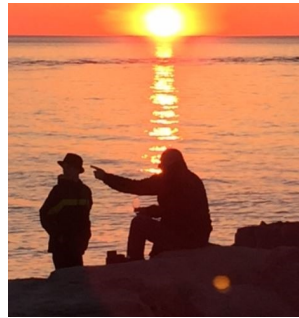


CELEBRATING SHIPS AND THE SEA

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.

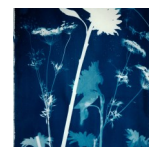
If you aren't sure what to do with the yummy produce available from the truck, you might want to check out the library's **cookbook collection** or join the **Cookbook Book Club**. The book club chooses a different famous chef or cuisine each month and celebrates with a potluck featuring the month's 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.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

- * **The Home Show** theatre group
Fri/Sat Sept 8 & 9 — 7-8
- * **Grandparents craft** for kids
Sat. Sept 9 — 10-11:30
- * **Literature of Adventure** with Harry Ricciardi
Thur. Sept 14 — 6-7
- * **Fae Kontje-Gibbs** art reception
Fri. Sept 15 — 6-8
- * **Animals Spell Love** author talk with David Cundy (gr K-5)
Sat. Sept. 16 — 10:30-11:30
- * **Sail Away to Haiti** with Nat Benjamin
Tue. Sept 19 — 6-7:30
- * **Family Night bedtime story**
Sat. Sept 19 — 6:30-7:30
- * **Conch Fishing & Cooking** with Chef Deon
Thur. Sept 28 — 5-7
- * **Coast Guard visit & kids' "Scrimshaw" soap carving**
Sat. Sept 30 — 10:30-11:30
- * **Women & the Sea songs** with Debra Cowan
Sat. Sept 30 — 5-7
- * **Cyanotype Worksho**
Sat. Oct 7—



10:30-11:30 kids
1-2 adults
3-4 exhibit

- * **Electric Car Conversion** with Steve Solarazza
Thu. Oct 12 6-7
- * **Children's Fall Festival**
Sat. Oct 14 — 10-11:30
- * **Armchair Travel: Iceland** With Jonathan Burke
Tue. Oct 26 — 6-7
- * **Children's Halloween Party**
Sat. Oct 28 — 10-11:30



More info:
oakbluffslibrary.org/events/

SAVE THE DATE:

Annual Holiday Party: Dec. 2



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

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.

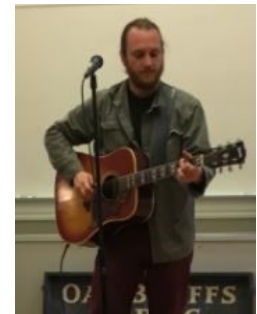
Like Dick Brown, Mitchell plans to make a career on the sea and plans to return to Martha's Vineyard after graduating from Roger Williams with a degree in marine or mechanical engineering. His goal is to get his captain's license, saying, "I am most happy when I am on a boat."

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.



HOW OB SPENT ITS SUMMER VACATION



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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