

Ipswich Public Library: the newsletter



A Celebration...

Come join us celebrate Mrs. Pauley's retirement on Sunday, January 8th from 1:30 to 3:30 P.M. at the Library.

This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Ipswich Public Library.

Children's Librarian, Marilyn Pauley, Retires in January 2012

"Hello, Everybody!"

"Hello, Mrs. Pauley!"

If your child has ever attended the Ipswich Public Library's story time run by Marilyn Pauley, or perhaps if you attended story time with her yourself as a child, you remember that greeting, sung so cheerfully week after week.

Children haven't changed much in the 30 years Mrs. Pauley has presided over the Children's Room, but during those three decades Mrs. Pauley has seen their lifestyles change. "Children are busier than they have ever been before," Mrs. Pauley says. "Their families,

too. We used to be the only act in town. Now children attend nursery school, swimming lessons, dance, gymnastics and play dates."

A fixture in the Children's Room since 1981, Mrs. Pauley is retiring Jan. 13. "It's time," she says, noting that her retirement is "very open," although she does admit to plans to spend more time with her grandchildren.

"The children who visit the library are excited to be in a caring environment where reading and fun are linked together," says Library Director Victor Dyer. "Marilyn has creat-

ed just the right blend of exploration, enjoyment and freedom in the Children's Room. She will be greatly missed by children, co-workers and parents."

A third-grade teacher who left full-time employment to stay home with her three children, Mrs. Pauley's first job in the library was to cover the Children's Room circulation desk while then-librarian Joyce Burke ran a weekly story time. When Mrs. Burke became ill in 1982, she asked Mrs. Pauley to substitute for her in story time. She had no idea, Mrs. Pauley says, that she would be doing

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Improvements at the Library

Several building improvements were recently undertaken at the Ipswich Public Library. These include a complete repainting of the Gaunt Reference Room, as well as new carpeting in this area. In the Rogers Room the water damage to the plaster was repaired and repainted. To prevent future water seepage heat tapes were installed above the gutters on the North Green facade of the building.

All of this work was carried out under the supervision of Mr. William Hodge, Facilities Director for the Town of Ipswich. Funds for these improvements were made available through a vote at the fall Town Meeting. The library staff and administration are delighted that the citizens of Ipswich have once again demonstrated their pride in our historic and handsome building. Everyone is invited to admire the work that has been done. Carpeting in the Rogers Room has also been replaced.

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so for the next 30 years. While she turned down the offer of head librarian in the Children's Room when Mrs. Burke had to leave due to her illness, when it became available a scant several years later, Mrs. Pauley said yes. Story time grew to twice a week, and then she added a third story time for 2 1/2 to 3 year-olds. More than a thousand children have passed a year or two or even three listening to Mrs. Pauley read old favorites like Nancy Carlson's "I Like Me" or Ruth Stinson's "Red is Best," two of Mrs. Pauley's favorite children's books.

The benefits of the more structured life youngsters lead today is the greater sense of independence it has developed in them, Mrs. Pauley suggests. Twenty years ago more young children had difficulty sitting in a group setting without their mother. Today, children know the drill, she says, and integrate more easily into a group of their peers.



"They're still as cute and still as funny as ever," she adds.

The physical structure of the library has changed enormously since Mrs. Pauley started work in the dank basement the Children's Room of yore. "We only had the one room when I first arrived," she remembers. Eventually the Children's Room was allotted a tiny bit more space. "I had a little office," she chuckles. "If I was sitting on one side of the table I was at lunch. If I was sitting on the other side of the table I was at work." Sometimes the staff would congregate in Library Di-

rector Penny Gaunt's office for lunch. "We'd sit on old crates, or UPS shipment boxes and eat," Mrs. Pauley said. "Poor Penny. There was always someone in there with an open paper bag, eating lunch."

The small supply room for the old Children's Room was in the back of the cellar, she recalls. "You had to go back there and screw a light bulb in to get any light, and you had to duck your head just to get in the door because you didn't want to hit your head on the pipes. I called it the 'black hole.'"

So it was when the new addition was in the planning stages that Mrs. Pauley recalls the most excitement in the library. "It was just wonderful, overwhelming," she says. She and other staff members helped to plan how they wanted the new library to look and work. "It was so much fun to make this room, to help with the planning, dreaming about what it was going to be like," she says.

She is most happy that Ipswich parents seem to have made the library an integral part of their lives, using it to enrich their children's development, spending time meeting with other parents to socialize around an environment rich in books and learning. If she could change one thing, Mrs. Pauley says, it would be to help parents keep reading picture books to their children a little longer. "Mix it in with the chapter books and novels," she says, "but some of the picture books are so beautiful visually, and it is so wonderful for children to hear the stories."

The best part of her job, she says, has always been when a child enters the library and asks her, "How many books can I take out?" That is a question of which she will never tire.



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...there is no enjoyment like reading!

—Jane Austen



Friends' 2011 Project

The new black granite hearth in the Rogers Room was installed by Barton Stone Company last year with funding provided by the **Louise Sweetser Memorial Fund** which is managed by the Friends of the Ipswich Public Library.

To join, contact Friends' President, Dorothy Johnson, at 978.356.4440. You may also visit the library website at www.ipswichlibrary.org. On the homepage, click SUPPORT, then choose Join Friends from the dropdown menu to download and print membership form.

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To set up an account, go to www.ipswichlibrary.org, click on Databases, then EBSCOhost. From the EBSCOhost homepage, select "Click here for more databases," then scroll to the bottom of the next page and click on "EBSCOhost iPhone and Android Applications." Follow the instructions provided.

If you have any questions, contact Reference Librarian Paula Grillo at 978.356-6648.

Learn a New Language

Ipswich Public Library has recently added to its array of databases a new language learning program called **Transparent Language Online**. This program provides self-paced lessons for learning basic skills in 70 languages, plus 17 programs to help native speakers of other languages improve their English skills. The system uses flash cards to teach a set of words or phrases, with a native speaker pronouncing the words which the learner sees on the card. The learner progresses through levels of these cards at his or her own pace in addition to many special features such as pronunciation analysis, learning exercises, a grammar reference, comprehension tests, dialog exercises, etc. A mobile version of the program can be used on iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch and Android phones. (Click on the "Byki Mobile" tab on the right side of the Transparent Language home page.)

To access Transparent Language Online, visit www.ipswichlibrary.org and click on "Databases" on the green navigation bar. On the next page, scroll down and select "Transparent Language Online." You will need to create an account on your first visit using the 14-digit patron number on the back of your Ipswich Public Library card; click on "Register" and follow the instructions provided. On subsequent visits, you will not need to enter your patron number again, just click on "Back to Log in Page" and enter the user name and password you have created. Contact Reference for more information.

Username in Catalog

Library patrons now have the ability to create a username for use in the catalog. If you choose to create a username, you would not have to type in your barcode in order to log into your account or to place a hold. The username, at this time, works only in the catalog. It will not work with databases.

- The username must be at least five (5) characters long
- It must contain at least one (1) letter
- It should not look like a barcode
- It cannot include a space (underscores `_` are okay)

Also, care should be taken not to use keyboard symbols (! @ % & etc.) as these symbols may not work with all services if we expand the use of the username to third party services or applications.



New Museum Pass

The Friends of the Ipswich Public Library recently became a member of Strawberry Banke in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. When it re-opens in May the library pass will allow families to tour the many houses of this restored section of Portsmouth free of charge. As the Strawberry Banke website says: "Visitors to Strawberry Banke have the opportunity to experience and imagine how people lived and worked in this typical American neighborhood through nearly four centuries of history."

For more information about SB go to www.strawberrybanke.org. Reservations to use the library passes can be made on the library's website at www.ipswichlibrary.org.

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Second, both apps offer a built-in 'Get Books' feature. If an Ipswich patron has already downloaded audiobooks from the library's website at www.ipswichlibrary.org with a previous version of the app, Ipswich Public Library will be displayed when he or she selects 'Get Books'. With a single click, the user can reach the Ipswich Public Library site once again. If a patron is new to library downloads, he or she can quickly find the Ipswich Public Library 'Virtual Branch' website and save it for single-click access going forward.

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