From the Library Staff

Peter Fuller, Library Director

Strategic Planning

The library is in the process of updating its strategic plan. The plan will guide the development of the library’s programs and services for the next five years. It will establish general goals from which the library staff will develop annual action plans and budgets. A strategic planning committee will produce an initial draft of the plan which will be submitted to the Board of Library Trustees for adoption. The committee is comprised of fifteen Seekonk residents. The committee members were selected because of their community involvement, and special knowledge of the needs of some population groups. To the best of our ability, we have tried to recruit a committee that reflects the entire community.

Election Day Survey

As part of the strategic planning process, the library will be collecting information from the community. We wish to learn what you like or don’t like about the library and its services. We are particularly interested in surveying people who don’t use the library, so we have decided to conduct a survey of Seekonk voters on Election Day, Tuesday, November 6th at Seekonk High School. The survey is just one page and should only take a few minutes to complete. You don’t have to supply any identifying information and all of the data collected will be kept confidential. Everyone who fills out a survey will also be entered into a drawing to win either a $50 gift certificate from Stop & Shop or from Amazon. Having your input is critically important if the library is going to meet your needs in the future, so please take the time to help with our planning efforts while you are waiting to cast your vote.

Emergency Closings

I hope that everyone weathered the recent super-storm Sandy with a minimum of discomfort. Like many homes in Seekonk, the library was without electrical power for most of Monday and Tuesday, and we were unable to open. Several people came by on both days seeking a lighted refuge with internet...
access. I regret that we weren't able to oblige them during this emergency. I know that some of these people tried to call the library, but the library's telephone system shuts down automatically during extended power outages.

There are several other options to be aware of if the library is open or not. The library lists unscheduled closing with the Rhode Island Broadcasters Association. All of the major Rhode Island TV and radio outlets broadcast these closings, and all of the stations list them on their websites. The library generally doesn't post a message about closing on its own website because it is difficult to access it remotely. The library staff does post closing notices on the library's Facebook page. You can also sign-up for a Twitter account and receive tweets from the library, @SeekonkLibrary. This is usually the most up to date information available. More information from town government can be found on its Twitter site, @TownofSeekonkMA.

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**Featured Service**

**Legal Forms Library**

Seekonk Library cardholders can now enjoy access to hundreds of legal forms right from your computer!

Legal Forms database through GALE provides "attorney forms," officially approved forms actually used at a typical law firm and very different from those documents found in "form books" -- generic, do-it-yourself documents that may not have been drafted by an attorney. Completed sample forms are also included.

Go to the library's home page and look on the left side of the page for the link to Legal Forms. Enter your library barcode number and explore!

**Adult Events** - click links to register

Saturday, November 3, 10, and 17, 2012
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
**ZUMBA**
Instructor Sara Greene returns with a 4 week session of Zumba, beginning October 27. Space is limited, registration is required. CURRENTLY FULL.

Monday, November 5, 2012
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
**MONDAY NIGHT BOOK DISCUSSION**
The Dry Grass of August by Anna Jean Mayhew

Wednesday, November 7, 2012
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
**A DAY LATE AND A DOLLAR SHORT: RETIREMENT CATCH-UP FOR WOMEN**
Review the steps you can take to improve your retirement outlook. This program is presented by Cindy Hounsell of WISER. [Registration is required](#). This is a Dollars & Sense program.

Wednesday, November 14, 2012
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
**PERSONALIZE YOUR HOLIDAYS**
Kick start your creativity for the holidays! Paper craft materials and tools will be supplied. Participants should bring the following: small, sharp scissors and one roll of gift wrapping paper. Sponsored by the Friends of the Seekonk Library. Space is limited, [registration is required](#).

Tuesday, November 27, 2012
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
**SEEKONK THEN AND NOW**
Celebrate The Old Grist Mill Tavern and the Historic Jacob Hill Inn. Share your stories and learn more about these town landmarks. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Seekonk Library and is part of Seekonk Celebrates: Read! A Seekonk 200th Anniversary event. [Registration is required](#).

Wednesday, November 28, 2012
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
**USING CREDIT WISELY: CURVES AHEAD**
Learn how to successfully use credit as part of reaching your financial goals. Program is presented by Julie Bernick of Money Management International. [Registration is required](#). This is a Dollars & Sense program.

Thursday, November 29, 2012
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
**LATEST AND GREATEST MOVIE SERIES**
Britain’s leading fishing expert is approached to bring the sport of fly-fishing to the desert. Enjoy this upstream journey of faith and fish to prove the impossible, possible. Rated PG-13; 107 minutes. Licensing prevents us from printing the title; call the library for the title and other details.

**Youth Events** - click links to register
Monday, November 5, 2012
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
ELECTION STORYTIME!
This program is for All Ages and All Grades! Celebrate the November elections with silly stories about presidents, elections and voting. Children will also receive a ballot and cast THEIR vote for President! We'll make a craft and have a snack, too! Wear RED, WHITE and BLUE! REGISTRATION is required for this program.

Tuesday, November 13, 2012
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
TURKEY TALES for TODDLERS!
Seasonal stories that include a special craft and snack! This program requires REGISTRATION. Placement preference is given to Seekonk residents!

Tuesday, November 13, 2012
4:00 PM - 5:45 PM
FALL FLICKS @ 4!!!
NOTE: ANTICIPATED Release Date!! This film follows the heroic journey of Merida as she discovers the meaning of true bravery. This film is rated PG and the running time is 100 minutes. No registration is required. Sponsored by The Friends of Seekonk Public Library. FREE popcorn!!

Wednesday, November 14, 2012
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM
TURKEY TALES for Preschoolers!
This program offers seasonal stories that include a special craft and snack for preschoolers aged 3 years 6 months through 5 years 6 months. Placement preference is given to Seekonk residents. REGISTRATION is required.

Thursday, November 15, 2012
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
THURSDAY'S TURKEY TALES for Preschoolers!
This program features seasonal stories that include a special craft and snack for preschoolers aged 3 years 6 months to 5 years 6 months. Placement preference is given to Seekonk residents. REGISTRATION is required.

Monday, November 26, 2012
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
STAR WARS SYMPOSIUM!
All ages are welcomed to come and enjoy host Peter Struzziero as he displays his passion for Star Wars memorabilia and facts. Join the trivia contest, bring your own "Show and Tell" items or come dressed as a character for the costume contest! No registration is required. Sponsored by The Friends of Seekonk Public Library
Computer Classes - click links to register online

Computer Classes for November and December

**Basic Computers Series**
*Thursday, December 13 - 1:30 pm - iPad Basics for New iPad Owners*  
*participants must bring in their own iPad for this class*

**Microsoft Office Series**
*Thursday, November 1 - 1:30 pm - Word Basics*  
*Thursday, November 8 - 1:30 pm - Excel I: Basics*  
*Thursday, November 15 - 1:30 pm - Excel II: Formulas & Functions*  
*Tuesday, December 4 - 6:00 pm - Excel Quickstart*

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**Announcements**

Library closed Monday, November 12

The library will be closed Monday, November 12, in observance of Veterans Day.

New library catalog debuts November 6

A new version of the SAILS e-catalog will be available on Tuesday, November 6. Look for the "beta" version of the new catalog and give it a try!

Library closed Thursday, November 22 - Friday, November 23

The library will be closed November 22 - November 23 in observance of Thanksgiving. Regular hours will resume Saturday, November 24.

Friends of the Library Sale Saturday, November 24
Get started on your holiday shopping with the Friends of the Library Fall Sale Saturday, November 24. Vendors will be here selling popular holiday products you won't want to miss!

Delayed Opening Thursday, November 29

Due to staff training, the library will be opening at 1pm on Thursday, November 29.

Staff Reviews - sign up for more recommended fiction, nonfiction, and children’s reads and more!

All by Myself!
By Collet, Geraldine
Illustrator Saudo, Coralie
2012-03 - Owlkids
9781926973128 Check Our Catalog

MaryEllen says:

This book is a little like “Home Alone” for baby chicks! But when the mama hens leave the coop for more grain, the baby chicks don’t arm the coop for fox invaders. Instead they tremble in fear at actually being left alone. They manage to stick together, despite their imaginations and the darkness and the sounds outside. They get scared, too, at what they think might happen to them while they’re all alone. But it ends well, and one of the baby chicks even discovers his new independence! This is a really cute story for children with separation anxiety and it teaches, through cooperation and patience, that the world doesn’t end when mom leaves the coop for a little while. Check out the bibs when they’re eating their grain at the end of the story!

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I Could Pee on This: And Other Poems by Cats
By Marciuliano, Francesco
2012-08 - Chronicle Books (CA)
9781452110585 Check Our Catalog

Michelle says:

I'm going to stop with the animal books soon, I'm sure, but this one was hilarious! More of a gift book, this is a super quick read except for the fact that you'll be
interrupted by your own laughter. Simply fun.

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**Bring Up the Bodies**

By *Mantel, Hilary*

2012-05 - Henry Holt & Company

9780805090031 [Check Our Catalog](#)

**2012 Man Booker Prize Winner**

Just announced winner of Britain's Man Booker Prize for 2012. Try this sequel to Mantel's 2009 Man Booker Prize winner and "New York Times"-bestseller "Wolf Hall" as it delves into the heart of Tudor history with the downfall of Anne Boleyn.

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**Library Statistics - September**

Items Circulated: 18,080  
Children's programs: 23 ; Attendance: 494  
Adult programs: 12; Attendance: 133  
Reference Questions (all library): 822