

From the Top Shelf

A message from Stephen Fulchino, Library Director

More programming for children, more programming for teenagers, and more programming for adults – in other words, more programming – these were the primary results of the Open Forums that the Library sponsored on June 4th and 5th.

Approximately twenty people attended the forums, and a diverse group they were: from college students to retirees with a good sprinkling of parents thrown in.

The main questions that the facilitator, Cheryl Bryan of the Southeastern Massachusetts Library System (SEMLS), asked the attendees were: What would an ideal New Bedford be like and how would the library help bring it about?

There were, of course, varied answers, but there was no disagreement that the biggest lack was service to teenagers. Although this was only the first step in the planning process for the library, the Trustees, the staff, and I are committed to ensuring not only that increased services to teenagers will make it into our Plan but that we will implement them.

City resources are likely to be scarce for the next year or two. Nevertheless, throughout the planning process this summer, we will be looking for ways to make a start on this problem. And we will also be looking for ways to expand our programming in the other areas.

The Trustees and I would like to extend our thanks to all who participated in the Open Forums.

Become a Friend!

The Friends of the New Bedford Free Public Library will conduct their Annual Meeting on Thursday, Sept. 4th at 6:30p.m. in the 3rd floor meeting room of the Main Library. If you would like to get involved and help the Friends help the library, please join us that evening. This year the Friends are the major sponsor of the summer reading program, *Wild Reads at Your Library*. They have also assisted with the celebrations of Wilks Library's the 50th Anniversary.

Following the meeting, the highlight of the evening will be a special guided tour of the library's Art Room and the art collection conducted by the newly appointed Curator of Art, Janice Hodson. The tour will provide an overview of the library's art collection and its history, and will include a look at examples from John J. Audubon's famed *Birds of America* print series. Ms. Hodson has worked in the museum field for over 20 years, most recently as chief curator of the Longfellow National Historic Site in Cambridge.

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Fabulous Fifties Family Fun Day

On June 14, approximately 400 people helped the Wilks Branch celebrate its 50th anniversary with "Fifties Family Fun Day." Some staff joined the spirit by dressing in vintage skirts or dresses. The two stages and the grounds around the library featured entertainment for kids and adults.

Vintage cars were a popular feature, lined up on the grass beyond the library's parking lot. Car enthusiasts gathered like old friends to examine the cars. Some cars even had accessories, such as a working drive-in speaker and tray for a hamburger and drink.

The 50s-style band "The Klassics" played for most of the afternoon, drawing a large crowd who sat and listened in the shade behind the library.

Mr. Suspender wowed his audience with his feats of juggling. The crowds gasped as the Bristol County Sheriff's Office K-9 unit demonstrated (on an appropriately protected officer!) how the police use the dogs to apprehend suspects. Three different local martial arts schools – D'Onfro World Class Karate School, Steve Arsenault's Kenpo Karate, and Rebelo's Kenpo Karate – displayed their skills. The New Bedford Dive Team also demonstrated their equipment.



Vintage cars help set the mood for Fifties Family Fun Day

The New Bedford Fire Museum brought its vintage fire truck to give rides. Both children and adults competed in different age categories of the hula hoop contest, winning trophies donated by Larry's Specialty Shop.

Viewers were treated to a rare sight – the old and new Bookmobiles side-by-side in the library's driveway. The new owners of the city's previous Bookmobile have restored the vehicle and were kind enough to bring it to the library's celebration.

June 14 was also Flag Day, and members of the Veterans Transition House presented the flag as Joe Theodore and Mayor Scott Lang spoke about the importance of the flag to our country. The Mayor then talked about the role of libraries in our community. Representative Robert Koczera read a proclamation from the Massachusetts House of Representatives congratulating Wilks on its fiftieth anniversary. Ward 2 City Councilor Steven Martins then spoke about the role of libraries in his own life, and he and Ward 1 Councilor Linda Morad presented a resolution from the New Bedford City Council recognizing the library's anniversary. Dr. John Fletcher, New Bedford Library Trustee, accepted both proclamations on behalf of the library.

The Fifties Family Fun Day celebrated both the era of the 1950s and the New Bedford community. Several local businesses and organizations supported the day's activities:

- Friends of the New Bedford Free Public Library - \$250 ("Rock Star")
- North End Business Association - \$100 ("Great Ball of Fire")
- Martin P. Wien, Accounting Tax Service - \$50 ("Doo Wop")
- Jose Castelo Insurance Agency - \$50 ("Doo Wop")
- Handy Andy's Quality Vac - \$25 ("Sock Hop")
- David Alves - \$25 ("Sock Hop")

The Wilks Library staff would like to thank all our patrons throughout the years and look forward to serving the community for another 50 years.

Wilks Word Search

Reading up, down, forward, backward and diagonally, find the 23 words below that relate to libraries.

The leftover letters reveal a special message for the Wilks Library. (Solution on page 4.)

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Word Search created by E.R. Fraga

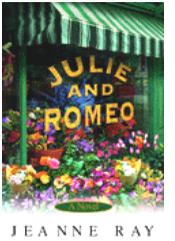
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| ASSISTANCE | MAGAZINE | READ |
| BOOK | MAP | REFERENCE |
| CARD | MUSIC | RESEARCH |
| COMPUTER | NEWSPAPER | SELECT |
| COPIER | PERIODICAL | STORY |
| DVD | PROGRAM | STUDY |
| FILM | PUBLIC | VIDEO |
| LEARNING | QUIET | |

Special Message:

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Books You May Have Missed (But Shouldn't)

Ray, Jeanne – *Julie and Romeo* (FIC Ray) (2000)



Julie Roseman and Romeo Cacciamani are florists whose families have been bitter rivals for years. When they meet, however, sparks fly and they soon are in love. The trouble is, their children are dead set against the romance, and are determined to end it. Soon the feud is in full swing again, with the main characters caught in the middle. This twist on *Romeo and Juliet* is a delightful and funny read.

Maron, Margaret – *Bootlegger's Daughter* (MYS Maron) (1992)



Deborah Knott has made a name for herself as a lawyer in North Carolina. Now she is running for judge, and is facing unexpected opposition from her notorious bootlegger father. When a friend asks her to investigate a decades-old murder, Deborah reluctantly agrees. She soon finds, however, that detecting is a lot more dangerous than politics. The first in the Deborah Knotts series, this book introduces memorable characters and memorable stories.

Word Search Solution

A	R	H	A	M	A	R	G	O	R	P	R
N	P	E	T	C	E	L	E	S	F	B	E
E	P	C	A	Y	N	D	F	I	O	Y	F
W	G	N	I	D	I	F	L	O	D	R	E
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Special Message:

A H A P P Y E I F T I E T H W I L K S !

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!



July

- Adler, Elizabeth – *One of Those Malibu Nights*
- Bowen, Rhys – *A Royal Pain*
- Brockmann, Suzanne – *Into the Fire*
- Brown, Rita Mae – *The Sand Castle*
- Burke, James Lee – *Swan Peak*
- Crais, Robert – *Chasing Darkness*
- Daheim, Mary – *Vi Agra Falls*
- Gardner, Lisa – *Say Goodbye*
- Howard, Linda – *Death Angel*
- Jackson, Lisa – *Left to Die*
- Jance, J.A. – *Damage Control*
- Johansen, Iris – *Silent Thunder*
- Patterson, James – *The Dangerous Days of Daniel X*
- Rice, Luanne – *Last Kiss*
- Roberts, Nora – *Tribute*
- Silva, Daniel – *Moscow Rules*
- Slaughter, Karin – *Fractured*
- Thor, Brad – *The Last Patriot*

August

- Bannister, Jo – *Closer Still*
- Barnes, Linda – *Lie Down with the Devil*
- Bradford, Barbara Taylor – *Being Elizabeth*
- Brooks, Terry – *The Gypsy Morph*
- Brown, Sandra – *Smoke Screen*
- Buchanan, Edna – *Legally Dead*
- Burke, Alafair – *Angel's Tip*
- Castle, Jayne – *Dark Light*
- Clark, Mary Jane – *It Only Takes a Moment*
- Cook, Robin – *Foreign Body*
- Frey, Stephen – *Forced Out*
- Higgins, Jack – *Rough Justice*
- Kellerman, Faye – *Mercedes Coffin*
- Pearson, Ridley – *Killer View*
- Peters, Elizabeth – *Laughter of Dead Kings*
- Reichs, Kathy – *Devil Bones*
- Saul, John – *Faces of Fear*
- Turtledove, Harry – *The Valley-Westside War*

September

- Beaton, M.C. – *A Spoonful of Poison*
- Brown, Rita Mae – *Hounded to Death*
- Bushnell, Candace – *One Fifth Avenue*
- Gerritsen, Tess – *The Keepsake*
- Gregory, Philippa – *The Other Queen*
- Macomber, Debbie – *One Sandpiper Way*
- Mayor, Archer – *The Catch*
- Melzer, Brad – *The Book of Lies*
- Michaels, Fern – *Final Justice*
- Sandford, John – *Heat Lightning*
- Smith, Alexander McCall – *The Comforts of a Muddy Saturday*
- Sparks, Nicholas – *The Lucky One*
- Tapply, William – *Hell Bent*
- Wiggs, Susan – *Just Breathe*
- Woods, Stuart – *Hot Mahogany*

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Kidz Korner

New Releases for Young People

- Clements, Andrew – *Lost and Found* (7/08)
- Colfer, Eoin – *The Time Paradox* (7/08)
- Dicamillo, Kate – *Mercy Watson Thinks Like a Pig* (7/08)
- Madonna – *Being Binah* (7/08)
- Meyer, Stephenie – *Breaking Dawn* (8/08)
- Nix, Garth – *Superior Saturday* (8/08)
- Paolini, Christopher – *Brisinger* (9/08)
- Wilson, Karma – *Bear Feels Scared* (8/08)



Everyone is simply going wild about reading at the library this summer. With this year's summer reading program theme of *Wild Reads at Your Library*, the New Bedford Free Public Library is teaming up with Buttonwood Park Zoo and the Buttonwood Park Zoological Society.

Children, ages 3-18, who wish to join in the fun must register at one of the libraries no later than July 26th. Children participate in the program by keeping track of the number of hours they read and may attend the weekly events held at all locations. Each week stories will be read and a craft made for the younger children.

Two special programs at each location will attract all ages. Jen Karow, the Buttonwood Park Zoological Society's program coordinator, will visit each location to read stories and tell zoo tales. The second program will feature live animals and trained experts from New England Reptiles, Creature Teachers and Animal World Experience. [Please see "What's Going On" for locations, dates and times.] The library's Bookmobile will make a special visit to the zoo and library staff will conduct a storytime during the visit.

Children will earn prizes based on the number of hours read. The more hours you read the more prizes you earn including coupons to McDonalds and Burger King with more prizes and surprises in store. Any child who reads for a minimum of five hours will receive a free book to keep. Top readers at each location will be eligible for Old Country buffet coupons and movie posters. The one boy and one girl from each library location who read the most hours will receive a special prize and the two top readers of the program will receive an extra bonus.

A very special party for the end of the summer reading program will be held at the Buttonwood Park Zoo on Wednesday, August 20th at 2:30pm. Free admission is by ticket only which will be available to those who participated in the program. Come join in and celebrate the Zoobilation and party like an animal.

All of these wonderful activities have been sponsored by the Friends of the New Bedford Free Public Library in cooperation with Buttonwood Park Zoo and the Buttonwood Park Zoological Society.

What's Going On?

Summer Reading Program – Wild Reads at Your Library

July 7 – August 16; Sign up no later than July 26th

Children ages 3-18 are invited to join the New Bedford Free Public Library's Summer Reading Program. Read books to win prizes! Each library will have story and craft hours, and have special events.

Lawler – Mondays @3:00 p.m.

Howland-Green – Thursdays @3:30 p.m.

Main – Tuesdays @2:30 p.m.

Wilks – Fridays @3:00 p.m.

Casa da Saudade – Wednesdays @ 9:30 a.m.

Zoo Tales

The Zoo is coming to the library! Jen Karow, the Buttonwood Park Zoological Society's program coordinator, will visit each library.

Casa da Saudade – Wednesday, July 16

Howland-Green – Thursday, August 7

Lawler – Monday, August 4

Main – Tuesday, August 12

Wilks – Friday, August 1

New England Reptiles

Get up close and personal with reptiles such as snakes and alligators!

Friday, July 18 @3:00 p.m.; Wilks Branch

Tuesday, July 22 @2:30 p.m.; Main Library

Animals around the World – Creature Teachers

Come meet animals from around the world.

Monday, July 28 @3:00 p.m.; Lawler Branch

Thursday, July 31 @3:30 p.m.; Howland-Green Branch

Animal World Experience

See animals from around the world at your library!

Wednesday, August 6 @9:30 a.m.; Casa da Saudade Branch

Zoobilation!

Wednesday, August 20 @2:30 p.m.; Buttonwood Park Zoo

Come celebrate the end of the Summer Reading Program with a special party at the Buttonwood Park Zoo!

Prizes for the top boy and girl readers at each branch will be given out. Enjoy food and fun!

Free admission to the zoo by ticket only for children who participated in the program. Remember, you have to sign up for the Summer Reading Program by July 26th!

Cape Verdean Recognition Through the Years: The Lopes Family Collection (Exhibit)

July 1 – 31st; Main Library Genealogy Room (3rd floor)

Display of material collected by Manuel Lopes, Commander of the Cape Verdean-American Veterans Association

Cape Verdean Book Signing

Thursday, July 31 @6:00 p.m.; Casa da Saudade Branch

Cape Verdean author, Artur Vieira, a native of Brava, Cape Verde will launch his book *Matilde*. Copies of the book, published in both Portuguese and Creole, will be available for purchase. Music by Teótonio Gonsalves and friends.

AHA! Night – "Kids Rule"

Thursday, August 14 @5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.; Main Library Children's Room

Stories and activities related to "Alice in Wonderland."

Annual Meeting of the Friends of the New Bedford Free Public Library

Thursday, September 4 @6:30 p.m.; Main Library 3rd Floor Meeting Room

Brief annual meeting followed by a special tour of the art collection by curator Janice Hodson.

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

3rd floor of Main Library

508-991-6276

Monday:	1pm – 5pm; 6pm – 9pm
Tuesday:	1pm – 5pm
Wednesday:	1pm – 5pm; 6pm – 9pm
Thursday:	1pm – 5pm; 6pm – 9pm
Friday:	9am – 1pm; 2pm – 5pm
Saturday:	9am – 1pm; 2pm – 5pm

Art Room

3rd floor of Main Library

508-979-1787

Monday:	closed
Tuesday:	1pm – 5pm
Wednesday:	1pm – 5pm
Thursday:	1pm – 5pm; 6pm – 9pm
Friday:	9am – 1pm; 2pm – 5pm
Saturday:	9am – 1pm; 2pm – 5pm

Branch Libraries

Casa da Saudade 58 Crapo St. 508-991-6218	Howland-Green 3 Rodney French Blvd. 508-991-6212
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Lawler 745 Rockdale Ave. 508-991-6216	Wilks 1911 Acushnet Ave. 508-991-6214
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Monday:	9am – 5pm
Tuesday:	12pm – 8pm
Wednesday:	9am – 5pm
Thursday:	12pm – 8pm
Friday:	9am – 5pm
Saturday:	9am – 5pm

Bookmobile

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

Cape Verdean Exhibit

Tuesday, July 1, marked the opening of the exhibit *Cape Verdean Recognition Through the Years: The Lopes Family Collection*. Curated by members of the Lopes family, the display focuses on material collected by Manuel Lopes, Commander of the Cape Verdean-American Veterans Association.

In 1972, Lopes created the Cape Verdean Recognition Committee "to foster the recognition of Cape Verdeans in the United States, as a racially mixed ethnic group with a distinct cultural heritage and a proud history."

As its chairman, Lopes documented the parades, festivals, and events held by the Committee, as well as saving a vast amount of memorabilia and ephemera related to New Bedford's Cape Verdean community.

The opening attracted over 70 visitors, who listened to introductory remarks by library director Stephen Fulchino, Mayor Scott Lang, and Lopes' daughter Ann Marie Lopes, who recalled her father's passion for preserving and promoting Cape Verdean culture.

Guests then viewed the newspaper clippings, photographs, flags, banners, programs, handmade dolls, buttons, hats and assorted other objects that make up the exhibit. Especially popular were the Lopes scrapbooks. Large groups of people huddled over the volumes to reminisce, pointing out relatives among the pasted clippings. Thanks to the generosity of the Lopes family, the scrapbooks are available for viewing in the Main Library's Genealogy Room for the remainder of the month. The exhibit will close July 31



Mrs. Manuel Lopes (center) with her children Jim Lopes and Ann Marie Lopes

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