

# GOODSPEED TIMES

FALL/WINTER NEWSLETTER

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## OFF THE LIBRARIAN'S DESK

It's fall once again...such a busy time of the year. I know that I have waaay too much to do before winter arrives! My huge box of spring bulbs arrived the other day, which means I'll be out there, digging in the dirt before the ground freezes! I'm knitting like crazy,

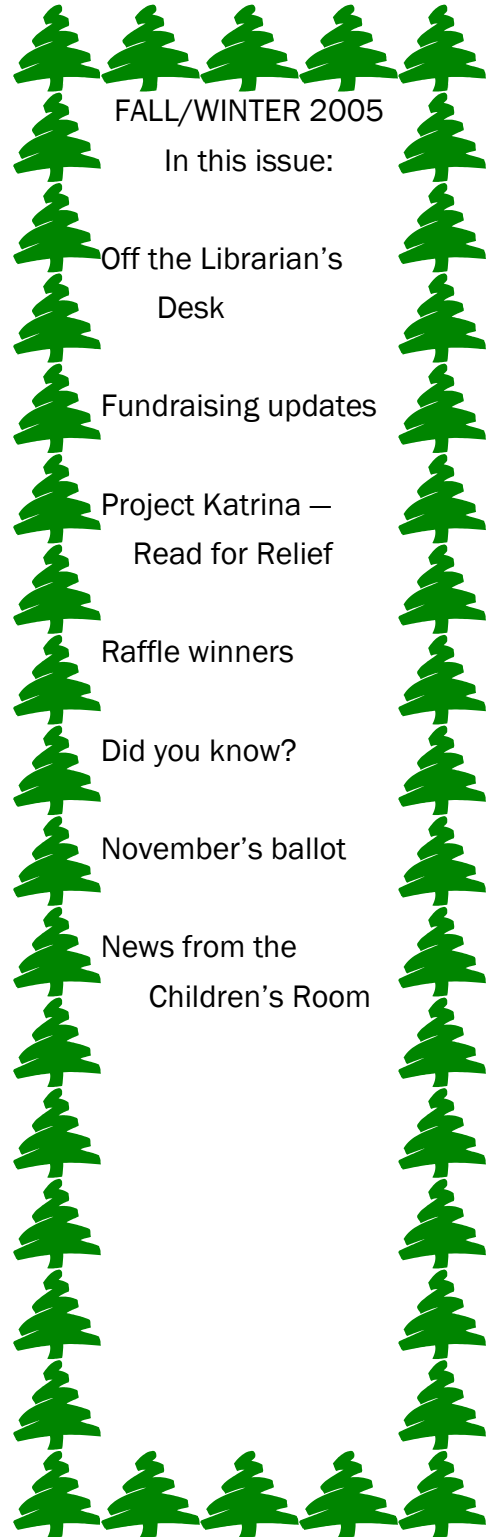
preparing my Christmas gifts! I trust you are all busy as well.

The library has been a busy place. Sandy is preparing the Children's Room for the Family Place Library Grant...watch for news on those activities. The children's programming has started, with new programs coming on board this fall. The staff is busy keeping things running while I am in the office writing grants, preparing the library budget and doing the administrative things, I must tend to.

Fall is also the time the library Trustees ask for your help with the annual fundraising appeal. The monies raised at this time help the library with any capital improvements needed for the building. This 90 year old building constantly needs repairs. The library asks for no capital expense money from the town...only operating expense dollars. Programming money comes from fundraising efforts and grants. Your assistance each fall is always appreciated.

Vaughan

"If you have a garden *and* a library, you have everything you need." ~Cicero



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## Look and see how you have helped your library!!

### SUMMER RAFFLE 2005 WINNERS :

Each summer the library hosts a raffle. Community members and businesses donate items for this event, which runs in conjunction with the Blueberry Festival. The \$842.00 raised this summer, from the sale of raffle tickets, goes toward the library building fund. This years winners are:

Red Sox poster, Marjorie Buchanan; Quilt table runner, Katharine Shoaps; Framed PO stamp, Judy Browne; Red sweater set, Steve Atwood; Silver chocker, Vaughan Gagne; Silver bracelet, Linda Allen; Fly swatter, Katharine Shoaps; Cardinal, Paula Buchanan; Bead basket, Lauren DeSotto; Jewelry, 1. Steve Atwood, 2. Marilyn Wegner, 3. Celine Wells; strawberry hat, Lisa Small; mitten/hat set, Katharine Shoaps; dish clothes, Morgan Spencer; t-shirt, Arline LaPlant; green afghan, Sandy Warren; child's apron- Priscilla Beedy; stuffed dog, Morgan Spencer; sweater set, Katharine Shoaps; MRE's, Mike Whalen; \$100 bond, Priscilla Beedy; \$50 bond, Theda Fairbanks; manicure, Jenna Pederson; flowers, Katharine Shoaps; rock tumbler, Lisa Heath; wool mittens, Holly Windle; dolls, Megan Burdin; quilt, Beth Hardy; macramé chair, Lynne Hunter; reading table, Maradith Wooden; marble top table Joey Myers.

### THE FIRST ANNUAL BLUEBERRY FUNDRAISER



The Collins-Faunce family have started a “new tradition” and a wonderful fundraiser which benefits the library. On September 3rd, all proceeds the Farm took in were donated to the library to kick off the annual Fall Fundraiser (please see appeals letter). It was such a successful day, bringing in \$1243.00. Thanks to all that picked berries for the library.

### PROJECT KATRINA—READ FOR RELIEF

Another fun project all of you worked on was Project Katrina—**Read for Relief**. Librarian Penny Brown, from the Livermore Library, was so excited about trying to pull this all together. She contacted 5 other librarians, of which I was one, and together, we contacted all Maine public and school libraries, got the word out to the public via news releases, television and radio (check out “Google” by typing in Project Katrina!), found businesses to donate trucks, and stayed in touch with a Red Cross volunteer from Alabama who was just as excited at his end to receive the huge shipments of books to distribute to the hurricane shelters.



1002 boxes of books were loaded onto two tractor trailer units and sent to Alabama. Thanks to your generosity WFPL collected 58 boxes of books!

Penny did a great job in coordinating all of this. The State of Maine should be proud of it's efforts!

### SUMMER BOOKSALE

The annual summer booksale took a gamble and moved to the Nichols Building on Weld St. Owner, Gil Reed, was so excited about offering the library space to house this event, and all future sales!! The new space is all on one floor, making for easy browsing. A great place for a sale!! Thank You Gil!

Everyone seemed to find the sale at this new venue, earning the library \$2050.00! This money is added to the library's operating budget. Watch for the winter sale in February!

Your book donations are always welcomed at the library.

## Did you know?...

- There are more public libraries than MacDonald's—a total of 16,090, including branch libraries.
- Americans spend more than three times as much on salty snacks as they do on public libraries.
- Americans check out an average of seven books a year. They spend \$23 a year in taxes (in Wilton it's \$20) for the public library—much less than the average cost of one hardcover book.
- Public libraries are the number one point of online access for people without Internet connections at home, school or work.
- 95% of public libraries provide access to the Internet.
- Research shows that the highest achieving students attend schools with good library media centers.
- Americans spend seven times as much money on home video games (\$7 billion) as they do on school library materials for their children (\$1 billion).
- School library media centers spend an average of \$7 per child for books—less than half the average cost of one hardcover school library book.
- Students visit school library media centers almost 1.5 billion times during the school year—about one-and-a-half times the number of visits to state and national parks.
- Americans go to school, public, and academic libraries more than twice as often as they go to the movies.
- Reference librarians in the nation's public and academic libraries answer more than 7 million questions weekly. Standing single file, the line of questioners would stretch from Boston to San Francisco.
- Federal spending on libraries annually is only 54 cents per person.
- A 1998 poll conducted by Gallup for the American Library Association found that nearly all respondents expect libraries to be needed in the future, despite the increased availability of information via computer.

## On the November Ballot...

Question 4 on November's ballot states: "Do you favor a \$20,000,000 bond issue to stimulate economic growth and job creation through investments in the Maine economy in anticipation of approximately \$44,000,000 in federal and private funds for medical research and development; marine research and development; equity investments in small Maine companies with potential for high growth; ***the New Century Community Program for capital improvements to cultural resources***; the renovation of Camden Hall on the University of Maine Bangor campus for a graduate school for biomedical science; the development of the Laboratory for Surface Science Technology; capital costs and equipment for the career center facility at the University of Southern Maine's Lewiston-Auburn College; and the development of the Sunrise Business and Career Center in the Town of Jonesboro."

The New Century Community Program is the program that benefits library and other cultural building projects in the State. Your support of this bond issue will help many.

## Goodspeed Street Bridge

Have you noticed the sign at the end of the Goodspeed St. Bridge? It is need of repair, as some of the steel beams underneath the bridge have failed. Thanks to the Town Manager and the Selectmen, a temporary repair will be happening soon. Bids for the permanent repair are being sought for budget time and the Town Meeting in June 2006. Please help support this much needed repair.

"Libraries will get you through times of no money better than money will get you through times with no libraries" Anne Herbert

## From The Children's Room

This time of year I always reflect on the concept of change with the children. They are transitioning back to school, the leaves are turning color, the temperature is cooler. Even the children's room is undergoing some changes. Most of the changes were made possible because of grants we've received.

### Family Place

WFPL is now a Family Place Library! The library was awarded a generous grant from the Sandy River Charitable Foundation so that we could better assist families in our community in accessing resources, information and support. I was sent to Long Island, New York for an "informative, educational and Intense" training. This training instigated some big changes. Bookshelves were moved to create an even more inviting early childhood space which, everyone uses! That area conveniently houses the parenting collection. Parenting DVD's from the "I Am Your Child" foundation have arrived; new books are being added to the collection; parenting magazines have their own storage rack; and new display units hold informational brochures for families. A volunteer will be making a custom built shelving unit for board books and other early childhood materials. The library now has a baby changing station in the bathroom.

A Family Place Library works to meet the needs of families in a variety of ways. (WFPL already offers much of what Family Place is all about, but now will be offering more and doing it better.)

Core elements are:

- Emergent Literacy
- Child Development
- Partnerships and Coalitions
- Outreach
- The Parent-Child Workshop
- Parenting Resources

Currently, outreach from the children's room is story times and a tote of books for five family day cares and a Head Start program; Wilton Early Childhood Center receives visits and, new to the outreach program, is the Pre-K/Kindergarten class at Wilton Christian Academy .

A Parent/Child Workshop will be held toward the end of February, Monday's (yes, when the library is closed for other business!) at 10:00 a.m. for five weeks. It is for parents of children birth through age three. There is a limit of six families for this first session. Look for more information and a sign-up sheet in a few months. If you would like to know more before then just speak to Sandy.

WFPL joins Hallowell and Norway libraries, in being the first in the state to become involved with the Family Place Program. At the time we started this, we were among around 200 in the nation. We're really excited about this opportunity and hope you will be too.

### Story times at the Library

The library has added an infant/toddler story time this fall. It is held on Tuesday's at 10:15 a.m. A preschool story time follows at 11:00 a.m. For elementary age children WFPL offers a story time running for six weeks in the fall and again in the spring. This program is held Thursday evenings at 6 PM.

The older children from Wilton Early Childhood Center and the Kindergarten children come into the library for story times once a month as well.

## **MBNA is truly a friend of the Wilton Free Public Library!!!!**

### **Summer Reading Program Grant**

Our “Around The World In 43 Days” summer reading program was funded by MBNA. In addition to helping us “beef up” our collection with materials related to that theme, the library was able to offer “The Rhythm Inlet” presenting their “Drums Heard Round The World” program, and Adam Miller, folk singer, connected us to our rich history.

Over 100 individuals of all ages participated in the reading program. Those who kept track of their reading time read an average of 687 minutes. It takes a great deal of collaboration to put together a reading program. Many thanks to our postmaster, police chief, town manager, state representative, local restaurant owner, and library director. All helped to make the Lunch and Read on Tuesdays possible. Many patrons offered their services and came up with very interesting programs. Leon and Cynthia Harkleroad came to the rescue, when there was a program cancellation, by presenting an exhilarating and interactive program on



international folk dancing.

Barbara Hardenbrook and Sarah Chamberlain were instrumental in getting participants involved in helping to establish a library in a Collibistrie, Dominica school. Thank you everyone, for your generous book donations!!

Daya Taylor and Morgan Spencer volunteered MANY hours over the spring and summer, attending to the numerous, and often tedious, tasks in order to get things ready for the program. Others brought in items for display, food, and art materials—thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

Something to think about—Next year’s theme will be related to health, fitness and safety.

### **Audio/Visual and Listening Area Grants**

We’ve been listening! Many of you spend a lot of time in your car and want books in audio format. MBNA awarded WFPL two grants to help obtain more audio/visual materials.

The audio/visual grant enabled WFPL to add some great titles on cassettes, CD’s, DVD and video.

Even more exciting for the Children’s Room, is the grant that will provide a listening area . A volunteer will make a custom-built piece of furniture, there will be three cassette recorder systems and new titles will be added to our existing collection of books with cassettes.

### **Get your child involved in the voting process!**

#### **Maine Student Book Award**

Once again, MBNA has generously supplied WFPL with books from list of the Maine Student Book Awards (over 40 books!), making it much easier for the library to encourage our patrons in grades four through eight to be involved with this program. In the spring, children who have read at least three books from the reading list , get to vote on which book they consider the best.

#### **Chickadee Award**

A new award program is the Chickadee Award. WFPL offers these titles as well. Children in Kindergarten through grade four get to vote on these books.

Books, for both awards, are selected by a committee of librarians, teachers, and literacy professionals. The goal is for students to develop an appreciation for outstanding writing and illustrations in current children’s and young adult literature, and become discriminating readers by voting for their favorite book. Winners will be announced at the Reading Round-Up conference for children’s librarians in the spring.

You will find these books on the “new books” shelf. Books on the MSBA reading list are marked with a red dot; those on the Chickadee Award reading list are marked with a yellow dot.

### New collection materials in the children's room....

The board book collection is growing! We have new board books about rhymes, art, transportation, time, and animals and their habits. We also have some of David Shannon's "David" books as well as some bilingual (Spanish) books.

Some new picture book titles are Leaf Man by Lois Ehlert, Scarecrow by Cynthia Rylant, Leonardo the Terrible Monster by Mo Willems, Over in the Ocean: In a Coral Reef by Mariannel Berkes, Prehistoric Actual Size by Steve Jenkins, Petite Rouge: A Cajun Red Riding Hood by Mike Artell, All Our Relatives by Paul Goble, The Spice Alphabet Book by Jerry Pallotta,

I Doko, The Tale Of A Basket by Ed Young, What Does Peace Feel Like? By Vladimir Radunsky , If You Give A Pig A Party by Laura Joffe Numeroff, Sequoyah: The Man Who Gave His People Writing by James Rumford, and Going Fishing by Bruce McMillan.

Some new early reader books are Season of the Sandstorms by Mary Pope Osborne and Mr. Putter and Tabby Pick The Pears by Cynthia Rylant and some Magic School Bus books.

New titles added to our existing series include Wizardology (Ologies series), High Rhulain (Redwall series), Inkspell (Inkheart series), and Penultimate Peril (Series of Unfortunate Events). We have added Geronimo Stilton books, the Hank Zipzer series by Henry Winkler, and the Eddie Dickens trilogy by Philip Ardagh. We're bringing back some old favorites too—Trixie Belden and The Black Stallion. Of course, we have Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince by J. K. Rowling too!!

Graphic novel titles we've added are Matthew Henson: Artic Adventurer, Paul Revere's Ride and The Voyage of the Mayflower .

Some non-fiction books for older children include Charles Richter and the Story of the Richter Scale, the Guinness World Records 2006, several new poetry books, books about metamorphosis, photosynthesis, forensics, pirates and smugglers, and digital photos, the history of child labor, cowboys and girl's involvement in sports.



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Here is where people,  
one frequently finds,  
lowers their voices  
and raise their minds.

Richard Armour

