

## From the Top Shelf

**A message from Stephen Fulchino, Library Director**

As you may have heard, many City workers, including those at the Library, are taking furloughs equal to 10% of their working hours.

This will require the Library to be open fewer hours than in the past.

When the Library laid off eight workers in February, we reduced branch hours. Instead of being open six days a week, the branches went back to five.

This time, the Trustees, the staff, and I felt that we did not want to lessen branch hours again. Thus, the cuts will happen at the Main Library. However, in order to receive state aid to libraries, we had to provide at least 63 distinct hours of library service in the City each week.

This meant that, if we were to lessen the hours open at the Main Library, most of those hours would have to be at times that the branches are open. Thus, as of August 31<sup>st</sup>, the Main Library is closed Wednesdays until 1 p.m. and closes Fridays at 12:30 p.m. The rest of the Main Library's schedule remains the same.

While making these changes, we also decided to alter branch hours on the weekdays when they are not open at nights.

All branches are now open 10-6 on Mondays. The Casa da Saudade and Wilks Branches are open 10-6 on Wednesdays, and the Lawler and Howland-Green Branches are open 10-6 on Fridays.

These new branch hours will allow people to make a brief stop at a branch on the way home from work. It will also allow for better hours for the Teen Room that will be opening early next year at Lawler. (The Library received a \$20,000 two-year grant from the state in July.)

The branches remain open 12-8 on Tuesdays and Thursdays and 9-5 on Saturdays.

The Trustees, the staff, and I regret any inconvenience this may cause you. It was, however, the least painful way to make the service reductions required by the furloughs.

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## The "Z" through Time!

"Why did I become a theater manager?" was the rhetorical question erstwhile businessman Harry Zeitz posed to a journalist in 1923. "Because I wanted to demonstrate to the doubters of New Bedford that...there are enough people who appreciate the highest standard of theatrical entertainment obtainable to support the Zeiterion, a first class playhouse." Over the six decades that followed, the "Z" evolved from a vaudeville house to a first-run movie palace to the foremost performing arts center of the South Coast.

This transformation is traced in the new exhibit *First Class Theatre & Magnificent Photo Dramas: The "Z" Through Time* at the New Bedford Free Public Library. Featuring photographs, programs, playbills, correspondence and other memorabilia from the collection of the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, the exhibit focuses on the theater's early decades; the five world premieres held there; its restoration in 1981; and its rebirth as a non-profit performing arts center.

The Zeitz brothers began construction on their

new theater at the corner of Purchase and Spring streets in 1922. With its Italian marble interior, gold leaf friezes, silk tapestries, 2000 pound chandelier, 6000 light bulbs and \$30,000 Wurlitzer organ, the Zeiterion Theatre lived up to the local hype portraying the structure as a "handsomer piece of work" than "any theater anywhere."

Although initially conceived mainly as a venue for live performance, the Z shifted exclusively to films, with occasional live performances, within months of its opening, after which it was renamed the State Theatre. It turned out to be the last single screen movie theater built in New Bedford. Today, again under the banner of the Zeiterion, the theater hosts the type of "first class productions of metropolitan standard" first envisioned by Harry Zeitz.

The exhibit, on the third floor of the Main Library, opens September 22 with a public reception from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at the Library. The exhibit will run through January 2.

## Yaeger Scholarship for Library Students

The Board of Trustees of the New Bedford Free Public Library is seeking applications for the Clement L. Yaeger Scholarship to assist students of the Greater New Bedford area who are pursuing graduate studies in library science at an institution accredited by the American Library Association.

A resident of Fairhaven, Massachusetts, Mr. Yaeger worked at the New Bedford Free Public Library for 51 years. He began his tenure there in 1894 as the library's first male page when it was located in the current City Hall. In 1899, he became a library assistant, was promoted to chief assistant in 1902 and then superintendent of binding and branches in 1910. At the time of his retirement in 1945, Mr. Yaeger was assistant librarian, a post he had held since 1917.

Applications will be accepted for consideration until October 23, 2009.

Qualified candidates should submit a letter of interest to:

Scholarship Committee  
Mary Ellen Bergeron, Chair  
New Bedford Free Public Library  
613 Pleasant Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740

# Kidz Korner

## New Releases for Young People

- Adler, David – *Honest Abe* (9/09)
- Brett, Jan – *Snowy Treasure* (9/09)
- Cabot, Meg – *Ten out of Ten* (10/09)
- Cast, P.C. – *Tempted* (10/09)
- Collins, Suzanne – *Catching Fire* (9/09)
- DiCamillo, Kate – *The Magician's Elephant* (9/09)
- Kinney, Jeff – *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days* (10/09)
- Moss, Marissa – *Pharaoh's Secret* (10/09)



The theme of this year's Summer Reading Program was Starship Adventure at your Library. This year 254 children signed up and 135 actively participated in the program, having an out of this world experience hearing stories, reading, being creative with arts and crafts, and watching performances by puppeteers, mad scientists, and the world Frisbee champion. In total these 135 children read 2,737 hours throughout the summer.

This year the library partnered with the Ocean Explorium. Each library received a visit by the Explorium's WOWMobile with special aquatic creatures. The Explorium also provided passes for those children who participated to visit their facility within a month after the program.



More than 75 children and adults enjoyed the final Summer Reading Program party held at the Main Library on August 20th. The afternoon began with Sparky's Puppets performance of *Stories from Outer Space*, and was followed by an awards ceremony with the top readers from each library receiving prizes. The top boy and girl readers at each library received backpacks donated by Vanity Fair. The next 10 top readers from each library received a coupon from Old Country Buffet. Every participant received a certificate of merit, an Ocean Explorium coupon, and got to select a book to take home. After the awards ceremony, everyone enjoyed refreshments including cake donated by Stop and Shop and punch donated by McDonald's. One of the highlights of the celebration was the "alien cupcakes" baked and decorated by children's library assistant, Jessica Fernandes.

The Library would like to thank the Friends of the New Bedford Free Public Library who sponsored all of the performances as well as all the sponsors who provided prizes throughout the Summer Reading Program: Domino's, Burger King, McDonald's, Ocean Explorium, Old Country Buffet, Book Warehouse and Vanity Fair.

## Books You May Have Missed (But Shouldn't)

The last issue of the New Bedford Free Public Library's newsletter featured women's fiction. This issue spotlights authors of interest to men.

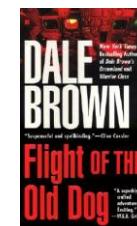


W.E.B. Griffin writes novels of men at war, at such times as World War II, the Korean War, and contemporary times. He has written several series, one of the most popular of which is "Brotherhood of War." Start with *The Lieutenants*, the first book of the series.

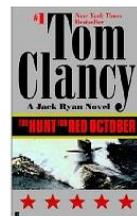
Delta Force soldiers are the heroes of the "Presidential Agent" series. The first book is *By Order of the President*, followed by *The Hostage* and *The Hunters*.

The "Corps" series focuses on the Marine Corps. Griffin is also the author of several other series: "Honor Bound," "Badge of Honor," and "Men at War." For anyone interested in military history, these books are a find.

Dale Brown's (yes, Dale, not Dan) thrillers, on the other hand, feature departments and military forces which exist only in his books. Beginning with 1987's *Flight of the Old Dog*, one of Brown's series follows General Patrick McLanahan's Aerospace Battle Force, which fights enemies both on the ground and in outer space. However, McLanahan's worst enemy may just be his own government.



Well-written and fast-paced, Brown's books should appeal to fans of the author who invented the technothriller, Tom Clancy.



And speaking of Clancy, it's hard to find a better technothriller than *The Hunt for Red October*, about a Soviet submarine whose captain defects to the United States.

Clancy follows his main character, Jack Ryan, through several other books, including *Clear and Present Danger*, *Patriot Games*, and *The Sum of All Fears*. (Yes, these books were turned into movies starring Alec Baldwin, Harrison Ford and Ben Affleck, all playing hero Jack Ryan.)

**Museum Passes:** Don't forget to take advantage of the free and discounted museum passes offered by the New Bedford libraries! All libraries have free passes to the Buttonwood Zoo. The Main Library also has discounted passes to:

- New Bedford Whaling Museum
- Boston Children's Museum
- JFK Presidential Library & Museum
- Museum of Fine Arts
- Museum of Science
- New England Aquarium
- Plimoth Plantation

Call any library or you can reserve your passes through our Web site!

## 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 near the top of the list!



### September

- Albom, Mitch – *Have a Little Faith* (nonfic)
- Atwood, Margaret – *The Year of the Flood*
- Beaton, M.C. – *There Goes the Bride*
- Berg, Elizabeth – *Senegal*
- Brown, Dan – *The Lost Symbol*
- Fluke, Joanne – *Plum Pudding Murder*
- Gabaldon, Diana – *An Echo in the Bone*
- Hornby, Nick – *Juliet, Naked*
- Kane, Andrea – *Drawn in Blood*
- Kidd, Sue Monk – *Traveling with Pomegranates* (nonfic)
- Lackey, Mercedes – *Phoenix Transformed*
- Lindsay, Jeff – *Dexter by Design*
- Mayor, Archer – *Price of Malice*
- Mitchard, Jacquelyn – *No Time to Wave Goodbye*
- Morrison, Toni – *Peeny Butter Fudge*
- Niffenegger, Audrey – *Her Fearful Symmetry*
- Oates, Joyce Carol – *Little Bird of Heaven*
- Patterson, James – *The Murder of King Tut* (nonfic)
- 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*

### October

- Bradford, Barbara Taylor – *Breaking the Rules*
- Brown, Rita Mae – *Animal Magnetism*
- Burroughs, Augusten – *You Better Not Cry: Stories for Christmas* (nonfic)
- Childs, Laura – *Tragic Magic*
- Connelly, Michael – *Nine Dragons*
- Evans, Richard Paul – *Christmas List*
- Flynn, Vince – *Pursuit of Honor*
- Goudge, Eileen – *Once in a Blue Moon*
- Harris, Charlaine – *Grave Secret*
- Hart, Carolyn – *Merry Merry Ghost*
- Johansen, Iris – *Blood Game*
- Kellerman, Jonathan – *Evidence*
- McInerney, Ralph – *Stained Glass*
- Parker, Robert – *The Professional*
- Perry, Anne – *Christmas Promise*
- Pratchett, Terry – *Unseen Academicals*
- Rendell, Ruth – *Monster in the Box*
- Rice, Anne – *Angel Time*
- Robbins, Harold – *The Shroud*
- Salvatore, R.A. – *Ghost King*
- Saul, John – *House of Reckoning*
- Steel, Danielle – *Southern Lights*
- Tolle, Eckhart – *Guardians of Being* (nonfic)
- Tapply, William – *Upland Autumn*

### December

- Butcher, Jim – *Death Masks*
- Cussler, Clive – *The Wrecker*
- Grisham, John – *Ford County*
- Howard, Linda – *Ice*
- Jacobs, Kate – *Knit the Season*
- King, Stephen – *Under the Dome*
- Kingsolver, Barbara – *Lacuna*
- Koontz, Dean – *Breathless*
- Page, Katherine Hall – *Body in the Sleigh*
- Patterson, James – *I, Alex Cross*
- Robb, J.D. – *Kindred in Death*
- Rutherford, Edward – *New York*

## Crossing Over

To book lovers, it's the age-old question: Why doesn't my favorite author write faster??! You wait a year for a book, read it in two days, then are left to wait again.

Lately a lot of bestselling authors seem to be keeping themselves busy by trying out different genres. The juvenile and young adult genres have all seen famous "adult" authors crossover – Mary Higgins Clark, Robert Parker, and James Patterson to name just a few.

2009 has seen a sudden influx of authors testing out nonfiction waters. So if you're wondering why your favorite author hasn't come out with anything lately – try checking the nonfiction section for some of these:

James Patterson, perhaps best known for his Alex Cross series, has already delved into young adult fiction with his Maximum Ride and Daniel X series. He has conquered nonfiction with *Against Medical Advice* (2008). In *The Murder of King Tut* (September 2009), Patterson and co-author Martin Dugard dig through the evidence to present their conclusions of King Tut's life and death.

Known for his suspense and chillers, Dean Koontz has also written graphic novels, and, taking a cue from *Marley & Me*, has written a memoir of his dog, Trixie, called *A Big Little Life: A Memoir of a Joyful Dog* (August 2009).

Apparently when he's not writing, mystery author Lawrence Sanders does a lot of walking. *Step by Step: A Pedestrian Memoir* (May 2009) is a humorous account of his adventures as a racewalker and traveler.

Debbie Macomber's *Cedar Cove Cookbook* (August 2009) takes readers inside the kitchens of the characters in her popular Cedar Cove series. Put your apron and cook like your favorite characters.

Rita Mae Brown has written bestselling books feature mystery-solving cat Mrs. Murphy. She has channeled her love of animals into *Animal Magnetism: My Life with Creatures Great and Small* (October 2009), heartwarming stories about the animals in her life.

Perhaps best known for *The Secret Life of Bees* and *The Mermaid Chair*, Sue Monk Kidd recently wrote a book with her daughter called *Travelling with Pomegranates* (September 2009). This book chronicles their mother-daughter bonding trip to Greece at a time when both women were at crossroads in their lives.

So while you're waiting for your favorite author's next bestselling work of fiction to come out, maybe you can be tempted to read their nonfiction works in the meantime... and then go back to the sad waiting game again.

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. Fraga, James L. Henry, Helen Rogers, Dr. Joseph Silva, Jr., Barry G. Trahan

# What's Going On?

## Ongoing

**Story Hours** - Fall story time runs from September 28<sup>th</sup> to December 5<sup>th</sup>.

- Wilks - Wednesdays @10:30am
- Howland-Green - Thursdays @3:30pm
- Casa - Portuguese story hour - Tuesdays - Oct. 13, Nov. 17, Dec. 15 @6pm
- Main Library - Saturdays @11am
- Lawler - Saturdays @1pm

## Halloween Programs

- Casa - Tuesday, Oct. 26 @6pm - David Mello (spooky stories)
- Main Library - Wednesday, Oct. 27 @3:30pm - Big Ryan (spooky stories)
- Howland-Green - Thursday, Oct. 28 @3:30pm - Beetlejuice (magic)
- Wilks - Thursday, Oct. 28 @6pm - Dracula (magic)
- Lawler - Saturday, Oct. 31 @1pm - Beetlejuice (magic)

**Week of horror at Lawler Library** - Join us for classic horror films!

October 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 30th @ 3 PM

**Matinee Magic** - Free movies at the Lawler Library. Every other Tuesday @2pm.

- Sep. 1 - *Some Like It Hot*
- Sep. 15 - *About Schmidt*
- Sep. 29 - *Runaway Bride*
- Oct. 6 - *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*
- Oct. 13 - *Molokai* (Book club tie-in)
- Oct. 20 - *Bella*

## Exhibits

**"First Class Theatre & Magnificent Photo Dramas: The 'Z' Through Time"**

September 22 - January 2; Main Library, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

This exhibit traces the history of the Zeiterion Theatre using photographs and other memorabilia.

Opening reception Sep. 22, 5:30pm

## September

- 7 *Labor Day - Libraries closed*
- 8 **Lawler Library Book Club** - *Full Circle* by Diane Kozak. This local author will be attending the meeting!
  - Lawler Library; 2 - 4pm
- 10 **Children's Scavenger Hunt** - Children ages 6-10 are invited to hunt for pirate Willowby Bug Bug's secret treasure!
  - Main Library, 1<sup>st</sup> floor; 5pm
- 14, 22 **Scrabble Scramble** - Come play Scrabble!
  - Lawler Library; 1 - 3pm
- 15 **Wilks Library Book Club (Book Bites)** - September's book is *Ellen Foster* by Kaye Gibbons.
  - Wilks Library; 6 - 7:30pm
- 17 **Friends of the New Bedford Free Public Library Annual Meeting** - Followed by "Book for Murder," a mystery play
  - Main Library, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor; 6:30 - 9pm
- 19 **Digital Camera Workshop** - Learn how to use your digital camera
  - Lawler Library; 12 - 2pm

## October

- 5, 15, 19 **Scrabble Scramble** - Come play Scrabble!
  - Lawler Library; 1pm
- 11 **Lawler Library Book Club** - October's book is *Molokai* by Alan Brennert.
  - Lawler Library; 2 - 4pm
- 12 *Columbus Day - Libraries closed*
- 20 **Wilks Library Book Club (Book Bites)** - October's book is *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows.
  - Wilks Library; 6 - 7:30pm

# Hours & Locations

## Main Library

613 Pleasant St.

508-991-6275

TTY: 508-991-6258

Monday:	9am - 9pm
Tuesday:	9am - 9pm
Wednesday:	1pm - 9pm
Thursday:	9am - 9pm
Friday:	9am - 12:30pm
Saturday:	9am - 5pm

## Genealogy Department

3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Main Library

508-991-6276

Monday:	9am - 9pm
Tuesday:	9am - 9pm
Wednesday:	1pm - 9pm
Thursday:	9am - 5pm
Friday:	9am - 12:30pm
Saturday:	9am - 1pm; 2pm - 5pm

## Art Room

3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Main Library

508-979-1787

Monday:	closed
Tuesday:	1pm - 5pm
Wednesday:	1pm - 5pm
Thursday:	1pm - 5pm; 6pm - 9pm
Friday:	9am - 12:30pm
Saturday:	9am - 1pm; 2pm - 5pm

## Casa da Saudade

58 Crapo St.

508-991-6218

## Wilks

1911 Acushnet Ave.

508-991-6214

Mon:	10am - 6pm
Tue:	12pm - 8pm
Wed:	10am - 6pm
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:	10am - 6pm
Tue:	12pm - 8pm
Wed:	closed
Thu:	12pm - 8pm
Fri:	10am - 6pm
Sat:	9am - 5pm

## Bookmobile

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

# "Digital Bookmobile" Visits Lakeville

On September 19, from 10am - 4pm at the Lakeville Public Library (4 Precinct St, Lakeville, MA), the SAILS Library Network will host the Digital Bookmobile, an immersive download experience inside a 74-foot, high-tech tractor-trailer.

Through the New Bedford library's catalog, patrons can download free e-books, audio books and music using the Overdrive software. Readers of all ages are invited to try out digital downloading through interactive demonstrations on the Digital Bookmobile and experience the SAILS Network's audiobook, eBook, and music download service at this free event. Also register to win an MP3 Player!

The Digital Bookmobile is equipped with broadband Internet-connected PCs, high definition monitors, premium sound systems, and a variety of portable media players, all of which help visitors explore the New Bedford Free Public Library's download service.

Library card holders can also check out and download digital titles anytime, anywhere by visiting <http://sails.lib.overdrive.com>. From there, they can browse the growing collection of best-selling, new release, and classic titles, and check out a digital title with a valid library card. Once downloaded, digital titles can be enjoyed on a computer or transferred to supported mobile devices. Many audio titles can also be burned to audio CD. At the end of the 14 day lending period, titles will automatically expire and are returned to the digital collection. There are never late fees or damaged items.

"Since the service started iPod support, it's more popular than ever. So many more people now have access to books 24/7!" said Network Director Deborah Conrad.

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