

NORTHBOROUGH  
FREE LIBRARY

# Gale Forecast

DECEMBER 2015

## DID YOU KNOW?

- You can access *Consumer Reports Online* using your library card in order to find product reviews & ratings on cars, electronics, appliances and more!

## LIBRARY HOURS

**Monday**  
12 noon — 8:30 p.m.

**Tuesday &  
Wednesday**  
9:30 a.m.—8:30 p.m.

**Thursday—  
Saturday**  
9:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Closed Sundays

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northborough  
library.org

## Introducing the New Commonwealth Catalog

Starting in December, all of the library networks in Massachusetts, including the C/W MARS network, of which the Northborough Free Library is a member, will be migrating from the Virtual Catalog to a new statewide catalog called the **Commonwealth Catalog**. The new catalog extends your search well beyond our library's resources. In one easy step, you can search through millions of items at participating libraries across Massachusetts to find the books, DVDs, and music you're looking for. Make a request and it will be delivered right to our library for quick pickup.

Libraries share items across the state, but it's always faster



and more cost effective to check locally first, so if the item is not available

in the C/W MARS network, searching the Commonwealth Catalog is the next step.

### Powerful search

The Commonwealth Catalog searches all participating libraries in one easy step and allows you to sort your results by material type: books, audiobooks, DVDs. Initially, eBooks will not be included in the catalog, but future plans will include eBooks.

### Millions of items

The Commonwealth Catalog gives you access to millions of items from libraries that hold unique collections such as Boston Public Library, UMass Amherst and other academic, special and public libraries.

### Convenience

Once you request an item through the Commonwealth Catalog it will only take a few days to receive it. We'll notify you so you can stop by and pick it up. To access the catalog, visit our website at [www.northboroughlibrary.org/loan.asp](http://www.northboroughlibrary.org/loan.asp).

*Christopher Lindquist*  
Library Director

## Annual Fund Appeal Sets \$20,000 Goal

### Creating Community Connections

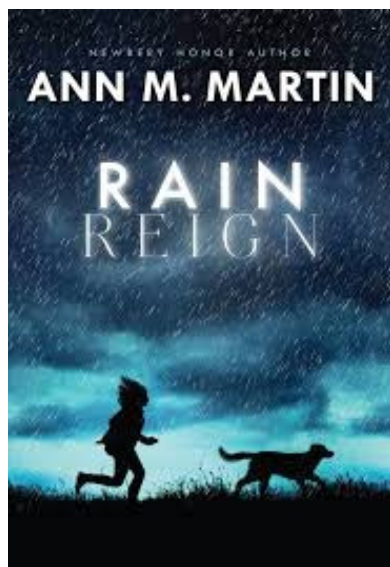


In the spirit of the holidays, we are asking for your help! In Decem-

ber, we are launching our first ever annual fund appeal in order to raise \$20,000 in support of the library. The *Creating Community Connections* campaign is being conducted along with the Friends of the Northborough Library, a 501(c)3 charitable organization.

Appeal letters are being sent to local residents and business owners. Donations can also be made using the "Donate" button on our website at [www.northboroughlibrary.org](http://www.northboroughlibrary.org).

*Thank you!*



*Join us the  
first Monday of  
each month at  
7:00 p.m. for  
Adult Coloring  
Night!*

## TEEN/TWEEN PROGRAMS

**Middle School Book Club.** Wednesday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, 7-8 p.m. Reading *Rain Reign* by Ann M. Martin. Teens in grades 6-8 welcome. Registration is required. This event will be in the Conference Room.

**Manga & Graphic Novel Club.** Wednesday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-8 p.m. Reading *Avengers* comics. We will be watching a movie and enjoying some pizza. Teens in grades 6-10 welcome. Registration is required. This event will be in the Meeting Room.

**Teen Advisory Group (TAG).** Monday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, 7-8 p.m. Teens in grades 6-12 welcome. No registration required. This event will be in the Meeting Room.

**Teen Movie Night.** Monday, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-8 p.m. All Teens entering grades 6-12 are welcome. No registration is required. Snacks will be served. Please contact the Teen Librarian for the movie title. This event will be in the Meeting Room.

**Mug Cakes.** Wednesday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8 p.m. We will be learning how to make quick and easy cakes in coffee mugs. Teens in grades 6-12 welcome. Registration is required. This event will be in the Meeting Room.

Need more information? Check with Bonny Krantz in the Teen Room, call 508 393-5025 ext. 7 or email [bkrantz@cwmar.org](mailto:bkrantz@cwmar.org).

*Bonny Krantz*  
**Teen Services Librarian**

## Adult Coloring Nights

Back by popular demand! Join us in the Meeting Room the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. starting December 7th, for Adult Coloring Night. Come sit and color a while and feel your stress melt away. We'll provide all the art supplies and coloring pages. Bring a friend for a fun and relaxing night out! Adults only. No registration required.

*Deborah Hersh*  
**Adult Services Librarian**

## Holiday Trolley Sale

**December 4th and 5th**

The Friends of the Northboro Library are having our annual Northboro Holiday Trolley Book Sale! We have an excellent selection of high-quality fiction & non-fiction books for adults, teens & children.

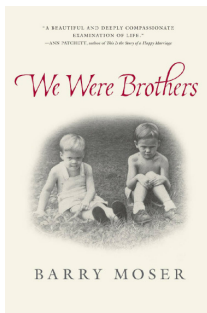
Many of these books are gift quality. The sale is December 4th from noon - 5:00 p.m. and December 5th from 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. All books are \$2.00. On Saturday from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., enjoy live

holiday music with cookies & warm beverages during our *Holiday Tea*. Children can also complete a holiday craft project while grown-ups shop at the sale.

*Ellen Church*  
**Friends President**



# 6 Memoirs that Read Like Novels

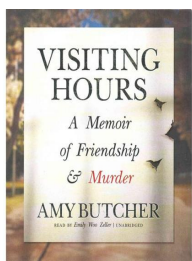
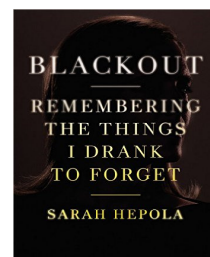


## **We Were Brothers** by Barry Moser

Art professor and National Book Award-winning illustrator, Barry Moser, confronts and explains his relationship with his older brother, Tommy — two men who could not have been more different. Barry was the younger of two brothers of radically opposed temperaments and interests who clashed incessantly and violently; two white boys raised to be macho and racist, in spite of adoring their mother's African American best friend. In this frank chronicle of his battles and eventual reconciliation with his brother, Moser looks to a more caring and just future world.

## **Drank to Forget** by Sarah Hepola

An unflinchingly honest memoir that is both hilarious and heartbreaking, Hepola shares her journey to sobriety, a new adventure she never wanted, after her drinking—which she once believed gave her confidence, intimacy and creativity—led to blackouts that drained her spirit and destroyed her life.

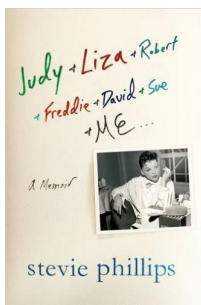
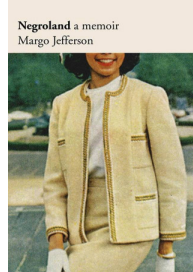


## **Visiting Hours : A Memoir of Friendship and Murder** by Amy Butcher

One night at the end of their senior year at Gettysburg College, Butcher and her friend Kevin had a few drinks at the bar before he walked her home. Sometime after that, Kevin went back to his apartment and fatally stabbed his ex-girlfriend. Psychologists later deemed it a psychotic break. Through letters and prison visits, Butcher maintains her friendship with Kevin refusing to abandon her friend when almost everyone else did. In this memoir, the author attempts to understand her friend's unthinkable actions on that spring evening.

## **Negroland** by Margo Jefferson

Former New York Times theater critic Jefferson defines Negroland as “a small region of Negro America where residents are sheltered by privilege and plenty,” and in 1947 she was born into it. Her father was head of pediatrics at Provident, at the time the nation's oldest black hospital, and her mother was a socialite. Jefferson describes what it was like to grow up in Negroland and to proceed through the civil rights and feminist movements toward, post-racial America.



## **Judy & Liza & Robert & Freddie & David & Sue & Me** by Stevie Phillips

An unsparing look at the dark side of show business. Phillips rose from a secretary to an agent in a time when no woman had done that and later became a producer of hit Broadway shows such as Loose Ends, and The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas. She had a complicated relationship with Judy Garland, and was extremely close with Liza Minnelli, helping her obtain many of her famous film roles. Along the way, Phillips signed Robert Redford, Peter Sellers, David Bowie, and Barbra Streisand. A great story-teller, Phillips learns much about herself, resulting in quite an inspirational turnaround when she reinvents herself as a producer.

## **Wondering Who You Are** by Sonya Lea

After two decades and two children along in their marriage, Sonya Lea's husband, Richard, was diagnosed with a rare type of cancer. The duo had faced, and overcome, enough challenges to feel confident about weathering this storm as well. But post-surgery, Richard was not just a changed man; he was a different man. Prolonged loss of blood to his brain cost him nearly all of his long and short-term memory. This is Lea's stunning account of Richard's recovery efforts, and her willful refusal to give up on marriage to the stranger occupying her husband's body.



# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS DECEMBER 2015

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<u>1</u> 10:00 AM Color Me A Story  10:30 AM Music Mashup!	<u>2</u> 9:45 AM Mother Goose on the Loose  10:30 AM Mother Goose on the Loose  4:00 PM Read to Finnegan	<u>3</u> 10:30 AM On My Own Storytime	<u>4</u> 10:00 AM Yoga for Kids  	<u>5</u> 10:30 AM Read with Kodiak and Athena  1:00 PM Holiday Tea & Northborough Holiday Trolley
<u>7</u> 4:00 PM Read to Finnegan  6:00 PM Chatterbooks Book Club	<u>8</u> 10:00 AM Color Me A Story  10:30 AM Music Mashup!  3:00 PM Drop-in Legos	<u>9</u> 4:00 PM Kindergarten Book Group  	<u>10</u> 10:30 AM On My Own Storytime  3:45 PM STEAM Club	<u>11</u> 10:00 AM Toddler Time	<u>12</u> 9:45 AM Dads & Donuts  10:30 AM Read with Kodiak and Athena
14	<u>15</u> 10:00 AM Color Me A Story  11:00 AM Apple Tree Arts Music Show  6:30 PM 5th Grade Book Club	<u>16</u> 9:45 AM Mother Goose on the Loose  10:30 AM Mother Goose on the Loose  6:00 PM Fun with Food- Gingerbread Houses	<u>17</u> 10:30 AM On My Own Storytime  3:30 PM Kindness Quilts  	<u>18</u> 10:00 AM Toddler Time	<u>19</u> 10:00 AM Holiday Teddy Bear Picnic  10:30 AM Read with Kodiak and Athena  1:00 PM Saturday at the Movies
21	<u>22</u> 10:00 AM Color Me A Story  10:30 AM Music Mashup!	<u>23</u> 9:45 AM Mother Goose on the Loose 10:30 AM Mother Goose on the Loose  1:30 PM Holiday Movie & Craft	24 LIBRARY CLOSURES @ 1 p.m.  	25 Merry Christmas!  	26 LIBRARY CLOSED  
<u>28</u> 2:00 PM Zumba on the Wii	<u>29</u> 10:00 AM Color Me A Story 10:30 AM Music Mashup!  6:30 PM Winter PJ's Storytime	<u>30</u> 9:45 AM Mother Goose on the Loose  10:30 AM Mother Goose on the Loose  3:00 PM Legos	<u>31</u> 11:30 AM Noon Year's Eve Celebration!		