



Winter 2016

Brownell Library News



Dear Friends,

We have transitioned from a glorious fall to preparing for winter. It's a time to hunker down and prepare for the winter hibernation, surrounding ourselves with the warmth of our homes, families, and friends. Our Wednesday night book group recently read *Being Mortal* by surgeon and author Atul Gawande, and it generated a very interesting and lively discussion. This is a thought-provoking book for all ages to read, and hopefully will promote many discussions on what is most important to each of us. There are no right or wrong answers, and it is a discussion we all should have. This very well written and enlightening book reveals how medicine and society struggle with living well through our final stages of life. Our group enthusiastically recommended this book, and we thought we would bring it to your attention. Winter, by its very nature, encourages a more intimate family interaction. While enjoying a cup of hot cocoa or a glass of wine, we hope you will include this book in your family discussions. We wish you health, a safe and warm winter, and look forward to seeing you at the library.

Sincerely,

Dee Holliday & Roberta Shaw

Co-Presidents of the Friends of the Brownell Library

Annual Meeting Notes

This year the Friends welcomed Sam Coale, a Professor of English at Wheaton College and the book critic for *The Providence Journal*, to the annual meeting. Mr. Coale also writes theater film, and book reviews for the *East Side Monthly*. He is widely traveled, including lecture tours in Japan, Jordan, and Lebanon, as well as being a prolific author including four books on Nathaniel Hawthorne. He spoke about the "Mysteries of Literature: An Insider's Journey of Discovery."

Board elections were held and Pat Dillon was elected vice-president.

Kiekhofe-Dickey Endowment Fund

With deep gratitude we are pleased to announce the establishment of an endowment fund for the library by John and Emilie (Kiekhofe) Dickey. John and Emilie, their children, and now grandchildren are all avid library users and appreciate the availability and resources at the library. They have generously started this endowment to help with expenses, and they support the many programs of the library.

Wilbur-McMahon Brick Fundraising Campaign

The Friends are supporting the school in its efforts to create an ecological oasis in the school courtyard where students have an outdoor classroom. Look for our brick which is inscribed "Read, read, read" a quote from William Faulkner.



Summer 2015 Book Sale

It was another successful year for our annual book sale. We would like to thank everyone who donated the materials for the sale, our wonderful volunteers who worked diligently to ensure everything went smoothly, and to everyone who came out and bought books to enjoy. Thanks to all of you we are able to help support many of the library programs you enjoy.

Adult Programs



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The Atwater Collection of Regional Indian Artifacts **Date and time TBA Jan/Feb 2016**

Come hear long-time Little Compton resident Nate Atwater speak about his marvelous collection of Native American artifacts. Mr. Atwater has been collecting for over 70 years and has a sizable collection of local artifacts; small quartz projectiles, cutting tools, and pendants, in addition to fishing gear gathered from our small corner of the world.

Celebrating Ireland in Story & Song **Tuesday, March 8 at 6 PM**

Musicians and storytellers Phil Edmonds, Kevin Fallon, and Mary King will keep the Celtic soul alive with this Irish program that embraces and celebrates Irish history and culture through story and song.

Discovering New England Stone Walls **Wednesday, March 16 at 6 PM**

Kevin Gardner, a stone wall builder for over 40 years, will touch on some of the topics in his book *The Granite Kiss*. He will speak about the history, technique, stylistic development, and aesthetics of stone walls as well as explaining their significance to the New England landscape. There will be a generous question-and-answer period when you are encouraged to bring up specific problems or projects on your own property.

Lizzie Borden on Trial: Murder, Ethnicity, and Gender **Wednesday, April 6 at 6 PM**

Author Joseph A. Conforti, distinguished Professor of American and New England Studies Emeritus will give a talk on his new book. "As Mr. Conforti himself a native of Fall River, the site of the infamous murders – introduces us to Lizzie, and her father and step-mother. He shows us why who they were matters almost as much to the trial's outcome as the actual events of August 4, 1892."

A Walk at Simmons Mill Pond **Saturday, May 7 at 10 AM**

Join volunteers Roger and Gail Greene on a walk through Simmons Mill Pond Area where they will speak on the history, geological features, wildlife, and plants of this special place.

Adult Coloring

A new trend for stress reduction is sweeping the country. Come in and enjoy supplies and coloring books for adults.

Movie Nights **Down Memory Lane**

Join us for a series of lighthearted comedies to brighten the winter evenings.

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Fawly Towers

Tuesday, January 26 at 5:30 PM

The Pink Panther (the original version)

Tuesday, February 23 at 5:30 PM

Carol's Favorites: The Best of Carol Burnett

Tuesday, March 22 at 5:30 PM

The Belle of Amherst

Coming this Spring at the Community Center **Date and Time TBA**

The Brownell Library in conjunction with the Little Compton Community Center is proud to present *The Belle of Amherst* with Linda Monchik portraying Emily Dickinson. This performance weaves the poems, diaries, and letters of one of America's most prolific poets to illuminate the life of this brilliant wordsmith.

Book Clubs

2nd Wednesday of the month from
September to June at 6 PM

January selection will be the movie, *Fawly Towers*, shown on Tuesday, January 26 at 5:30 PM.

1st Friday of the month from
September to June at 10:30 AM

January book selection: *In The Heart of the Sea*
by Nathaniel Philbrick

Adult Knitting

Every Monday from 1:00 to 2:30 PM
Everyone is welcome.

Please note that there are beautiful hand-knits available for sale in the library. All are made with donated yarn and proceeds are used to benefit library programs.

Board Notes

Please welcome new Board member Bob Murphy. Bob and his wife, Jeanne, have recently moved to Little Compton and consider the library as the hub in our town for community and conversation. Recently retired, Bob is looking forward to serving the community through the Friends of the Library Board.

We also give thanks and bid farewell to Richard Rogers who has retired from the Board after many years of service.

Young Adult Programs

Young Adult Knitting

Dates and time TBA. Please call the library for more information.

Reading Across Rhode Island

Reading Across Rhode Island, the only One Book, One State community read program, kicks off its 14th year by inviting everyone to join in the reading of *The Wright Brothers* by David McCullough. Reading Across Rhode Island is a project of the Rhode Island Center for the Book made possible through a vibrant collaboration of librarians, teachers, book group leaders and readers from across the state.



American Girl, Saige is Back

Saige is back for the winter. Saige comes with a variety of clothes and accessories. She is available to be checked out. Please contact the library for details.

Joe Theroux, Storyteller and Writer

Saturday, February 20 at 11 AM

Bring your young ones and enjoy RI native Joe Theroux give his character-driven performance of tales from folklore, personal experiences, and imagination.

Drop-In Story Time and Crafts

Late Winter Session

Mondays & Tuesdays: January 25 – March 15

Spring Session

Mondays & Tuesdays: March 28 – May 17

Baby and toddler story time (ages 0-2) Mondays at 11 AM

Preschool story time and crafts (ages 3-5)

Tuesdays at 11 AM

Donate Online

We would like to thank all of our generous members who enable the library to enlarge its collection and support the many programs the library offers. Please note that you can donate online with Paypal. Go to www.brownell-libraryri.org, and click on the membership link.

Amnesty Month

March is amnesty month at the library. Bring in non-perishable food items or toiletries to benefit the Little Compton Food Bank and we will waive any outstanding fines.



We were saddened this year at the loss of Joann Ryan. Joann was the librarian for 15 years and director for 4 years. Many of you will remember her warm, friendly, inviting demeanor as she welcomed you to our library. An avid gardener, painter, and crafter, she also loved history, mysteries, and read voraciously. We are fortunate that her charm and skills live on in her daughter, our current director Beth Ryan. There is now a memorial chair in the front room in her honor. Please come in, take a seat, and remember this wonderful woman.



2015 Membership Application

- Page Turner \$15
- Short Story \$25
- Novel \$50
- Best Seller \$100
- Classic \$250
- Epic \$500
- Other _____
- My Company will match my membership or gift. **Please enclose matching form.**

Please make checks payable to: *Friends of the Brownell Library*

Mail to: P.O. Box 523, Little Compton, RI 02837

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Special seasonal mailing instructions and dates _____

The Friends depend on volunteers. May we call on you when help is needed? Yes

Your tax deductible memberships and donations help support special programs for the Brownell Library.

Services



Museum Passes

Books On Wheels

The library will come to you. Eligible patrons who cannot get to the library due to illness, injury, or handicap can have materials picked up and delivered by volunteers. Call the library to sign up for this free service.

Book Donations

Please think of us as you downsize your collections of books, music, or movies. We gratefully accept donations in good condition. Donations may be dropped off at the library or you can call us to arrange a pick-up. Please no textbooks, medical books, dictionaries, encyclopedias, VHS tapes, or magazines. Give us a call for more information.

Ancestry.com

Are you curious about genealogy? The library now has a subscription to ancestry.com. Come in to the library and start your search. Please note that this service is only accessible at the library.

Tech Support

Emily Goodman, our Technical Services Librarian, will be here all day on Fridays. So drop in anytime to get answers to all your tech questions.

Talking Books Plus

This free service for anyone in RI who is unable to read standard print material includes access to over 125,000 titles, over 100 magazines, over 100 descriptive DVDs, Braille books and, if needed, digital players, headphones, and cassette players. Please contact the library for more information.

Brownell Library Staff

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Brownell Library has passes to many popular museums and attractions. *Please call to reserve passes for specific dates.*

Audubon Society Environmental Education Center

Free for 2 adults, 4 children under 18

Blithewold Mansion, Gardens, & Arboretum

Admission for up to 6 people at \$3 for adults, 17 & under free. Valid April thru October

Biomes Marine Biology Center

\$2 off per person

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

Admits up to 4 at \$5 per person

Museum of Fine Arts

General admission for 2 people at \$10 each

Mystic Aquarium

Admission for up to 4 people at \$5 per person

Mystic Seaport

50% off regular admission for 2 adults and 3 children

New Bedford Whaling Museum

50% off regular admission for up to 4 people

Newport Art Museum and Art Association

General admission for 1 adult, children are free

Plimoth Plantation

\$12 each for 2 adults, \$8 each for 2 children over 5

Providence Children's Museum

50% off admission for up to 4 people

Rhode Island School of Design Museum

Free for 2 adults and children under 18

Roger Williams Park Zoo

Admission fee discounted \$3 for up to 4 people

The Rhode Island Historical Society

Our membership includes passes for 4 people to the John Brown House Museum, The Museum of Work and Culture, and the RIHS research library along with discounted tickets to summer walking tours in Providence.

Library Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday 10 - 5
Wednesday 12 - 7 November through April
1 - 8 May through October
Saturday 10 - 4 September through June
9 - 2 July and August

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