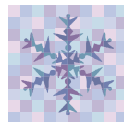


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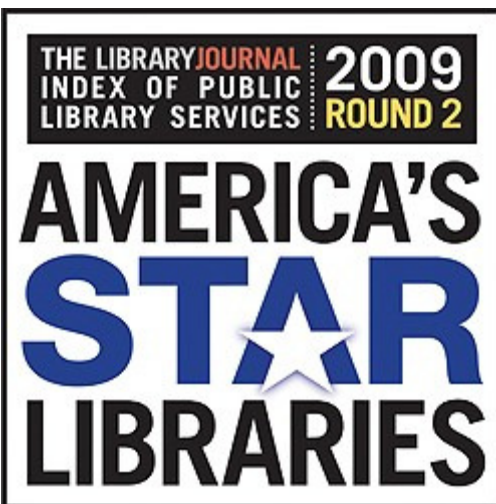
During these difficult economic times the library has become a vital community center. Patrons of all ages visit to attend programs; seek reference assistance for job searching, education and important life issues; take advantage of free entertainment and educational opportunities; and save money by using the public computers and Internet service.

As demands for these important services increase, the library staff will continue to work hard to meet the needs of the public in a fiscally responsible manner.

The strong support of the community and a dedicated group of library staff, volunteers, and friends has led to national recognition of the Oak Bluffs Public Library (see below). Thank you for your ongoing support. The friendly and helpful staff at your library look forward to your next visit.

*Danguole Budris,
Library Director*

3 Stars Awarded to the OBPL in National Rankings



Library Journal's Index of Public Library Service 2009 was recently released and the Oak Bluffs Public Library was one of only 258 public libraries in the country to receive a star rating.

The study rated 7,268 public libraries based upon per capita statistics in the following categories: circulation of materials, visits to the library, attendance at library programs and public computer logons.

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Library Hours: Tues., Wed. & Fri.: 10am-6pm;
Thurs.: 10am-6pm; Sat.: 10am-4pm; Sun. & Mon.: Closed

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A little girl poses with the library's stuffed kangaroo during story-time.

From the Children's Room

This fall has brought expansion of the juvenile and teen collections as well as new programming. Toddler and preschool storytimes continue on Wednesday mornings with thematic books, music, movement, and art projects. We also started our Bilingual Storytime (Portuguese-English) in November with a theme of autumn and leaves.

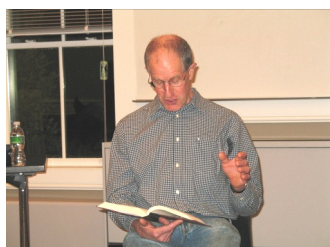
Three monthly book clubs are now being offered: a Children's Book Club (elementary school levels), Middle School Book Club, and Teen Book Club. Most books selected are nominees for the 2010 Massachusetts Children's Book Award.

In February, we will offer a new book club joining teen girls and their mothers. Books selected will appeal to both teens and women, and will facilitate mother-daughter discussion and bonding over books. The first book, *A Northern Light* by Jennifer Donnelly, won awards in both teen and adult categories. It is hoped that this new book club will grow and continue throughout the spring.

Please check the Children's Room Blog to see pictures and descriptions of past and future activities.

Free Computer Classes At Your Library

A series of free computer skills classes for beginners and intermediates will be offered at the library this winter. Space is limited for the classes, please speak to a library staff member to learn more and to reserve a seat. The series has been made possible in part by a generous donation from the Martha's Vineyard Savings Bank.



John Hough Jr. reading from his novel, *Seen The Glory: a novel of the battle of Gettysburg*.

A series of computer classes were funded last winter by a federal grant, through the Library Services and Technology Act—Equal Access Program. These classes were so well received by the community that the library organized another series for this winter.

Richard Hammond, an employee at the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School, a continuing education instructor and the owner of Hammond & Associates, will be the instructor for the classes.

Library To Host 2nd Annual Technology Fair

The library plans to host its second annual technology fair during the month of March. At last year's fair, representatives from a variety of Island organizations created display tables and provided presentations about MAC and PC computers, Google Tools, Web Design & Home Networking, Telecommunications, Town Wi-Fi, downloadable audio books, and more.

A selection of popular technologies were also available for attendees to try out at the library's *Technology Sandbox* display: The Amazon Kindle 2, Nintendo Wii, iPod Touch, Flip Cam and SmartPen. One lucky attendee **won a free MP3 Player** courtesy of the Library Friends of Oak Bluffs!

What new technology topics and gadgets will be included in this year's fair? You will have to attend in March to find out!

Library Friends - Winter Update!

The Library Friends sponsored the annual Holiday Open House at the library last month which was great fun for all. There were pastries and finger foods of all sorts, holiday decorating for the kids (and adults) and a visit from Santa who seems to have made it one of his regular stops. Thank you to all the Friends, library staff, and members of the community who helped make this year's Open House a great success.

Additional books on the subject of maritime history have been added to the library's collection in memory of long time Vineyard resident, Gordon Goodwin. Thank you to Mr. Goodwin's family for making a generous donation in his honor.

Members are now preparing for the annual summer book sale. If you have books that you want to donate, drop them off at the library. Please call ahead if you are making a large donation. Further information is available at the check-out desk.

The Library Friends are always looking for new members who share our love for our library. Membership is flexible whether it be seasonal, part-time, or year round. Meetings are held the first Monday of every month at 7:00 PM. If you are interested or need more information, you may call Gail Barmakian at 508-693-1274.

Did You Know?

You can sign up to receive email updates about library events & news. Learn about new services like downloadable audiobooks, language learning and genealogy resources, Amazon Kindle and more. Visit our website or ask a staff member how you can sign up today!

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New Year's Resolution—Borrow More Items From The Library

Must Read Non-Fiction

The Souls of Black Folk by W.E.B. Du Bois

The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank

Night by Elie Wiesel

Silent Spring by Rachel Carson



The Education of Henry Adams by Henry Adams

In Cold Blood by Truman Capote

Walden by Henry David Thoreau

The Elements of Style by Strunk & White

Must Read Novels

Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison

To Kill A Mockingbird by Harper Lee

War and Peace by Leo Tolstoy

One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

1984 by George Orwell



Rabbit, Run by John Updike

A Passage to India by E.M. Forster

Lolita by Vladimir Nabokov

Beloved by Toni Morrison

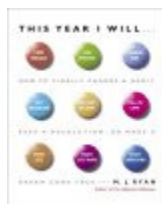
Helping Yourself

Reinventing the Body, Resurrecting the Soul by Deepak Chopra

Throw Out 50 Things by Gail Blanke

Creating Your Best Life: the ultimate life list guide by Caroline Miller

This Year I will—:how to finally change a habit, keep a resolution, or make a dream come true by M.J. Ryan



Come On, People: on the path from victims to victors by Bill Cosby

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

A Complaint Free World by Will Bowen

Helping Others

The Life You Can Save: acting now to end world poverty by Peter Singer

“Only the Super-rich can Save us!” by Ralph Nader

Give a Little: how your small donations can transform our world by Wendy Smith

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

Giving by Bill Clinton

Volunteer Vacations: short-term adventures that will benefit you and others by Bill McMillon

150 Best Jobs for a Better World by JIST

New Year's Resolution—Borrow More Items From The Library

Best Movies of 09

Up by Disney

State of Play starring Russell Crowe

Julie and Julia starring Meryl Streep

Grey Gardens starring Drew Barrymore

Revolutionary Road starring Kate Winslet

Fantastic Mr. Fox by Wes Anderson

The Blind Side starring Sandra Bullock

Zombieland starring Woody Harrelson



Best Audiobooks of 09

The Help by Kathryn Stockett

The Girl Who Played with Fire by Stieg Larsson

True Compass: a memoir by Edward M. Kennedy

Once a Runner by John L. Parker Jr.

Losing Mum and Pup by Christopher Buckley

Panic by Michael Lewis

Strength in What Remains by Tracy Kidder

Rain Gods by James Lee Burke

Last Lecture by Randy Pausch



Staff Favorites From 09

Mat's Choice: *The Strain* by Guillermo del Toro - the first book in a modern day vampire-horror trilogy. A vampire virus threatens humanity. The suspense and modern twist on vampirism are riveting.

Colleen's Choice: *Charles and Emma : the Darwins' leap of faith* by Deborah Heiligman - an unintimidating introduction to the lives of Charles and Emma Darwin. The role his wife played in shaping his research was particularly interesting. Recommended for both adults and teens.

Rosemary's Choice: *Biology of Belief: unleashing the power of consciousness, matter & miracles* by Bruce Lipton, Ph.D - a very entertaining and readable science book, coupling biology with quantum physics.

Anita's Choice: *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett - one of the best books that I have ever read. Really enjoyed the characters and the relationships that developed between them.

Anna Marie's Choice: *The Women: a novel* by T.C. Boyle - an engrossing book about Frank Lloyd Wright, as told through the voices of the important women in his life. This is my pick of 2009.

Pam's Choice: *Every Man Dies Alone* by Hans Fallada - A real eye-opener for me, as I'd never realized that there was a whole segment of the war-time German population that was anti-Hitler. I was moved by the courage which these everyday Germans displayed in their small fight to speak up about the atrocities that were occurring.

3 Stars Awarded to the OBPL in National Rankings

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The statistics were used to rate the service of public libraries in comparison to libraries of similar funding levels.

Eight members of the Cape & Islands Library Automated Materials network received star ratings, including the Vineyard Haven Public Library and Oak Bluffs Public Library which received a three star rating. The West Tisbury Free Public Library received a five star rating for their funding level.

The extensive amount of service provided to residents and seasonal visitors alike is one reason for the high rankings of local libraries. The national rankings emphasize the importance of public libraries to the Cape Cod and Island communities.

Volunteer Spotlight - Don Hinkle

Don Hinkle, author and cartoonist, moved to the Oak Bluffs community 3 years ago from Green Village, N.J. He published two small books in 2003. Don applied to volunteer at the library because, "I worked at a small library in New Jersey and loved it."

Don is very much appreciated for regularly picking up and delivering the library's mail. He also shared his talent and passion for graphic novels at the library by offering a slideshow and presentation in the



spring of 2008. Thank you Don, for volunteering.

Favorite Movie(s): *Lassie Come Home, National Velvet, Lord of the Rings.*

Favorite Book Genre(s): *Graphic Novels, Humor, Young Adult & Children's.*

Favorite Song(s): *Amazing Grace, Pavement Cracks, Deep Blue Sea.*

Last Book I Read: *The Rabbi's Cat* by Joann Sfar

Likes: All dogs and some cats, singing in the Island Community Chorus, Linda Jean's and Mocha Mott's.

Dislikes: politics and lies.

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Fact or Fiction

In Japan, the New Year celebration is one of the most important holidays. People clean their houses, forgive grudges, and on New Years Eve they stay up to hear the watch-night bell ring 108 times, representing the Buddhist belief of 108 troublesome human desires.

About.com & Infoplease.com—fact

Library Hours

**Tuesday, Wednesday
& Friday
10 AM to 6 PM**

**Thursday
10 AM to 8 PM**

**Saturday
10 AM to 4 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		Every Sat. 10 AM Scrabble Group
Every Wed. 10:30 AM Storytime (Toddler)	Every Thurs. 10 AM Writers Group		Every Sat. 10 AM Chess Group
Every Wed. 11:30 AM Storytime (Preschool)	Every Thurs. 3:30 PM Knit & Crochet Group		Monthly Children's Book Clubs
(3rd Wed) 10:30 AM Poetry Group			Bilingual Storytime (Check Events Calendar)
(4th Wed) 10:30 AM Book Discussion Group			

More Upcoming Events

Sat., Jan. 16 at 2:00 PM Movie - Starring Meryl Streep and Amy Adams, Rated PG-13	Sat., Jan. 23 at 2:30 PM Connecting With Fossils FREE—ALL AGES	Thurs., Feb 11 at 6:00 PM Inter. Computer Skills Class Registration Required
Wed., Jan. 20 at 10:30 AM Poetry Group Come early for coffee & food!	Wed., Jan. 27 at 10:30 AM Book Discussion Group <i>Gabriela, Clove & Cinnamon</i>	Sat., Feb 13 at 2:00 PM Microsoft Word Class Registration Required
Thurs., Jan. 21 at 3:30 PM Knitting & Crocheting Group New attendees welcome!	Thurs., Jan. 28 at 6:00 PM Metal Detecting Book Talk & Lecture	Thurs., Feb 18 at 6:00 PM Microsoft Excel Class Registration Required
Sat., Jan. 23 at 11:00 AM Children's Book Club <i>How To Steal A Dog</i>	Thurs., Feb. 4 at 6:00 PM Movie - Starring Abbie Cornish and Ben Whishaw, Rated PG	Wed., Feb. 24 at 10:30 AM Book Discussion Group <i>The Guernsey Literary...</i>
Sat., Jan 23 at 2:30 PM Middle School Book Club <i>London Eye Mystery</i>	Thurs., Feb 4 at 6:00 PM Basic Computer Skills Class Registration Required	Sat., Feb. 27 at 2:30 PM Daughter-Mother Book Club <i>A Northern Light</i>

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!



Jill Nelson spoke to an audience of 31 people about her new book, *Let's Get It On*.



The Holiday Party drew an all ages crowd, as well as a visit from a very special guest!



Some great costumes were on display at the Halloween party in the Children's Room.



Judith Margolin, from the Foundation Center, discussing how to approach foundations.



Michael Wooley presented another under-sea slideshow to a capacity crowd.



The Polar Bear Party featured crafts, cookies, seasonal music and big smiles!