



## Hours & Locations

### Main Library

613 Pleasant St.  
508-991-6275  
TTY: 508-991-6258

Monday: 9am – 9pm  
Tuesday: 9am – 9pm  
Wednesday: 9am – 9pm  
Thursday: 9am – 9pm  
Friday: 9am – 5pm  
Saturday: 9am – 5pm

### Genealogy Department

3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Main Library  
508-991-6276

Monday: closed  
Tuesday: 1pm – 5pm, 6pm – 9pm  
Wednesday: 1pm – 5pm  
Thursday: 1pm – 5pm  
Friday: closed  
Saturday: 9am – 5pm

### Branch Libraries

Monday: 9am – 5pm  
Tuesday: 12pm – 8pm  
Wednesday: 9am – 5pm  
Thursday: 12pm – 8pm  
Friday: 9am – 5pm  
Saturday: 9am – 5pm

### Casa da Saudade

58 Crapo St.  
508-991-6218

### Howland Green

3 Rodney French Blvd.  
508-991-6212

### Lawler

745 Rockdale Ave.  
508-991-6216

### Wilks

1911 Acushnet Ave.  
508-991-6214

### Bookmobile

The Bookmobile visits schools, neighborhoods and adult centers throughout New Bedford. For the Bookmobile schedule, please call 508-991-6214.

## Patron Profiles

### Inspiring Student Catches the Beat @ the Library

Imagine a 16 year old high school student reading 60 books in six weeks. Add to this scenario the fact that the student is blind, confined to a wheelchair, and on 24-hour life support.

Impossible? Not for Lauren Madruga, a New Bedford High School student.

Lauren participated in the state-wide summer reading program, *Catch the Beat*, in 2007 through the Perkins School for the Blind. Her ninth grade honors English teacher, Pamela Oliveira, a former librarian at the Lawler Branch, supplemented the books Lauren obtained through Perkins with audio books checked out at Lawler.

“She’s the most inspirational person I’ve ever met in my life,” said Ms. Oliveira, “I am a better teacher for having had Lauren as a student.”

Aided by a bone conductor she wears in both ears to listen to the audio books, Lauren cites the Nancy Drew series and Mary Higgins Clark as her favorites. Another device which Lauren finds invaluable is the Intelli Keys which adapted her computer to vocalize what she types in and then appears on the monitor. This enables her to type up homework assignments and term papers send e-mail and surf the internet.

Lauren Madruga is an incredible role model, whether she is advising her sister to take education seriously or quietly inspiring teachers and classmates with her discipline, work ethic and simple joy of living.



## It’s That Taxing Time of Year Again!

Pick up the basic state and federal forms, schedules and instructions at your local branch.

## From the Top Shelf

### A message from Stephen Fulchino, Library Director

The New Bedford Free Public Library System is proud to launch its newsletter, “Check It Out.” This newsletter is just one example of the strides the Library has made during the past six months. The Library has always had many interesting and important programs for adults and children. Now, we have a direct way to tell you about them. The Library has always had inspiring collections of books and electronic media for adults and children, as well as collections of New Bedford history, genealogy resources and notable art work. Now this newsletter can highlight new and enduring aspects of our collections.

Most importantly, this first issue of the newsletter can announce that the four branch libraries are now open six days a week again.

New Bedford is a city of neighborhoods. The four branches are important centers for the South End, the West End, the North End, and the Portuguese-speaking population. This expansion of service will help bring excellent library service to all parts of the city.

On a different note, the Library is in the process of expanding the Special Collections Department at the Main Library. Paul Cyr, recently named Head of Special Collections, is putting together a team to greatly expand services. He already has a genealogy assistant, and we are in the process of hiring an Art Librarian/Curator for the Library’s amazing art collection.

The art collection has many museum-quality pieces that have been kept behind locked doors due to lack of staff. The Library will soon be able to have these pieces available for most of the hours the building is open. By late spring or early summer, moreover, the Library should be displaying them in a more inviting atmosphere. The ultimate goal is to be both a cultural resource for New Bedford citizens and another lure for tourists to come to the city.

I only started this position as Library Director on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. The ability to create these improvements was dependent upon the help of many others: The Trustees for supporting and helping to implement these changes; Mayor Lang and the City Council for providing funding for new positions; Judith Downey, who, as Interim Director, helped lay the groundwork; and of course, the whole staff for supporting the expansion of services. I thank you all.



## Great News!

The branch libraries are now open 6 days a week!

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## A Friend in Need

The Friends of the New Bedford Free Public Library take an active interest in the development and use of the library system, focus attention on its needs as well as its services to the community, and provide the acquisition of library materials augmenting the annual budget. The organization was established in 1972 and is a tax-exempt 501(c) 3 charitable corporation.

The Friends raise funds to improve the library services through programs for adults and children.

In the past several years the Friends have assisted in sponsoring the children's summer reading program as well as children's programming throughout the year.

## A Friend Indeed

Besides becoming an official Friend of the Library, you can help the library in several different ways.

### Donate Material

Have gently used books, CDs or movies you don't need anymore? The library welcomes donations of books, books-on-CD, music CDs, videos and DVDs in good condition.

Consider having a book placed in the library in memory of a loved one, or in honor of a special event, such as the birth of a child or anniversary. The library can add a special bookplate to your donated item to honor that person.

In addition, the Friends have offered cultural programs for adults including such topics on local New Bedford history with Whaling Letters and current topics such as feng shui. The Friends have held a Community Potluck to coincide with Children's Book Week to raise funds for the Jean Caya Bancroft Memorial Book Fund.

Join us as we celebrate the 35 years of service to the library and the community. There is no more important time to lend your support to the Friends, which relies on your membership dues to offer programs for children and adults. Membership forms are available at the circulation desk at all of the city libraries.

### Donate Money

If you would like to donate money to the library, checks can be made out to "City of New Bedford Library Donation Account." If you would like your donation to be put toward a specific purpose, please specify.

### Volunteer

The library can always use a helping hand! Volunteer positions in the various libraries might include shelving books or videos, shelf reading or other activities. Inquire at your local branch for opportunities.

## What's Going On?

### Story Hours

The Main Library and library branches hold story hours for children ages 3-5. Winter story time runs from January 28 to March 15.

- Lawler – Mondays @10am
- Casa da Saudade – Portuguese story hour – Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> @6pm
- Wilks – Wednesdays @10am
- Howland Green – Thursdays @3pm
- Main Library – Saturdays @10am

### Holiday Closings

Monday, Jan. 21 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
Monday, Feb. 18 – Presidents' Day

### Special Programs – February 19-22

During the week of February school vacation, the libraries will host special programs instead of regular story hours. Please check your branch for more information.

### AHA! Night

AHA! (Art, History, Architecture) night is held the second Thursday of every month and promotes merchants, galleries, museums and other cultural organizations in New Bedford's downtown area. The Main Library will present the following programs during those evenings:

#### January 10, 2008 – "All Things Fictitious"

Storyteller Karen Chace will present *Fish Stories from around the World*, stories for children, in the children's room at 6pm and 7pm.

Mary Kruger, librarian/author, will discuss *New Bedford Real or Fictitious: Fictionalizing a Real Place* in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor meeting room at 7pm.

#### February 14, 2008 – "AHA! Celebrates Black History Month"

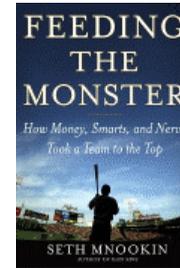
The Library will open an exhibit entitled *Black History: Highlights from the New Bedford Free Public Library Collection*, located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

In addition, Paul Cyr, Head of Special Collections, will lecture on *Black History at Your Library* in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor meeting room at 7pm. This lecture will focus on the resources available to researchers and the public on topics related to black history and genealogy at the library.

## Books You Might Have Missed

Mnookin, Seth – *Feeding the Monster: How Money, Smarts and Nerve Took a Team to the Top* (796.357 Mno)

We all know how 2004 turned out for the Red Sox. What many of us don't know is what it took to get there. From the sale of the team to John Henry and Larry Lucchino, to Theo Epstein's abrupt departure from Fenway Park in a gorilla suit, this book chronicles the struggles and strategies necessary to create a winning team. Well-written and entertaining, it's a book no Red Sox fan should miss.



Kinsella, Sophie – *Can You Keep a Secret?* (FIC Kinsella)

Emma Corrigan is stuck in a dead-end job. While on her way home from a disastrous meeting, she finds herself spilling all her secrets, the small, silly things she keeps from everyone, to the handsome man sitting next to her on the plane. That should be it, until she meets him again – as the CEO of her company. What follows is a comedy of errors as Emma scrambles to keep her secrets safe, and finds in her boss an unexpected ally.

Kinsella is also the author of the Shopaholic series.

Krum, Sharon – *The Thing about Jane Spring* (FIC Krum)

Raised by her father, a general at West Point, Jane Spring is abrasive and difficult to get along with. Upset that she never gets past the first date with any man, Jane realizes she needs to change. A movie marathon on a snowy day provides her with a new role model: Doris Day. After all, Doris always gets her man. Jane changes her wardrobe, her behavior, even her speaking voice, to the confusion of everyone she knows. Soon, though, everyone likes the new Jane, including two very different men. Jane's life is forever altered.

And yes, she does get her man.



## The Grinch Turns 50

Nearly 200 local children were transformed into honorary residents of Woodville when they stepped into one of the five New Bedford library locations to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas* the week of December 10<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Seuss' crotchety creation made a special appearance to read the classic story and lead the children in singing Christmas carols.



At the Main Library and the Lawler Branch, a surprise visit was made by Santa Claus, who led the children in song, posed for pictures, and handed out books. Twenty-six children attended the festivities at Main and 29 children and adults at the Lawler Branch. Lawler Branch volunteer, Suzanne Rubin, also read several stories including *The Night before Christmas*, at that location.

The Casa da Saudade Branch hosted 80 children including four classes from the Congdon School and Branch Manager, Judy Downey, read the tale *Santa Stuck*. Devalle Day Care children were among the 50 children and adults who enjoyed the program at the Howland Green Branch where Manager Dale Easton exchanged wise cracks with the Grinch and read to the children. The Wilks Branch had 22 children and 14 adults attend.

After cake and punch, the children left with candy canes, Grinch coloring sheets, puzzle pages, special book marks, and stickers.

The programs were sponsored by the Trustees of the New Bedford Day Nursery.

## Any Questions?



Have a subject to research, but can't make it to the library? No problem! Now you can use World Book online to access encyclopedias, atlases, and more.

Just go to the library's Web site: [www.newbedfordlibrary.org](http://www.newbedfordlibrary.org), click on "World Book Online" and log in with your library card.

## Got Those Writers' Strike Blues?

With the Hollywood writers' strike heading into its third month, you might start to feel a little panicky that nothing will be on TV. The number of new television episodes is rapidly dwindling, and your television needs might or might not be satisfied by all the new reality shows and mid-season replacements.

Never fear, the library is here!

How can the library help, you ask? First of all, we have hundreds of DVDs available free! And what we don't have in the library, we can order for you from over 70 other libraries nearby.



In addition to blockbusters and popular older movies, we have TV shows on DVD.

Did you always want to watch *Heroes*, but wanted to start at the beginning of the show? Come to the library for *Heroes, Season 1*. Forget to record that last episode of *Lost* last season? We've got it! Do you miss the antics at Seattle Grace Hospital? Check out *Grey's Anatomy, Season 3*.

Let's not forget that reading a book is also a great way to pass the time. Did you know that some of your favorite TV shows are based on books? Take a look at the list below for surprising origins of some TV programs.

TV Show	Based on the Book(s) By...
<i>Army Wives</i> (Lifetime)	Tanya Blank, <i>Army Wives: The Unwritten Code of Military Marriage</i>
<i>Bones</i> (Fox)	Kathy Reichs
<i>The Dead Zone</i> (USA)	Stephen King
<i>Dexter</i> (Showtime)	Jeffrey Lindsay
<i>The Dresden Files</i> (Sci-Fi)	Jim Butcher
<i>Gossip Girl</i> (Fox)	Cecily Von Ziegegar
<i>Lipstick Jungle</i> (NBC)	Candace Bushnell
<i>Medium</i> (NBC)	Alison DuBois, <i>Don't Kiss Them Goodbye</i>
<i>Sex and the City</i> (HBO)	Candace Bushnell
<i>The Unit</i> (CBS)	Eric Haney, <i>Inside Delta Force: The Story of America's Elite Counterterrorist Unit</i>
<i>Women's Murder Club</i> (ABC)	James Patterson

So the next time there's nothing on TV, come to the library!

## The Hot List (Upcoming Books)

These popular authors are publishing new books in the next few months. They might not be in bookstores or libraries yet, but if they are in our catalog, you can still put them on hold and be at the top of the list!



### January

- Brown, Rita Mae – *The Purrfect Murder* (1/29)
- Child, Lee – *Killer Year* (1/22)
- Delinsky, Barbara – *The Secret Between Us* (1/22)
- Evanovich, Janet – *Plum Lucky* (1/8)
- Griffin, W.E.B. – *The Shooters* (1/1)
- Grisham, John – *The Appeal* (1/29)
- King, Stephen – *Duma Key* (1/22)
- Krentz, Jayne Ann – *Sizzle and Burn* (1/29)
- Michaels, Fern – *Hide and Seek* (1/2)
- Rice, Luanne – *Light of the Moon* (1/29)
- Woods, Stuart – *Beverly Hills Dead* (1/15)

### February

- Beaton, M.C. – *Death of a Gentle Lady* (2/11)
- Daheim, Mary – *The Alpine Traitor* (2/26)
- Greeley, Andrew – *Irish Tiger* (2/5)
- Grimes, Martha – *Dakota* (2/12)
- Higgins, Jack – *The Killing Ground* (2/12)
- Kinsella, Sophie – *Remember Me?* (2/26)
- Lescroart, John – *Betrayal* (2/19)
- Michaels, Fern – *Fast Track* (2/26)
- Parker, Robert – *Stranger in Paradise* (2/5)
- Palmer, Michael – *The First Patient* (2/19)
- Patterson, James – *7<sup>th</sup> Heaven* (2/5)
- Robb, J.D. – *Strangers in Death* (2/19)
- Scottoline, Lisa – *Lady Killer* (2/19)
- Steel, Danielle – *Honor Thyself* (2/26)

### March

- Clark, Carol Higgins – *Zapped* (3/18)
- Clark, Mary Higgins – *Where are You Now* (3/18)
- Jackson, Lisa – *Lost Souls* (3/28)
- Kane, Andrea – *Twisted* (3/25)
- Kellerman, Jonathan – *Compulsion* (3/25)
- Patterson, James – *The Final Warning* (3/17)
- Perry, Anne – *Buckingham Palace Gardens* (3/25)
- Picoult, Jodi – *Change of Heart* (3/4)
- Rice, Anne – *Christ the Lord* (3/4)