



Greetings From the Director - Sharon St. Hilaire

Seekonk Public Library's FY10 Annual Report

The use of library services continues to grow in Seekonk. Our customers borrowed 290,785 items and we registered 858 new customers. The amount collected in fines and fees that turned over to the town's General Fund was \$28,994.34. Fines remain at fifteen cents a day. Out of State borrowers are charged \$55.00 per year for use of the services of the Seekonk Public Library. The library contains 100,395 items, of which 77,621 are books.

The building is now over 30 years old and much has changed since the building was designed. The library has requested upgrades in all of the bathrooms and staining the siding on the building as part of the town's Capital Improvements Plan. The plan also requests a self checkout system for customers, new carpeting to replace the original carpet and an expansion of the entire library in the future. A trial for a self checkout system was run for two weeks in August and approximately 20% of the total circulation during that period was performed on the self checkout system. A survey was run simultaneously with the majority of responses being in favor of initiating a self checkout.

The Youth Services Department offered 171 children's programs, which were attended by 5,871 children and their families. The 12% increase in programming during FY10 resulted in an increase percentage of 47% in attendance. This summer, 302 children, teens and their families registered for the 2010 summer reading program. Our online summer reading software program, which was eagerly embraced by our customers over the last three years, is still very popular. The Youth Services Department has discovered that, in these continuing hard economic times, families are flocking to our library to attend story times and special events.

The number of questions answered by the Adult Services and Customer Services departments was 7,267 in FY10. The library's website had 77,219 hits on its homepage. There were 94 adult programs held at the library with 1,060 people in attendance.

The library offered computer instruction classes to 210 adults. Aside from basic computer classes the Adult Services Department taught Internet skills, Microsoft Office programs, blogging, online applications for employment, finding information on the library databases, and downloading audio and ebooks from the library's network. Classes teaching Microsoft Office 2007 were introduced in June.

Computer use remains high in the library. On average, 262 patrons log in to use the computers per week.

The Seekonk Library Trust continues to work to grow the library endowment. The Trust raised \$21,588.00 for the year beginning July 1, 2009 ending June 30, 2010.

As of June 30, 2010 the remaining balance of the Smart Memorial Trust was \$36,879.37

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Durkay, Chairman
Seekonk Board of Library Trustees

World Book Encyclopedia Available 24/7

The *World Book Online* is available to you 24/7 on the library's website. Your Seekonk Public Library card number unlocks a world of knowledge and discovery for all ages with World Book's numerous age appropriate editions of the classic print edition.

Children ages 5 - 9 will enjoy *World Book Online for Kids*. The easy browsing technique used for this edition takes children to the topic they need and also lets them have fun exploring. The easy to read entries include pictures, videos, educational games, and read aloud text.

Elementary and Middle School students can use *World Book Online Infofinder* All articles are from the *World Book Encyclopedia* print edition. Up-to-date with current news links, entries include text, videos, pictures, read aloud text, and links to quality websites.

High School students will find a great resource in *World Book Online Reference Center*. Access to the entire *World Book Encyclopedia* print edition is only the beginning. At this grade level students are looking for primary sources to include in their reports. *World Book Online* has it. Pathfinders on various topics lead students to many other resources. Research tools help students find and document their sources of information. Pictures, videos, links to reviewed websites, and so much more are always available.

Those who may struggle with reading have a great resource in *World Book Online Discover*. Created for older students, the entries are written at a lower reading level. All of the pictures, videos, and website links are here to lead users to quality information.

Go to our website and find *World Book* in the *Research Tools* section or scroll to the bottom of the homepage for the link. Type your library card number and enter an amazing world of learning. For more information contact the library and we will be happy to help.

Town Meeting Informational Program

In order to take a more active role in town government, a program has been created to help voters understand the warrant articles that will be presented at the next town meeting on November 29. The taped program, to be aired on Cable 9, will be shown at the library for those who do not have cable. This is a wonderful opportunity for Seekonk residents to learn more about town government and to discuss the issues with fellow citizens.

Library showings of the program will take place:

Tuesday, November 16 at 6:30pm

Friday, November 19 at 10:30am

BYKI Foreign Language Online Training Tours

As mentioned in previous newsletters the library now subscribes to the BYKI Online Foreign Language service. The publisher, Recorded Books, will be hosting monthly online tours of Byki. These tours consist of a comprehensive overview designed so that you can get the most out of the Byki Online user experience.

Topics covered in this short 45 minute program will include:

- Creating user accounts at the library
- Selecting Lists and Using Byki Cards
- Managing and Refreshing Learned Items
- Using Learning Activities
- Using Pronunciation Analysis
- Using Blogs, Twitter, FaceBook and Word of the Day features
- Best practices for language learning

These webinars are open to everyone, whether you are currently using Byki Online or would just like to know a little more about it.

Click on the link below to register for this month's webinar or select from one of the future training dates below.

Register for a session now by clicking a date below:

Wed, Nov 17, 2010 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM EST

Wed, Dec 15, 2010 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM EST

Wed, Jan 12, 2011 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM EST

Wed, Feb 23, 2011 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM EST

Once registered you will receive an email confirming your registration with information you need to join the Webinar.

System Requirements

PC-based attendees

Required: Windows® 7, Vista, XP or 2003 Server

Macintosh®-based attendees

Required: Mac OS® X 10.4.11 (Tiger®) or newer

Optimal Resume Online Training and Webinars

Optimal Resume, the new online resume builder for Seekonk patrons, offers training in both live and recorded sessions.

You can use this website to:

- **Create** high-impact, interactive career materials based on your career goals
- **Present** your materials online — with our easy-to-use website builder — and in print, as you can download your materials in a number of formats
- **Manage** an unlimited number of career documents from one central location
- **Share** your credentials with your network on your own professional website and across social networking sites

On November 18 at 1:30pm the library will hold a class showing you how to use this tool to create a resume. Register now through our [Calendar of Events](#) or call the Adult Services Department at 508-336-8230, ext. 130.

To sign up for a November online training webinar go to www.seekonkpl.org and scroll to the bottom of the homepage. Click on *Optimal Resume*. To the right of the site's homepage click on *Optimal Webinars* to register for a live webinar or access a recorded training session.

Shane Wood Jazz Trio to Perform

The music continues at the Seekonk Public Library on Wednesday, November 17 at 6:30pm with a performance by the Shane Wood Jazz Trio.

Enjoy a night of great jazz music and vocals. Massachusetts based, the Shane Wood Jazz Trio is a dynamic, talented band that has been playing jazz for over 20 years.

The program is free and open to the public with funding provided by the Seekonk Cultural Council, a local agency

which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Low Impact Development

Anne Kitchell, Senior Environmental Planner for Horsley Witten Group, will give a presentation on Low Impact Development, an approach to land use that first identifies critical natural resource areas for preservation, then encourages development that maintains natural drainage flow paths, minimizes land clearance, clusters buildings, and reduces impervious surfaces in order to lower storm water run-off that pollutes our waterways and diminishes groundwater recharge.

This program is sponsored by Sustainable Seekonk in collaboration with American Friends Service Committee, Apeiron Institute for Sustainable Living, Newman YMCA, Mass Energy/RI People's Power & Light, Seekonk Community Garden, Seekonk Congregational Church Mission and Social Action Committee, Seekonk Conservation Commission, Seekonk Human Services, Seekonk Planning Board, Seekonk Public Library, Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District, UMass-Dartmouth Sustainability Center

For more information contact, 508- 336-3594.

Turkey Tales Storytimes

Toddlers and Preschoolers are sure to enjoy seasonal stories that include a special craft and snack! We have two sessions to pick from.

Toddlers - Tuesday, November 16 at 10:30am

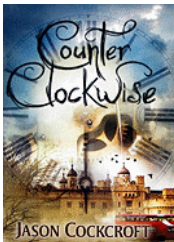
Preschoolers - Wednesday, November 17 at 1:30pm

Call the Youth Services Department at 508-336-8230, ext. 140 or register online: [Toddlers](#) [Preschoolers](#)

Family Night - Creature Teachers

This month's special library program on Monday, November 22 at 6:30pm includes a reading of *If I Ran the Rainforest*. Live animals represented in the book will "bring the story to life" and help elaborate on the rainforest facts!

Free and open to the public. Funded by the Friends of the Seekonk Public Library.



Counter Clockwise

By [Cockcroft, Jason](#)

2009-02 - HarperCollins

9780061255540 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Parent/Child Book Club

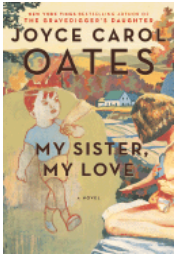


Looking to spend some fun time together? Join the Parent-Child Book Club! The next meeting is on Monday, October 18 at 6:30pm. Reading together is a special experience for parents and children. The group will be discussing *Mango Shaped Space* by Wendy Mass. Copies will be available in the Youth Services Department. New members are always welcome!

A year after his wife's death, Henry disappears through the bathroom wall. He's gone back in

time to prevent the accident that killed her. Henry's son Nathan must move counterclockwise to prevent Henry from saving his wife and irrevocably changing Nathan's future.

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My Sister, My Love: The Intimate Story of Skyler Rampike

By *Oates, Joyce Carol*

2008-07 - Ecco

9780061547485 [Check Our Catalog](#)

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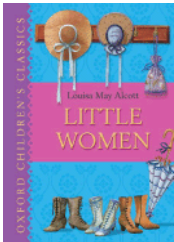
Monday Night Book Club

Monday, November 8 at 6:30pm

All are welcome.

New York Times bestselling author Oates is back with this dark, wry, captivating tale, inspired by an unsolved true-crime mystery.

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Little Women

By *Alcott, Louisa May*

Introduction by *Douglas, Ann*

1983-12 - Signet Classics

9780451523419 [Check Our Catalog](#)

The December 6 Monday Night Book Club will meet at 6:30pm to discuss *Little Women*.

Based on Louise May Alcott's childhood, this lively portrait of 19th-century family life possesses a lasting vitality that has endeared it to generations of readers.

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Staff Reviews



Dirty Joe, the Pirate: A True Story

By *Harley, Bill*

Illustrator *Davis, Jack E.*

2008-05 - HarperCollins

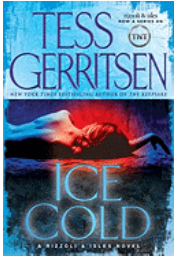
9780066237800 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Mary Ellen suggests -

I love pirates! I love rhyming picture books! I love Bill Harley (sorry, Deb)! And, if you haven't read it yet, YOU will just love Bill's book, *Dirty Joe the Pirate: A True Story* because it's adorable, cute and it's about underwear and socks! We've had several copies of this title on our shelves for a couple of years now, but it never fails to bring smiles and giggles from little kids and their parents at every reading. I've read this to groups of preschoolers and we all love the ending! Can't reveal too much about these pillaging pirates but, trust me, you will love it, too!

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Ice Cold

By *Gerritsen, Tess*

2010-06 - Ballantine Books

9780345515483 [Check Our Catalog](#)

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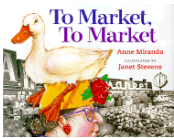
Carol suggests -

Ice Cold features Detective Jane Rizzoli and Medical Examiner Maura Isles. Maura and a group of friends decide to go on a ski trip when they become stranded in a village in Wyoming called Kingdom Come with their SUV broken down they try to find shelter from a blizzard. The 12 homes in the village are all empty and there are no people to be seen. This leads everyone to believe that something dreadful happened here. When Jane does not hear from Maura she calls the local authorities and discovers that Maura has been killed in an auto accident. The first half of the book Maura and her friends try to stay alive. The second part Jane searches for the truth about what happened to her friend.

This book is full of suspense and was really hard to put down.

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To Market, to Market

By *Miranda, Anne*

Illustrator *Stevens, Janet*

1997-09 - Harcourt Children's Books

9780152000356 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Anne suggests -

Imagine going to the market to buy a pig, duck, cow and so many more animals that turn a household into a disaster area. The hilarious illustrations and the chaos that escalates each time the poor woman goes to the market will keep you in stitches. Little ones love the silliness of the situations and will want to get to the next page quickly to see what happens. I love to offer *To Market To Market* to parents looking for picture books because it is so much fun! This is one book that will entertain both you and your child.

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A Thousand Suns - Linkin Park

Pauline suggests -

Linkin Park's newest CD has 15 alternative rock songs with intense and brash fierce beats which I love to rock to!

Got a Question? Text it to the Library

Text a Librarian allows you to text a question to Adult Services. Start by texting the word "seekref" to number 66746. You will receive an introductory message. Add us to your contacts using 66746 as the phone number and "seekref" as the contact name. Usage charges may apply depending on your carrier.

Now It's Easier to Register for Programs

The library is taking registrations for Storytime, Computer classes, and other registration required programs online through our Calendar of Events link on the homepage of www.seekonkpl.org.

Just click on [Calendar of Events](#) and find the date of the program you are interested in. Click the REGISTER button and enter your entire library barcode. A form will appear for you to fill out. Click SEND and your registration is sent to us. It's that easy! We will continue to take your registration in person or by phone if you prefer.

Program Highlights

Adult Services - Upcoming Programs

Origami for Adults

Tuesday, November 2 and November 9 from 6:30 - 7:30pm

Low Impact Development

Thursday, November 4 at 6:30pm

Japanese Floral Arranging

Class 1 Wednesday, November 3 from 6 - 7:30pm

Class 2 Wednesday, November 10 from 6 - 7:30pm

Contemporary Novels Book Discussion

Monday, November 8 from 6:30 - 7:30pm

Town Meeting Informational Program

Tuesday, November 16 at 6:30pm

Friday, November 19 at 10:30am

Shane Wood Jazz Trio

Wednesday, November 17 from 6:30 - 7:30pm

Computer Classes

Library computer classes scheduled for November and December:

November 4 6 - 7:30pm Computer Basics I: Desktop & Mouse
November 10 1:30 - 3pm Internet III: Magazines and More
November 13 9:30 - 11am Computer Basics III: Files & Applications
November 15 6 - 7:30pm Email I: The Basics
November 18 1:30 - 3pm Optimal Resume I
November 20 9:30 - 11am Word III: Adding Images
November 30 6 - 7:30pm Excel I: Basics

December 1 6 - 7:30pm Word I: Basics
December 4 9:30 - 11am Computer Basics II: Keyboard and More
December 7 6 - 7:30pm Excel II: Formulas and Functions
December 8 1:30 - 3pm Internet IV: Downloading

Youth Services - Upcoming Programs

Library Lapsit

Mondays at 10:30am followed by optional playgroup.

November 1

Books, finger plays, simple rhymes and songs create a program that focuses on language-building play for children birth to 2½

Registration is required

Placement preference is given to Seekonk residents

Toddler Storytime

Tuesdays at 10:30am

November 2

Stories for children with a reading -related craft. Ages 2½ to 3½

Registration is required|

Placement preference is given to Seekonk residents

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays at 1:30pm

November 3

Thursdays at 10:30 am

November 4

Stories for children with a reading-related crafts. Ages 3½ to 5½

Registration is required

Placement preference is given to Seekonk residents

The Book Bunch

Wednesdays 3:45 pm

November 3

A program just for beginning readers. Enjoy hearing a popular Easy Reader then choose favorite books to borrow and take home. This storytime includes a craft too!

Grades K - 2

Registration is required

The Chapter One Club

Thursdays 3:45 pm

Will return for the winter.

Children listen to the first chapter of a book read by the Librarian and then check out copies of that same book (or others) and return the following week to record a voluntary video review (under 10 seconds), which will be on Seekonk Library's Youth Services Facebook page.

Grades 3 - 5

Turkey Tales for Toddlers

Tuesday, November 16 at 10:30am

Turkey Tales for Preschoolers

Wednesday, November 17 at 1:30pm

Family Night -

Creature Teachers

Monday, November 22 at 6:30 pm

Homebound Delivery

The library offers **home delivery** of all types of circulating materials to those Seekonk residents who are not able to leave their homes due to permanent or temporary physical limitations. The Adult Services librarians select materials based on the participant's needs and preferences. Volunteers deliver and return materials on a scheduled basis. If you are in need of this service or know someone who is please contact the Adult Services Department at 508-336-8230, ext. 130.

Volunteer Opportunities for Friends of the Library

The Friends are always looking for new volunteers for various tasks. To become a Friends of the Library volunteer, interested residents/patrons should stop by the Library to fill out a Volunteer application form. On the form, potential volunteers are asked to state hours of availability and interests. We now have 50 residents who have offered to volunteer.

Join the Friends!

The Friends of the Seekonk Public Library are an important component to the success of the library. Their fundraising efforts make it possible to bring you the programs all ages enjoy. This past year our membership has

grown by almost 30%. Become a member today. Call or stop by the library for a membership form.

Library Trust

The Seekonk Library Trust's annual New Century Fund Campaign is on. The Trust exists as a vehicle to accept gifts and bequests. Consider adding something in your will for the Seekonk Library Trust. [Click here for more information](#)

Follow Us on Facebook and Twitter!

The numbers grow with each passing month. It shows that more and more people are using Facebook as another way to keep up with everything going on at the library. It also allows our fans and followers to tell us how they feel about the library. Look for fun facts and info on new materials and happenings coming up. Friend us on Facebook by typing *Seekonk Public Library* in the Facebook Search box.

Check out our Seekonk Library Youth Services Facebook page! Talk about books you've read, learn fun facts, and find out what's going on in the Children's Room. Become a fan.

Follow us on Twitter for fresh and relevant information about the library. Find us on Twitter by typing *Seekonklibrary* (no spaces) in the Search box.

Library Statistics - September

Items Circulated: 25,387

Children's programs: 11 Attendance: 287

Adult programs: 12 Attendance: 168

Reference Questions: 919