



# Books & Beyond

Oak Bluffs Public Library



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## From The Director

The summer’s hustle and bustle has arrived and your library is waiting for you with its doors wide open. Please visit us to enjoy a large selection of books, audiobooks on CD and for your iPod or MP3 Player, and DVDs. We also offer public computers with internet access, free WiFi, summer reading programs and a variety of interesting events for all ages.

The library is proud to be one of the 25 Cape & Islands Libraries that are a part of the CLAMS network, offering a high level of services and an expanded selection of library materials for the community of Oak Bluffs. We invite you to take a break from the beach and visit your library to enjoy “Books and Beyond.”

*Danguole Budris,*  
*Library Director*

## Savor the Moment—Art Exhibition & Celebration

Please join us on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM, for the Opening and Artists’ Reception for the “Savor the Moment” photography exhibit.

This is the second year that the library has held a contest to select images for the “Savor the Moment” calendar. Contest judges were photographers Alison Shaw and Donalexander Goss; and Francine Kelly, Director of Featherstone Center for the Arts. Photographs were judged on the artful representation of the “Savor the Moment” theme during all four seasons on the Island. The calendar is published to honor Della Hardman, a former library trustee, in conjunction with the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Della Hardman Day, which is celebrated in Oak Bluffs on the last Saturday in July. Please visit [www.dellahardmanday.com](http://www.dellahardmanday.com) for more information about Della Hardman Day events.

The photography show will be at the library through August 8th. Copies of the calendar will be available for sale at the library.

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

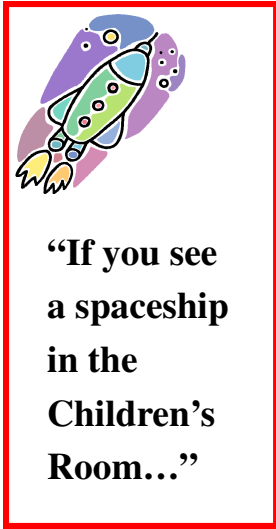
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### From the Children’s Room

If you see a spaceship in the middle of the Children’s Room, do not be alarmed. It is only our stuffed animals’ spaceship for *Starship Adventure at your Library*, the 2009 Summer Reading Program.

Since June 1, children have started registering for the summer reading program, which begins July 1. This year the program is a hybrid of charity-based and prize incentive programs. Children will read through eight levels to complete the program, flying to eight planets, each one further from Earth. For each planet they land on, they will receive a “Polar Point” toward our charity and a raffle ticket for weekly drawings. Additionally, each planet level (one hour of reading or 4 picture books read or read to the child) carries a token prize, culminating with a Martha’s Vineyard Summer Reading 2009 T-Shirt. Prizes were donated by our generous merchants and the Library Friends of Oak Bluffs.



Two young firefighters in training!

### Summer Reading Program Charity: *Adopt a Polar Bear*

We are pleased to be the first Island library to introduce a charity summer reading program. Charity-based summer reading programs have become increasingly popular across the nation.

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### New Lifelong Learning Web Page - Visit it Soon!

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. Vote in the monthly poll and please tell us what information you want to see posted to the Lifelong Learning web page!



Kate Feiffer at the screening of her film, “Matzo & Mistletoe” at the library.

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### **Illumination for Lifelong Learners Series @ OBPL**

The Illumination for Lifelong Learners Series for 2009 has concluded, and we want your feedback. Please visit the library to pick up a survey about the library's programming and services or fill one out online at [www.oakbluffslibrary.org](http://www.oakbluffslibrary.org).

The series included computer training workshops, a Technology Fair, visits by national and local organizations, and monthly spotlights for important community issues. Two of the recent events were a lecture by Polly Hill Director, Tim Boland—35 attendees; and Susan Klein's Memoir Writing Workshop—26 participants.

Thank you to the Library Friends, the Adult Advisory Council, and our other generous sponsors for making the series possible:



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### **Did You Know?**

**The library is a Cooperating Collection through the Foundation Center. Visit the library to learn about the Grant Resources in the collection.**

### **Library Friends - Summer Book Sales!**

The first book sale of the summer at the Oak Bluffs Harbor Fest was a great success. Please visit us at our next **Summer Book Sale** which will take place on July 17, 18 and 19 at the Methodist Parish House in the Campground. The Library Friends will offer gently used books in all categories, for all ages, at BARGAIN prices.

Our latest cookbook, *Tastes of Cottage City from Near and Far*, with over 250 recipes including 20 pages of "Ethnic Recipes from Our Island," will also be available. Proceeds from the book sales and cookbook are used to support the library.

Please also visit the library's online events calendar at [www.oakbluffslibrary.org](http://www.oakbluffslibrary.org) to learn about programs happening at the library, many of which are sponsored by the LFOB.

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!

**"The next Summer Book Sale – will take place on July 17, 18 and 19 at the Methodist Parish House in the Campground."**

## Summer Recommendations - Books, Music, Movies & Beyond!

### Non-Fiction

*A Voyage Long and Strange* by Tony Horwitz

*Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson

*The End of Overeating*  
by David A. Kessler

*Ghost Train to the Eastern Star* by Paul Theroux

*Girls Like Us: Carole King, Joni Mitchell, Carly Simon--And the Journey of a Generation* by Sheila Weller

*The Reverend Guppy's Aquarium*  
by Philip Dodd



### Fiction

*The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho

*Anatomy of Deception* by L. Goldstone

*Cathedral of the Sea* by  
Ildefonso Falcones

*The Story Sisters* by Alice  
Hoffman

*Shanghai Girls* by Lisa See

*Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout

*Still Alice* by Lisa Genova

*People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks

*Summer House* by Nancy Thayer



### Staff All-Time Favorites

*Travels with Charley* by John Steinbeck

*A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson

*The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho

*My Antonia* by Willa Cather

*Life of Pi* by Yann Martel

*Prodigal Summer* by Barbara  
Kingsolver

*The World According to Garp* by John Ir-  
ving

*The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* by  
Junot Diaz

*The Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz  
Zafon



### Video Games

*Mario Kart* for Nintendo Wii

*Guitar Hero* for Playstation 2

*Big Beach Sports* for Nintendo Wii

*Big Brain Academy: Wii Degree* for  
Nintendo Wii

*Fable II* for Xbox 360

*Final Fantasy XII* for Playstation 2

*Halo 3* for Xbox 360

*Hot Wheels* for Xbox 360

*The Legend of Zelda* for Nintendo DS

*Lego Batman* for Nintendo DS

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### Movies

*Doubt* starring Meryl Streep

*Milk* starring Sean Penn

*Tell No One* based on a best-selling novel by Harlen Coben

*Last Chance Harvey* starring Dustin Hoffman

*The Reader* starring Kate Winslet

*Wendy and Lucy* starring Michelle Williams

*Secret Life of Bees* starring Queen Latifa

*City of Ember* starring Tim Robbins

*Gran Torino* by Clint Eastwood



### Audiobooks

*Summer on Blossom Street* by Debbie Macomber

*Matters of the Heart* by Danielle Steel

*Red and Me* by Bill Russell

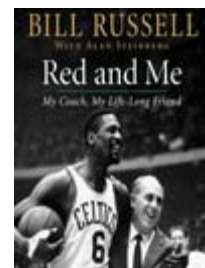
*The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* by John Boyne

*Relentless* by Dean Koontz

*Bloodhound* by Tamora Pierce

*Plum Spooky* by Janet Evanovich

*Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout



### Music

*Fork in the Road* artist Neil Young

*Live in Boston* artist Chris Botti

*Big Whiskey and the Groogrux King* artist Dave Matthews Band

*The Hazards of Love* artist Decembrists

*Esperanza* artist Esperanza Spalding

*Grammy Nominees 2009* artist Various

*21st Century Breakdown* artist Green Day

*Poseidon and the Bitter Bug* artist Indigo Girls



### Online - Library Services

**Learn a language** - try the library's new language learning program, *Mango Languages*. Home and In-Library Use

**Download music & audiobooks** - download audiobooks and music to listen to on your computer, or transfer them to an MP3 Player and take them with you!

**Join our Email Lists** - visit our homepage [www.oakbluffslibrary.org](http://www.oakbluffslibrary.org) and sign up to receive Email updates about library events, and about library news, pictures, and more!

**Research your family history** - come to the library and use our subscription to the Ancestry.com genealogical website to find information about your family's history!

## From The Children's Room

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Research indicates that children often read more when participating in a charity-based program than a toy-prize incentive program. This year we have a challenge: if the Oak Bluffs children/teens collectively earn 800 Polar Points (800 hours), our charity benefactor, The Black Dog Kids, will donate the money for the Library to adopt a polar bear through the species adoption program of the World Wildlife Fund.

### Summer Reading Programs & Performers: *Thursdays Are a Blast @ Oak Bluffs Public Library!*

In addition to our regular programming, we will offer special events on Thursdays throughout the summer. Join us to celebrate the beginning of the SRP and Kate Feiffer's new book, *The Problem with the Puddles* (our July book club selection) on **July 2 at 3:30**. A schedule of programs is available in the Children's Department or online at [www.oakbluffslibrary.org](http://www.oakbluffslibrary.org).

### 2009 Summer Reading Donors:

Ben & Bills Chocolate Emporium, The Corner Store, Dinghy Dogs, Flying Horses Carousel, Giordano's Family Restaurant, Glimpse of Tibet, Good Ship Lollipop Candy Store, Hair by Dana, Mary's Linen Store, Paesan's Pizza, Reliable Market, Riley's Reads Children's Book Store, and Rose Bud Balloons.

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## Staff Spotlight - Jessica Bowers, Children's Lib.

Jessica joined the library staff in November of 2008. A Child Therapist for 25 years before becoming a Children's Librarian, she has many years experience with children, teens and parents. Please visit her in the Children's Department and say hello!

### Favorite Movie(s):

*Days of Heaven, My Brilliant Career & The Secret Garden.*

### Favorite Book Genres:

Teen Fiction and Picture Books.

**Last Book I Read:** "The Problem with the Puddles" by Kate Feiffer.

**Likes:** clambakes, chamomile tea, fluffy cats, writing and dandelion puffs.

**Dislikes:** driving in the snow, flying, injustice and turnips.

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Have you seen the new book displays in the Children's Room? Your favorite themes are now easier to find!

### *Library Hours*

**Tuesday & Thursday  
10 AM to 8 PM**

**Wednesday, Friday  
& Saturday  
10 AM to 5 PM**

**Sunday & Monday  
Closed**

## Ongoing Monthly Events at the OBPL

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Every Wed. 10 AM Coffee Time	(1st Thurs.) 6 PM Movie Night	(4th Fri.) 3:30 PM Children's Book Club (Ages 9-12)	Every Sat. 10 AM Scrabble Group
Every Wed. 10:30 AM Storytime (Toddler)			Every Sat. 10 AM Chess Group
Every Wed. 11:30 AM Storytime (Preschool)			
(3rd Wed) 10:30 AM Poetry Group			
(4th Wed) 10:30 AM Book Discussion Group			

## More Upcoming Events

Thursday, July 9 at 3:30 PM Sheila Mudd Baker Storyteller	Thursday, July 16 at 6:00 PM Haiti's Minister of Women's Af- fairs and Rights - Speaker	Thursday, July 30 at 6:30 PM Author's Visit—Penny Pearl “Pretty Smart”
Thursday, July 9 at 6:30 PM Author's Visit - Tom Dresser “In My Life”	Wednesday, July 22 at 10:30 AM Travel by Book Discussion “Out of Africa” by Isak Dinesen	Thursday, August 6 at 3:30 PM Robert Rivest—Comedy Mime Spaceship Adventure
Sat., July 11 at 10:30 AM MV Ag. Hall—Celebrate Summer Reading—Bill Ross	Thursday, July 23 at 6:30 PM Gus Ben David—Animal Interviews All Ages Welcome!	Thur., August 13 at 10:30 AM Susie Bowman presents: Birds in Flight
Tuesday, July 14 at 6:00 PM African Women & Orphans— Slideshow and Talk	Saturday, July 25 at 2:00 PM Della Hardman Day—Art Exhibit Opening, “Savor the Moment”	Thurs., August 13 at 6:00 PM Recreation in Oak Bluffs OB Historical Commission
Thursday, July 16 at 4:30 PM Dream Talk Puppets Two Classic Tales	Thursday, July 30 at 3:30 PM Julie Austin Singer/Musician	Thursday, Aug. 20 at 6:00 PM Native American Tales & Space Science—Skytellers

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!



Susan Klein teaching a memoir writing workshop to a group of 26 attendees.



Tim Boland, Director of the Polly Hill Arboretum, lectures about "Growing on MV".



A volunteer engineer helped us build the spaceship located in the Children's Room.



Firefighter Ray Moreis and Paramedic Peter Tennant spoke at Firefighter Storytime.



Vineyard Sinfonietta, playing a free concert at the library for a large audience.



Mother and daughter enjoy a picture book in the children's programming room.