



# Books & Beyond



## Oak Bluffs Public Library

### From The Director

As spring blooms, the library is calling on you to savor the moment, and capture it through your camera lens. This is the second year that the library, in conjunction with the annual celebration of Della Hardman Day on Saturday, July 25th, is sponsoring a photography contest to select images featuring Martha's Vineyard that reflect Della's legacy theme ~ "**savor the moment.**"

The winning entries will be published in the Library Calendar for 2010. The deadline for submitting your photographs is May 29th at 5 PM. The entry form is available on our web site and at the library.

*Danguole Budris,  
Library Director*

### Technology Fair & Wii Bowling Illuminate March



The "Illumination For Lifelong Learners" series hit full stride during the month of March. Basic computer classes, a technology fair (featuring the

library's new Amazon Kindle) and a Nintendo Wii bowling event attracted a total of 90 people. An MP3 player and a gift certificate to Offshore Ale were generously donated by the Library Friends as giveaway prizes at the tech fair and bowling events.

The library spotlight topics for May and June will be *Jobs & Volunteering* and *Local History*, information will be available on the library's website. You can monitor all of the library's programming by subscribing to receive updates through email or RSS feeds on the library's home page, or through the local newspapers and other media outlets. **Continued on Page 6**

**Library Hours:** Tuesday & Thursday: 10am-8pm; Wednesday, Friday & Saturday: 10am-5pm; Sunday & Monday: Closed

### Visit us online

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### **From the Children’s Room**

March literally “came in like a lion and out like a lamb” in the Children’s Room as storytimes featured themes of lions, Irish Legends, Dr Seuss, and lambs. April showers brought themes of rain, rabbits, Earth Day, and National Library Week. Thematic book displays about women’s history, holocaust awareness, Ireland, and the environment were also featured. Prepare to blast-off on July 1, as planning is underway in anticipation of the 2009 Summer Reading Program: Starship Adventure @ your Library!

We were pleased to be selected to receive the *We the People* "Picturing America" Bookshelf Collection, a grant initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). The library will receive hardcover editions of seventeen classic children’s and young adult books on the theme “Picturing America.” This collection will be integrated into programming and book displays throughout the year.

Significant additions have been made in the Teen’s and Children’s Room collections, most notably in updating and expanding non-fiction resources. We appreciate the input of the children, teens, parents, and teachers who provided recommendations of materials.



Children made bunny hats during Rabbit Storytime.

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### **Lifelong Learning Resources added to website!**

The library’s website has an important addition as part of the Illumination for Lifelong Learners series. The new Lifelong Learners web page is accessible from the home page of the library’s website: [www.oakbluffslibrary.org](http://www.oakbluffslibrary.org).

The web page features a revolving picture of lifelong learning events, a monthly poll about library services, and an option for increasing/decreasing the text size to provide an easier reading experience.

Visit the web page to find information and resources about a variety of topics of local interest. Whether you want to learn about finances, health, technology, home & garden, work & activism, or local history, there is something for everyone. Do not forget to vote on the first polling question: what type of lifelong learning programs do you want to see offered at your library?



Instructor, Rich Hammond, teaching at a recent computer class.

### **Grant Resources Network: MV Opens at Library**

Thanks to the collaboration of the library, Associated Grant Makers of Massachusetts (AGM) and the Martha's Vineyard Donor Collaborative, and a grant from the Peter and Elizabeth C. Tower Foundation, Island non-profit grant seekers now have access to the Grant Resource Network: MV (GRN:MV).

The network duplicates the resources and expertise available at AGM's center in Boston, including their research database of 400 local funders. The library has also become a Foundation Center Cooperating Collection so the full resources of that national organization, including their research database of 97,000 grant makers, will also be available to Vineyarders.

Experienced trainers are available by appointment to assist those using GRN: MV resources at the library by contacting Peter Temple at 508-645-3690 or [grnmv@mvdonors.org](mailto:grnmv@mvdonors.org). The center officially opened to the public on March 12, 2009.



Ask a library staff member for an introduction to the GRN:MV resources!

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### **Library Friends Update**

Now that spring is here, we are gearing up for our summer book sales. Once again, we will offer gently used books in all categories, for all ages, at BARGAIN prices.

The first book sale will take place at the **Oak Bluffs Harbor Fest** – Saturday, June 20 (rain date June 21) and a **Summer Book Sale** will take place in mid-July or early August (dates and venue to be announced in May). Keep an eye on the local newspapers and library web site for updates on the big book sale later this summer.

Our latest cookbook, *Tastes of Cottage City from Near and Far*, will be available at both events. Proceeds from the book sales and cookbook are used to support the library.

If you want to join the Library Friends and help us promote and support the library, just leave your contact information with a library staff member and a member of the Library Friends will be in touch with you soon!

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## New &amp; Coming Soon To Your Library!

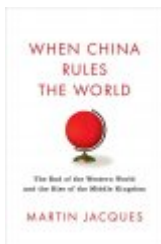
General Non-fiction

*The Power of Premonitions* by Larry Dossey

*Ecological Intelligence* by Daniel Goleman

*American Passage: the history of Ellis Island* by Vincent Cannato

*When China Rules the World: the end of the western world and the rise of the middle kingdom* by Martin Jacques



*The Blue Sweater: bridging the gap between rich and poor in an interconnected world* by Jacqueline Norowitz

*Mark Bittman's Kitchen Express*

General Fiction

*Summer on Blossom Street* by Debbie Macomber

*Mr. & Miss Anonymous* by Fern Michaels

*Story Sisters* by Alice Hoffman

*Lima Nights* by Marie Arana

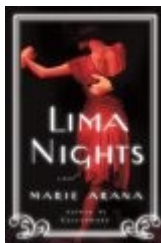
*Tinkers* by Paul Harding

*Far Bright Star* by Robert Olmstead

*The Rules of the Game* by Leonard Downie Jr.

*The Bellini Card* by Jason Goodwin

*The Little Giant of Aberdeen County: a novel* by Tiffany Baker

Movies/Music

*The Wrestler* starring Mickey Rourke

*Valkyrie* starring Tom Cruise

*Wendy and Lucy* starring Michelle Williams

*Gran Torino* starring Clint Eastwood

*Last Chance Harvey* starring Dustin Hoffman

*Live in Boston* artist: Chris Botti

*No Line on the Horizon* artist: U2

*Defying Gravity* artist: Keith Urban

*All I Ever Wanted* artist: Kelly Clarkson

Mystery/Thriller

*Gone Tomorrow* by Lee Child

*Swimsuit* by James Patterson

*Below Zero* by C.J. Box

*Long Lost* by Harlan Coben

*Scarecrow* by Michael Connelly

*Finger Lickin' Fifteen* by Janet Evanovich

*Medusa* by Clive Cussler

*Knockout* by Catherine Coulter

*Brimstone* by Robert B. Parker

*Wicked Prey* by John Sandford



## New & Coming Soon To Your Library!

### Large Print

*The Associate* by John Grisham

*Run for Your Life* by James Patterson

*Handle with Care* by Jodi Picoult

*Just Take my Heart* by Mary Higgins Clark

*The Yankee Years* by Joe Torre

*With Wings Like Eagles:* by Michael Korda



*The Internet for Beginners*

*Basic Computers for Beginners*

*Email for Beginners*

### Biography

*Magnificent Desolation* by Buzz Aldrin

*Closing Time: a memoir* by Joe Queenan

*Up From History: the life of Booker T. Washington* by Robert J. Norrell

*Harry Truman's Excellent Adventure* by Matthew Algeo

*Baptism by Fire: eight presidents who took office in times of crisis* by Mark Updegrave

*Mistress of the Monarchy: the life of Kathryn Swinford, Duchess of Lancaster* by Alison Weir

*Mrs. Dred Scott: a life on slavery's frontier* by Lea VanderVelde

### Historical Fiction

*The Women: a novel* by T. Coraghessan Boyle

*Eve: a novel of the first woman* by Elissa Elliot

*All Other Nights: a novel* by Dara Horn

*The High City* by Cecelia Holland

*Galway Bay* by Mary Pat Kelly

*Honolulu* by Alan Brennert

*Shannon: a novel* by Frank Delaney



### Self Improvement

*Excuses begone: how to change lifelong self-defeating thinking habits* by Wayne Dyer

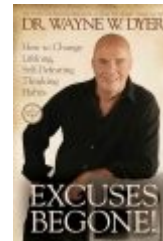
*Diet Myths That Keep Us Fat* by Nancy Snyderman

*Throw out Fifty Things: clear the clutter, find your life* by Gail Blanke

*Age is Just a Number: achieve your dreams at any stage in your life* by Dara Torres

*The Three Marriages: reimagining work, self and relationships* by David Whyte

*Creating your Best Life: the ultimate life list guide* by Caroline Adams Miller



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This Lifelong Access program is being funded through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners with funds from LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act), a Federal source of library funding provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Additional support is being provided by the Library Friends of Oak Bluffs. Library Director, Danguole Budris, and Assistant Director, Mathew Bose attended the EqualAccess Libraries™ professional development program sponsored by Libraries for the Future (LFF) to create and implement this new series of community programs.



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**Staff Spotlight - Mathew Bose, Assistant Director**

Mat has been working at the library for 3 years now, and he is the Reference Librarian as well as the Assistant Director of the Library. If you don't see him at the reference desk at the top of the stairs, he can often be found helping library patrons use the public computers and electronic resources in the Reference Department!

**Favorite Movie(s):**

*Tombstone, Major League*  
and *Cool Hand Luke*.

**Favorite Book Genres:**

Historical Fiction, Non-Fiction, and Travel Writing.

**Last Book I Read:** "Troy" by David Gemmell & "Three Cups of Tea" is next!

**Likes:** black olives, outdoor sports, learning something new, beagles and Bruce Springsteen.

**Dislikes:** the Yankees, shopping, chores, chasing after my beagle.

**Did You Know?**

**The library has a download station that you can use to transfer free audiobooks and music to your MP3 Player. Speak with a staff member today to learn more!**

## Ongoing Monthly Events at the OBPL

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Every Wed. 10 AM Coffee Time	Every Thurs. 10 AM Writers Group	(1st - 3rd Fri.) 3:30 PM Kids Afterschool Pro- gram (Ages 6-10)	Every Sat. 10 AM Scrabble & Chess Groups
Every Wed. 10:30 AM Storytime (Toddler)	(1st Thurs.) 6 PM Movie Night	(Last Fri.) 3:30 PM Children's Book Club (Ages 9-12)	(1st Sat.) 2 PM Teen/Adult Documentary Film
Every Wed. 11:30 AM Storytime (Preschool)			(2nd Sat.) 2 - 3 PM Kids Gaming (Ages 9 -12)
(3rd Wed) 10:30 AM Poetry Group			(2nd Sat.) 3 - 4 PM Teen Gaming (Ages 13-17)
(4th Wed) 10:30 AM Book Discussion Group			(4th Sat.) 2:30 PM Wii Play Games (All Ages)

### More Upcoming Events

Saturday, Apr. 18, at 3:30 PM  
*Growing on Island* - Lecture  
Tim Boland—Director PHA

Thursday, Apr. 23 at 6:30 PM  
Energy Efficiency Forum  
Sponsored by CIRenew

**Friday, Apr. 24**  
**Library Open 1 PM - 5 PM**  
Staff Training Day

Sat., Apr. 25, at 2:30 PM  
Spring into Wii Sports  
(All Ages)

Thursday, Apr. 30 at 6:30 PM  
Book Talk—Joyce Salvo  
“Simple Answers To The  
Questions”

Saturday, May 2 at 2 PM  
Teen & Adult Documentary Series  
“Blindspot” - Rated PG

Thursday, May 14 6 PM  
Memories of going to school in Oak  
Bluffs, 1880-1980—OBHC

Thursday, May 21 at 6 PM  
“Matzo & Mistletoe”  
Produced by Kate Feiffer

Saturday, May 23 at 2:30 PM  
Wii & Board Games  
(All Ages)

Tuesday, May 26 at 3 PM  
Musical Performance  
Vineyard Sinfonietta

Date & Time, TBD  
Jobs & Volunteering - Illumina-  
tion for Lifelong Learners Event

Saturday, May 29 at 5 PM  
“Savor the Moment”  
Photo Submission Deadline

To learn about more library events and news please visit our website at: [www.oakbluffslibrary.org](http://www.oakbluffslibrary.org) and sign up to receive news and events through email!



Public Health Nurse, Nicole Barlett, RN BSN, discussing tips for healthy aging.



Town IT Manager, Travis Larsen presenting at the library's recent Technology Fair.



Maisy visiting the Children's Room and storytime.



A large crowd visiting the library for a bilingual storytime.



Richard Hammond, of Hammond and Associates, teaching a recent computer class.



A mother helping her daughter with a craft at a Wednesday morning storytime.