity.org>

Friends Library Week Fundraiser: As our kick-off to this year's celebration of libraries, the Friends will partner with **Barnes and Noble, 1311 W.Main Rd., Middletown**, in a Book Fair Fundraiser. **On Saturday, April 9, from 1- 3pm**, the bookstore will donate 15% of store receipts up to \$2000 from every buyer who participates. Come hear volunteers read from their favorite children's books, and if you're shopping, please thank Barnes and Noble for their support of libraries and reading.

What's New @ the Library?

Our redeveloped website at www.tivertonlibrary.org has new databases in the electronic resources collection:

-**Novelist** is a booklover's database assisting readers with discovering new authors and titles. Readers can search for reading interest matches by favorite author, subject, genre, or award. It's an easy toggle over to the library catalog, which is part of CLAN [Cooperating Libraries Automated Network, www.clan.lib.ri.us], an automated network linking 48 library systems in Rhode Island and lending over 6.3 million items per year.

-**Reference USA** provides detailed info for some 12 million U.S. businesses and 102 million U.S. residents.

-**In addition**, Tiverton Library Services has seven databases covering various subjects including business, health, literature, tax information at IRS, and current events, many in full text. **Your valid Tiverton CLAN library card is all you need.**

Literacy Matters at Essex

Literacy Volunteers of Rhode Island provides funding, tutor recruitment, professional development and technical skills training throughout the state. Adult literacy information and materials are available at the Essex Library for tutors and students to borrow. Referral and program information are also available.

For information call 401-625-6796, x10, or online at www.tivertonlibrary.org or at www.LVARI.org

Watch for the final report on the Tiverton New Library Building Project and why it's critical to move forward at this time.

Museum passes* have been purchased for your free borrowing by the Friends of Tiverton Libraries:

- Roger Williams Zoo
- Blithewold
- New Bedford Whaling
- Providence Children's Museum
- South County Museum
- Audubon in Bristol

The value of the above memberships is \$595. Enjoy!

*Some conditions apply; ask staff.

Libraries in the NEWS

National Center for Education Statistics Study Confirms Library Use Increases Test Scores

3/10/05:

<http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2005302>

The Iraqi Heroine Who Saved a Library for Basra 3/6/05:

<http://suntimes.com> See also the picture-book biography, *The Librarian of Basra, a True Story from Iraq. Libraries Are an Essential Service, Too.* 3/6/06

<http://www.csmonitor.com/2005/0311/p09s01-coop.htm>

Educator Says Investing in Public Libraries Yields High Dividends:

<http://www.heraldtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article>

COLA and the Patriot Act. 1/05:

www.bodees.com/COLA/COLA.htm

Libraries Closing the Digital Divide:AARP Bulletin. 6/04

Know How/before You Go...to a Public Library. *Real Simple*/3/05, p.47

Homework help?
Tax Assistance?
Magazine Index?
Town Information?
Museum passes? See
www.tivertonlibrary.org

CALENDAR @ YOUR LIBRARY

April 10, 1pm to 3pm, Barnes & Noble in Middletown Square will host a Library Week Kickoff Friends' Fundraiser. 15% of sales income generated between the hours of 1 pm to 3 pm will be donated to the Friends to support activities which supplement the Town appropriation. Enjoy readings from Tiverton residents' favorite books throughout the 2 hours.

April 27, 7pm, at the Community Center on Judson Street there will be a REIKI introduction by Reiki Master, Carolyn Machado. The presentation will include what Reiki is, its history, and benefits as an alternative healing therapy.

May 18, 7pm, Judson St.: John Erbenraut will offer a performance/lecture on classical and flamenco guitar.

May 25, 7pm, Judson St: Scott Gregorian will present the history, culture, folklore, and art of the trade route known as the Silk Road, as seen through its oriental rugs.

Children's preschool storyhours run regularly throughout the school year.

Library programs are provided free to all members of the public.

Please contact staff for additional program or bibliographic information, or check the web at www.tivertonlibrary.org

STAFF PICKS THE BEST

Cheryl: *Esperanza Rising*, Young Adult Audio Book

Marian: *The Kite Runner*, Adult fiction (a Read Across Rhode Island pick; for information check the web at

<http://www.readingacrossri.org>)

John: *The Mystery of the Nile*, Adult Nonfiction/Travel

Manny: *Catcher in the Rye*, Adult Fiction
His son Holden, age 4, recommends
Car Wash, Children's Picture Book

Caroline: *J.K. Lasser's 2005 Your Income Tax*. The library has forms, online links, and referrals to AARP assistance at the Senior Center on Canonicus St. Wed. 1-3pm, and Fri. 9am to 1pm. Help is open to all residents.

Sabrina: *The Nanny Diaries*, Young Adult Comedy

Dianna: *A Mother's Ordeal: One Woman's Fight against China's One Child Policy*, Adult Non-Fiction

Janet: *Science Verse*, Children's Poetry in book with CD readings by the author, John Scieszka. **This is a nominee for the Rhode Island Children's Book Award 2006** (<http://www.ricba.org>) **April is National Poetry Month.**

Dorrie: *Last Shot*, a Final Four Mystery, Young Adult Audio CD

(Note, not all staff were present at the time of this survey.)

NEW STAFF AT ESSEX: WELCOME DORRIE

If your dad was the library director at the Naval War College, your aunt was director of the Woburn Public Library (where she worked from the age of 16 to 70), your parents met at the Boston College Library, and your earliest memories were of Newport's People's Library in the King House in Aquidneck Park, chances are that you will, at some point, think of a library career. **Dorrie Baerthaler** after receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Fine Arts, with a minor in Art History and Education, and a Master of Science in Management (who met her husband at Salve's Library), found her way to a Masters in Library and Information Science by such a route. It was the excitement of the new potential in electronic research, and new abilities to organize the increasing number of materials libraries were able to collect, that drew her to the profession.

Dorrie is the new Young Adult Librarian at Essex. She brings a wealth of experience in working with youth in the Newport Recreation Department and Portsmouth Abbey. She looks forward to developing an already strong collection, and to the enthusiasm and honesty of the teens with whom she works. Under development are a summer reading program and a new teen advisory council to help plan growth and publicize the wealth and variety of teen materials available.

THE FRIENDS THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS:



Sponsoring a Book:

Your donation to the Friends will allow the library to purchase a **new book in your name**, or in the name of someone you love or want to honor. Choose from an age level or subject area. A book plate will be placed in the book to commemorate your gift. It's a wonderful way to honor a birthday, anniversary, special occasion, or provide a memorial.

Miles of Pennies for Programs:

Even the youngest can help collect a *Mile of Pennies*. 84,480 of them will provide \$844.80 for children's and teen programs. Jars are at the Circulation Desk at Essex. Your donations total \$379.91 so far: nearly half a mile!

Classic canvas bags and aprons are available for purchase. Ask at the Circulation Desk.

Return receipts requested: \$780.25 to date

Thanks to support from local supermarkets, **Grand Central, Lees, and Clements**, you can turn your cash register receipts in at the Library. A percentage of your purchase totals will be donated by the markets.

Our volunteers will sort the receipts and return them for cash to extend Tiverton Library Services.

Earth Day Every Day

Make a world of difference by recycling your used ink jet printer/fax cartridges. In an effort to place fewer plastic products into our landfills, the Friends have joined a partnership with Recycle-First/AAA Environmental, Inc.

The program provides mail-in bags that are pre-paid and pre-addressed for your convenience. RecycleFirst will pay the Essex Public Library for every good-condition cartridge that is recovered. We have received **\$141.81** so far.

Vehicle Donation Program:

Donate your car, truck, motorcycle, van, plane, commercial vehicle, jet ski, snowmobile, motor home, bus, or boat and reduce your taxes. They don't even have to run. You only need a clear title when you call Donation Line at 888-448-3345 and designate Friends of Tiverton Libraries as the beneficiary. They will remove your vehicle and we will receive 72% of salvage or auction value.

Your donations total \$2,705 to date.

The Tiverton Libraries would like to celebrate **National Volunteers' Week**

We thank all those in the community who have given of their time and talent for the benefit of library services for residents of all ages.

Friends meet at Essex, 2pm, 4th Wednesday each month. New Friends welcome!

The Library community extends its sympathy to the family of Union volunteer Nancy C. McGill on their loss.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of Union volunteer Phyllis Rowland on the loss of her husband.

Friends Fabulous Finds ~ Saturday, June 4th

Your donation of collectibles, gently used books, and talent helped the Friends earn over \$1000 last year. Volunteers are needed.

For details, or to volunteer, call the library at 625-6796

The Friends of Tiverton Libraries are tax-exempt and support the library through fundraising, advocacy, and programming. You can help us through membership, a tax deductible donation, or with your time as a volunteer. You can designate your **United Way** gift to the library, too

The following donations have been received:

- \$382, in memory of Margaret Mary Higgins
- \$300, in memory of Alice C Mayer.
- ***An ongoing fund has been established in memory of Former Library Director, Elizabeth Reed.***

We thank you for thinking of the Library and extend our sympathies to these families.

\$500 was donated in honor of Thomas Taylor.

\$14,348 was grant-funded from the Champlin Foundations.

In addition, \$400 was received from the Friends and \$300 from New Visions Project HeadStart to purchase books and provide programming for *You Can Count on Mother Goose*, a family math series.



In Memory of Elizabeth (Davis) Reed—A Thank You

Former librarian and library director of the Essex Library, Mrs. Reed died on February 21, 2005 at the age of 89. A plaque in her honor hangs in the entrance to the Main Library. Her son shared these thoughts:

They weren't bad kids. They simply had nowhere to go. They spent their days in school in Newport or Fall River. There was no high school in Tiverton. The town was small in population, but distances were fairly large. There was no place to hang out. No restaurants, no ice cream parlors, no public youth facilities. Most kids didn't have a car and public transportation was nonexistent.

The kids found a solution. The Library! What parent could object to an evening of quiet study and contemplation among the old masters. Their parents knew that the librarian, Mrs. Elizabeth Reed, was one of their own. After all, she was born in Tiverton. She had lived there most of her life and grown up with them. She shared their ideas and their generation's values. Civility, good manners, and respect for others were always taught and expected.

But although she was a stern taskmaster, she also had a heart of gold. She listened to the teenagers' concerns. She encouraged them to read. Rules could be broken. Silence could be broken if necessary. Love notes could be passed, but never confiscated or opened. Fines could be forgiven. She fostered and encouraged teen gatherings, and defended them when adults complained the behavior was unseemly. She knew these young adults were the library patrons of the future.

And they are today. Some have moved away and have become nationally known leaders of government, business, and industry. Others have stayed closer to home, raised families, and taught their children to respect books as Mrs. Reed had taught them. Still others have become doctors, lawyers, teachers, and other professionals here in Tiverton. They all have one thing in common. They fondly remember Mrs. Reed and how she opened the library to their community.

Volunteer Spotlight

How do you settle in to a new town? If you're Marian Kendricks 8 years ago, your first stop is the Library to get a card. And if you find that its book discussion group is just starting, and that titles are decided on by the group, you join—and then maybe begin researching and sharing background on authors, book reviews...and thoughts. Time passes quickly; you see that Union Public Library Association needs volunteers to help shelve books. You might train to be a 'floater' and cover the desk at Essex during illness or absence. You might assist the Friends of Tiverton Libraries, Christmas gift wrapping at Barnes and Noble, with donations going to help the library. And you may even become staff.

Why the library? As an only child Marian made friends with book characters. "Books are my passion and volunteering is best when it ties in with passion."

What does a volunteer gain? In Marian's case, meeting with people in the community who share her passion for books. The next book? "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini.

And you won't want the attention, but other people will ask that your story be told. Because you do what you love, you'll share... Thank you Marian.

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Membership categories:

Individual	\$10
Family	\$15
Patron	\$25
Benefactor	\$50
Corporate	\$50



I would like to become a member of the Friends.

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Email _____

Please contact me about volunteer opportunities. Yes ___ No ___