

THE LIBRARY

January 1994

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– Michael L. Glennon, Building Committee Chairperson



The Library Board of Trustees has announced that on Tuesday, January 18, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Library Director Mrs. Stephanie Heineman and Assistant Director Eileen Minogue will be answering your calls on the "Call In Lines" regarding questions and concerns about the library space needs and building problems. Patrons should use the following telephone numbers: 261-6686 or 261-6694. Questions that patrons would like addressed by trustees will be noted and forwarded. A second "Call In" night will be announced in February. Can't call during these designated call-in times? Of course, you can call at any other time that the library is open.



A Progress Report from Your Library Board of Trustees



(This is a reprint of the letter mailed to every household on December 6, 1993.)

Dear Neighbor,

Would you please take a moment from this busy holiday season to reflect on your community library, a treasure for all seasons?

As residents of Northport-East Northport we all depend on our library as a valuable asset for educational advancement, independent study, and information for daily living and as a cultural and recreational resource for the entire community.

In the Board's role as library planners, seven years ago we initiated a study of the libraries' space needs. We concluded that the existing library buildings were inadequate presently and for the future. Limited physical space is at the heart of our present library facilities' shortcomings, although lack of available space was not the sole reason for examining the physical facilities. Energy efficiency and the condition of the heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems, accessibility by the disabled, and adaptability to meet the electrical and telecommunications requirements of current library technologies were other reasons we examined the structures that house our libraries.

We have, since 1991, been educating the community to the recognized benefits of a single central library. The construction of a central library would have been dependent, of course, upon the availability of an appropriate site. Our community of nearly 36,000 people is spread out and heavily developed. In reality, few sites with the desirable combination of convenience, accessibility, size, topography, and availability are to be found. In fact, 9 sites have been looked at and evaluated by the Board and our consultants for a central library over a period of 6 years.

Most recently, a surplus parcel owned by the Department of Transportation at Maplewood Drive and Laurel Hill Road across from the Northport High School was identified as being available as a possible site for a central library. This fall, at meetings with residents of this area, strong objections were expressed over what they considered the negative impact locating the library on this vacant land would have. This same event prompted many residents from other areas to voice strong support for maintaining a neighborhood library in each community. Our mission — to serve our patrons — is the foundation for seeking a solution to your library buildings' problems. We, therefore, withdrew our interest in the Maplewood Drive property. Because our problems are so pressing we have decided to halt our search for a central library site and redirect our efforts.

Letter continued on back.

To Our Patrons

January 3, 1993

A Letter from the Editor

Your library newsletter begins the New Year with a new look.

Traditionally, your newsletter has been the source for information about upcoming programs, a calendar with highlights on some of the library's new services and resources.

This won't change. We just plan to tell you more — more about the collection, the services, the sources, the staff, the space constraints, the solutions. Your newsletter now takes a closer look at the library. On the cover of this January 1994 issue, we debut our new banner logo, THE LIBRARY. In each issue, we will keep you up to to date on any building news. This month, we also introduce our "Call In" lines. Take a look inside THE LIBRARY for more informational columns and features. "Library Close Up" will profile your library in the community. In our "Bright Idea Box" we hear from you. Each month, we'll share one of your bright ideas with all our patrons. Maybe we can arrive at solutions together.

From concept to content to final proof, the newsletter is a team effort by four librarians our Library Director, Assistant Director, our desktop publisher, and myself. First we review our programs and services for the forthcoming issue. We work on the layout, choose the graphics, and write and rewrite. We strive to catch your attention by paying attention to the details of language and design. We have much to tell you. Our goal is to produce a newsletter that you will want to read from cover to cover.

Your library is the community's information and cultural hub. I hope that you continue to enjoy reading THE LIBRARY as much as we enjoy presenting it to you. However, the information in your newsletter cannot begin to describe the library as well as a visit. So stop in and see us and let us hear from you — fill in one of our "News Survey" forms available in both buildings and tell us "Why you came to the library today."

Sincerely,

Nancy J. Kruse Editor





THE OTHER VIC THEATRE **COMPANY** presents MURDER ON THE RERUN

Friday, January 21, 8:00 p.m.

Jane, an Oscar-winning screenwriter, returns as a ghost to find out just which one of her "friends" pushed her down a

staircase. Aided by Kitt, a junk-food guzzling angelic guide, Jane is brought to the present, three years later, to investigate her own murder . . . and witness another.

Tickets, which go on sale Jan. 8, are \$1.00 for adults, 50¢ for students, senior citizens, and disabled persons.

THE SORCERER

presented by the Gilbert & Sullivan Light Opera Company Sunday, January 9, 1994, 2:00 p.m.

Join us for a brand-new production of Gilbert and Sullivan's The Sorcerer. This clever show, the first full-length Gilbert and Sullivan hit, tells the hilarious story of an entire village accidentally affected by a sorcerer's love potion. It has some of the most famous Gilbert and

Sullivan songs. All are welcome.

ATTENTION WRITERS! GET PUBLISHED!

Wednesday, January 26, 7:30 p.m.

Writer and editor Liza Burby will offer tips on getting your non-fiction published. From conception of an idea to final publication, she will guide you through the steps of manuscript preparation, writing the query letter, and marketing your work. All are welcome.

BOOK-A-TRIP

New York City Landmark Fraunces Tavern Museum & The Forbes Gallery Tuesday, January 18, 1994

Departure: 10:00 a.m. from the Middleville School Parking Lot.

Cost: \$49.00 per person (checks only; payable to Northport Public Library; non-refundable) Itinerary: Visit the Tavern Museum's Long

Room, the site of George Washington's famous farewell address. Lunch at Fraunces Tavern. View Malcom Forbes' collection of Faberge eggs, toy boats and soldiers, and presidential papers.

Register in person (limit 2 on first day of ticket sale) at the Northport Library beginning Jan. 7. Northport-East Northport Public Library cardholders will be given preference.



BOOK & SANDWICH (W)RAP

(EN) Thursday, January 6 1:00 p.m.

This month we sample stories by Pulitzer Prize Winner Peter Taylor. Stop at the reference desk for copies of "The Witch of Owl Mountain Springs" and "In The Waiting Room." Contact Michelle Epstein, reference librarian, at 261-6930.

NOVEL IDEAS

(N) Friday, January 14, 1:00 p.m.

(N) Monday, January 24, 7:30 p.m.

This month we'll discuss Turtle Moon by Alice Hoffman. To join this group, contact Dodie Gillman, reference librarian, at 261-6930.

THE NEW FOOD LABELS

Thursday, January 13, 7:30 p.m.

By May of 1994, most packaged food items sold in supermarkets will be wearing new, reader-friendly labels. Regulated by the federal government, the new labels will take the guess work out of grocery shopping and help you make informed decisions about what you buy. Debra Saum, a registered dietician, will educate you on the new labeling law. Attend this lecture and become a frustrationfree and more confident consumer. All are welcome.

HAPPINESS & HARMONY

Wednesday, January 19, 7:30 p.m.

Instructors Constance Hallinan Lagan, Executive Director of The Entrepreneurial Center for Small Business Development, and Donna Devine, President of Less Stress is Best, tell you how to make happiness a daily priority, learn self-acceptance, develop non-judgmental attitudes, achieve present-moment living, and use meditation as a tool to achieve happiness and harmony. Devine teaches students how to put the lecture concepts into practice through the use of meditation. All are welcome.

MEDICARE: WHAT IT COVERS, WHAT IT DOESN'T

Thursday, January 20, 1:30 p.m.

Tom Henry and Stu Goldblatt, counselors for the HIICAP, will present a slide program on the benefits and limits of Medicare. A question and answer session will follow the presentation. All are welcome.



Mondays, January 24 & 31 7:00-10:00 p.m. Fee: \$35

This course qualifies motorists for a 10% reduction on collision and liability premiums for three years, and a reduction of four points on their driving record. Applications for this six-hour course may be picked up at either library beginning Jan. 10.



SNOWING!

You can find out if the Library is closed for inclement weather by setting your audio dial to WALK at 1370 AM/97.5 FM.

Northport-East Northport Public Library

Calendar of Events January 1994

Floral Decorations

Northport: Geraldine Scully of the Northport
Community Garden Club with materials
donated by Northport Floral

East Northport: Marilyn DeLuca of the
Larkfield Community Garden Club

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Eas	Exhibitorthport Adult — Watercolors by Susan Gonese — Amazing Amazon Anima Mei Ling Louie Reason St Northport Adult — "Photo Paintings:" Handlandscapes and interiors by Children — "Boxed In" - Althea I in different shapes, sizes an	anz als designed by local artist d-painted photographs of Cheryl Machat Dorskind Dorantes' collection of boxes	COUNSELING (EN) Fridays, Jar (N) Thursday, Jar Tom Henry ar HIICAP certified counse	RANCE INFORMATION, & ASSISTANCE PROGRAM n. 7 & Jan. 14, 9:00-12 noon n. 27, 1:00-4:00 p.m. nd Stu Goldblatt continue to serve elors answering questions about N 0 to make an appointment in Nort n East Northport.	Medicare and	New Year's Day - Library Closed
Sunday Study Hall 1:30-4:30 pm	*Toddler Time (EN) 10 am & 11 am *Preschool Storytime (N) 10 am & 3:30 pm Lyme Disease Support Group - Guest Speaker: Dr. Eileen Hilton, director of Lyme Disease Center at Long Island Jewish Medical Center (N) 7 pm	*Preschool Storytime (EN) 10 am & 11 am *Book Mates (N) 4 pm	Free Blood Pressure & Weight Check (N) 1-3 pm; (EN) 3:15-5 pm *Story Parade (N) 4 pm	*Preschool Storytime (N) 10 am & 3:30 pm Book & Sandwich (W)rap (EN) 1 pm *Story Parade (EN) 4 pm	7 Ticket sales begin for Book-A-Trip to Fraunces Tavern Museum and the Forbes Gallery on 1/18 *Health Insurance Information, Counseling & Assistance Program (EN) 9 am - 12 noon by appt. *Preschool Storytime (EN) 10 am & 11 am Knitters' Circle (N) 7 pm	Ticket sales begin for the Other Vi Theatre's performance of Murder of the Rerun on 1/21 *Mother Goose (N) 10 am Saturday Afternoon Storytime (N) 1:30 pm
Sunday Family Special: The Sorcerer (N) 2 pm	Applications available for Defensive Driving on 1/24 & 1/31 *Toddler Time (EN) 10 am & 11 am *Preschool Storytime (N) 10 am & 3:30 pm	Registration begins for (YA) Study Skills Workshop on 2/1 & 2/8 *Toddler Time (N) 10 am & 11 am *Preschool Storytime (EN) 10 am & 11 am *Book Mates (N) 4 pm	*Toddler Time (EN) 10 am & 11 am *Toddler Time (N) 1:30 pm *Story Parade (N) 4 pm Great Books (N) 8 pm	*Preschool Storytime (N) 10 am & 3:30 pm *Story Parade (EN) 4 pm The New Food Labels (N) 7:30 pm	*Health Insurance Information, Counseling & Assistance Program (EN) 9 am-12 noon by appt. *Preschool Storytime (EN) 10 am & 11 am Novel Ideas (N) 1 pm Young Adult Book Reviewers (N) 4 pm Knitters' Circle (N) 7 pm	*Mother Goose (N) 10 am Resume Writing Workshop Session In (N) by appt. Saturday Movie Matinee: Frog Goes to Dinner; Stuart Little (EN) 2:30 pm 64 min.
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Note: Italic type indicates Children's Programs. N = Northport Library EN = East Northport Library Enrollment in our programs is limited, with preference given to district residents.

The Northport-East Northport Public Library encourages all residents to participate in programs and activities. Please let us know in advance if you require any special accommodations because of a disability.

*Pre-registration or tickets required for this program. Occupancy of our meeting room is limited.

WITH A GOOD BOOK



Who Are You?

 You are one of the 37,605 people living in the Northport-East Northport Community:

2,699 of you are under age 5 (7%)

4,447 of you are between ages 5 and 17 (12%)

26,322 of you are between ages 18 and 64 (70%)

4,137 of you are age 65+ (11%)

- You reside in one of the 13,396 households in the community.
- Your average median household income in 1989 was \$66,777.80.
- You are educational achievers.

6,746 of you are high school graduates or have equivalency diplomas

5,462 of you have earned your bachelor's degree 4,150 of you have graduate or professional degrees

You work near and far:

13,590 work in Suffolk County

7,083 are employed outside the county

187 leave the state

2,484 work at home

How you get to work:

17,902 take a car 1,638 take the railroad

24 take a taxi

118 take a bus 29 take a bicycle 9 take a motorcycle 9 take a ferryboat

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Economics and Statistics Administration, Bureau of the Census. 1990 Census of Population and Housing, available in the library via CD-NET.

373 walk

You Are Library Users!

30,469 of you have library cards.

82% of the district residents have library cards

- 8,651 of you visited the library each week.
- You borrowed 543,371 items last year:

399,620 from Northport

143,751 from East Northport

You asked 58,560 reference questions last year:

46,213 in Northport

12,347 in East Northport

 18,282 of you attended library sponsored activities including concerts, lectures, craft programs, and bus trips.

21,910 of you attended programs for children and parents

1,806 of you attended programs for young adults

From 1992 annual statistics.

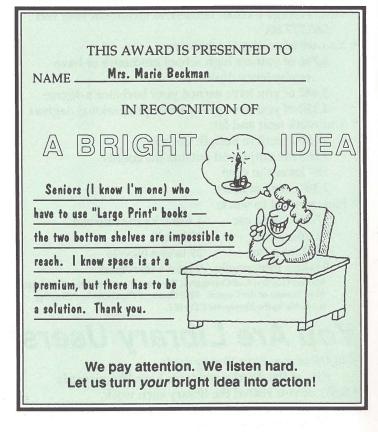
*Library Visitors Tend to be Confident, Optimistic and Involved in Their Communities.

*Life Style Profile of the Library User from the American Library Association.

In Our Bright Idea Box

Asking for your "bright ideas" is not a new idea. In fact, we've been reading your bright ideas since mid-1990 and have kept all of them on file. While not all have immediate solutions, many of them have prompted improvements. For example, we now have thirst-quenching water coolers in both buildings, umbrella stands to hold your rainy-day apparatus, and a separate "Bygone Bestsellers" section. We've also done some creative space stretching to accommodate bulging fiction shelves by installing shelving under the mezzanine steps in Northport. Each month THE LIBRARY will feature one of your ideas.

What's on your mind is important to us. We look forward to hearing from you **In Our Bright Idea Box.** Thank you.



Yes, space is at a premium! However, when Mrs. Beckman and I spoke, we both agreed that because there's no storage for books it is better to continue using the two bottom shelves than to shrink the large-type collection. If ever you have difficulty reaching materials please ask a librarian for assistance.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Stephanie Heineman

Library Director

— For Children —



CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION

Grades 3-5

Calling all poets, short story writers, essayists, and picture book creators in grades 3-5. Enter the 1994 WRITE NOW! Creative Writing Competition. Winning writings will be published in the Sixth Annual WRITE NOW! Booklet. First place winners will have their entries read aloud at a reception and will receive a gift certificate to a local bookstore. Winning picture books will be read aloud at a reception and will be on display at both libraries. Pick up an entry form at either library or ask your teacher! Additional information is available in the Children's Room.

BOOK MATES

Registration began Saturday, December 18. (N) Tuesdays, January 4, 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8, 4:00 p.m.

Register your child for this unique program in which specially-trained middle school students read aloud to small groups of children in grades K-2.

SATURDAY MOVIE MATINEE

Gr. K-6

(EN) Saturday, January 15, 2:30 p.m. Frog Goes to Dinner; Stuart Little. 64 min.

Sunday Family Special ...

THE SORCERER Sunday, January 9, 2:00 p.m. See "For Adults" on page one for details.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON STORYTIME

(Ages $3^{1}/2-7$)

(N) Saturdays, January 8, 22, 1:30-2:00 p.m.

Join us for some storytime fun as your children's librarians share their favorite stories with you. No registration required.

STORY PARADE Gr. K-4

Registration began Saturday, December 18 Northport

Wednesdays, January 5, 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 4:00 p.m. **East Northport**

Thursdays, January 6, 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 4:00 p.m.



Preschoolers' Door to Learning

Don't forget . . . the following pre-registered programs begin this month:

MOTHER GOOSE for children 18-24 months (N) Saturday, January 8.

TODDLER TIME for children 2¹/2-3¹/2 years Northport

Tuesday, January 11 & Wednesday, January 12 East Northport

Monday, January 3 & Wednesday, January 12

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME for 31/2-5 years

Northport

Monday, January 3 & Thursday, January 6 East Northport

Tuesday, January 4 & Friday, January 7

— For Young Adults —



CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION RECEPTION

Grades 6-8

Thursday, January 27, 7:00 p.m.

The library will honor the winners, and recognize all participants, in the Sixth Annual Young Adult Creative Writing Competition at an awards presentation and reception. The 1994 competition "Yesterday's Tomorrows," recognizes the centennial of the Incorporation of the Village of Northport and asked entrants to reflect on one-hundred years ago or one-hundred years to come. The evening's program will include readings of the winning entries by Northport High School drama students.

Join us, as we celebrate and enjoy the creativity of these young writers.

STUDY SKILLS WORKSHOP Grades 6-9

Tuesdays, February 1 & February 8, 4:30 p.m.

Reports! Tests! Homework! Feeling overwhelmed? If you're trying to figure out how to get it all done, or even where to begin, we have help for you. Come to the Study Skills Workshop and get organized. The two sessions will cover setting goals, studying, note-taking, and time management. You will receive a study skills handbook, *School Tool*, to keep you on-track.

Enrollment is limited, and attendance at both sessions is required. A \$4.00 materials fee is payable at registration which begins at both library buildings on Jan. 11.



Upcoming ... S.A.T. PREPARATION

An 8-part series, March 10 through May 5, 7:00-10:00 p.m. (except March 31), to help you prepare for the *new* S.A.T. Limited registration begins Thursday, February 10, at the Northport Library building. Fee: \$75.00. Look for details in next month's newsletter.



Shape Tomorrow Together Join Friends For Our Future

The Library's future expansion is yours and it is in your hands. More than 75 Friends For Our Future have signed on to work with us toward our common goal. Pick up and fill out your application to join the Friends For Our Future at either library building.

Our Friends will be meeting together on Tuesday, January 18, at 7:30 p.m., in the Northport Public Library Community Room.

"A Progress Report . . ." continued from front page

Taking this new direction, we have asked the library director, Mrs. Stephanie Heineman, to secure for consideration preliminary information and cost estimates for the following options:

- a program of capital improvements, i.e., all necessary repairs, including modifications for the disabled at both the Northport and East Northport buildings.
- 2. a renovation and expansion of the East Northport building, including parking.

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the construction of an East Northport Branch Library on the Pulaski Road property given to the Library by the Gildersleeve family.

In brief, the Library Board is now exploring a number of possibilities. The only decision that has been made is the decision to recommend, after considerable public discussion, a proposal for our buildings which will insure good library services now and in the future at a reasonable cost to all of us.

We invite you to these Board discussions which will continue to take place at public meetings at the Library. We also encourage you to stay informed by reading your monthly library newsletter. The Board's next progress report to the community will summarize the analysis of potential expansion options. Finally, we remind you that no decision can be made without approval by you, the taxpayers of the community.

Thank you for your continued interest and support of the Library. Please let us hear your comments.

Very truly yours,

Library Board of Trustees

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