

Murder between Friends

Haven't you always wondered if you could solve a crime? Do you fancy yourself a budding Hercule Poirot or Miss Marple then come to the Friends of the New Bedford Free Public Library's annual meeting and find out!

The Friends of the New Bedford Free Public Library will be holding its annual meeting including a very special event on Thursday, September 17, 2009. The meeting will be at 6:30pm, in the Main Library's 3rd floor meeting room.

The Friends will hold elections of officers and be discussing upcoming events and fundraising activities during this brief meeting. The remainder of the evening will be a spirited interactive theater event, "Booked for Murder," an homage to the grand dame of detective stories, Agatha Christie, in celebration of her birthday.



This mystery theater piece has been created especially for this event. There will be lots of comedy with fun characters, live music and a few cameo appearances by local celebrities. Pit your wits against a killer. It's up to you to work out "whodunit;" whoever guesses correctly will win a gift card to The Mystery Café in Boston. The first clue will be handed out at AHA! night on Thursday, September 10th.

There is the old adage that crime doesn't pay, but it does pay to become a member of the Friends as this will guarantee a seat at the event. Annual dues for the Friends are as little as \$5.00, and go to support library programs. In the past year, the Friends have donated monies as part of the match for the Bill and Melinda Gates grant to fund new computers, sponsored the Summer Reading

Program as well as other special children's programs and supported the Wilks 50th anniversary celebration.

Not a member? Application forms are available at any New Bedford library, or on the Friends website at www.nbfpl.org. You can email the Friends at friendsofnbplib@gmail.com with any questions or to reserve a seat.

For more information and to reserve your seat, call the Casa da Saudade Library at 508-991-6218.

Come get involved in your library... and maybe solve a murder while you're at it!

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Catch Us Online!

The New Bedford Free Public Library has expanded its Web presence. In addition to our Web site, www.newbedfordlibrary.org, we are also on Twitter, Blogspot, and Facebook. You can get to any of these pages from the Library's Web page.

Follow us on Twitter – Keep updated with the most current events and activities.

➤ www.twitter.com/nbfpl



Read the latest postings on our Blog

➤ newbedfordlibrary.blogspot.com/



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Kidz Korner

New Releases for Young People

- Barker, Cicely Mary – *Adventures in Fairyopolis* (Flower Fairies series) (8/09)
- Carman, Patrick – *The 39 Clues – Book 5: The Black Circle* (8/09)
- DiCamillo, Kate – *Mercy Watson: Something Wonky This Way Comes* (7/09)
- Harrison, Lisi – *Boys R Us* (Clique series) (7/09)
- O'Connor, Jane – *Fancy Nancy: Tea Parties* (7/09)
- Sage, Angie – *Septimus Heap: The Magykal Papers* (7/09)



Blast off with a good book!

This year's summer reading program theme is space. Each library will have a weekly story hour, featuring space-related books and crafts. Children who sign up for the program at their library can read books to earn weekly prizes. If you can't make it to one of the programs don't worry! Keep reading and bring your log to the library when you can.

In addition to the story hours, the library has partnered with New Bedford's Ocean Explorium to bring the Wow Mobile to each library, and the Friends of the New Bedford Free Public Library are sponsoring special events.

The program runs weekly, beginning July 6 and ending August 15. The final party will be held at the Ocean Explorium on Thursday, August 20 at 2:30pm. (174 Union Street, downtown New Bedford)

Lawler – Mondays @3pm

- July 20 – Ocean Explorium Wow Mobile
- July 27 – Mad Scientist – "Up, Up and Away!"

Casa da Saudade – Wednesdays @9:30am

- July 15 – Rosalita's Puppets – "The Space Show"
- July 28 – Ocean Explorium Wow Mobile

Howland-Green – Thursdays @3:30pm

- August 13 – Ocean Explorium Wow Mobile

Space Movies – Lawler Library, Saturdays @1pm

- July 11 – *The Incredibles*
- July 18 – *Treasure Planet*
- July 25 – *Wall-E*

Main Library – Tuesdays @2:30pm

- July 7 – Ocean Explorium Wow Mobile

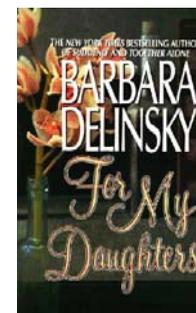
Wilks – Wednesdays @10am

- July 22 – Susan Paino – "Blast Off into Space"
- August 5 – Ocean Explorium Wow Mobile

- August 1 – *Jimmy Neutron Boy Genius*
- August 8 – *The Jetsons*
- August 15 – *Zathura*

Books You May Have Missed (But Shouldn't)

This issue's reviews focus on women's fiction. Not to worry, men, the next issue's reviews will be geared towards more "manly" books!



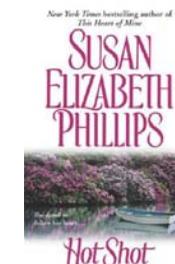
Delinsky, Barbara – *For My Daughters* (FIC Delinsky) (1994)

On her 70th birthday Ginny St.Clair invites her daughters to the house she has bought on the Maine coast. When the daughters arrive, however, she is not there. Long estranged from each other, the sisters are forced to work through their problems, and in doing so grow closer. They also discover the secrets of their mother's past, and her great love affair, which affected them all their lives. Though one of the sisters, Leah, finds a love of her own, the focus of the book is on the relationships between them, and with their mother.

An intensely emotional book by the author of *While My Sister Sleeps*.

Phillips, Susan Elizabeth – *Hot Shot* (FIC Phillips) (1991)

The creation of a microcomputer provides the background for this rollicking story of a young socialite whose life takes an unexpected turn. In 1976, Susannah Faulconer is about to marry when she meets Sam Gamble, who has an intriguing project: the prototype for a microcomputer. Jettisoning all her plans, Susannah runs off with Sam and joins with him and his partner Yank to create the prototype. Making the project a success requires her to use resources she didn't know she has, as well as enlisting entrepreneur Mitchell Blaine to market the microcomputer for production. But Susannah needs to face demons from her past before the venture, and her romance, can succeed.



Phillips is also the author of *What I Did for Love*.

For New Patrons

Do you want to get a library card, but forgot bring your ID or proof address with you today?

Don't worry – you won't have to wait until you return to the library to access some special features of the library catalog.

Now you can access several of the library catalog's tools by applying for a temporary card from your home computer.

Just go to our catalog at www.sailsinc.org.

Click on "Register online for a temporary card," fill out the form, and you will be issued a temporary

card number. This number will allow you to:

- Place holds on books, DVDs and other material to pick up at the library
- Use online databases to search for magazine articles and other information
- Download audio books to your computer using Overdrive

You will need a regular card in order to check out any material. You must go to your library within 3 weeks with your ID in order to pick up a standard library card. If not, your card number will expire, and you will be deleted from the system.

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 – *There's Something about St. Tropez*
- Bannister, Jo – *Liars All*
- Bowen, Rhys – *Royal Flush*
- Brockman, Suzanne – *Hot Pursuit*
- Burke, James Lee – *Rain Gods*
- Butcher, Jim – *Summer Knight*
- Clark, Mary Jane – *Dying for Mercy*
- Gear, Kathleen O'Neal – *Children of the Dawnland*
- George, Elizabeth – *Two of the Deadliest*
- Howard, Linda – *Burn*
- Iles, Greg – *Devil's Punchbowl*
- Jance, J.A. – *Fire and Ice*
- Johansen, Iris – *Storm Cycle*
- Kinsella, Sophie – *Twenties Girl*
- Mailer, Norman – *Moonfire* (nonfiction)
- Martini, Steve – *Guardian of Lies*
- Morrell, David – *The Shimmer*
- Patterson, James – *Daniel X: Watch the Skies*
- Roberts, Nora – *Black Hills*
- Silva, Daniel – *The Defector*
- Slaughter, Karin – *Undone*
- Weiner, Jennifer – *Best Friends Forever*

August

- Brooks, Terry – *Princess of Landover*
- Brown, Sandra – *Smash Cut*
- Castle, Jayne – *Obsidian Prey*
- Conroy, Pat – *South of Broad*
- Cook, Robin – *Intervention*
- Dickey, Eric Jerome – *Resurrecting Midnight*
- Gregory, Philippa – *The White Queen*
- Griffin, W.E.B. – *The Traffickers*
- Haig, Brian – *The Hunted*
- Kellerman, Faye – *Blindman's Bluff*
- Koontz, Dean – *A Big Little Life* (nonfiction)
- Michaels, Fern – *The Scoop*
- Patterson, James – *Alex Cross's Trial*
- Reichs, Kathy – *206 Bones*
- Rice, Luanne – *The Deep Blue for Beginners*
- Turtledove, Harry – *Hitler's War*
- Updike, John – *The Maples Stories*

September

- Albom, Mitch – *Have a Little Faith* (nonfiction)
- Beaton, M.C. – *There Goes the Bride*
- Brown, Dan – *The Lost Symbol*
- Delinsky, Barbara – *A Single Rose*
- Gabaldon, Diana – *An Echo in the Bone*
- Higgins, Jack – *Sharp Shot*
- Kane, Andrea – *Drawn in Blood*
- Lackey, Mercedes – *Phoenix Transformed*
- Lindsay, Jeff – *Dexter by Design*
- Mitchard, Jacquelyn – *No Time to Wave Goodbye*
- Morrison, Toni – *Peeny Butter Fudge*
- Oates, Joyce Carol – *Little Bird of Heaven*
- Patterson, James – *The Murder of King Tut* (nonfiction)
- Paretsky, Sara – *Hardball*
- Patterson, Richard North – *The Spire*
- Sandford, John – *Rough Country*
- Shreve, Anita – *A Change in Altitude*
- Smith, Alexander McCall – *Lost Art of Gratitude*
- Sparks, Nicholas – *Last Song*
- Tapply, William – *Dark Tiger*
- Woods, Stuart – *Hothouse Orchid*

Baby Boomers and Beyond

In the fall of 2008, an Equal Access Grant was awarded to the Francis J. Lawler Library to fund adult programming. The LSTA "Baby Boomers and Beyond Grant" has allowed Lawler to offer a vibrant, informative and engaging series of both alternative and standard programming geared toward older adults in the community.

Lawler staff used surveys and focus groups to help target their programs toward their patrons' specific needs and desires.

Funds from the grant were used in a variety of ways. The library purchased a movie license, allowing them to show free movies during "Matinee Magic." These movies are recommended by attendees and are a welcome respite from the standard movie fare.

Grant money also purchased a new bookshelf which contains volumes on general topics of interest and specific tie-ins to the activities, workshops and events offered at the Lawler Library.

The grant sponsored an inspirational workshop by Sharon Sokoloff entitled "Finding Meaning in the Second Half of Life," which then transitioned into Talking Points, a self-directed discussion group. An offshoot of Talking Points became Scrabble Scramble, an informal group that meets to match wits via the scrabble board.

Several pro bono events have been presented, including: digital photography workshops, origami classes, and Attorney Robert Kelley's lecture "Current Eldercare Issues Affecting Seniors."

Purls of Wisdom, a knitting group offering instruction and support for the novice and experienced knitter, was initially underwritten by the grant and is now offered pro bono.

Lawler's Book Club has been very successful. A recent session centered on a conference call with author Sally Gunning whose book, *Bound*, was being discussed and a proposed field trip to explore the Brewster area was inspired by the novel. All books are recommended by attendees. Future "Matinee Magic" movie offerings may tie in with book club selections.

Equal Access events at the Lawler Library have been informative, enlightening and great fun for all who have attended.

Lawler will continue to schedule interesting and exciting programs and events throughout the summer and into the fall. The branch is looking for any suggestions or comments to enhance the quality of its programs and services. So please feel free to call the Lawler Library at 508-991-6216 with any ideas you may have.

A listing of events can be found on the library web site and in the newsletter.

Trustees of the New Bedford Free Public Library: Mayor Scott Lang, Carl Cruz, Rev. Constantine S. Bebis, Mary-Ellen Bergeron, Dr. John Fletcher, Elsie R. Fraça, James L. Henry, Helen Rogers, Dr. Joseph Silva, Jr., Barry G. Trahan

What's Going On?

Summer Reading Program – July 6 – August 15

See page 3 for the listing of events

Lectures

Summer Lecture Series

Tuesdays, June 23 – September 3 @2pm

Main Library, 3rd floor meeting room

Lectures on various topics of local interest. Check web site for complete listing.

July

- 3 **Libraries closed for Independence Day**
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- 7 **Scrabble Scramble** – Come play Scrabble!
 > Lawler Library; 1pm
- 10 **Better Book Sale** – Used books, movies and CDs in prime condition.
 > Lawler Library; 9am – 5pm
- 11 **Better Book Sale** - Used books, movies and CDs in prime condition.
 > Lawler Library; 9am – 5pm
- 11 **Beading** – Children ages 9+ will learn how to make a beaded lizard key chain. Call the library to sign up.
 > Wilks Library; 2pm
- 14 **Lawler Library Book Club** – July's book is *The Reader* by Bernard Schlink
 > Lawler Library; 2 – 4pm
- 16 **Digital Dynamite** – Learn how to use your digital camera (Whaling City Camera Club)
 > Lawler Library; 5:30pm – 8pm
- 21 **Matinee Magic** – See the movie *The Reader*. Free!
 > Lawler Library; 2pm
- 21 **Wilks Library Book Club (Book Bites)** – July's book is *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett.
 > Wilks Library; 6 – 7:30pm
- 23 **Digital Dynamite** – Learn how to use your digital camera (builds on lessons learned in previous class)
 > Lawler Library; 5:30pm – 8pm
- 28 **Scrabble Scramble** – Come play Scrabble!
 > Lawler Library; 1pm

August

- 4 **Matinee Magic** – See the movie *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*. Free!
 > Lawler Library; 2pm
- 11 **Lawler Library Book Club** – August's book is *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society* by Mary Ann Schaffer and Annie Barrows
 > Lawler Library; 2 – 4pm
- 17 **Scrabble Scramble** – Come play Scrabble!
 > Lawler Library; 1pm
- 17, 24 **Purls of Wisdom** – Learn to knit at the library.
 > Lawler Library; 3pm
- 18 **Matinee Magic** – See the movie *Grumpy Old Men*. Free!
 > Lawler Library; 2pm
- 18 **Wilks Library Book Club (Book Bites)** – August's book is Michael Chabon's *Gentlemen of the Road*.
 > Wilks Library; 6 – 7:30pm
- 20 **Summer Reading Program – Final Party** (see page 3 for more details)
 > Ocean Explorium (174 Union Street, New Bedford); 2:30pm

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

Casa da Saudade

58 Crapo St.

508-991-6218

Wilks

1911 Acushnet Ave.

508-991-6214

Mon:	9am – 5pm
Tue:	12pm – 8pm
Wed:	9am – 5pm
Thu:	12pm – 8pm
Fri:	closed
Sat:	9am – 5pm

Lawler

745 Rockdale Ave.

508-991-6216

Howland-Green

3 Rodney French Blvd.

508-991-6212

Mon:	9am – 5pm
Tue:	12pm – 8pm
Wed:	closed
Thu:	12pm – 8pm
Fri:	9am – 5pm
Sat:	9am – 5pm

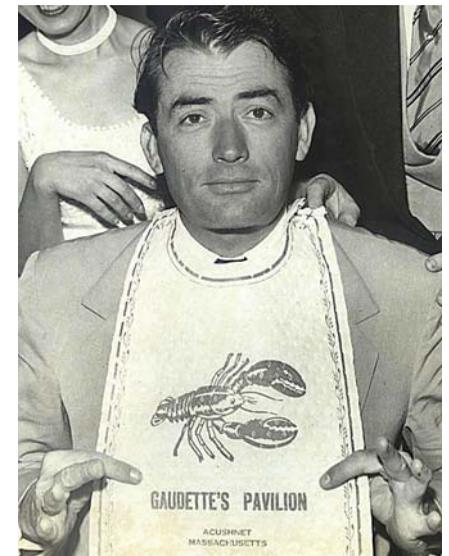
Bookmobile

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

New Bedford – Not Just Whaling

Did you know that slavery existed in the area that is now made up of New Bedford, Dartmouth, Westport, Acushnet and Fairhaven? That the richest woman in America was from New Bedford? That the first black recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor lived in New Bedford? That the last execution in Bristol County occurred in New Bedford? That New Bedford's Wamsutta Mills was the largest cotton weaving plant in the world? That a Massachusetts Institute of Technology graduate invented the Titleist golf ball, manufactured in New Bedford?

Curious? Find out more intriguing facts about the city at the exhibit "New Bedford – Not Just Whaling" at the New Bedford Free Public Library's Main Library, 3rd floor, through August 22.



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