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DATES!**

CELEBRATE
NATIONAL
POETRY
MONTH



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@ 10:30AM
& POETRY
READING
APRIL 10TH
@ 6:30PM

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Gale Forecast

MARCH 2017

The Gloucester Hornpipe & Clog Society

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day!



The Gloucester Hornpipe and Clog Society will be performing at the Library on **Saturday, March 18 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**, as part of our new Music Series sponsored by the Friends of the Northborough Library. The concert is free and open to the public in celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

This popular Irish band has delighted audiences since 1971 with a lively mix of Celtic jigs and reels, American Colonial-era tunes, sing-along sea chanteys, and original songs of colorful people and places from New England's rich history. From ragtime to oldtime, the band's rollicking, friendly style is fun for all ages. The Society sings of *Old Ironsides*, a Boston Harbor ghost, the Massachusetts State Schooner *Ernestina*, the Massachusetts State Heroine *Deborah Samson*, and the *Great Sea-Serpent of Cape Ann*.

The six-person band layers vibrant vocals and hearty harmonies with 16 different instruments, including fiddle, flute, banjo, tin whistle, accordion, mountain dulcimer, and guitar. The band has shared its love of traditional Irish and Scottish music in hundreds of concerts over the years. The group's Celtic concerts inspire instant participation from jigs and reels or slow airs to choruses, ballads, and *puirt a bheul* (mouth music). Children of all ages are inspired, and welcomed, to dance in the aisles! Copies of the band's CD, "Liberty!" will be for sale. Join us! *Christopher Lindquist, Library Director*

Volunteer Spotlight

"The Ladies"

Marge Auger & Barbara Stanton

Marge and Barbara have been coming in once a week for the past twelve years as 'shelving elves' in the Children's Room, but they have been best friends since the 1950s when they met as teammates at Sawyer's Bowladrome. They still bowl together, and now they have a lot of fun in the Children's Room making sure the shelves are in order and bringing laughter to all those around them with their side-splitting sense of humor!



Thank you, Marge and Barbara for all you do!





*Check out the
Algonquin High
School Student
Art Exhibit in the
meeting room
gallery during the
month of March!*



TEEN/TWEEN PROGRAMS



Minecraft Club. Monday, March 6th, 6-8 pm. Teens in grades 6-12 welcome. Registration required. Location: Computer Lab.

Super Smash Bros. Tournament. Wednesday, March 8th, 6-8 pm. Teens in grades 6-12 welcome. Registration required. Snacks will be served. Location: Meeting Room.

Food Wars. Monday, March 13th, 7-8 p.m. This month we are decorating cupcakes. This program is for Teens in grades 6-12. Registration required. Location: Meeting Room.

Manga & Graphic Novel Club. Wednesday, March 15th, 7-8 pm. Reading *Mighty Jack* by Ben Hatke. Teens in grades 6-10 welcome. Registration required. Location: Teen Room.

Teen Advisory Group (TAG). Wednesday, March 22nd, 7-8 pm. Teens in grades 6-12 welcome. No registration required. Location: Teen Room.

Minecraft Club. Wednesday, March 29th, 4:30-6:30 pm. Teens in grades 6-12 welcome. Registration is required. We will be meeting in the Computer Lab.

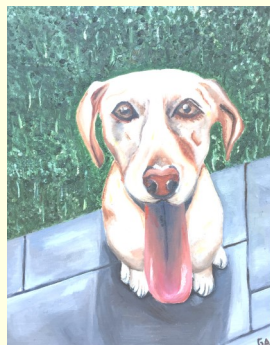
Need more information? Check with Bonny Krantz in the Teen Room, call 508 393-5025 ext. 7 or email bkrantz@cwmar.org.

Bonny Krantz
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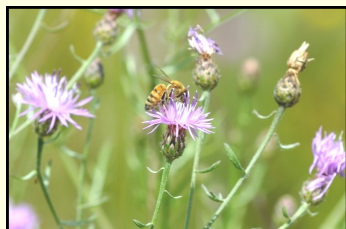
Student Art Month

Library Hosts Exhibit of Algonquin Regional High School Students During March

Art students under the direction of Art Teacher George Hancin at Algonquin Regional High School are exhibiting their artwork at the Library during normal operating hours from March 2 —April 1. An opening reception is being held on Monday, March 6th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm in the main meeting room. All are welcome to attend.



Spring Programs



ADULT PROGRAMS

Beekeeping in Northborough

March 14 @ 6:30pm

Location: Library Meeting Room

Did you know that Northborough is a great place to keep honeybees? We have over 20 beekeepers in town! Beekeeping is about more than just honey (although we do get plenty). Bees are important pollinators, and our locally-raised bees are helping to promote genetic diversity among honeybee populations. Come get an overview of this fun hobby with Northborough beekeeper and Worcester County Beekeeper's Association Vice President Kathy deGraaf. Learn about what we do and see if it might be for you! Bring all your questions!

March 21—April 4 @ 7:00pm Navigating a Hearing Loss (3-part series)

Join Dr. Beth Wilson for this 3-part series on "Navigating a Hearing Loss." This introductory series provides basic information and strategies. If you have a hearing loss or know someone who does, this series can help make hearing loss less mysterious and provide some info. on how to make hearing loss easier to deal with.

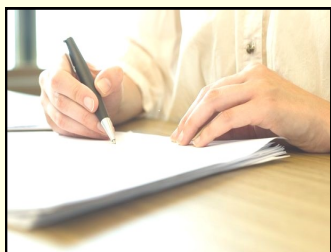
Part I: The Basics - March 21 @ 7:00pm Basic information on hearing loss. This session will cover some facts and myths about hearing loss and explain the difference between frequency and loudness.

Part II: Technology Strategies - March 28 @ 7:00pm Basic information on hearing technology. This session will provide an introduction to hearing aids and assistive devices.

Part III: Communication Strategies - April 4 @ 7:00pm Basic info. on communication strategies: this session will provide techniques for making it easier to listen & communicate with family, friends, and co-workers.

Celebrate National Poetry Month!

April 5 @ 10:30am



Poetry Writing Workshop with Poet Jennifer Freed Objects Can Tell Stories

Location: Library Conference Room

Local author Jennifer Freed demonstrates how poetic techniques lend a voice to your ideas and experiences through poems that use personal objects as starting points. Participants then apply these techniques in writing their own story in poetry or prose. No special knowledge or experience is necessary—all who enjoy reading and writing are welcome to attend. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Northborough Library. Registration begins March 6th.

April 10 @ 6:30pm



Local Poets Poetry Reading

Location: Internet Café (second floor of the Library)

Celebrate National Poetry Month as members of the Central Mass. poetry community present a reading of their poems. Featured poets include Susan Elizabeth Sweeny, Susan Roney-O'Brien, Dan Lewis, Eve Rifkah, Jennifer Freed, R. Joyce Heon, and Patricia Youngblood. Readings will be followed by a Q&A session, mingling and a book signing session, and an opportunity to mingle and purchase signed books.

Use Your Library Card!

5 Ways You Can Use Your Northborough Free Library Card Without Coming into the Library

Did you know that your Northborough Library card can open the door to many of our services even when the library is closed? With your library card and access to the internet, you can go to the library anytime at www.northboroughlibrary.org and find many online opportunities. Here are just five examples of how you can use your Northborough Free Library card without coming into the library.

Learn a new language. Take advantage of free access to Rosetta Stone Library Solution and immerse yourself in a new language. This powerful language learning tool offers 30 languages and 5 levels of instruction. Through focused activities and core lessons you will build reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. Start at the Library homepage and select the Database option from the Research and Learning tab on the blue navigation bar. Then scroll down this page to find the link to Rosetta Stone.

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