

From the Top Shelf

A message from Stephen Fulchino, Library Director

Inching Forward

Of course, you cannot inch forward unless you keep what you have.

We are pleased that the Library will be able to keep the hours that it has had since September 2009 through June 2011. For this the Trustees and I are very grateful to the Mayor and the City Council. Without the support of our elected leaders, the Library would not be able to provide an adequate level of service to the residents of New Bedford.

But even within the restraints of an essentially level-service budget, the Trustees and the staff of the Library are looking for ways to provide even better service.

This past year (and when you are in government, the year runs from July through June), the Library was able to open a Teen Room in Lawler, start Conversation Circles for people learning English, and run a Family Adventures in Reading (FAIR) program for children.

All of these were dependent on grant funding. (The Teen Room and the Conversation Circles were funded by LSTA grants through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, with additional money from the Greater New Bedford Rotary Club, the Friends of the New Bedford Free Public Library, and Domino's Pizza.; the FAIR program through MassHumanities.)

We have sufficient resources to continue funding the Teen Room, and we are looking into ways to continue the Conversation Circles program past the ending of the grant this September. And the FAIR program will start up again in the fall with a new grant from MassHumanities.

Meanwhile, the staff and I have been examining other ways for the Library to free up resources for new services. In particular, we have been looking at general reference services, where the demand for professionally-aided research has been falling. The Library has already combined the Reference and Technical Services Departments. This has allowed for cutting in half the number of people who only work in the back room ordering, cataloging, and processing books and other materials. This, in turn, allowed the Library to keep the reduction in hours over the past two years to a minimum.

The Reference Department staff both last year and this year has been looking at the books it orders. They have been cutting back on physical reference books, so that we can order more online services. By the next newsletter, I expect that we will be able to announce some new services.

When economic times become good again, we have many plans to leap forward. But for now, inching forward is what we continue to do.

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Lawler Library's 50th Anniversary Celebration

Happy sounds of children and laughter backed by snappy music filled the air behind the Lawler Library on Saturday, June 19th. The 50th Anniversary Bash at the branch was in full swing. During opening ceremonies, Library Director Stephen Fulchino introduced a host of local dignitaries who spoke: New Bedford Mayor Scott Lang, State Representative Antonio S.D. Cabral, New Bedford Free Public Library Trustee Dr. John Fletcher, Karen Blake-Robinson, representing the Friends of the Library, City Council President Denis Lawrence Jr., and State Representative John F. Quinn. Brian Lawler, a former mayor of New Bedford and son of Francis J. Lawler, for whom the branch is named, also addressed attendees.

Youngsters enjoyed having their faces painted by a group of teens organized by Teen Room Coordinator Danielle Therrien. They also hosted a hula hoop contest.

Mesmerizing storyteller Karen Chace enthralled her listeners with interesting tales and then passed out books and bookmarks to her audience.

Fire truck rides were available for children of all ages, courtesy of the New Bedford Fire Museum.

The Jazzy Ladies, an R&B music group, entertained throughout the afternoon.

A special highlight of the day was the drawing of the winning ticket for the author autograph quilt raffle. Lawler patron, Ellen Petrie, who designed and constructed the quilt, drew the name of May Kougas, a regular patron of the Wilks Branch Library.

The Friends of the New Bedford Free Public Library, who sponsored the day's events, also held a book sale.

The Lawler Library was dedicated in the West End of New Bedford at 745 Rockdale Avenue at the edge of Buttonwood Park on March 27, 1960. With 8,500 books, it contained more than double the capacity of the old library that had been housed in a small storefront on the corner of Kempton and Francis Streets.



The Jazzy Ladies on stage at the Lawler Anniversary Bash

Kidz Korner

New Releases for Young People

- Carter, Ally – *Only the Good Spy Young*
- Colfer, Eoin – *Artemis Fowl #7: Atlantis Complex* (8/10)
- Collins, Suzanne – *Mockingjay* (8/10)
- Meyer, Stephenie – *The Short Second Life of Bree Tanner* (7/10)
- Patterson, James – *Daniel X: Demons and Druids* (7/10)

The 3 R's of Summer: Reduce, Recycle, Read!

This year's state-wide theme for the Summer Reading Program is Go Green at Your Library. The New Bedford Free Public Library will be conducting its programs from July 6th to Aug. 14th. Participants meet weekly to listen to stories and create fun crafts from recycled materials (see page 7 for days and times). As always there are incentive prizes, so the more you read the more you earn. There will also be a final celebration the week of Aug. 16th when participants will receive their certificates and a book, and the top readers will receive special prizes.

Special programming will feature puppets, a storyteller, singers and even a stand-up chameleon! On Wednesday, July 28th, join storyteller Andrea Lovett telling environmentally friendly stories with *Things that Go Green in the Night* at the Casa da Saudade at 11 a.m. On Monday, Aug. 2nd, join in the fun with the Go Green concert with Rick Goldin at the Lawler Branch at 3p.m. The following Saturday, Aug. 7th at 11 a.m. meet the stand up chameleon at the Main Library – Jackson Gillman will tell outrageous stories from *Riot in the Garden*. Next up on Thursday, Aug. 12th at Howland-Green, learn about recycling with the fuzzy puppets in the *Go Green Puppet Show* with Roy Drew.

This year's sponsor is Veolia Water along with assistance the Friends of the New Bedford Free Public Library with a grant by the United Way of Greater New Bedford – Community Building Mini-Grant Program. Veolia Water was founded in the 1850s in France, and the company is primarily concerned with providing clean water supply to countries around the world. They provide all of the cleaning chemicals for the New Bedford's water treatment plant.

Summer Teen Events

All of these events will take place at the Lawler Library Teen Room. Check out page 6 for movies!

July

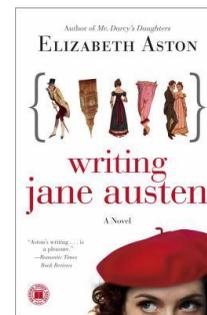
- July 8 @2pm – Teen Summer Reading Program
- July 12 @3pm – Anime/Manga Club
- July 22 @2pm – Teen Summer Reading Program
- July 24 @11am – Jewelry Workshop

August

- August 2 @12pm – Duct Tape Workshop
- August 5 @2pm – Teen Summer Reading Program
- August 7 @1pm – Teen Photo Exhibit Opening
- August 16 @12pm – Duct Tape Workshop
- August 26 – Wii Tournament

All Things Jane

It is a truth universally acknowledged that lovers of Jane Austen's novels must be in want of more. Rushing in to fill this void are authors and film producers galore. In recent years Jane Austen has become a kind of industry. Movies of her books are produced over and over again, and spinoffs and sequels abound. Some are actually worth reading.



Writing Jane Austen, by Elizabeth Aston.

When a lost fragment of an Austen manuscript is discovered, Georgina Jackson is chosen, much to her chagrin, to finish it. The problem is that Gina has never read any of Austen's books, and her own writing style is dark and dreary. What ensues is a comedy of manners that includes Gina's landlord Henry, his defiant (and delightful) younger sister, and a truly horrible dragon of a literary agent. Though Gina makes a valiant effort to continue Austen's novel, in the end she discovers the book she was truly meant to write. *Writing Jane Austen* is a sparkling story which Jane herself might have enjoyed.

Not so, perhaps, *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies*, by Jane herself and Seth Grahame-Smith. The title says it all: this is *Pride and Prejudice* with zombies included. A strange plague has struck England in the early years of the 19th century, and zombies are everywhere. Only the resources of such fierce warriors as Mr. Darcy and Elizabeth Bennett keep the undead at bay. Who knew that the Bennett girls were trained in China in martial arts? Or that Lady Catherine DeBurgh is the premier zombie killer in the land? This being P & P, Darcy of course wins Elizabeth in the end, but not until many of the undead have been dispatched to their final graves.



If you enjoy this odd little book, you might want to try *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies: the Graphic Novel*; and *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies, the Prequel: Dawn of the Dreadfuls*, by the same authors.

If you're not tired of Jane pastiches after this, you might want to give the following books a try:

- *The Jane Austen Book Club*, by Karen Joy Fowler
- *Miss DeBurgh's Adventures*, by Joan Ellen Delmar
- *Mr. Darcy's Daughters*, by Elizabeth Aston

and, last but certainly not least:

- *Mr. Darcy, Vampyre*, by Amanda George.

One wonders what Jane would make of all this. As the realist she was, she would probably wonder why she didn't receive any of the royalties.

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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!



July

- Adler, Elizabeth – *It All Began in Monte Carlo*
- Albert, Susan Wittig – *The Darling Dahlias and the Cucumber Tree*
- Burke, James Lee – *The Glass Rainbow*
- Connelly, John – *Whisperers*
- Davidson, MaryJanice – *Undead and Unfinished*
- French, Tana – *Faithful Place*
- Gardner, Lisa – *Live to Tell*
- Hiaasen, Carl – *Star Island*
- Hilderbrand, Elin – *The Island*
- Isaacs, Susan – *As Husbands Go*
- Jance, J.A. – *Queen of the Night*
- Johansen, Iris – *Shadow Zone*
- Kava, Alex – *Damaged*
- Lackey, Mercedes – *Sleeping Beauty*
- McCall Smith, Alexander – *Corduroy Mansions*
- Roberts, Nora – *The Search*
- Siddons, Anne Rivers – *Burnt Mountain*
- Silva, Daniel – *The Rembrandt Affair*
- Turtledove, Harry – *West and East: The War That Came Early*
- Weiner, Jennifer – *Fly Away Home*

August

- Barr, Nevada – *Burn*
- Brooks, Terry – *Bearers of the Black Staff*
- Brown, Sandra – *Tough Customer*
- Cook, Robin – *Cure*
- Cruisie, Jennifer – *Maybe This Time*
- Cussler, Clive – *Lost Empire*
- Deveraux, Jude – *Scarlet Nights*
- Gregory, Philippa – *The Red Queen*
- Griffin, W.E.B. – *The Vigilantes*
- Haig, Brian – *The Capitol Game*
- Harris, Charlaine – *Death's Excellent Vacation*
- Howard, Linda – *Veil of Night*
- Kellerman, Faye – *Hangman*
- Paretsky, Sara – *Body Work*
- Patterson, James – *The Postcard Killers*
- Reichs, Kathy – *Spider Bones*
- Rollins, James – *The Devil Colony*
- Salvatore, R.A. – *The Bear*

September

- Brown, Rita Mae – *A Nose for Justice*
- Cornwell, Bernard – *Fort*
- Evanovich, Janet – *Wicked Appetite*
- Follett, Ken – *Fall of Giants*
- Gay, William – *The Lost Country*
- Gruen, Sara – *Ape House*
- Kinsella, Sophie – *Mini Shopaholic*
- Macomber, Debbie – *Call Me Mrs. Miracle*
- Patterson, James – *Don't Blink*
- Sandford, John – *Bad Blood*
- Sparks, Nicholas – *Safe Haven*
- Steel, Danielle – *Legacy*
- Woods, Stuart – *Santa Fe Edge*

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

It's Show Time!

All the New Bedford libraries have movie licenses and will be bringing you a mix of old and new films for adults and children every month

July

Lawler	July 6 @2pm – <i>Brothers</i> July 6 @4pm – Teen movie: <i>Battle for Terra</i> July 10 @1pm – <i>Hoot</i> July 20@4pm – Teen movie: <i>The 11th Hour</i> July 27 @2pm – <i>Dear John</i> July 31 @1pm – <i>Curious George Goes Green</i>
Wilks	July 17 @11am – <i>Finding Nemo</i> July 19@11am – <i>Alice in Wonderland (2010)</i>
Howland-Green	July 10 @2pm – <i>Planet 51</i> July 24 @2pm – <i>Toy Story 1</i>
Casa da Saudade	July 10 @1pm – <i>Ice Age</i>
Main	July 21 @6pm – <i>Wall-e</i>

August

Lawler	August 3 @2pm – <i>The Young Victoria</i> August 10 @4pm – Teen movie: <i>Supersize Me</i> August 17 @2pm – <i>It's Complicated</i> August 21 @1pm – <i>Arctic Tale</i> August 24 @4pm – Teen movie: <i>Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone</i>
Wilks	August 21 @11am – <i>Over the Hedge</i> August 23 @11am – <i>Up in the Air</i>
Howland-Green	August 7 @2pm – <i>Where the Wild Things Are</i> August 21 @2pm – <i>The Spy Next Door</i>
Casa da Saudade	August 21 @1pm – <i>Tinker Bell</i>
Main	August 18 @6pm – <i>The Last Mimzy</i>

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
- Museum of Fine Arts
- Museum of Science
- New England Aquarium
- Plimoth Plantation
- Ocean Explorium

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

What's Going On?

Ongoing

Summer Reading Program runs from July 6 – August 14.

- Lawler – Mondays @3pm
- Wilks – Wednesdays @11am
- Casa da Saudade – Wednesdays @11am
- Howland-Green – Thursdays @3:30pm
- Main Library – Saturdays @11am

Summer Reading Program Events (see page 6 for more details)

- Wednesday, July 28 @11am, Casa da Saudade – Andrea Lovett, storyteller
- Monday, August 2 @3pm, Lawler – Rick Goldin, singer
- Saturday, August 7 @11am, Main – Jackson Gilman, standup chameleon
- Thursday, August 12 @3:30pm, Howland-Green – Roy Drew, puppet show

Matinee Magic – Free movies at every library. See page 6 for movies and times.

Exhibits

“Taking Flight! The Birds of John James Audubon”

June 5 – September 11; New Bedford Art Museum, 608 Pleasant St.

Sixty engravings from the Library's copy of Audubon's *The Birds of America* are on display. (Admission fee)

“The Mirror of a Culture: Portuguese Handmade Tiles by Maria Lenor Bicudo”

June 8 – September 18; Casa da Saudade Library

Hand-made tiles painted in the style of antique Portuguese tiles found on many famous buildings in Portugal.

“Essence of New Bedford: Photographs by Members of the Whaling City Camera Club”

June 10 – September 25; Main Library, 3rd floor

Highlights the city's rich history and culture as seen through the lenses of the Whaling City Camera Club.

August 7 – September 4; Lawler Library

This exhibit focuses on images taken by the Club's teen members.

July

- 1 **Teen Book Club** – The book is *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak.
 > Lawler Library; 6pm
- Writers' Group** – Come discuss your work and get tips and feedback. All writers welcome.
 > Wilks Library; 6 – 7:30pm
- 2, 8, 20, 29 **Scrabble Scramble** – Come play Scrabble!
 > Lawler Library; 1 – 3pm
- 13 **Lawler Library Book Club** – The book is *Away* by Amy Bloom.
 > Lawler Library; 2 – 4pm
- 20 **Wilks Library Book Club** – The book is *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout.
 > Wilks Library; 6 – 7:30pm

August

- 5 **Writers' Group** – Come discuss your work and get tips and feedback. All writers welcome.
 > Wilks Library; 6 – 7:30pm
- 6, 9, 19, 24 **Scrabble Scramble** – Come play Scrabble!
 > Lawler Library; 1 – 3pm
- 10 **Lawler Library Book Club** – The book is *The Rebellion of Jane Clarke* by Sally Gunning.
 > Lawler Library; 2 – 4pm
- 12 **Teen Book Club** – The book is *Wintergirls* by Laurie Halse Anderson.
 > Lawler Library; 6pm
- 17 **Wilks Library Book Club** – The book is *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See.
 > 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

3rd 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

3rd 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.

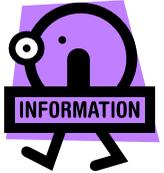
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Mon:	10am – 6pm
Tue:	12pm – 8pm
Wed:	closed
Thu:	12pm – 8pm
Fri:	10am – 6pm
Sat:	9am – 5pm

Bookmobile

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

Did You Know? NoveList



Did you just finish a great book and want to find other books just like it? Maybe there are certain themes or locations that you really enjoy.

The Library has acquired a great new database called NoveList that can help you find new books to read.

On our Library's Web page, just click on *NoveList* or, for our younger readers, *Novelist K-8*.

Type your library card number in the *Patron ID* box and click "Login."

You can search by Author, Title, Series, or by Plot to find books similar to the book you liked.

For example, suppose you really liked the book *Shanghai Girls* by Lisa See. Type that title into the search box, click on the Title select box, and click on Search.

The screen for *Shanghai Girls* tells you about the book, the author and her pseudonyms, and provides keywords to let you find books that cover similar topics or themes, such as Chinese-American Immigrants or Historical Fiction. Click on any of those topics to find other books on that same subject.

Or, click on "Find Similar Books" to pick and choose which subjects from her book interest you most.

You can also create a personal login ID so that you can save your search results for the next time you use NoveList.

Of course, don't forget that a librarian can always help you find fun and interesting books to read too!

Cut here for an Hours & Locations bookmark