



# Ipswich Public Library

25 North Main Street, Ipswich, Massachusetts 01938

## the Newsletter

### New Library Hours in September

Beginning on Tuesday, September 8th, the Ipswich Public Library will be open to the public from 9AM Monday through Saturday. For many years the library opened at 10 AM from September through mid-June, Monday through Friday, and at 9AM during the summer months. The library will now close at 8PM Monday through Wednesday and at 5PM on Thursday and Friday. There will be no change in Saturday and Sunday hours (9AM-4PM on Saturday and 1PM-4PM on Sun-

days from Labor Day through mid-June.)

Library Director Victor Dyer explained the change in hours. "We have known for years that people preferred the earlier opening time. Every fall we had a constant stream of people pulling on the front door between 9AM and 10AM when the library returned to the later opening time. We also learned from a survey of patrons in 2008 that many people wanted the library to be open earlier in the morning year-round. Our *Plan of Service*

2009-2013 required us to review library hours to provide consistent closing and/or opening times. The new schedule will achieve greater consistency of hours with Monday through Friday hours the same all year. Opening and closing times will be more consistent, as well.

The total number of hours each week open to the public will increase by 1.5 hours during the fall, winter and spring and 3 hours during the summer months."

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### Welcoming New Staff



Left to Right: Laura Hoffmann and Elaine Ricci

If you've visited the library this summer, chances are you've noticed the new faces at the Main Desk who are familiar personalities

Elaine Ricci, our latest Library Technician joined the staff in July. Her background and experience in mass communications, including well-developed customer-service skills, makes her ideal for the job. At one point she coordinated the library book club. If anyone needs to know about "best sellers," Elaine is the person to ask.

Mary Sargeant was appointed to fill the part-time Technician post vacated by Beth Uhring who accepted a job offer at Endicott College. Mary is highly motivated and conscientious in providing quality customer service as well. We are also pleased to announce that Natalie Berry was rehired to work as part-time staff in circulation.



Mary Sargeant

around town.

Laura Hoffmann is now the Senior Library Technician. She brings with her a range of customer service skills acquired from both the private and public sectors. Her dedication in previous jobs earned her outstanding performance awards. We feel pride in her joining the library staff.

Laura also exhibited a keen interest in delivering quality customer service while serving on the planning committee in developing the library's *Plan of Service 2009-2013*.

After a long selection process, the library management felt fortunate to find these exceptional candidates.

### NEW HOURS

#### Effective 8 September 2009

Monday thru Wednesday  
9 AM - 8 PM

Thursday & Friday  
9 AM - 5 PM

Saturday  
9 AM - 4 PM

Sunday  
1 - 4 PM

Closed  
Saturdays & Sundays  
in summer

**100 Best Novels**

A few months ago *Time Magazine* critics Lev Grossman and Richard Lacayo picked the 100 best English language novels from 1923 to the present. The list is available online at [www.time.com/time/2005/100books](http://www.time.com/time/2005/100books). Library staff checked this list against our collections at the Ipswich Public Library.

We had 89 of the 100 novels in the collection. The library has ordered copies of the remaining eleven titles. Adult fiction is arranged by author and title on the second floor of the library in the new wing.



**Most Borrowed Fiction**

Sue Grafton's *F Is for Fugitive* (1989) is the most popular fiction title in the library's collection. This book has been borrowed over 175 times! Over sixty titles in the adult fiction collection have circulated to patrons more than 100 times each.

Below is the list of the top ten titles with total number of circulations:

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| <i>F Is for Fugitive</i> by Sue Grafton (1989)  | 175 |
| <i>Snow in April</i> by Rosamund Pilcher (1972) | 166 |
| <i>A is for Alibi</i> by Sue Grafton (1982)     | 164 |

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| <i>End of the Summer</i> by Rosamund Pilcher (1971)       | 162 |
| <i>New York Dead</i> by Stuart Woods (1991)               | 153 |
| <i>Cliff Hanger</i> by Philip Craig (1993)                | 146 |
| <i>The Copper Beach</i> by Maeve Binchy (1992)            | 146 |
| <i>Well-Schooled in Murder</i> by Elizabeth George (1990) | 144 |
| <i>The Lilac Bus</i> by Maeve Binchy (1991)               | 142 |
| <i>The Rich Shall Inherit</i> by Elizabeth Adler (1989)   | 139 |

**Children's Services**

**Parents' Listserv**

Want information about Children's Room activities delivered right to your desktop?

Join the Children's Room listserv, a service that sends you monthly calendars and reminders about Children's Room events via email. More than 65 families currently receive the updates, which help them to plan which Children's Room events they want to attend. The listserv also aids parents in remembering that, yes, that magic show they wanted to bring their child to is coming up – a better reminder than the string tied around the finger or well-intentioned plans to simply remember.

If you are interested in joining the listserv, please give your email address to any staff member in the Children's Room. Once your address has been entered, you will be sent an automated inquiry asking you to click on a provided link to ensure you really want to be a part of the service. After that, you do nothing! The calendar and other notices will be sent to you automatically.

**Storytimes & Book Clubs**

The Children's Room will be offering a full complement of story times and book clubs for the 2009-2010 school year. Story times for children 2 ½ and 5 ½ years old are held at 10 am to 11 am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The Tuesday session is for the younger children along with their caregivers. The Wednesday and Friday sessions, which include craft, are for the 3 ½ to 5 ½ year olds who can stay by themselves.

Book Buddies is an introductory book club for independent readers who are in the third grade. It meets once a month on Thursday afternoons. Radical Readers is the next level of book club for independent readers. It is open to fourth and fifth graders and meets twice monthly on Monday afternoons. There are two sections of Radical Readers each meeting on alternate Mondays.

We are extending our book club offerings to the older, more advanced book enthusiasts with Friday evening book clubs once each month for both sixth and seventh graders. Registration is required.

**Friends Wins Award for 'Bookstore'**

The Ipswich Public Library won an "Honorable Mention" award in the Bookstore category for Ipswich in the 2009 Readers Choice Awards sponsored by Community Newspaper Company. The Friends of the Ipswich Public Library sponsor four books sales each year. The Friends also maintain a book cart of very new books which they sell for \$2.00 each. The cart is located opposite the Main Desk. It is restocked frequently. Inexpensive children's books are also for sale through the Friends outside the entrance to the Children's Room.

This Readers Choice Award recognizes the many channels through which books are made available to members of the community by the Friends various book selling activities.

Congratulations to the Friends!

## Online Databases

Patrons of Ipswich Public Library now have access to three new databases from Facts on File: [World News Digest](#), [World Atlas](#), and [Ferguson's Career Guidance Center](#). To use these databases from any computer with internet access, go to the library's website at [www.town.ipswich.ma.us/library](http://www.town.ipswich.ma.us/library) and choose "Reference" on the home page. On the next page, click on "Online Databases" and then click on the "Facts on File" tab. You will see a login box where you will enter the 14-digit number on the back of your Ipswich Public Library card (no spaces needed). You will then be able to select one of the three databases.

[World News Digest](#) covers all major political, social and economic events since November 1940 and is updated twice weekly. The articles can be used as primary source documents since all news is presented as it first appeared, taking researchers back into history. There are also timelines, editorial cartoons, an almanac, an encyclopedia, suggested topics for papers, teaching tools, and in-depth coverage of top ongoing stories.

The [World Atlas](#) database contains more than 1,500 clear, full-color, printable maps with a wealth of statistical information. The maps are always current and easy to search.

[Ferguson's Career Guidance Center](#) has three main sections: Jobs, Skills, and Resources. The Jobs section contains information on more than 3,300 jobs and 94 industries. The Skills section provides advice on applying for a job, interviews, and professional behavior. More than 90 sample resumes and cover letters are included. The Resources section includes more than 54,000 entries on topics such as scholarships, internships, and resources for people with

disabilities, divided into easy-to-use categories. Other databases Ipswich patrons can access using the same procedure as above are [p4A Antiques](#), [Mango Languages](#), [Big Chalk eLibrary](#), [Infotrac](#), [EBSCOhost](#), [netLibrary](#), [ProQuest](#), [Grolier Online](#) and [WorldCat](#). [EBSCOhost](#) and [Infotrac](#) are especially helpful for adults and older students, and each covers a huge amount of information, mostly from magazines and journals. [Infotrac](#) has just added many Fodor's travel guides under "General One File." [Grolier Online](#) and [Big Chalk eLibrary](#) are helpful online encyclopedias for younger students.



Paula Grillo, Reference Librarian wearing Mango® T-shirt

If you'd like to learn or brush up on a foreign language, try [Mango Languages](#). The languages available are French, Spanish, German, Italian, Mandarin Chinese, and Greek.

Try [p4A Antiques](#) if you'd like to find auction prices and other information for a wide range of art, antiques, and collectibles. [ProQuest](#) provides back issues of 12 Massachusetts newspapers, including *The Boston Globe* from 1980 and *The Boston Herald* from 1991. For electronic books on popular subjects such as travel, health and business, go to [netLibrary](#). As its name implies, [WorldCat](#) is a way to look up books owned by libraries throughout the world.

If you have any questions about using our databases, please contact Reference/Adult and Young Adult Services Librarian Paula Grillo at 978-356-6648 or [pgrillo@mvlc.org](mailto:pgrillo@mvlc.org).

## Teen Scene Area

The Homework Center is in the process of being redesigned. The Teen Library Committee (TLC) has selected a new name for the area – Teen Scene. The Library Trustees funded the installation of a new counter with a blue laminated countertop providing space for two computers and a printer.

This summer, members of TLC were busy selecting

a café table with chairs and new rugs. Purchase of these materials is supported with federal funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

Watch the transformation of this space over the next few months!

## The Library Budget

The budgets for all town departments are tight this year, as everyone knows. As a town department the Ipswich Public Library receives most of its funding through the Town of Ipswich. In FY10, which began on July 1<sup>st</sup>, the library budget was reduced by \$7,256 below last year's budget. Most of this reduction was in the line item for materials i.e. books. Other libraries in the area have sustained cuts in their budgets, as well. Ipswich will not have to reduce hours or lay-off staff or in other ways curtail services in FY10, except for a reduction in the number of books and other materials we will be able to add to our collections. The library's share of *Cherry Sheet* funds i.e. state aid, will also be reduced in FY10.



"68% of Americans now have a library card—that's the highest in two decades."

—*Today Show*  
June 2009



## Who's Who in the Library

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 Lib. Technician Mary Sargeant

### Friends Board

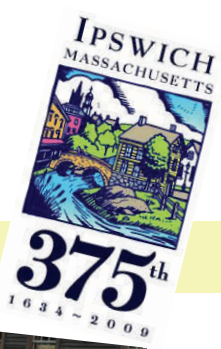
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### Children's Services

Children's Librarian Marilyn Pauley  
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 Library Assistant Betsy Johnson  
 Lib. Technician Maureen Smith  
 Senior Page Kathryn Morris  
 Page Manny Piras



## Celebratory Parade: August 9, 2009



40+ marchers included staff, trustees, friends, and young patrons



trustees & friends



radical readers



storytime trailer

Special thanks to Jeff Smith of [masonrydoctor.com](http://masonrydoctor.com) for the "storytime trailer" and to Liz Chernov of [lizchernov.etsy.com](http://lizchernov.etsy.com) for the artwork.