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THE ORR'S ISLAND LIBRARY, WHERE FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS GATHER

SUMMER 2015

Library strikes it "rich": new trustee

The Library board of trustees is pleased to welcome **Sue Rich** as its newest member. "Sue is a wonderful addition to our board," said Peg Bonarrigo, board co-vice president. "She comes from a family with deep roots in Maine, and is active within the Harpswell community and the library".

"I want to serve on the board because the Library is an active part of the community that offers so much for town residents as well as summer visitors. It is truly a hidden gem and more people should know about it," said Rich. "Orr's Island Library is a great

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The President's View

Those of us who were in residence here for the winter of 2014/15 are so happy to see the summer arrive. The unusual snow depths, the unusual prolonged cold, coupled with weather-related personal injuries, has made this a winter season to gladly leave behind!

Happier times are ahead as you will read in this newsletter. The **First Thursday** programs will continue, with a break in August for the "**Annual Book Sale & Fair**," the most anticipated event of the Orr's Island summer. (SEE BACK PAGE FOR DETAILS). The Sale & Fair feature the mid coast's best selection of gently used books, CD's and puzzles. A bake sale, white elephant tables, hot lunch, and library memorabilia will also be available. This one event accounts for a full third of the library's annual budget, so we truly appreciate your support.

We are, again, offering a wonderful variety of **Summer Kids' Programs**, Wednesdays at the Library from 10 to 11 A.M. The last program, *Amanda and her Hula Hoops*, appears at the Book Sale & Fair site. She'll be there to delight kids of all ages at 10 A.M. Wednesday, August 5 **only**.

Our **Third Tuesday** programs—*Health Talks*—will address three topics this Fall: Hospice, Rehabilitative Services and CHANS Home Care. Initiated this winter, the talks provided some amazing information for those of us of a certain age, but could be interesting to others as well. These presentations are free and open to all. Need transportation to one of our events? Call the library for a referral for a ride.

The library hosted its second **U-Shred It** event on Saturday, May 23, a safe and secure method for disposing sensitive personal information, old files and documents. We are very grateful to the anonymous donor who funded this event.

On May 27, the Giant Stairs Seafood & Grille Restaurant on Bailey Island was the setting for our Second Annual **Orr's Island Library Founders Day Dinner**. Our beloved library *building* was built in

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The Librarian's Desk

A big part of our funding comes from our Annual Book Sale.

That involves lots of sorting and packing but most of all it involves you! Books come by the bag... boxes... plastic tubs... you name it and they come through the door!

All donations are first looked at for our collection and then for the sale. Your donations start arriving almost the hour when the sale is over! We are so pleased when someone calls and says "I have 10 boxes of books... would you like them?" And the answer is always yes... and when can you bring them! They are not only a gift for our shelves, but help support all we do.

If you read a new author recently... chances are it came from Chris Potholm, who introduces us regularly to the newest Scandinavian writer. Nancy Glazier brings us the newest best sellers... almost before they are out... and always (as does Chris) have suggestions on which to read first!

A new display will feature storybook dolls and books given by our dear friend and former board member Cleo Miller. A new piece of woven art work of the Declaration of Independence is on display in the Sumner Family Room... a gift from Michael and Roberta Helfgott.

We are what and who we are because of all of you... come in and enjoy what you have created.

Joanne Rogers

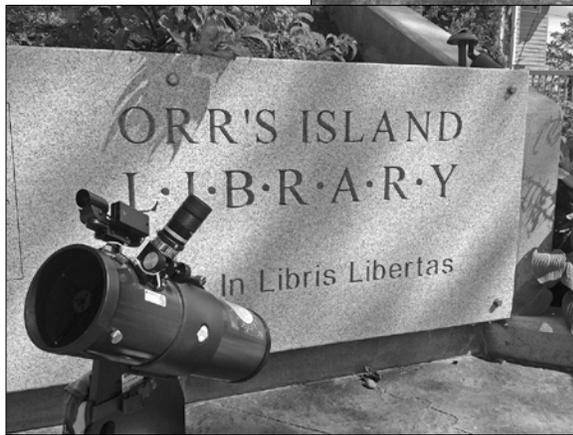
Happenings at the Library



If you believe in fairy tales come see the beautiful display of storybook dolls and books at the library. A former board member and very dear friend, Cleo Miller from Bailey Island, gifted us with a chance to re-live our childhood memories. Thank you, Cleo, nostalgia is sweet!

Not a shred of evidence!

Everyone who brought boxes of personal papers to this ever-popular Shred Event, on Saturday, May 23, was very appreciative to learn that our mystery donor has agreed to fund this event for the third year, in May 2016. Start saving those papers now!



Star light, star bright what stories the sky can tell you tonight! The library telescope is yours for the borrowing. Be the star of your own personal planetarium with the scope and the real night sky. Explore the mysteries of the universe with family and friends.

Library Policies and Procedures: Update

The trustees have previously announced work on a Five Year Plan that included a revision and update of Policies and Procedures.

To date, the board has approved policies and procedures for: Use of Orrs Island Library computers; confidentiality of library records; no smoking policy; and policies regarding sexual harassment. These updates are available at the library for inspection.

From the Shelves



NEW BOOKS – FICTION

- "Die Again" – Tess Gerretsen
- "The Reckoning" – Rennie Airth
- "Cold, Cold Heart" – Tami Hoag
- "Etta and Otto and Russell and James" – Emma Hooper
- "NYPD Red 3" – James Patterson
- "Last One Home" – Debbie Macomber
- "The Dream Lover" – Elizabeth Berg
- "The Kings Curse" – Phillippa Gregory
- "Winter at the Door" – Sarah Graves
- "Inside the O'Briens" – Lisa Genova
- "Memory Man" – David Baldacci
- "Endangered" – C. J. Box
- "A Fine Summer's Day" – Charles Todd
- "The Great Zoo of China" – Matthew Reilly
- "The Alphabet House" – Jussie Adler-Olsen
- "The Stranger" – Harlan Cohen
- "Emma" – Alexander McCall Smith
- "A Dangerous Place" – Jacqueline Winspear

NEW NON-FICTION

- "Brain on Fire" – Susannah Calahan
- "The Untold Stories of 33 Men Buried in a Chilean Mine" – Hector Tobar
- "A Brief Stop" – Goran Rosenberg
- "Better" – Atul Gawande
- "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes" – Caitlin Doughty
- "Flash Point" – George Friedman
- "How to Be a Heroine" – Samantha Ellis
- "The Color of Grace" – Bethany Williams

NEW DVD's

- Antarctica A Year On Ice
- Like Sunday, Like Rain
- Foxcatcher
- Exodus Gods and Kings
- Father Brown
- Olive Kitteridge
- The Judge
- Birdman
- The Theory of Everything
- St. Vincent
- The Interview
- The Mentalist (Series)
- The Closer (series)

NEW CD's

- Support and Defend – Tom Clancy
- Game of Thrones – George R. Marten
- Wild – Cheryl Strayed
- Still Alice – Lisa Genova
- Being Mortal – Atul Gawande
- America's Hidden History – Kenneth Davis
- Killing Jesus – Bill O'Reilly
- The Eye of Heaven – Clive Cussler
- Carsick – John Waters
- Food – Jim Gaffigan
- Last Light – Michael Connelly



Thanks, Comcast!

We wish to thank Comcast for providing our Library with continual high-speed Internet service free of charge.

Since 2003, Comcast has offered high-speed Internet service to schools, libraries and Boys & Girls Clubs across the region. According to the company, "We are committed to using our resources to make meaningful investments in communities where our customers and employees live and work."

Comcast indeed makes a difference in schools and libraries by providing fast, reliable video and high-speed internet connections.

Library Hours:

- Monday – 1 to 6 P.M.
- Wednesday – 1 to 6 P.M.
- Friday – 1 to 6 P.M.
- Saturday – 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

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1905 but the library was founded in 1900. Those in attendance celebrated 115 years of library services to the residents of Harpswell, their guests and visitors.

I hope to see you around the library!

John Webster

Save the Date!

October 10, 2015

Orr's Island Library 3rd annual

"Longest Yard Sale"

FMI contact John Webster: 833-5430 or
jwebster85@comcast.net



Looking for good deals at last year's Yard Sale, bargain-hunters were treated to a wide array of "treasures". You never know. . . that special or unusual item may have your name on it! And it all supports a good cause—your Library!

Great News!
We have a **NEW** printer
and can **FAX** now



**we have
WiFi**

**We have two computers,
a printer and a copy machine.**

Martha's Window

Early in March before the vernal equinox, when Spring begins her slow trek north, before town meetings, before the first crocus and first birdsong, I see signs of the season I long for. The snow that covered my bedroom skylight all winter is gone, and now I behold sun and clouds by day and myriad stars by night. Red-winged blackbirds appear in swampy places, riding the stalks of cattails in the wind.

In April among the bevy of birds at the porch feeder is a chubby, charming wren. Its cheerful energy makes me smile. The constant showers turn the dooryard grass into a bright green carpet. Three herons and an egret grace the church cove. I hear the plaintive voice of the dove and smell the sweet, warm breath of Spring.

In May an oriole flares like a flame in the northside pine. The yellow stars of the late-blooming forsythia light the landscape from dawn to dusk. Wild violets and strawberries flower in the lawn, stippling it with purple and white. A cabbage butterfly pirouettes in the breeze, and a hummingbird flits through the basket of petunias.

All these long-awaited harbingers, these small pleasures, gather to the great blessing of Spring, the season of hope, of rebirth of earth and spirit. Celebrate.

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year round meeting place for all residents and visitors. *First Thursday* programs and *3rd Tuesday* health programs offer people a broad spectrum of topics, which entertain or educate for practical use. I would hope to make more people aware of these offerings.”

When asked what services she would like to see added at the library Rich said, “Perhaps work with the schools and get more local children involved. Make it easy for home-bound people to get books, maybe a book mobile type offering in the future. With the aging population this could be a valuable service and could be combined with morning call services.”

As much as Rich eschews modern communication machines, she thinks the library should consider moving to a computerized system to track its extensive collections. “Sadly, none of us have Joanne’s “Dewey decimal” memory and know which books, CDs, and DVDs are where in the stacks!” She sums it up, “I love the feel of a book in my hands. A tablet just doesn’t do it.”

The Orr’s Island Library has something for everyone. It is a warm (especially in winter!) and friendly place to spend time. New books are always available without a long wait list. Browse and borrow from the incredible movie selection, for a week! The puzzle table calls to the “masters” as well as passers-by. The *Summer Programs for Kids* and *August Book Sale & Fair* are highlights of the summer season. Everyone is welcome to enjoy this literary buffet!

Rich and her husband, Matt live on their Great Island family homestead where they raise chickens, guinea fowl, dogs, and tend their gardens.

Welcome to the Library Board of Trustees, Sue!

Farewell and safe travels, Peg Bonarrigo

The library board bids farewell to Peg Bonarrigo who is moving to Massachusetts to be closer to her beloved grandkids.

After Peg became a board trustee, she was elected Board president in August 2009. She was instrumental in organizing the financing and oversight during our Library renovation and expansion.

In August 2013 she stepped down and became co-vice president to oversee the new President/Treasurer position. A true friend of the library, dedicated participant, and ever-ready counsel we thank you, Peg, for your service to the Library, it’s many supporters, and the community.



Summer Programs for Kids!

Wednesdays ❖ **Orr's Island Library** ❖ **10:00 - 11:00 a.m.**
For kids kindergarten age and up. Programs are FREE!



July 1 Fur, Feathers & Feet: Introduction to Birds and Mammals. Meet a live Mallard Duck and a surprise mammal in this really neat Chewonki presentation.



July 8 Butterfly and Insect Museum. Jim Nutting from Lisbon Falls returns with his exotic array of live, creepy crawlers to fascinate both young and old curious minds!



July 15 Scales & Tails: Amazing reptiles. Let the Chewonki staff allay your fear of slithery, crawly creatures with their live non-releasable reptiles, and introduction to major groups of reptiles for hands-on fun!



July 22 Conjuring Carroll. Did you know there's magic in your library? Let Magician Carroll amaze and delight you while sharing his thoughts on the magical world of libraries and young minds. This is our most well-attended program every year!



July 29 Raising Chickens & Guinea Fowl in Harpswell: How I Got Hooked and What I Have Learned! Sue Rich, Great Island resident, will share her experiences and challenges raising her fine, feathered friends, and will bring live "guest" birds for all to see.



August 5 Hula Hoop Mania—at the annual Book Sale & Fair. Amanda Walden will bring her hula hoops and music for Hula Hoop Mania! If you have your own hula hoop, bring it, and get ready to HOOP it up at the Children's Tent. *10:00 a.m. at Lowell's Cove, Orr's Island.*

For more information about these programs, please call 207.833.7811.

1st thursday PROGRAMS

Sept. 3: Wesley McNair

As *Poet Laureate of Maine* this program of poetry readings from Wesley and local poets has been eagerly requested from our followers.

Oct. 1: Bob McAleer

Bob McAleer was most recently the State of Maine Director of Emergency Management. Now a resident of Harpswell, he has taken on the responsibility for the town.

Nov. 5: Dr. Susan Beegel Harriet Beecher Stowe & Orr's Island, Maine

Dr. Susan Beegel of Phippsburg will give an illustrated talk on H. B. Stowe and her Orr's Island connections. How the wreck of the *Hanover* influenced *The Pearl of Orr's Island*.



3rd TUESDAY HEALTH TOPICS

Sept. 15: Hospice of Southern Maine

Martha Blackburn will talk about the tough conversations, end of life discussions.

Oct. 20: Rehabilitative Services

Presented by CHANS and Mid Coast Hospital: Why we fall and how to prevent them.

Nov. 17: CHANS Home Health Care

Accessing in-home care. How, when, where and whom to turn to in time of need.

**2014-2015
Memorials**

Beginning 7/30/14

IN MEMORY OF

Mary Anne Donnellan

from: Art & Elizabeth Dyer, Orr's Island

Barbara D. Bond

from: Jot & Betty Bond, Orr's Island

John Arndt

from: William M. McAvoy, Massachusetts

Ellen Louise Farnum

from: Charles & Susan McIlvaine, Pennsylvania

John W. Jackson

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AND OTHER KIDLETS
WITH HULA HOOPS,
FACE PAINTING, &
GAMES IN THE
CHILDREN'S TENT

COME CELEBRATE
OUR 5TH YEAR

AT **Sylvester Field,**

Lowell's Cove, Orr's Island

RAIN OR SHINE!

August 5

10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

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