

Books & Beyond

Oak Bluffs Public Library

From The Director

On behalf of the library trustees and staff, I would like to thank our community for its unwavering support. We appreciate your thoughtful participation in our Long Range Planning process and our community surveys, focus groups, and interviews. Your input has led to the creation of this quarterly newsletter, and many new library programs and services.

We hope you share your feedback with us, and express your needs and suggestions. Call, come in, email or leave a note in our suggestion box . Together we will continue to grow into an exceptional community library.

Danguole Budris,
Library Director

Illumination for Lifelong Learners Series @ OBPL



A new series of programs and services begins this winter at the library. The “Illumination For Lifelong Learners” series will include basic computer

classes, lectures on topics of local interest, multi-generational gaming programs, and an information clearinghouse for community members. The library will use funding provided by a Lifelong Access grant to purchase a Nintendo Wii, an Amazon Kindle, and a new information kiosk to be used for monthly information spotlights.

The spotlight topic for February will be *Health & Wellness*. Public Health Nurse, Nicole Barlett, RN BSN, will be presenting a special lecture at the library “Aging Successfully” on February 18th and 19th.

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

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New Children’s Librarian Joins OBPL Staff

Please come to the library and meet Ms. Jessica Bowers, our Children’s Librarian. Ms. Bowers moved to Martha’s Vineyard from Rhode Island where she worked as a Children’s Librarian at the Westerly Public Library. She holds a Master’s Degree in Library Science from Florida State University, College of Information, with a Certificate in Youth Services. She also holds Masters’ degrees in Education and Social Work.

We are very excited that she has joined our dedicated library staff in serving the local community. The public attended a special “Meet & Greet” reception for Ms. Bowers in November. Ms. Bowers said, “I’m very excited to be here at the Oak Bluffs Public Library, and I look forward to meeting the children, teens, and their families. There’s so much that we can do together with regard to expanding the collection and planning programs geared for different age groups.”

Downloadable Books & Music for iPods!

The downloadable audio book service is offered by many Cape & Island public libraries. The Oak Bluffs Public Library now carries select titles which are MAC and iPod compatible. This complements the growing list of popular Windows compatible titles already widely used since the service launched in April 2008. Libraries from Bourne to Provincetown as well as Martha's Vineyard libraries that belong to the CLAMS library network provide this free 24/7 home access service.

MP3 downloads for iPods are now available through CLAMS!



A sample of new audio books available for FREE download: **Outliers** by Malcolm Gladwell; **The Brass Verdict** by Michael Connelly; **The Book Thief** by Markus Zusak; **Twilight** by Stephanie Meyer. All you need is a current CLAMS library card and Internet Access -- an MP3 player is optional if you wish to play an audio book in your car or “take it with you” for walks or workouts at your local gym. Please visit or call the Library for more information.

New Language Learning & Homework Resources!

The library has added subscriptions to *Mango Languages* and *World Book Online Kids & Students Editions* to its collection of online resources. *Mango Languages* offers courses for learning Brazilian Portuguese, English as a Second Language for Brazilian Portuguese Speakers, German, French, Spanish, and Italian. *World Book Online - Kids Edition* is an easy to use and award winning online resource for school-age children. The *World Book Online - Student Edition* is a great homework tool for Middle and High School students.

These resources can be used inside the library or from home by visiting the library's homepage and going to the appropriate link. You will need your Oak Bluffs Public Library barcode number to log in and start using these websites. In addition, the library has renewed its subscriptions to *Ancestry.com* for genealogical research and *NoveList* for finding new reading material.

Introducing the Library Friends of Oak Bluffs

In 1988, then Library Director Mabel McCarthy initiated an effort to establish a Friends group. With tireless and passionate devotion of founder Bonnie Scott and many who loved the library, the Library Friends of Oak Bluffs was born. Since then, over years of change, some of the original members are still active, joined by new energetic library enthusiasts. For those of you who don't know us, we are a community organization made up of volunteers from Oak Bluffs from all different walks of life who have a common thread: an appreciation and love for our library.

The Friends promote and support the library through activities such as Open House Holiday Party, the publishing of a cookbook, and book sales. The group usually meets on the 1st Monday of each month. All are welcome to join, please leave your contact information with a library staff member and a member of the Friends will be in touch with you soon!

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Look for these icons on the library's website and public computers!



Library Friends,
Book Sale

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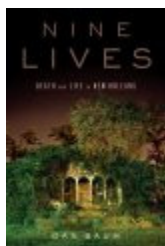
“Best of 2008” Staff Picks @ Your Library!

Non-fiction

Reinventing the Body, Resurrecting the Soul by Deepak Chopra

The Breakthrough: Politics and Race in the Age of Obama by Gwen Ifill

Nine Lives: Death and Life in New Orleans by Dan Baum



The Dark Side by Jane Mayer

The World Is What It Is - Authorized Biography of VS Naipaul by Patrick French

Team of Rivals by Doris Kearns Goodwin

Fiction

The Story of Edgar Sawtelle by David Wroblewski

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo by Stieg Larsson

A Mercy by Toni Morrison



People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer

A Most Wanted Man by John Le Carre

My Sister, My Love by Joyce Carol Oates

Movies

Mamma Mia starring Meryl Streep

Flash of Genius starring Greg Kinnear

The Dark Knight starring Heath Ledger

Michael Clayton starring George Clooney



Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull - starring Harrison Ford

The Bucket List starring Jack Nicholson

The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian

Music

Two Men with the Blues artists: Willie Nelson & Wynton Marsalis

Kind of Blue: 50th Anniv. Collector's Edition artist: Miles Davis

This is the Life artist: Amy MacDonald



Santogold artist: Santogold

Day After Tomorrow artist: Joan Baez

Tell Tale Signs artist: Bob Dylan

David Archuleta artist: David Archuleta

We Started Nothing artist: The Ting Tings

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All monthly spotlight and event 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.

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.

Staff Spotlight - Anita Parker, Library Assistant

Anita has been working at the library for 9 years. She works at the checkout desk and is known for her book recommendation skills. Learn more about Anita below:

**Favorite Movie(s):**

Casablanca and *An Affair To Remember*

Favorite Authors: James Patterson, Susan Wiggs, Dana Stabenow, Kristen Hanna, Robert Parker, Jody Picoult.

Favorite Music Groups:

Bob Dylan, James Taylor, Beatles, Frank Sinatra.

Likes: pets, the beach, sports & knitting.

Dislikes: snow and cold, the Miami Dolphins, spiders and snakes.

Most Wants to Meet:

Barrack Obama

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Did You Know?

The library has the latest movie & music releases, in addition to the latest best selling books, for you to borrow. 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 After school Pro- gram (Ages 6-10)	Every Sat. 10 AM Scrabble & Chess Groups
Every Wed. 10:30 AM Storytime (toddler)	Every Thurs. 3:30 PM Children's Chess	(Last Fri.) 3:30 PM Wimpy Kid Book Club (Ages 9-12)	(1st Sat.) 3 PM Teen/Adult Documentary Film
Every Wed. 11:30 AM Storytime (preschool)	(1st Thurs.) 6 PM Movie Night		(2nd Sat.) 2:30 PM Tween & Teen Gaming
(3rd Wed) 10:30 AM Poetry Group			(4th Sat.) 2:30 PM Wii Play Games (All Ages)
(4th Wed) 10:30 AM Book Discussion Group			(Last Sat.) 1 PM Teen Advisory Council Meets

More Upcoming Events

Thursday, Feb. 12, at 6:30 PM
Book Talk - Susanna Sturgis

Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 6 PM
Learn Basic Computers
(Sign up required)

Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 11 AM
"Aging Successfully" - Lecture

Thursday, Feb. 19, at 6:30 PM
"Aging Successfully" - Lecture

Sat., Feb. 21, at 1 PM & 3 PM
Movie Matinees

Week of Feb. 24th-28th
- Watch for special School
Vacation Activities!

Thursday, Feb. 26 at 6:30 PM
"African American Heritage Trail"
- Elaine Weintraub

Saturday, Feb. 28 at 2:30 PM
Wii & Board Games
(All Ages)

Tues., March 3 & 17 at 6 PM
Intro. to Internet & Email
(Sign up required)

Thursday, March 19 6:30 PM
"Starfish and the Number 5" -
Lecture

Date & Time, TBD
Technology Fair—Featuring
various vendors & speakers

Thursday, April 2, 6:30 PM
"Complementary & Alternative
Medicine" - NLM Lecture

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