

The Dust Jacket



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

SUMMER 2019

Did you know. . .

Our library now offers **free** access to the **Adobe Creative Suite**, which includes such popular applications as: Photoshop, Lightroom, Dream Weaver, Illustrator and InDesign.

Pair these with our newest computer (with its 27" monitor), and you are set to create wonders! The computer was a gift from a very generous friend of the library. It has the memory and speed to run all Adobe products.

The library purchased the Adobe Creative Suite at a significant discount. If you would like to make a special gift, please consider underwriting the annual cost.

Thanks to a generous grant from the Senter Fund, our library now has a full security system. The system does much more than notify of unauthorized access. It also has sensors to alert in case of fire or dramatic drops in temperature. The latter came in handy this winter when we were

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Every library is a *Treasure Island*

The Orr's Island Library is one of six midcoast libraries collaborating with the Maine State Music Theatre to revive interest and enthusiasm for Robert Lewis Stevenson's swashbuckling classic, *Treasure Island*.

The libraries and MSMT are coordinating a series of creative programs such as in-house displays, banners, online reading and materials lists, and other free events held at each library this spring. Additionally, each library is focusing a comprehensive reading program on pirates and other related themes, plus offering entertaining children's and family activities.

MSMT will present its East Coast premiere of *Treasure Island: A Musical Adventure*, from June 26–July 13, as another opportunity to introduce and inspire audiences of all ages to become [re]acquainted with this fabulous tale of pirates and high-seas adventure.

On April 4, our very own Library held a kick-off event to launch this multi-library celebration of "*Treasure Island*". Curt Dale Clark, the artistic director of MSMT and co-writer of *Treasure Island: A Musical Adventure* with Marc Robbins, visited the library and brought along a



Pictured: Curt Dale Clark, artistic director of Maine State Music Theatre in Brunswick and co-writer of *Treasure Island: A Musical Adventure*, with a "friend" from the show.

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The Librarian's Desk

As spring comes into bloom we have been making some changes in your library. Our mystery section is moving into the former non-fiction section, in the Sumner Family Room. All trade paperbacks will move into the Sue Fisher Moren Memorial Reading Room.

A smaller puzzle table – much easier to sit around! and a larger table for our non-fiction readers. This will open up more space for our book group and other groups we hope will join us. It will give us more space to sit and read the paper or one of the many magazines.

Our extensive DVD collection will continue to grow as well as our books on CD. Come in and see our new computer station, do some copying or printing – look, browse and let me know what you think.

Joanne Rogers

Please!

Our library has far too many overdue books, CD's and DVD's. It strains our budget if we have to purchase replacements. Please check around to see if you have any overdue items and return them, ASAP. Thank you.

**Joanne Rogers,
Librarian**

The President's View

It has been an incredible seven months since our Fall *Dust Jacket!* Our librarian and trustees have been busy with a variety of projects, all geared to improving the patron experience, adding new elements to our services and “moving with the times”, in concert with our slogan: *Moving Forward While Preserving the Past.*

A loyal patron's donation has enabled us to purchase a new computer, which included new computer programs for community use and the installation of a new three-chair computer station.

In December, we acquired a second storage shed, situated in the rear of our library. Table storage for our many events became crucial and we now have some breathing room.

The 1st *Thursday* lecture series needed reliable projection equipment for our speakers' presentations. We purchased a new flat screen TV to meet that need and first used it on December 6th. The second time, the library was “transformed” into a movie theatre (on April 20) when we showed the 1953 Disney movie, “*Treasure Island*” to an enthusiastic group ... with popcorn!

Several trustees participated in “Science Night” at Harpswell Community School in January. They whipped up our signature science project—making slime! Seems this gets us invited back every year!

Books, books and more books. The donations have been pouring in since **the day after** last year's *Annual Book Sale and Fair*. Undaunted, Joanne is back in a major culling mode (akin to Fibber McGee's closet)! This is an incredible haul, and for book buyers, the Book Sale on **August 7-10** will have an amazing selection.

We are pleased to introduce a new poet in this *Dust Jacket* issue, Craig Sipe, our Board Secretary. His poem, “*The Library*”, appears on page 6 in our Poets' Corner. Craig joins Martha Weir as a poet in residence.

In the Fall, the memorial donations in Memory of Kimball Morsman Page, my husband of 44 years, were overwhelming. The Board of Trustees approved the formation of the KM Page Fund, to continue paying for those programs that Kimball funded anonymously for twenty years. It started with magazine subscriptions, but in recent years it funded the annual Paper Shredding Event, the Book Sale port-a-potties and some of the children's events. He would have been pleased. I am personally grateful to all the donors.

Several years ago I purchased a Brad McFadden painting at the Fire Department Auction. Titled “BIM” it is a small painting of Bim

Explore the Stacks



BOOKS

NEW FICTION

- "A Spark of Light" – Jodi Picoult
- "Pandemic" – Robin Cook
- "Evans to Betsy" – Rhys Bowen
- "A Question of Identity"
– Susan Hill
- "Grave Secrets"
– Kathy Reich
- "Sky Without Storms"
– Brody Rendell
- "The Clock Maker's Daughter"
– Kate Morton
- "The Black Ascot" – Charles Todd
- "It Must Be Brave"
– Frances Hardet
- "Run Away" – Harlan Cohen
- "The Guest Book" – Sarah Black
- "The Border" – Don Winslow
- "Wild Card" – Stuart Woods

NEW NON-FICTION

- "North" – Scott Jurek
- "Dying" – Cory Taylor
- "Enlightened Aging"
– Eric Larson, MD
- "The Book" – Burkhard Spinner

NEW CDs (Books)

- "Vicious Circle" – C.J. Cox
- "The Pacific" – Hugh Ambrose
- "The Fear Index" – Robert Harris
- "The Impeachment of Abraham Lincoln" – Stephen Carter
- "The Girl Who Circumnavigated Fairyland" – Farley Canal
- "Fire and Fury" – Michael Wolf

NEW DVDs

- Avengers: Infinity War
- Spider Man: Into the Spider Verse
- Woman Walks Ahead
- Pretty Bird
- Paper Clips
- Solo
- I Feel Pretty
- Show Dogs
- Shock and Awe
- Game Night
- Urban Country
- The Leisure Seeker
- Berlin, I love You
- On the Basis of Sex

Library Hours:

- Monday – 1 to 5 P.M.
- Wednesday – 1 to 5 P.M.
- Friday – 1 to 6 P.M.
- Saturday – 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Check out our new Computer Station!

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Doughty sitting in the sunny corner of his variety store, whittling. Locals old enough to remember will have fond memories when they see it. I bought it specifically for the library to add to the art collection of local art and island scenes. I will give it when I leave the island, which I'm doing in October, to return to North Carolina to decide how to organize the rest of my life.

I will miss you all more than I could possibly put into words.

Sincerely, John Webster

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friend, rather stiff and quiet for a pirate, but looked quite swash-buckling anyway!

On April 20, we hosted the screening of the 1953 Disney movie of "Treasure Island"; and on July 3rd, to kick off the *Children's Summer Programs*, we're hosting a **Pirate Parade** on the front lawn with costumes, games, prizes and treats. So practice your "Arrrghs", "Yo Ho Hos", and "Aye, Cap'n's" for a fun time at the Library!

So we encourage you, your families and friends to stay tuned for more *Treasure Island* events and programs around the midcoast libraries. There will be a wide range of exciting things going on until this August. We hope you will find a *Treasure* trove of adventure everywhere you go!



Saturday, July 20th

Bowdoin International Music Festival Student Concert 2-3 PM

Do you love great music? Then don't miss this chance to spend an hour enjoying the talents of students from the Bowdoin International Music Festival. This Community Concert is **free** and open to the public at the Bailey Island Community Church (Rte. 24), 2141 Harpswell Islands Rd. The Orr's Island Library is hosting these musicians for our fourth year. A reception with refreshments will follow the concert, and an opportunity to visit with the musicians. Introduction at 1:45 PM.

Wednesday, August 7th

Annual Book Sale & Fair Lowell's Cove, Orr's Island

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Friends, neighbors and curious folks from away will gather once more at the library's Annual Book Sale & Fair, from Wednesday, August 7th through Saturday, the 10th. Please note that the **Fair** events—"white elephant", lunch, bake sale, raffles and kids' events—are **only on Wednesday, August 7th**. There will be plenty of time to peruse the treasure trove of books, puzzles, CDs and DVDs through Saturday, the 10th. All proceeds support our beloved library.

Saturday, August 31st

Loongest Yard Sale Returns 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Welcome to the 7th Annual Longest Yard and Bake Sale hosted by the Orr's Island Library. It's a treasure trove of household goods, antiques, collectibles, and all sorts of interesting goodies. Selling and browsing are highly encouraged!

One 6-foot table is provided for \$10. Folks may bring additional tables on their own. Deposits are not needed. **Table reservations are required.** Set up at 8 A.M. Please contact John Webster at 607-2818.



July 4: **No Program**

Enjoy the Fourth of July festivities with your family and friends!

August 1: **Gerry York: Harpswell History Comes Alive!**

Local historian and fact-filled genealogist, Gerry will talk about local island history. Nobody knows it better!

August 8: **Annual Book Sale**

The Fair part is done, the Book Sale continues till August 10th, chock full of goodies for bookworms, movie buffs and puzzlers of all ages! Unearth books, CDs or DVDs you thought you'd never find; and puzzles to entertain or challenge your perseverance. This wonderful opportunity will satisfy your curiosity and support your favorite library!

September 5: **Kelli Park: The Harpswell Waterfront**

Kelli is documenting people who live and work on Harpswell's waterfront, through photos and their stories. Her book, "*Working Waterfront*" will be available for sale.

October 3: **Ed Polewarczk: The Space Shuttle Program**

A 34-year veteran of the Space Shuttle Program, Ed will talk about Astronaut experiences, Mission Control and "Go for launch".

November 7: **Pam White: Stories from the U.S. State Department**

Former Ambassador, Pam White, will reveal her funniest and scariest stories from Cameroon, Mali, Tanzania, Liberia, The Gambia and Haiti. She will also share her views on the state of the State Department.

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**December 5: Melinda Richter:
Let's Make & Eat Truffles**

The 5th edition of our "Let's Taste in December" series, Melinda, the owner of the Island Candy Company, will help us make hand-made truffles. Just in time for the holidays!

SAVE THE DATE



Downsizing your file cabinets, desks, trunks of old papers in the attic, soggy boxes of shreddables in the basement? Pack up all those outdated papers, sensitive documents, whatever, and bring them to our Shredding Day!

If you've ever been to a Library Shredding Day, then you know the catharsis of decluttering your personal spaces, and the sweet reward of succumbing to home-baked temptations within inches of your eyes and nose! If you're a newbie, be sure to plan ahead and join us next year.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER PROGRAMS

At your Orr's Island Library

Suitable for children kindergarten age and up
Wednesdays * Orr's Island Library * 10:00–11:00 a.m.
Programs are **FREE** and last about one hour.

July 3:

Pirates on Parade

Arrrgh, Matey! To celebrate Maine State Music Theatre's production of "Treasure Island," the Library will host a **Pirate Parade** on the front lawn with costumes, games, prizes and treats!

July 10:

The Chewonki Foundation presents

Owls of Maine

Learn habits and adaptations. Identify characteristics and calls. Live owls will be on hand for observation.

July 17:

The Chewonki Foundation presents

The Bugmobile

Models, costumes & live arthropods! Learn adaptations for survival such as mimicry, camouflage, armor and the use of venom.

July 24:

The Chewonki Foundation presents

Fur, Feathers & Feet

An introduction to birds and mammals. Costumes and specimens show special adaptations. Chewonki's Mallard Duck and a surprise mammal will delight all ages!

August 7:

Join us for the Annual Book Sale & Fair.

Kids' activities will begin at 10 AM.

FMI about these programs, please call 207.833.7811



Honey, I shrunk the table!! If you think your eyes are deceiving you, because you probably remember that the puzzle table was twice that size, take heart. You don't need new glasses or a microscope! With a little creative thinking and moving, we decided that this diminutive table would suffice for the puzzles we do, and leave more space for other tasks we wish to accomplish.

The tip of the "BOOKberg"



Those of you who might wonder, from time to time, what Joanne Rogers does all year besides check out your books, CDs and DVDs, smile from across her desk and offer you a bit of chocolate, take another look at the photo above.

This is the tip of the "BOOKberg" lurking in the back room behind Joanne's desk. The rest of the "berg" resides in just about every corner (empty or not) of the library, forming unnatural mountain ranges and other such obstacles.

With remarkable perseverance, and probably a few choice words, Joanne sorts through **every one** of these treasures, all year long, to get the right stuff ready for the *Annual Book Sale & Fair*. The day after the Sale, she nary gets time to breathe before the next ton of donations arrives! THANK YOU, Joanne, for all you do!

Poets' Corner ~

The Library

This place is redolent with
the tenses
a savory must that melds with
fresh ink
and wafts through the racks
imagining our futures.

There are places for you to sit
with paper in your hand,
wearing your favorite cap
under a tent of news
on Saturday morning.

Magazines still live here,
some you haven't visited in years.
They invite you in, and coax
you to stay for the afternoon.

Though soon you are overdue,
rolled under the waves,
paralyzed on some insidious web
Kindled and cooked
over a fire of your own bindings

But don't worry, it was just
a terrible dream that washed you
away on that tech rag
you were reading...

...just a bad dream that you fold up
in a two-dollar bill and pop into the
penalty jar for good luck on your
way out the library door,
vowing never to be late again.

Craig Sipe

Early in May, after April snow and constant showers that confirmed the old adage, I see a green tide flowing over yard and field, trees wearing rosy halos, and bright sunlight, a stranger till now. Though not so brutal as some, the winter past seemed long and monotonous. Away from home for months, the sense of dislocation made me count on small comforts for solace.

Among them I recall the warmth and peace of a friend's fireside, a buttery croissant with my morning coffee, the scarlet cardinal at the feeder, the miraculous voice of Kiri Te Kanawa on the FM, calls and mail from distant loved ones. Comforts to spark the spirit.

Now in Spring with its budding and blooming, I note the yellow trumpets of daffodils, the yellow-rumped warbler, the yellow kayak on the pond, and the forsythia that burst into yellow stars for Easter. Bird chat graces the air, and light rises early and lingers late.

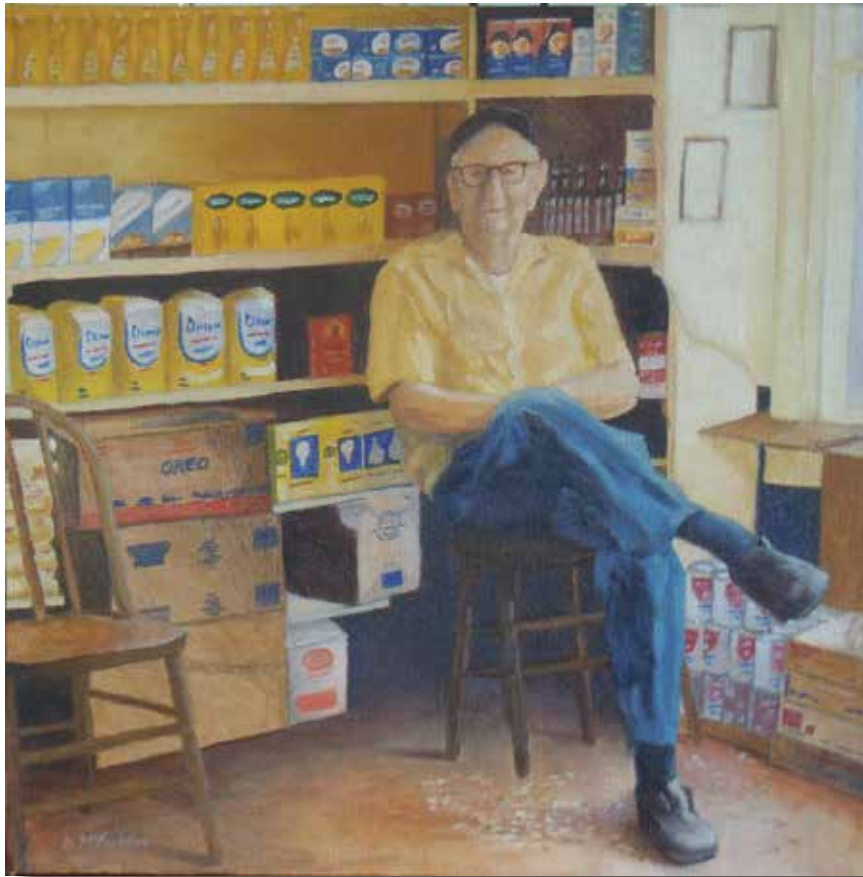
So I abandon the discontents of winter and welcome the largesse of small comforts in this season. They are infinite in variety and always available. Cherish them.

Martha Weir



Welcome to the Library's new computer station. We now have a 27" computer outfitted with the Adobe Creative Suite, which includes: InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator, Dream Weaver, Lightroom, and other applications. This upgrade significantly expands creative opportunities for our community users. Though the Library received an excellent discount for the Creative Suite, anyone interested in making a special donation could help underwrite the annual fee.

Island memories. . . .



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On May 17th a Heritage Apple Tree was planted on the library campus in Memory of Priscilla Furgal, a long time library patron who passed in 2017. Given by her daughter, Martha, and her husband Ian Gracey, the tree was provided and planted by Harpswell Heritage Apples, Robert McIntyre. The tree is a Roxbury Russet, America's oldest apple variety. This process turned out to be a two-year odyssey from first proposal to planting! The Trustees of the Orr's Island Library are pleased to welcome this new and living member to our other memorial plantings.

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alerted about furnace problems before the temperature dropped below freezing. The generosity of community partners contributes greatly to the library's success!



Planned giving is like gardening. "How?", you ask. Well, whether you are an avid gardener or simply water the plants in your window, you know that there are two kinds of flowers. "Annuals" are the ones you plant every year. They are beautiful and varied, but come autumn, they are used up. "Perennials" are those which, when planted once, reappear every year – a gentle reminder that some effort pays off well into the future.

Perennial gifts might include "planned gifts" such as gifts from retirement accounts and will bequests. These gifts may require a little extra effort now, but they will continue to bloom well into the future. For the Orr's Island library, those "extra effort" gifts provide a lasting legacy.

*Thank you,
Maura Donovan*

for planting all the beautiful flowers around the Library. They are a visual delight for all who pass or enter.





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Time to celebrate again at our annual

BOOK SALE & FAIR

(RAIN OR SHINE!)

August 7-10 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

at Sylvester Field, Lowell's Cove on Orr's Island

BOOKS * ♦ CDS ♦ DVDS ♦ PUZZLES ♦

"WHITE ELEPHANT ITEMS" ♦ HOMEMADE BAKED GOODIES

YUMMY LUNCH ♦ STUFF ♦ KIDS' GAMES ♦

AND OTHER ASSORTED ENTERTAINMENT.

* Ex-library books will be priced at \$1.00

**THE BOOK SALE CONTINUES THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
UNTIL ALL THE BOOKS ARE SOLD!**

*Don't miss out on this once-a-year opportunity to have lots of fun
and part with your \$\$\$ for a great cause!*