



GALE FORECAST

Hours: Monday, 12 noon to 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday & Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Thursday through Saturday: 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
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Web page: www.northboroughlibrary.org

January 2015

HOLIDAY HOURS: **Close 5 p.m. December 31. Closed January 1.** Other hours remain the same unless there is a weather emergency.

The library is also closed on Monday, January 19, for Martin Luther King Day.

MEDITATION SESSION

Saturday, January 24, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Beginners are welcome to this session conducted by Northborough resident Linda Hurni Hardy, RPT, CSS, FSC. Meditation can reduce stress, PTSD, anxiety, anger, addictions, and pain. Participants will sit in chairs (not the floor). Ages 12 to 121! Please reserve a spot by contacting the Reference Desk upstairs at reference@northboroughlibrary.org (preferred) or call 508 393-5025 ext. 5.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Friday, January 9, 10 – 11:30 a.m. **Master and Commander**, by Patrick O’Brian.

Wednesday, January 21, 7 – 8:30 p.m. **The Bomber**, by Liza Marklund.

Monday, January 26, 7 – 8:30 p.m. **Life After Life**, by Kate Atkins

Copies of the books are available at the Check-Out Desk a few weeks in advance. New participants welcome at any time.

DONATION

We wish to thank an anonymous donor who recently sent a check for \$500. The donor stated, “While I would like to keep this donation anonymous, the one thing I would like to make public, is that the reason for this donation is driven by the fact that we need to support such civic institutions, such as the Northborough Public Library, in these times more than any other. I have benefitted from your institution, and I want to recognize in some small measure your hard work[;] it means a great deal to me to visit a place of learning, and enjoy it at the same time!”

TEEN/TWEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Advisory Group (TAG). Monday, Jan. 12th, 6-7 p.m. Teens in grades 6-12 welcome. No registration required. This event will be in the Meeting Room.

Manga & Graphic Novel Club. Wednesday, Jan. 21st, 7-8 p.m. Reading *The Dumbest Idea Ever* by Jimmy Gownley. Teens in grades 6-8 welcome. Registration is required. This event will be in the Teen Room.

High School Book Club. Monday, Jan. 26th, 7-8 p.m. Reading *The 100* by Kass Morgan. Teens in grades 9-12 welcome. Registration is required. This event will be in the Conference Room.

Middle School Book Club. Wednesday, Jan. 28th, 7-8 p.m. Reading *Endangered* by Eliot Schrefer. Teens in grades 6-8 welcome. Registration is required. This event will be in the Meeting Room.

Need more information? Check with Bonny Krantz in the Teen Room or call 508-393-5025 ext. 7.

CHILDREN'S ROOM NEWS

The Children's Room recently received a generous **grant** of **\$3,000** from **DCU**. This grant will be used specifically for STEM programming and workshops for girls ages 8-11, and materials for ongoing in-house STEM learning. Thank you so much to DCU for your support as we strive to get more young girls interested in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math!

LIBRARY CARDS FOR CHILDREN

At the December meeting of the Board of Library Trustees, the Trustees voted to set a minimum age for library cards at the age of 3. Our children's staff feels that children of that age can appreciate having a library card and understand what it is used for. Previously we had no age limit. Parents are still responsible for the items checked out on the child's card, and may wish to continue checking out children's books on their own cards. However, in many families (especially those with multiple members) the parents prefer that each person have his/her own card. Parents must have valid identification (a current driver's license, for example) to apply for a card for their children. There is no charge for the initial card, and they can be used at any C/W MARS library.



100 Books Before Age 1

@ The Northborough Free Library
Beginning January 2015

This is an ongoing program and you may register and begin at any time.

The Challenge:

Read 100 books to your child before his/her first birthday.

Why:

Reading aloud to your baby is a wonderful shared activity you can continue for years to come and it's an important form of stimulation.

Reading out loud-

- Teaches a baby about communication
- Introduces concepts such as numbers, letters, colors, and shapes in a fun way
- Builds listening, memory, and vocabulary skills
- Gives babies information about the world around them

(from kidshealth.org)

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How the Program Works:

1. Pick up a few log sheets from the Children's Room if you would like to log your reading on paper.
2. If you'd like to log online, please visit www.northboroughlibrary.org and click on [100 Before Age One](#). Register and keep track of books on the virtual reading log.
3. Every three months the library will hold a *Celebratory Story Time and Playdate* for those who have reached the goal of 100 books. Remember to hang on to your paper logs, as they will be your ticket to register for this event. Those recording books online will automatically be registered once they reach the goal.
4. You do not have to read 100 unique books, and there is no special list you need to choose from. If you need help getting started we do have a suggested list on our info sheet!

Begin recording your reading at any time after your child's birth. The program begins when you want it to, and ends when you reach 100 books—which can be any time before your child's first birthday! Once you hit 100— but keep reading and recording as long as you'd like!

See Children's Room Staff for more info or email the Children's Librarian @ lbrennan@cwmars.org

In partnership with the *Together We Can Family Network*.

JANUARY 2015 PROGRAMS

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Happy New Year!!	2	3 <u>Dads & Donuts Storytime</u> 10:00 – 10:30 Kids ages 3 - 6
5	6 <u>Color Me A Story</u> 10:30 - up to age 5 <u>Color Me A Story</u> 11:30 - up to age 5	7 <u>Mother Goose on the Loose-Drop in Program</u> 10:30 – 11:00 Birth thru age 2 <u>NEW!-The Science Session</u> 6:30 – 7:30 Grades 3 - 5	8 <u>On My Own Storytime</u> 10:30 – 11:00 3 – 5 yr. olds	9 <u>Drop in Winter Craft</u> 1:00 – 4:00	10 <u>Reading with Kodiak the Dog!</u> 1:00 – 2:30 (15 minute slots) <u>Kindergarten Book Club</u> 2:30 – 3:30
12 <u>Scrabble Night</u> 6:30 – 7:30 Families welcome.	13 <u>Color Me A Story</u> 10:30 – up to age 5 <u>Color Me A Story</u> 11:30 – up to age 5 <u>NEW! 100 Books Before Age 1 Informational Meeting for Parents</u> 10:00 – 10:30 Parents of children ages 0 – 1 <u>Basic Felting Techniques</u> 6:30 – 7:30 Ages 10 - 12	14 <u>Mother Goose on the Loose-Drop in Program</u> 10:30 – 11:00 Birth thru age 2	15 <u>On My Own Storytime</u> 10:30 – 11:00 3 – 5 yr. olds <u>Lego Afternoon</u> 3:00 – 4:30 All ages.	16	17 <u>Reading with Kodiak the Dog!</u> 1:00 – 2:30 (15 minute slots)
19	20 <u>Color Me A Story</u> 10:30 – up to age 5 <u>Color Me A Story</u> 11:30 – up to age 5	21 <u>Mother Goose on the Loose-Drop in Program</u> 10:30 – 11:00 Birth thru age 2	22 <u>On My Own Storytime</u> 10:30 – 11:00 3 – 5 yr. olds	23	24 <u>Reading with Kodiak the Dog!</u> 1:00 – 2:30 (15 minute slots)
26 <u>1st & 2nd Grade Book Group</u> 5:00 – 6:00 <u>3rd & 4th Book Group</u> 6:00 – 7:00	27 <u>Color Me A Story</u> 10:30 – up to age 5 <u>Color Me A Story</u> 11:30 – up to age 5 <u>5th Grade Book Club</u> 6:30 – 7:30 <u>The Science Session Junior – NEW!</u> 1:30 – 2:00 Ages 2 - 4	28 <u>Mother Goose on the Loose-Drop in Program</u> 10:30 – 11:00	29 <u>On My Own Storytime</u> 10:30 – 11:00 3 – 5 yr. olds <u>Lego Afternoon</u> 3:00 – 4:30 All ages.	30	31 <u>Reading with Kodiak the Dog!</u> 1:00 – 2:30 (15 minute slots)