

Ipswich Public Library

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the Newsletter

Rosetta Stone Language Courses Now Available

Ipswich Public Library announces the recent addition of Rosetta Stone Online to its database collection. The addition of Rosetta Stone—the world’s leading language-learning software—to Ipswich Public Library’s database collection allows library patrons to learn a language at their convenience from anywhere with an Internet connection. The languages included are: English US, English UK, French, German, Greek, Italian, Russian, Spanish Latin America and Spanish Spain.

Rosetta Stone is a revolutionary language-learning program acclaimed for the speed,

power and effectiveness of its Dynamic Immersion method. The content is ideal for the casual learner and includes instruction in categories such as: times, dates, weather and numbers, currency, shopping, food and hotels, modes of transportation, practical questions and answers, social interaction.

To begin using Rosetta Stone online visit the Ipswich Public Library website at www.town.ipswich.ma.us/library; click on **Reference**, then **Online Databases**. Scroll down to letter **R** for **Rosetta Stone**. Registration is required for first time users. During regis-

tration, library patrons will have to type the Username and Password for her/his e-mail address, including their own library card number. Afterwards only the Username and Password is needed to log in.

Rosetta Stone is provided through our membership in the Merrimack Valley Library Consortium (MVLIC).

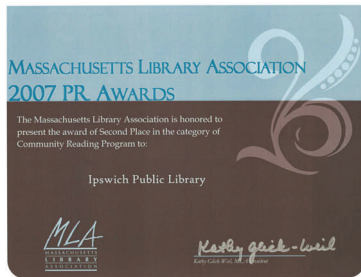


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Library Wins MLA Public Relations Award



Ipswich Public Library Awarded Second Place in the Community Reading Program Category of the Public Relations Awards at Massachusetts Library Association Conference

STURBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS – MAY 3, 2007. The Massachusetts Library Association (MLA) presented the 18th Biennial Public Relations

Awards to the winning applicants at the Association’s Annual Conference at the Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center in Sturbridge, Massachusetts. Winners were chosen by a panel of independent judges from the public relations, press, and library fields. Evaluation criteria included graphic design, originality, and presentation. Over 85 entries were submitted in 17 categories.

Ipswich Public Library received Second Place in the category of Community Reading Program. Victor Dyer, Library Director, was presented with a certificate by MLA Public Relations Committee Co-chairs at the Public Relations Awards Ceremony. Mr. Dyer said “We are very pleased to add this PR award to the oth-

ers we have won over the past few years,” upon learning about the award.

The brochures, posters, flyers and booklists submitted for this award publicized the second year of the Ipswich Reads...One Book! Program. The book selected for the community read that year was Bill Bryson’s *A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail*.

The Massachusetts Library Association advocates for libraries, librarians, and library staff, defends intellectual freedom, and provides a forum for leadership, communication, professional development, and networking to keep libraries vital for over 100 years with nearly 1,000 members in the Commonwealth.



Summer Hours:

Mon & Wed
9 AM—8 PM

Tue, Thu, & Fri
9 AM—5 PM

Sat & Sun
Closed



Mystery Book Club

Ipswich Public Library is sponsoring a new Mystery Book Club, led by Adult Services Librarian Paula Grillo, which will meet every other month on Mondays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Collins Room. The next discussions are as follows:

July 23

Murder in Mayfair
by Robert Barnard

Sept. 24

The Quiche of Death
by M. C. Beaton

Nov. 19

The Ten Word Game
by Jonathan Gash

For more information or to have a copy of these titles ordered for you, please call Reference & Adult Services Librarian, Paula Grillo at 978-356-6648.



Biography Book Club—Anyone?

We also may form a Biography Book Club, which would meet every other month beginning in October.

Please let Paula Grillo know if you'd be interested in joining. You may stop by the Library or call her at 978-356-6648.

Getting to know you...



Meet Kathy Berggren, our Technical Services Librarian. You may or may not know Kathy. If you have had the pleasure of coming into the Ipswich Public Library when she is covering for someone at the main circulation desk or the reference desk you will definitely have noticed a beautifully dressed, gracious, helpful lady. Most of the time you probably don't even know that Kathy is in the building. She is usually down in the technical service department, working away on cataloging all the new books and other materials the library acquires on an almost daily basis. Kathy is a dedicated member of the library team. She brings to her work, the knowledge and the meticulous attention to detail that it requires. She is an absolute delight to work with and it's probably a shame that we don't share her more with the whole library community.

Now get your sharpened #2 pencil and a timer

for this multiple choice section. Which of the following is a true statement about Kathy?

- Kathy is a wonderful watercolor painter
- Kathy has a fringed leather jacket and rides a motorcycle
- Kathy loves her dog and every other dog on the planet.
- Kathy loves scuba diving-- the farther out into the ocean the better
- Kathy prepares and eats lutefisk!
- Kathy is an avid gardener
- All of the above

— Maureen Fay
Library Associate
Children's Room

One Book Program Popular in 3rd Year

Perhaps you noticed the book, its distinctive moss green cover peeking out of an oversized purse in Zumi's. Or you see a woman bent over its pages, sitting on the bleachers, while her kids swim at the Y. Maybe you see someone reading the novel on the train during his commute into Boston. The book is Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*, this year's choice for "Ipswich Reads One Book."

The "One Book" program, as it's known around town, is in its third year in Ipswich. The idea is simple: encourage everyone in town to read the same book – and then talk about it.

The One Book program has caught on in Ipswich in part because of its comprehensive nature. The library staff devises programs to complement the book it has chosen each year, inviting the community to not just read the book, but experience it in different ways. Each year so far, several hundred Ipswich citizens have participated in the program.

This year, the library held a screening of the movie *Pride and Prejudice*, starring Keira Knightley. In addition, it sponsored three lectures by Maura Henry, Ph.D., an assistant professor of history at Holyoke Community Col-

lege, the first on history and Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*, the second on the rituals of courtship, marriage and family in Austen's England, and the third on the nature and meaning of consumption and leisure in her world.

The library has also hosted book groups to discuss the book in the old-fashioned way with former Vassar College Professor Tony Wohl. Wohl has also been hired to attend book groups within the community to help participants interpret the book.



"It's very exciting that this many people can get together and discuss books," said Kay Pearsall, who is a member of the library's book group. "I think it's a neat thing to do," she said. "I see people I never saw before with different ideas and new thoughts. I believe it creates a community experience. I find the whole thing very expanding."



Of Slates & Shades



Exterior work is just about complete on the library roof restoration project. Damaged slates have been replaced, usable slates have been reused, flashing

replaced, new gutters & downspouts installed, pointing completed, a new snow guard is now in place, ventilators have been installed along the ridge of the 1869 section of the building. Stanley Roofing of Ipswich is the general contractor for all the work in this project. Recent rains demonstrated that the repair work was successful. Work now has shifted to the interior of the building. Plaster molds were taken to replace the damaged decorative plaster work in the Rogers Room. New sections of plasterwork will be installed shortly and then repainting can begin.

One of the most interesting aspects of this project was the paint analysis done by Building Conservation Associates, Inc. of Dedham. On May 16th Melissa McGrew of BCA took paint samples from various areas of the 1869 Browsing Room (location of the main circulation desk) and the 1940 Rogers Room. These samples were subjected to microscopic investigation. Cross sections of the samples were prepared to identify color layers sequences. Original paint surfaces were exposed under 100X magnification and color readings taken via a Minolta CR-

211 Chromo Meter. The best paint samples came from the buildup of early paint on the inside of the plaster ceiling ornaments in the Browsing Room.

The paint analysis determined that the original color of the walls and cornice moldings was ochre. The cove area above the cornice was painted a more pinkish color than the walls. Ceiling moldings were finished with a translucent resin coating. (This trim was thought to be made of plaster rather than wood.) Probably the most exciting information was the color of the plaster ceiling rosettes. They were painted a bright yellowish pink with the central inset painted a bright red!

The 1940 Rogers Room was painted in a neutral range of tan colors, very different from the blue and white color scheme we have today.



While appreciating the vigor of the original intense colors in the Browsing Room, the project architects, Adams & Smith LLC, have chosen a lighter palette of colors than the originals. The plaster rosettes, however, will stand out from the ceiling, as they did originally, painted a single shade of terra cotta. In the future we hope to replace the halogen light fixtures with more appropriate lighting that will show off to better advantage our beautiful and intricate Victorian ceiling.

Essence of 19th Century Novel

Last spring the volunteers of the Ipswich Public Library enjoyed a lively discussion of Jane Austen's *Pride & Prejudice* lead by retired Vassar professor, Tony Wohl. The book discussion was



focused on the customs, traditions, and manners of Austen's time; and of course the main characters of the book, Elizabeth and Mr. Darcy. Pianist and Ipswich school teacher, Jeff Whalen, volunteered to play a repertoire of period music including various pieces from the film version of the novel—adding a delightful ambience to the occasion. Pound cakes and strawberries (known favorites of the Austen family) were among the goodies served at the breakfast.

The April 2007 Volunteers Breakfast was sponsored by the Friends of the Ipswich Public Library, Inc. in partnership with the library staff.

Playaways

The library has added a small collection of the newest format in audio books—Playaways. These are self-contained, full-length, pre-loaded digital audio books. Playaways are compact (2" X 3 1/2") recording units with AAA battery. Use your own ear-plugs and you are ready to listen with the Playaway conveniently tucked into your shirt pocket. There is no need to download your book to another device. Playaways feature the ability to bookmark favorite sections of the book and adjust the speed of the narrator's voice. Currently our initial Playaway collection is on display at the Main Desk. The loan period is three weeks.

A few of the titles now available in the Playaway format include:

The Kite Runner
by Khaled Hosseini

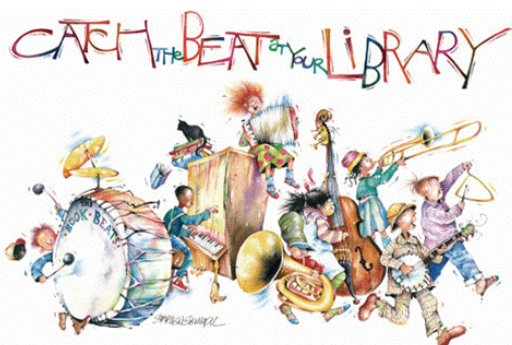
The Mayflower
by Daniel Philbrick

1776
by David McCullough

Summer 2007: Children's Calendar of Activities



July 9, 7-7:45 PM	RADICAL READERS New Members Night	August 1, 6:30-7:30 PM	EVENING STORYTIME Presented by the YMCA
July 10, 10-11 AM	CARTOONING WORKSHOP With illustrator Andy Smith Registration required	August 2, 10-11:30 AM	DROP-IN CRAFT
July 11, 6:30-7:30 PM	EVENING STORYTIME The first summer Storytime presented by the Winthrop School kindergarten teachers	August 3, 12-3 PM	FRIDAY GAME DAY Offered each Friday in August
July 13, 12-3 PM	FRIDAY GAME DAY Board and card games only (no computer games)	August 6, 6:30-7:30 PM	RADICAL READERS
July 17, 10-11 AM	CARTOONING WORKSHOP II	August 7, 10:30-11:30 AM	DOG DAY! Elaine Hamill will dis- cuss dog breeds & their care; her trained dogs will show off tricks .
July 18, 6:30-7:30 PM	EVENING STORYTIME Presented by Cuvilly Nursery School	August 8, 6:30-7:30 PM	EVENING STORYTIME Presented by Run-a- Muck Preschool
July 19, 10-11:30 AM	DROP-IN CRAFT Special crafts for children ages 6-10; Younger children must be accompanied by an adult.	August 13, 6:30-7:30 PM	RADICAL READERS
July 20, 12-3 PM	FRIDAY GAME DAY	August 15, 1:30 PM	LOST BUT FOUND, SAFE & SOUND Tips on what children should do if they get lost; a real search & rescue dog will be on site.
July 24, 10-11 AM	CARTOONING WORKSHOP III	August 15, 6:30-7:30 PM	EVENING STORYTIME Presented by Ascension Nursery School
July 25, 6:30-7:30 PM	EVENING STORYTIME Presented by the Doyon School kindergarten teachers	August 16, 10-11:30 AM	DROP-IN CRAFT
July 26, 10-11:30 AM	DROP-IN CRAFT	August 17, 9:30-10:30 AM	BABIES & BOOKS With Sharon Grimes for 6 months to 2 1/2 year old children <u>REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY</u>
July 27, 10 AM-Noon	VEHICLE DAY & PICNIC	August 20, 6:30-7:45 PM	RADICAL READERS
July 30, 6:30-7:30 PM	RADICAL READERS	August 22, 6:30-7:30 PM	EVENING STORYTIME Presented by Small World Nursery School
		August 23, 10-11:30 AM	DROP-IN CRAFT
		August 29, 7-8 PM	SUMMER SOUNDS Concert with talented young local musicians



The Children's Room monthly calendar of activities is available online at:
www.town.ipswich.ma.us/library

From our library homepage, choose **Children's Services**, then click on **Calendar**. Enjoy!

