

From the Top Shelf

A message from Stephen Fulchino, Library Director

Reading, the Weather and the Calendar

As I write, the calendar has moved into spring heading towards summer, but the temperature and the skies scream early April.

Still, it's the calendar that we base the rhythm of our lives on, and, as summer comes into view, reading library books becomes more important.

For our school-aged children, reading during the summer is vitally important. The mind needs exercise as much as the body. A student can forget a lot over the summer. Thus, libraries for years have offered summer reading programs.

Please urge your children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews to join this summer. This year's theme is "One World, Many Stories," and children will enjoy books, crafts (and even food!) that represent all four corners of the globe! Signup for the program begins on June 20, and the program runs from July 5 through August 13.

Another program offered this summer for children aged 6 and older is "Tail Waggin' Tutors." Children can sign up for a 20-minute time slot to read aloud to a therapy dog. Studies have shown that children can improve their reading skills by reading to one of these gentle dogs. This program will be offered at the Wilks Library throughout the summer on different days and times. (See page 7.)

Pre-school children also need intellectual stimulation. On rainy days, reading is an important break, and on sunny days, reading outdoors can be a nourishing experience for both parent and child.

And, of course, when you go on vacation, you want a good selection of reading materials to keep both you and your children entertained.

If you can buy books, you help keep the publishing industry thriving. But if you can't buy everything you want, the Library is here to serve you with books, audiobooks and e-books.

Don't forget that we are about halfway through the 50-book challenge year. It's not too late to sign up! If you can't remember what you've read since the challenge began in December, don't worry - reading 50 books in 6 months means that you read about 2 books per week. Remember, that includes adult books, young adult books, and even cookbooks! You can sign up at any New Bedford library.

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Did You Know? Library Elf

What is a Library Elf, you ask?

No, it's not a magical creature that gets your books for you. (Those are called librarians!)

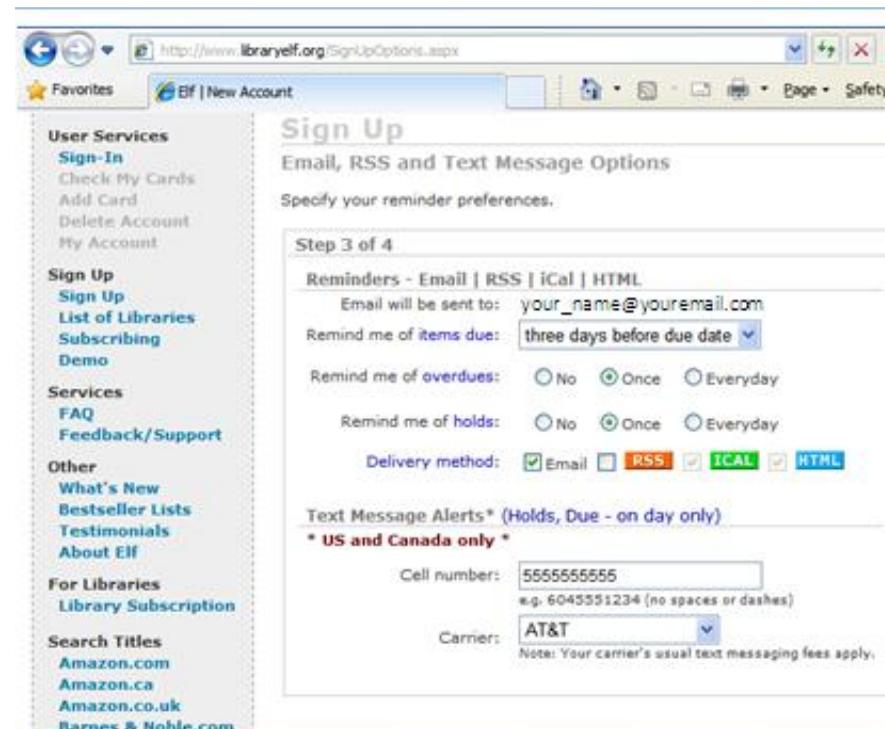
Library Elf is a new service offered by the SAILS Library network to help you keep track of your checkouts and holds.

After signing up for the service, you can receive emails or text reminders of items available for pickup, or items that are due or will be due soon.

One major feature of this system is that you can combine multiple library cards into one alert. This means you can add your card, your spouse's card and your children's cards to your Library Elf account and get notified if there is a hold available or an item due on any of those cards.

You can sign up for Library Elf by going to www.sailsinc.org, and clicking on "Signup for Library Elf." Once you've set up a password, you can adjust your notification settings. (See the image below for an example.)

If you have any questions, ask your local elf - I mean, librarian!



Teen Scene

All teen events, unless otherwise noted, are held at the Lawler Library's Teen Room.

May	Day	Time	Event
	5	4 – 6 pm	Video Game Night – Play our Wii games or bring in your own to play with friends on the big screen.
	7	10am – 12pm	Free Comic Book – Drop in and pick up a free comic book!
	14	12 – 3pm	Scrabble Tile Pendants – Make charms out of scrabble tiles
	15	10am – 4pm	Tee Up for Teens – Come support the Friends of the Library by playing 18 holes of miniature golf
	19	3:30 – 5:30pm	Candy Wrapper Crafts – Learn the art of candy wrapper folding.
	21	12pm – 2pm	Teen Advisory Board Meeting – Give advice on Teen Room activities. All middle and high school students are invited to participate.
	24	3:30 – 5:30pm	Friendship Bracelets – Learn new techniques for making friendship bracelets.
	26	4pm – 6pm	Origami – Learn the art of paper folding.

June	Day	Time	Event
	2	4 – 6pm	Video Game Night – Play our Wii games or bring in your own to play with friends on the big screen.
	4	12 – 3pm	Journal Workshop – Make and design your own journal.
	10	3 – 5pm	Poetry Café – Come talk, read, and write poetry with fellow fans. Snacks and Drinks!
	16	4 – 6pm	Geocaching – Make a geocache to hide in Buttonwood Park with the help of a handheld GPS (weather permitting)
	18	1 – 3pm	Cupcake Party – Learn techniques for decorating cupcakes.
	23	3 – 6pm	Jewelry Workshop – Learn new techniques for making beaded jewelry.
	30	4 – 6pm	Duct Tape Party – Learn how to make Duct Tape flowers.

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.

Teen Room Celebrates Anniversary

Local teens, Mayor Lang, Ward 5 City Councilor Jane Gonsalves, and others gathered at Lawler on Saturday, April 2, to celebrate the first anniversary of the Lawler Library Teen Room. Teens made piñatas and cupcakes for the event, and after the formal ceremonies, gave duct tape demonstrations and a Wii demonstration.

The Teen Room was made possible with a grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and donations from the Rotary Club of Greater New Bedford and the Friends of the Library. The Room has Internet computers specifically for teens, comfy cool furniture for reading or studying, a Wii and much more. The Room provides a safe, and fun, place for teens to go after school or on weekends.

Throughout the year, teens have been able to participate in fun activities, such as beading and origami workshops, Wii tournaments and poetry slams. These events will continue, with the coordination of new Branch Manager Dolores Henry, Teen Coordinator Dale Easton and his assistant, Danielle Therrien.

With the success of the Lawler Teen Room, the Friends of the New Bedford Free Public Library are beginning to raise funds to open a teen room at the Howland-Green Library. A "Tee off for Teens" mini-golf fundraiser is being held on Sunday, May 15 at the Main Library. Tickets are \$5 each (or \$20 for a family of up to 6 people) and all proceeds will go toward building a new teen room.



Teens played "Pin the Bookmark on the Book" at the Lawler Library Teen Room's celebration.



Pinatas made by the teens.

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!



May

- Berry, Steve – *Jefferson Key*
- Block, Lawrence – *Drop of the Hard Stuff*
- Brown, Dale – *Time for Patriots*
- Brown, Rita Mae – *Hiss of Death*
- Clancy, Tom – *Against All Enemies*
- Collins, Jackie – *Goddess of Vengeance*
- Harris, Charlaime – *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 – *10th 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

- Burke, Alafair – *Long Gone*
- Cook, Claire – *Best Staged Plans*
- Cussler, Clive – *Kingdom*
- Deaver, Jeffery – *Carte Blanche*
- Evanovich, Janet – *Smokin' Seventeen*
- Finder, Joseph – *Buried Secrets*
- Hamilton, Laurell K. – *Hit List*
- Ignatius, David – *Bloodmoney*
- Lackey, Mercedes – *Unnatural Issue*
- LaHaye, Tim – *Thunder of Heaven*
- Lindsey, Johanna – *When Passion Rules*
- McCaffrey, Anne – *Dragon's Time*
- Patterson, James – *Now You See Her*
- Pronzini, Bill – *Camouflage*
- Rendell, Ruth – *Tigerlily's Orchids*
- Rollins, James – *Devil Colony*
- Spindler, Erica – *Watch Me Die*

July

- Albert, Susan Wittig – *Darling Dahlias and the Naked Ladies*
- Balogh, Mary – *Secret Mistress*
- Black, Benjamin – *Death in Summer*
- Butcher, Jim – *Ghost Story*
- Cabot, Meg – *Overbite*
- Coulter, Catherine – *Split Second*
- Dailey, Janet – *Bannon Brothers: Trust*
- Davidson, MaryJanice – *Undead and Undermined*
- Delinsky, Barbara – *Escape*
- Francis, Felix – *Dick Francis's Gamble*
- Gerritsen, Tess – *Silent Girl*
- Gross, Andrew – *Eyes Wide Open*
- Jance, J.A. – *Betrayal of Trust*
- Johansen, Iris – *Quinn*
- Lustbader, Eric Van – *Robert Ludlum's The Bourne Dominion*
- Palmer, Diana – *Merciless*
- Robards, Karen – *Justice*
- Siddons, Anne Rivers – *Burnt Mountain*
- Silva, Daniel – *Portrait of a Spy*
- Steel, Danielle – *Happy Birthday*
- Thor, Brad – *Full Black*
- Truman, Margaret – *Monument to Murder*
- Turtledove, Harry – *War That Came Early*
- Weiner, Jennifer – *Then Came You*

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.

May

Lawler May 14 @11am – *Despicable Me*
 May 10 @3:30pm – Teen Movie: *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 1*
 May 17 @2pm – *The Queen*

Wilks May 21 @11am – *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 1*
 May 28 @11am – *Yogi Bear*

Howland-Green May 28 @2:30pm – *Yogi Bear*

Casa da Saudade May 28 @1pm – *Tangled*

Main May 11 @6pm – *Alpha and Omega*
 May 25 @6pm – *Kung Fu Panda*

June

Lawler June 4 @11am – *Megamind*
 June 7 @3:30pm – Teen Movie: *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective*
 June 21 @3:30pm – Teen Movie: *American Teen*
 June 25 @11am – *Tangled*
 June 28 @2pm – *The Tourist*

Wilks June 15 @3pm – *The Green Hornet*
 June 18 @11am – *Gnomeo and Juliet*

Howland-Green June 11 @2:30pm – *Open Season 3*
 June 25 @2:30pm – *Beverly Hills Chihuahua 2*

Casa da Saudade June 11 @1pm – *Gnomeo and Juliet*
 June 25 @1pm – *Scooby-Doo and the Curse of the Lake Monster*

Main June 8 @6pm – *Megamind*
 June 22 @6pm – *Cars*

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 – May 17
- 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

“Cape Verdeans in New Bedford”

May 23 – July 16; Main Library, 3rd floor

As Cape Verdeans migrated to America they became part of the fabric of eastern port cities, blending their native heritage with western traditions. People of Cape Verdean descent make up a significant portion of New Bedford’s population and this exhibit illustrates some of their many contributions to the city’s identity.

May

- 5 **Writers’ Group** – Writers – come get tips and feedback. Writers of all genres welcome.
 - Wilks Library; 6pm
- 5, 12, 20, 24 **Scrabble Scramble** – Come play Scrabble!
 - Lawler Library; 1 – 3pm
- 5, 19 **In the Loop Knitting Group** – Get together with fellow knitters.
 - Lawler Library; 10am
- 10 **Lawler Library Book Club** – *The Wolves of Andover* by Kathleen Kent.
 - Lawler Library; 2 – 4pm
- 17 **Wilks Library Book Club** – The book is *The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake* by Aimee Bender.
 - Wilks Library; 6 – 7:30pm

June

- 2 **Writers’ Group** – Writers – come get tips and feedback. Writers of all genres welcome.
 - Wilks Library; 6pm
- 2, 6, 17, 21, 30 **Scrabble Scramble** – Come play Scrabble!
 - Lawler Library; 1 – 3pm
- 2, 16 **In the Loop Knitting Group** – Get together with fellow knitters.
 - Lawler Library; 10am
- 4 **Scrapbooking Club** – Get together with other scrappers, work on your projects and exchange ideas! (1st Saturday of every month)
 - Wilks Library; 2pm
- 7, 14, 21, 28 **Tail Waggin’ Tutors** – Read to a dog in the library! Children of all reading levels welcome. Please sign up for a 20-minute session.
 - Wilks Library; 4:30 – 5:30pm
- 14 **Lawler Library Book Club** – *Major Pettigrew’s Last Stand* by Helen Simonson.
 - Lawler Library; 2 – 4pm
- 21 **Wilks Library Book Club** – The book is *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson.
 - 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	Mon: 10am – 6pm Tue: 12pm – 8pm Wed: 10am – 6pm
Wilks 1911 Acushnet Ave. 508-991-6214	Thu: 12pm – 8pm Fri: closed Sat: 9am – 5pm

Lawler

745 Rockdale Ave. 508-991-6216	Mon: 10am – 6pm Tue: 12pm – 8pm Wed: closed
Howland-Green 3 Rodney French Blvd. 508-991-6212	Thu: 12pm – 8pm Fri: 10am – 6pm Sat: 9am – 5pm

Bookmobile

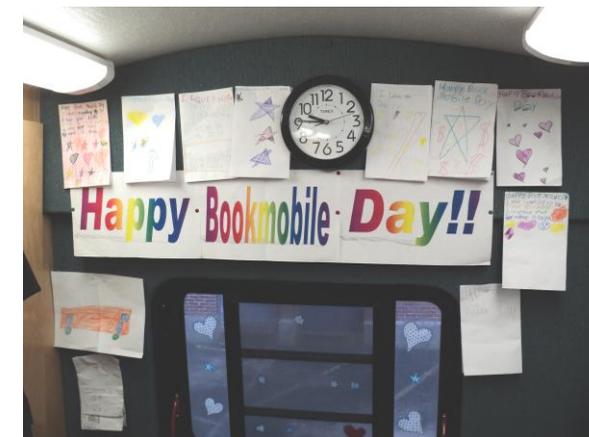
The Bookmobile visits schools, neighborhoods and adult centers throughout New Bedford. For the Bookmobile schedule, please call 508-991-6214.

Bookmobile Day

Children from the Carlos Pacheco School helped the Bookmobile celebrate “National Bookmobile Day” on April 13.

National Bookmobile Day is sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) as a day of recognition for the bookmobile and its staff.

The school children created cards for the Bookmobile, which are currently displayed on the bus. The children received pencils, stickers and tattoos in honor of the day.



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