CELEBRATING SHIPS AND THE SEA

You can’t think of Martha’s Vineyard without thinking of the ocean. Throughout September, the library celebrates the island’s connection to the sea and sailing, thanks to a generous contribution in memory of Gordon Goodwin. You can handle baby shellfish, talk about seafaring books and stories, vicariously sail to Haiti with Nat Benjamin, learn about the joy of conch with Chef Deon and celebrate through song the women who went to sea. Children can check out a Coast Guard boat and try their hand at “scrimshaw” craft. Check the Coming Attractions column for dates and times!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Everyone knows that books feed your brain. This summer, the Oak Bluffs Public Library decided to take that a step further and help feed brains and bodies.

Partnering with Island Grown Initiative (IGI), the library hosts Island Grown’s mobile farmer’s market. The food truck brings reduced-price, locally grown produce to the library every Tuesday from 5:45-6:30pm through Oct. 3. Cash, checks, major credit cards, SNAP/HIP, WIC and Senior Farmer’s Market Nutrition coupons are accepted.

If you aren’t sure what to do with the yummy produce available from the truck, you might want to check out the library’s cookbook collection or join the Cookbook Book Club. The book club chooses a different famous chef or cuisine each month and celebrates with a potluck featuring the month’s pick of the crop. Recent themes included Ina Garten’s gastronomic delights, Indian and Pakistani food and perfect picnic fare. Upcoming meetings will be held Saturday, Sept 16 and Oct. 28 from 1-3pm.

Overdue books? Donate food! You can pay off OBPL fines in Sept by bringing canned or non-perishable food to the library for donation to the Island Food Pantry. Each item cancels out a dollar in fines and helps restock the food pantry’s shelves. Everyone wins! Please note: food offerings cannot be applied to billed or lost items and expired food will not be accepted.

Earlier in the summer, the library worked with IGI and MVRHS to offer a free lunch to anyone 18 and under in July & August. The need on the island is shockingly high – roughly 30% of Island school children are eligible for a free or reduced price school lunch leaving them vulnerable to food insecurity when school is out. The program was funded by the US Department of Agriculture.
MITCHELL CHAVES WINS BROWN SCHOLARSHIP

When the Library Friends of Oak Bluffs set out to honor Dick Brown with a memorial scholarship, we hoped to find someone who exemplified the values he held dear. Lucky us — we found a perfect match in student Mitchell Chaves of Edgartown.

Like Dick Brown, Mitchell plans to make a career on the sea and plans to return to Martha’s Vineyard after graduating from Roger Williams with a degree in marine or mechanical engineering. His goal is to get his captain’s license, saying, “I am most happy when I am on a boat.”

Mitchell also shares Dick Brown’s commitment to volunteerism and love of baseball. He volunteers with youth sports, his church group, with various school organizations, and was a founding member of Stand With Everyone Against Rape at the high school.

Mitchell is a stellar student and a member of the National Honor Society. We know Mitchell will go far in life and excel in everything he sets himself to do.

BOOKS WANTED!

Fall cleaning? Cottage closing? Don’t forget to set aside any unwanted books in good condition for the annual Library Book Sale. The next book drive will be held Saturday, October 21 from 12:30-2:30pm. For delivery or pickup at other times, e-mail LibraryFriendsOB@gmail.com

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

* Game Night at The Barn Mon. 7:30-9
* Mobile Farm Truck Tue. 5:45-6:30 to 10/3
* Coffee Time Wed. 10-11
* Crafty Story Time (3+) Wed. 10:30-11:30
* Selections from the Collections: WVVY 96.7 live Wed. 1-2 & online
* Tai Chi & Tea Thur. 10:30-11:30
* Book Babies Thur. 11-11:30
* English Conversation Circle - NEW Practice basic English—Thurs. 7-7:45
* Toddler Time Story Hour Fri. 10:30—11:30
* Lego Club Ages 6+ Fri. 3-4:30
* Girls Who Code—NEW Coding Club for Girls Gr 6-12 Membership application: oakbluffslibrary.org/GWC Day/Time TBA

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

* Decomposition: musical process 1st Tue. — 6:30-7:30
* Library Friends 1st Wed. — 4-6
* Move & Groove Family Story Time 1st Sat. —10:30-11:30a
* Quilt Guild Sat. Sept 9, Oct 14 — 10-3:30
* Bi-weekly Open Sewing Lab 2nd & 4th Fri. & Sat. — 10-11 (canceled Sept 23 and Nov 11)
* Cookbook Book Club & Potluck Sat. Sept 16 and Oct. 28
* Forever Young Book Club Last Tue. - 6:30-7:30
* American Classics Book Club Sat. Sept 30 & Oct 21—12:30-1:30

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