

Ipswich Public Library

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the Newsletter

DOWNLOADABLE AUDIOBOOKS FROM OVERDRIVE

The Ipswich Public Library will make available to our patrons beginning in July downloadable audiobooks which can be checked out, listened to and returned online from your home PC 24/7. The spoken word content of the books available for download is the same as audio books or books on CD you borrow from the library or purchase at a retail store. Patrons will need a valid library card, a home PC with Internet access and an email account to make use of the new service.

The Ipswich Public Library has joined with other libraries in the Merrimack Valley Library Consortium (MVLC) to bring this new service to the area. Some titles are available for a single

listener at a time, while others will always be available to any number of users. Books are divided into parts, and each part is downloadable to a single CD with a running time of about an hour. Although a few publishers do not allow burning to CD, all books are available for download to MP3 players. You could also choose to listen to a book on your PC. iPods at this time do not support the Windows Media Audio format used by Overdrive. All books available for download will be listed in the Ipswich Public Library Online Catalog (www.town.ipswich.ma.us/library). Clicking on the link for a particular book will bring you to the Overdrive website where you can 'borrow' the book for seven

days or place a hold on the book if it is already checked out. We will also create a link from the 'Collections' area of our website to the MVLC Overdrive webpage, where all available titles will be listed under such categories as At the Movies, Romance, Mystery & Thrillers, Children's & Teens. Advanced search capabilities will also allow you to find particular titles. Each month 40-50 new titles will be added to the collection

A brochure with detailed information on how to download audio books will be available within the next few weeks at the library. For a preview of what will be available for borrowing type in 'Overdrive' as a general keyword search in the catalog.

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ESSEX NATIONAL HERITAGE COMMISSION HONOR

The Essex National Heritage Area was created 10 years ago. To mark this anniversary the Essex National Heritage Commission released a list of '100 Milestones in Heritage Development'. The Ipswich Public Library is honored to be recognized with two milestones. The official announcement of all 100 milestones was made at the ENHC's 10th Anniversary event on June 1, 2006 at the Topsfield Fair Grounds. Library Director Victor Dyer was present to accept a framed certificate (see sidebar this page).

The Ipswich Public Library was recognized for the renovation work on its Archives and for a digitization project accomplished by Assistant Library Director Genevieve Picard. The complete run of *The Antiquarian Papers*, edited by Arthur Wesley Dow, was digitized at the Northeast Massachusetts Regional Library System headquarters in Danvers. The *Papers* are now available to genealogists and other interested researchers in the Northeast Massachusetts Digital Library at www.nmrls.org/nmdl.

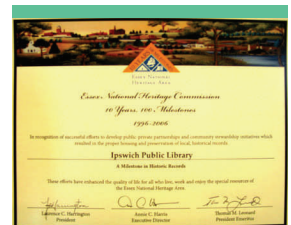
CD #1000 Added to Collection

Recently we added *Chet Baker in Paris: 1955-1956*, the 1000th CD in our collection of music CDs. The CD collection is located in the Audio-Visual area just off the Rogers Room on the main floor of the library. The CDs are arranged in order by consecutive number on four revolving racks. This arrangement makes it easy to check out the newest CDs added to the collection. To help you find older

CDs we have a section of 'Compact Discs' in the white binder labeled **Listings of Special Collections**. This binder, which sits on the table near the Large Print books, also includes listings of Audiocassettes, Videocassettes and DVDs. The CD listings are arranged by artist or composer in most cases. The collection in-



cludes many different types of music, from Reggae to Classical, Jazz, Folk, New Age, Holiday, etc. Savvy library users know that the very newest CDs are always displayed at the Main Desk. A few of the newest CDs on display include Putamayo's *North African Groove*, Rachmaninov's *All-Night Vigil* and Keith Lockhart's *America* album.



Library Certificate from the Essex National Heritage Commission

DISPLAYS ARE ENJOYED BY LIBRARY PATRONS

Many Ipswich Library patrons have commented on how much they enjoy the displays on our new round display table.

A different staff member is responsible for each month's display, so there is a variety of styles and display themes. Some of the past displays have been on Holidays, the Caribbean, Banned Books, A Walk in the Woods, and Gardening.



Be sure to see the June display on **Cape Ann**, complete with many interesting books on the Cape Ann area that may be checked out.



2006 SUMMER SCHEDULE

Monday & Wednesday
9 AM—8PM

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
9 AM—5 PM

Closed Saturdays

ARCHIVES VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you interested in genealogy and/or local history? If so, Ipswich Public Library is looking for volunteers who can spend two hours each week in the Archives, assisting visitors from all over the country who come to Ipswich to explore their roots. You will be trained by a staff member, so that you will be familiar with approximately ten sources which are used most frequently by researchers. A staff member will be available to help with visitor requests, if needed. When no visitors are present, you can help keep the Archives orderly by shelving materials . . . and perhaps browsing a bit! You may also be asked to help with special projects related to historical documents from time to time.

For more information or to sign up, please call Reference Librarian Paula Grillo at 978-356-6648.

PARKSPASS NOW AVAILABLE

Discover Massachusetts Parks



To purchase a Massachusetts ParkPass call (617) 626-4969

The Massachusetts ParksPass is a hangtag for one vehicle which allows parking access to state park facilities with the Department of Conservation and Recreation that charge a parking fee such as:

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| Ashland State Park | Hopkinton State Park |
| Bradley Palmer State Park | Maudslay State Park |
| Cochituate State Park | Pearl Hill State Park |
| Great Brook Farm State Park | Salisbury Beach State Park |
| Halibut Point State Park | Walden Pond State Reservation |

Borrow the ParksPass for a day to visit state parks in Northeastern Massachusetts and other DCR parks for free. This pass is made available to the patrons of the Ipswich Public Library, compliments of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Library Life: Issues of Interest From the Ipswich Public Library

While your personal computer serves a dizzying number of functions, the staff at the Ipswich Public Library believes chief among them is the ability to turn your home into an almost literal extension of the library -- a home branch, if you will. And now, a relatively new service allows you to receive email notification of the arrival of inter-library loan requests.

From your home computer you can log on to the library's website, www.town.ipswich.ma.us/library, and search the collections of the Merrimack Valley Library Consortium's 33 libraries. It is easy to determine if a book you want is on the shelf at the Ipswich Public Library, or to request materials from any one of the other consortium libraries once you are logged onto the site.

To request materials you need just two passwords: your pin number, which is always the last four digits of the telephone number you indicated on your library registration, and your library card number. To receive an email notification that your book is waiting for you, you need only to inform a staff member at the circulation desk that you prefer email notification and provide your email address. "No more calls during dinnertime telling you your book is in," said Susanne Simmons, the senior library technician. "Just an email alerting you that you can pick up your materials."

Once you have been emailed that your book is in, you still have one week to pick it up.

Given the large numbers of books, CDs, books on tape and CD and other materials circulated from library to library as part of the inter-library loan system of the MVLC, notifying patrons that their materials have arrived requires library staff to make numerous calls each day, Simmons said. "We certainly don't mind making the calls," she said, "but we often feel patrons would prefer an email to having to race to the phone for what is, essentially, a business call."

In addition to "virtually" perusing the stacks from your home computer, requesting materials and receiving email notices, you can also manage your account from home, Simmons said, checking to see what books you have checked out, if a book is overdue, renewing materials, whether materials you have ordered are in transit from one library to another, or deleting requests.

And finally, rather than scratch your head, wondering, "What was that book I wanted to read?" as you struggle to remember a friend's recommendation, you can use the "My List" option, where you build your own list of "must-read" books that you can save and refer to whenever you are ready for a new book.

Getting to Know You...

A new column which will feature a Library Staff Member in each issue

In the back of the Children's Room there is a sign on the emergency exit door. The sign has a picture of a large eye and next to it the warning, "Mrs. Pauley is watching." Yes, Marilyn Pauley has been keeping a watchful eye out for all the young readers of Ipswich for about 25 years now.

All those little readers know lots of things about Mrs. Pauley. They know she reads wonderful stories. They know she sings great rhymes and songs. They know she makes terrific crafts and that she can make her wonderful animal puppets talk.

However, there are some things they don't know about Marilyn. They know she has a lovely singing voice but they don't know she would be the hands down winner of "Name that Tune." In fact, give Marilyn five works from any song from any Broadway musical EVER and she will sing the ENTIRE song...perfectly...every stanza.

The kids laugh when Mrs. Pauley's hand puppets

roar, growl and moo but what they don't know is that Marilyn is incredibly funny, fast and sharp and keeps the entire staff in stitches.



And in her life outside the library...yes, much to the surprise of many a child in the grocery store, Mrs. Pauley does have a life outside of the library....

Marilyn is affiliated with the Ipswich Woman's Club and thoroughly enjoys her monthly book club. She has three grown children—Jennifer, Elizabeth, and Christopher. This year she is Mother of the Bride in June AND Mother of the Groom in January 2007.

Marilyn and her husband David enjoy traveling. Dave is retiring this year from the Danvers School System, making travel time much more available.

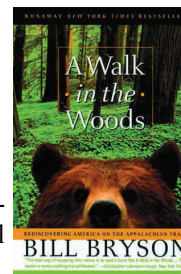
Congratulations Marilyn!

Ipswich Reads...One Book! Again



In early spring the main room of the Ipswich Public Library was transformed into a woodland of silk 'birch trees & evergreens'-- compliments of Corliss Brothers. Staff member, Lynne Holton, added hiking gear, stuffed animals, and a lichen and moss covered tree stump to further the woodland theme.

This year Bill Bryson's *A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail* was our One Book selection. During the month of April this funny and informative book was read and discussed all over town. Over 100 copies of the book in various formats (paperback, large type, book on CD) were lent to our patrons. When the first borrower returned a copy it would go out again to the next reader. The library sponsored several related programs during the month, including lectures on the Essex County Greenbelt Association and the Bay Circuit Trails, a panel discussion on Lyme Disease, and an outdoor crafts program for children's along the Sidney Shurcliff River Walk. The Friends of the Ipswich Public Library also sponsored a lecture by resident John Nove on Papa Westry Island off the coast of Scotland. Discussion leader Carla Panciera met with three book clubs, the Library Volunteers and the Sisters of Notre Dame to discuss the book, while two discussions open to all took place at the library. The last discussion group was held on June 5th at the Ipswich Historical Society as part of their Brown Bag Lunch series.



What's Buzzin' in the Children's Room

Children and parents will enjoy weekly visits to the library this summer to participate in the Children's Room's annual summer program, this year titled "What's buzzin' at the library." The program begins late in June and runs through the end of August.

Youngsters will explore new worlds as they pursue their individual reading adventures, while enjoying group activities as well. The summer schedule is chock full of activities and events for children of all ages.

In addition to an incentive-based summer reading program for children in grades K-6, other highlights will include a program of stories and music by children's entertainer Jackson Gillman, a return visit from the popular Spoon Man, story times and crafts featuring local preschool and Winthrop and Doyon kindergarten teachers, a Monday night book group for entering 4th, 5th and 6th graders, a weekly craft program for children 6 and up, and the annual poetry workshop for elementary school students. Pick up a copy of the Summer Reading Program calendar in the Children's Room, or check the Children's Service Section.



Library Founder Augustine Heard Is Protected By a Hard Hat From Falling Plaster!

The need for roof repairs is clear during the recent rainstorms. This picture was taken in the Rogers Room.

You don't have to burn books to destroy a culture. Just get people to stop reading them."

—Ray Bradbury



"The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them."

—Mark Twain

Online Catalog Tips

Using My List

Use "My List" to keep track of books you're interested in reading, movies you would like to watch, music you would like to hear, or create a list of items related to your favorite hobby.

To add items to "My List" permanently, you must be logged into your account.

1. Go to the online catalog and click on the My Account/Login tab.
2. Login to your account using your barcode number and your PIN (which is usually the last 4 digits of your phone number.)
3. Click on the "Search" tab and search for an item. To the right of each item you will see an "Add to My List" button. Click on it to add the item to your list. Add as many items as you like from as many different searches as you like. These items will remain on your list even after you logout.
4. To access your list, you must be logged into your account. Click on the "My List" link located at the top of the online catalog screen.
5. To create a new list from "My List" click on the box next to each title you wish to move to a new list.
6. Click on the down arrow next to "Move to" at the top or bottom of the screen and choose "New List".
7. Give the new list a name and click OK. The selected titles will be removed from the "My List" screen.
8. Click on the down arrow next to "Other Lists" at the top right of the screen. Click on the list name you just created to access it.
9. Create as many new lists as you like following the same procedure listed above.

Suspending Requests

Are you going on vacation or too busy to read all of the books you've requested, but don't want to lose your place in queue by canceling your requests? You can suspend your requests using the online catalog, still move along in queue and then remove the suspension when you're ready for your items!

To suspend a request:

1. Go to the online catalog and click on the My Account/Login tab.
2. Login to your account using your barcode number and your PIN (which is usually the last 4 digits of your phone number.)
3. Click on "Holds". You should see a list of your requests.
4. Click the box next to each request you wish to suspend.
5. Click on the "Change Status" button at the top or bottom of the list.
6. All of your selected requests will now have a status of "Suspended". You will continue to move up in the queue but your request will not be filled until you take the item off suspension.

To remove the suspension:

1. Click the box next to each request you wish to take off suspension.
2. Click on the "Change Status" button at the top or bottom of the list.
3. All of your selected suspended requests now have a status of "Active". Your requests will be filled depending on your position in queue.

To access our online catalog, visit the library website at
www.town.ipswich.ma.us/library

Antiques Database

Patrons can now use the p4A Antiques Reference database at any of the Internet stations in the Reference Room. This is a great way to get current prices for antiques, fine art and family treasures. Please ask the Reference Librarian for information about how to use this new service.

