

## From the Top Shelf

A message from Stephen Fulchino, Library Director

### Teens

When I became Director of the New Bedford Free Public Library more than three-and-a-half years ago, I noticed immediately the almost complete lack of library services for middle school and high school students.

The Library did an excellent job of providing services for younger children. The Library did a reasonable job of serving adults. But for those in between, there were meager resources and no programming.

This was not news to either the Trustees or the staff. Thus, we began to consider how to fill this hole.

Since the Main Library did not have a suitable space to host a Teen Room, we chose the Lawler Branch. It was the nearest library location to the High School with a middle school nearby.

As most of you know by now, we received a federal LSTA grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners to help set it up. We also received generous donations from the Rotary Club of Greater New Bedford and the Friends of the Library. And last March, it opened. With the assistance of the Friends, the Rotary Club, as well as Domino's Pizza and Taco Bell, who have supported the Teen Room by providing free food for Teen Advisory Board Meetings, the Teen Room has been a great success.

We will be having a First Anniversary Celebration on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Everyone is invited. See page 3 for further details.

Now, we are looking to open another Teen Room – this time in the South End of the City at the Howland-Green Branch near the Roosevelt Middle School. We are beginning to raise the funds to set it up. The Friends of the Library will be holding a mini-golf fund-raising extravaganza at the Main Library on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, called "Tee Off for Teens" to help. For more information, see page 2.

In addition, as of April 4<sup>th</sup>, the Library will have its first professional Teen Coordinator. Dale Easton will be moving from Branch Head at Howland-Green to the Reference Department at Main, but he will also be in charge of Teen Programming for the whole system. Danielle Therrien, who was hired as part of the Teen Grant, will continue to work for the Library, assisting Mr. Easton.

All in all, this is one area where the Library, despite stagnant resources, has been able to move forward.

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## With a Little Help from Our Friends



Children had a magical time at the libraries during the February school vacation. Each library had a special program, sponsored by the Friends of the New Bedford Free Public Library. Nearly 350 people attended the various events during that week.

The Main Library hosted the Lucky Show, which featured magic and juggling. Magician Lucky even balanced a chair on his nose, to the delight of all the children. (Don't try this at home, kids!)

Story teller David Mello, a librarian from Fall River, kept children mesmerized with his *Tales from Around the World* at the Lawler Library.

Blossom the Clown performed feats of magic with live animals that astonished the crowd at the Casa da Saudade Library.

Big Ryan told his tall tales, and incorporated singing and juggling into his act at the Wilks Library. He brought children up on stage with him to help him out with some of his tricks.

The Howland-Green Library hosted Willy Wonka's Wondrous World of Imagination, a program of magic and much more!

The Friends of the Library sponsored these programs with dues and money raised throughout the year.

Supporting your library in bringing programs for children and adults is as easy as swinging a golf club. The Friends' next fundraiser will be "Tee off for Teens" on Sunday, May 15, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For the mere cost of \$5 per person or \$20 per family (up to 6 people), play 18 holes of miniature golf on a course set up on all three floors of the Main Library. The Friends are also looking for people and businesses to sponsor holes. If you are interested, call 508-994-1580. The money raised through this event will go toward creating a Teen Room at the Howland-Green Library.



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

# Kidz Korner

## Teen Events

### March

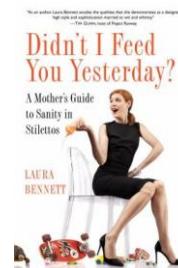
- 5 **Piñata Workshop** – Help make a piñata for the One Year Anniversary of The Lawler Library Teen Room or one of your own.  
 > Teen Room; 1pm
- 6-12 **Cell Phone Drive** – As part of Teen Tech Week, recycle your used cell phone by dropping it off at the Teen Room. All phones will be donated to charity.  
 > Teen Room; any open hours
- 7 **Gamer Club** – Bring in your own Wii games or play ours! There will also be an original Nintendo for retro gaming.  
 > Teen Room; 4pm
- 8 **PSP Workshop** – Learn how to maintain and repair your PlayStation.  
 > Teen Room; 4pm
- 14 **Party Planning Meeting** – Make decorations and help to plan the One Year Anniversary Party for the Teen Room.  
 > Teen Room; 3pm
- 24 **CD Mosaic Workshop** – Recycle used CDs into beautiful mosaics!  
 > Teen Room; 4pm
- Basic Drawing** – Learn from master artist Victor Augusto. Call to register.  
 > Howland-Green Library; 4pm
- 26 **Duct Tape Workshop** – Create unique and practical items out of duct tape!  
 > Wilks Library; 3pm
- 31 **Jewelry Workshop** – Turn paper clips into stylish earrings!  
 > Teen Room; 4pm

### April

- 2 **Teen Room Anniversary Party!** – Piñatas, origami, Wii demos and much more!  
 > Teen Room; 1 – 4pm
- 4 **Gamer Club** – Bring in your own Wii games or play ours! There will also be an original Nintendo for retro gaming.  
 > Teen Room; 4pm
- 9 **Beading Workshop** – Learn how to design and make a stylish piece of jewelry to take home.  
 > Wilks Library; 3pm
- 14 **Duct Tape Workshop** – Make a duct tape wallet!  
 > Casa da Saudade Library; 4pm
- 16 **Rope Bracelet Workshop** – Learn how to make a Sailor's Knot bracelet out of rope.  
 > Teen Room; 1pm
- 21 **Swap** – Bring in any books, CDs, movies or video games that don't get used anymore and swap them with other teens  
 > Teen Room; 3 – 5pm
- 30 **Geocaching** – Join in as we use a GPS to scour Buttonwood Park for hidden treasure!  
 > Teen Room; 1pm (weather permitting)

## Thanks for the Memoiries

Memoir is autobiography with an attitude. Memoirs have distinct points of view, focusing on one part of the author's life, rather than the whole. The subject matter can range from tragic to ridiculous, but they all have one thing in common: they're idiosyncratic. The memoirs in this review have something in common, too: They are each laugh-out-loud funny.

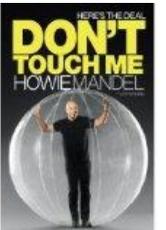


Bennett, Laura – *Didn't I Feed You Yesterday? A Mother's Guide to Sanity in Stiletto Shoes*

Bennett, a *Project Runway* finalist, gives her take on raising 5 sons, ages 3-13, in a two-bedroom Manhattan loft. Though Bennett does devote a chapter to her television experience, this book deals with her family, from being a woman vastly outnumbered by men, to the surrealism of a Disney cruise, to life in New York. Her opinions aren't politically correct, which makes them all the more fun. Her best advice? "Never go out looking less than fabulous. You never know when you might meet your next husband."

Mandel, Howie – *Here's the Deal: Don't Touch Me.*

Blessed with an active imagination and almost no impulse control, game-show host and comedian Mandel was an entertainer from an early age. While his career soared, though, he struggled with his personal demons: ADHD and obsessive-compulsive disorder. A frank and funny look at a funny man, and how he overcame the obstacles in his life.

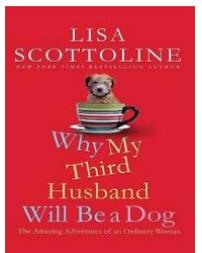


Douglas, Scott – *Quiet, Please: Dispatches from a Public Librarian*

Ah, the library. A quiet, serene bastion of learning and knowledge – well, uh, no. Cranky senior citizens, teens hacking into the public access computers, eccentric co-workers – it's all in a day's work for Douglas. The McSweeney's contributor chronicles his daily adventures in librarianship, which is not as sedate a profession as it might seem. While questioning his career choice, Douglas comes to the realization that a library isn't just a building that houses books. It's the community that uses it.

Scottoline, Lisa – *Why My Third Husband Will Be a Dog*

Scottoline, best-selling author of legal thrillers, also writes a weekly column for the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. This book is a collection of those columns about the "extraordinary adventures of an ordinary woman." Scottoline has an eye for the absurd in life, especially when dealing with a menagerie of animals (including chickens), and her family, the Flying Scottolines, mainly her daughter Francesca and her mother Mary, a tiny bundle of energy who for some reason dresses in a doctor's lab coat. Scottoline seems like someone you'd love to meet!



## 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!



### March

- Allen, Sarah Addison – *The Peach Keeper*
- Auel, Jean – *Land of Painted Caves*
- Bass, Jefferson – *Bone Yard*
- Binchy, Maeve – *Minding Frankie*
- Bowen, Rhys – *Bless the Bride*
- Box, C.J. – *Cold Wind*
- Brockmann, Suzanne – *Breaking the Rules*
- Childs, Laura – *Scones & Bones*
- Coben, Harlan – *Live Wire*
- Cussler, Clive – *The Jungle*
- Daheim, Mary – *Alpine Vengeance*
- Deutermann, P.T. – *Pacific Glory*
- Fairstein, Linda – *Silent Mercy*
- Feist, Raymond E. – *A Kingdom Besieged*
- Gardner, Lisa – *Love You More*
- Garlock, Dorothy – *Keep a Little Secret*
- Graham, Heather – *Phantom Evil*
- Grippando, James – *Afraid of the Dark*
- Hannah, Kristin – *Night Road*
- Hart, Carolyn – *Dead by Midnight*
- Jackson, Lisa – *Devious*
- Kellerman, Jonathan – *Mystery*
- Kingsbury, Karen – *Leaving*
- McCall Smith, Alexander – *Saturday Big Tent Wedding Party*
- Michaels, Fern – *Betrayal*
- Patterson, James – *Toys*
- Picoult, Jodi – *Sing You Home*
- Rankin, Ian – *The Complaints*
- Wiggs, Susan – *The Goodbye Quilt*

### April

- Albert, Susan Wittig – *Mourning Gloria*
- Connelly, Michael – *Fifth Witness*
- Fey, Tina – *Bossypants* (nonfic)
- Jackson, Lisa – *Born to Die*
- Lewis, Beverly – *Judgment*
- Michaels, Fern – *Late Edition*
- Michaels, Jillian – *Unlimited* (nonfic)
- Page, Katherine Hall – *Body in the Gazebo*
- Patrick, Deval – *Reason to Believe* (nonfic)
- Riggs, Cynthia – *Bee Balm Murders*
- Roberts, Nora – *Chasing Fire*

### May

- Block, Lawrence – *Drop of the Hard Stuff*
- Brown, Dale – *Time for Patriots*
- Brown, Rita Mae – *Hiss of Death*
- Collins, Jackie – *Goddess of Vengeance*
- Harris, Charlaine – *Dead Reckoning*
- Lustbader, Eric Van – *Blood Trust*
- Martini, Steve – *Trader of Secrets*
- McCullough, David – *The Greater Journey: Americans in Paris, 1830-1900* (nonfic)
- Parker, Robert – *Sixkill*
- Patterson, James – *10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*
- Patterson, Richard North – *Devil's Light*
- Perry, Thomas – *Informant*
- Reiser, Paul – *Familyhood* (nonfic)
- Sandford, John – *Buried Prey*
- See, Lisa – *Dreams of Joy*
- Shaara, Jeff – *Final Storm*
- Slaughter, Karin – *Fallen*
- Tyler, Steven – *Does the Noise in My Head Bother You?* (nonfic)

### June

- Evanovich, Janet – *Smokin' Seventeen*
- Patterson, James – *Now You See Her*

## 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.

### March

- Lawler
  - March 15 @2pm – *Million Dollar Baby*
  - March 19 @1pm – *Toy Story 3*
  - March 22 @2pm – *Eat Pray Love*
  - March 22 @6pm – *Teen Movie: It's Kind of a Funny Story*
- Wilks
  - March 19 @1pm – *Megamind*
  - March 23 @3pm – *True Grit* (1969)
- Howland-Green
  - March 5 @2:30pm – *Are We There Yet?*
  - March 19 @2:30pm – *Despicable Me*
- Casa da Saudade
  - Main
    - March 19 @2pm – *Open Season 3*
    - March 9 @6pm – *Toy Story 3*
    - March 23 @6pm – *Despicable Me*

### April

- Lawler
  - April 7 @3:30pm – *Teen Movie: Secretariat*
  - April 15 @3:30pm – *Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole*
  - April 19 @2pm – *The Proposal*
  - April 19, 2 – 8pm – *Teen "B" Movie Marathon: Little Shop of Horrors; Them!; Lost Skeleton of Cadavra*
- Wilks
  - April 16 @1pm – *Tangled*
  - April 19 @2pm – *Little Fockers*
- Howland-Green
  - April 2 @2:30pm – *Toy Story 3*
- Casa da Saudade
  - Main
    - April 20 @2pm – *Megamind*
    - April 30 @2pm – *Yogi Bear*
    - April 6 @6pm – *Up*
    - April 20 @6pm – *Tangled*

**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

**Story hour** – Spring story hour runs from March 28 – June 4

- Wilks – Wednesdays @10:30am
- Howland-Green – Thursdays @3:30pm
- Casa – Portuguese story hour – Tuesdays @6pm – March 15, April 12
- Main Library – Saturdays @11am
- Lawler – Saturdays @1pm

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

**Teen Events** – See page 3.

## Exhibits

### “An Illustrative Journey: Work by UMD Junior Illustration Students”

March 10 – April 30; Main Library, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

An exhibit of the work of junior year illustration majors organized by Professor Jean-Francois Allaux. Working in traditional media, the pieces show the students’ varied interpretations of two specific projects – a poster to promote reading among children and a picture book illustration with a jungle theme.

## FAIR (Family Adventures in Reading)

This 6-week program encourages families to read books together and come to the library to hear those books retold by a professional storyteller. For parents and children ages 6-10. Sign up by contacting the library below. Sponsored by MassHumanities

### FAIR Session I

Main Library  
Saturdays @1pm  
Feb. 26 – Apr. 16 (not Mar. 19 or Apr. 9)

### FAIR Session II (different books than Session I)

Wilks Library  
Saturdays @1pm  
Mar. 5 – Apr. 16 (not Mar. 19)

## March

- 1, 10, 14, 25, 29 **Scrabble Scramble** – Come play Scrabble!
  - Lawler Library; 1 – 3pm
- 5, 26 **In the Loop Knitting Group** – Get together with fellow knitters.
  - Lawler Library; 10am
- 7 **Lawler Library Book Club** – *Widower’s Tale* by Julia Glass
  - Lawler Library; 2 – 4pm
- 15 **Wilks Library Book Club** – The book is *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett.
  - Wilks Library; 6 – 7:30pm

## April

- 7 **Writers’ Group** – Writers – come get tips and feedback. Writers of all genres welcome.
  - Wilks Library; 6pm
- 7, 14, 22, 26 **Scrabble Scramble** – Come play Scrabble!
  - Lawler Library; 1 – 3pm
- 9 **It’s in the Bag** – Learn how to make gift bags using old holiday cards and stamping.
  - Main Library; 1pm
- 9, 23 **In the Loop Knitting Group** – Get together with fellow knitters.
  - Lawler Library; 10am
- 12 **Lawler Library Book Club** – *Man in the Woods* by Jamie Ford
  - Lawler Library; 2 – 4pm
- 15 **Wilks Library Book Club** – The book is *A Reliable Wife* by Robert Goolrick.
  - 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	Mon: 10am – 6pm
	Tue: 12pm – 8pm
	Wed: 10am – 6pm
<b>Wilks</b> 1911 Acushnet Ave. 508-991-6214	Thu: 12pm – 8pm
	Fri: closed
	Sat: 9am – 5pm

## Lawler

745 Rockdale Ave.  
508-991-6216

<b>Howland-Green</b> 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.

# Staff Notes

Spring is a time of change and new beginnings. Here are a few staff changes you might notice when you go to your library:

- As mentioned on page 1, Howland-Green Branch Head Dale Easton will be moving to the Main Library Reference Department as well as taking on the position of Teen Coordinator.

- Denise Plaskon, who was the Branch Head at Lawler, has taken a position as a Library Director back in her home state of Pennsylvania. She did an excellent job in her three plus years at Lawler. The Trustees and the staff wish her well.

- Dolores Henry will take over as Branch Head at the Lawler Branch. Ms. Henry has worked for many years in the Reference Department at the Main Library and is excited to take on these new responsibilities.

- The Library is in the process of advertising for a new Branch Head at Howland-Green. If you know anyone who has a library master’s degree, likes to work with teens, and can read and speak Spanish, please encourage them to apply.

Cut here for an Hours & Locations bookmark



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

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