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IRISH MUSIC PROGRAM

There will be an Irish Music Program "Celebrating Ireland in Story and Song" at the library on Sat., March 8 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Come and listen to Marilyn Murphy Meardon, Tom Maguire, Phil Edmonds, and Mary King perform a Celtic program.

Registration is required. Please call 949-3630 to register. Light refreshments will be served. This family event is free.

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GOLDEN WINGS AND HAIRY TOES: ENCOUNTERS WITH NEW ENGLAND'S MOST IMPERILED WILDLIFE



by Todd McLeish. This local author will talk about his adventures tracking down the region's most endangered creatures on Sunday, March 30 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. He will also be available for signing of his book. Copies of the book will be available that day. The program is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

Members of the Rhode Island Genealogy Society are presenting a program on how to begin a genealogy search, using new and old methods and technologies. The program is Saturday, March 1 in two different sessions. The first session will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and the second session is from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The same materials will be reviewed in both sessions. Registration is required. Please call 949-3630 ext. 1 to register. This program is free.

AARP TAX HELP AT THE GREENVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The American Association of Retired Persons in conjunction with the Internal Revenue Service is sponsoring a Tax Assistance Program for low-income and elderly people. By Appointment only, a tax consultant is conducting sessions Tuesdays from noon- 4:00 p.m. at the library. Interested individuals should bring their W-2 and 1099 forms as well as a copy of last year's return. For an appointment, contact Dave at 353-3845.

BIG READ BOOK DISCUSSION

There will be a Big Read-book discussion on *To Kill A Mockingbird* by Harper Lee on Saturday, March 15 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Library along with the West Bay Collaborative and other participating agencies have partnered together to encourage people to read and discuss this classic book. Funding for this program is provided for by the National Endowment for the Arts.

DINNER RAFFLE

The library will be holding a raffle during the month of March for *Dinner for Two* at twelve restaurants around the state. Tickets will be \$20.00 a piece with only 150 tickets available. The winning ticket will be drawn on Tuesday, April 1 at 1:30 pm.

HOW TO STAY SHARP AS YOU AGE

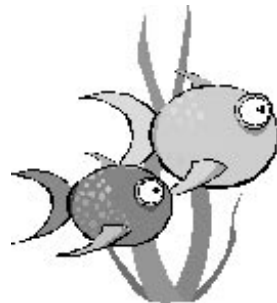
This multimedia presentation will detail the steps individuals can take to protect themselves against the effects of Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of dementia. The program will be on Monday, March 17 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Dr. Laurence M. Hirshberg, PhD, Director of the NeuroDevelopment Center will be the speaker. This program is free and open to the public. Registration is suggested. Please call 949-3630 Ext. 1 to register.

RHODE ISLAND HOUSING HOMEBUYER EDUCATION CLASS
 on Tuesday, March 18 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Registration is required. Please call Bob Silva at 457-1186 to register.

READING ACROSS RHODE ISLAND
 Book Discussion will be held on Monday, March 31 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The book being discussed will be *Water For Elephants* by Sara Gruen. This program is free and open to the public.

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB
 Members of the Mystery Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday, March 4 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. to discuss the book *Corpse at the Haworth Tandoori* by Robert Barnard. New members are welcome.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH



The library will be celebrating Youth Art Month by exhibiting artwork from area school students.

BLUECHIP FOR MEDICARE
 There will be a meeting on Tuesday, March 11 at 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. regarding BlueChip for Medicare. This program is free and open to the public. There will be a meeting on Tuesday, March 25 at 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. regarding BlueChip for Medicare. This program is free and open to the public.

The library would like to thank the following donors for their generous gifts: Ms. Doris Costa donated *Christmas with Paula Deen* by Paula Deen in memory of Mary C. Costa. Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Krawiec donated *A Skater's Life* by Dorothy Hamill in memory of Lauretta Beaudoin. Ms. Crystal Dutch donated *The Fight of the Century* by Michael Arhust in memory of Earl Mahar.

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Teen Talk

Wii! It's So Much Fun!

It's good exercise, and it really is a great way to compete. Each Tuesday, the Library will be offering teens a chance to play in a tournament based on a Nintendo Wii game at 4:00 pm. You just bring yourself and enjoy the fun. The program is for middle- and high-school-aged young adults.

Deal or No Deal?

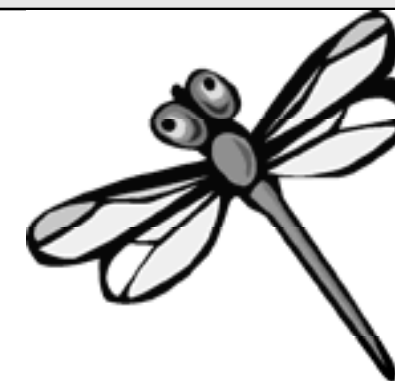
Do you think you have what it takes to find the big prize? We may not have Howie and the girls here to help, but you can always come and take on our banker as we sort through whether you can win big time on Thursday, March 13 at 2:00 pm. Registration is open to those between the ages of 11 and 18.

Luck of the Irish

Come get ready for St. Patrick's Day by decorating sugar cookies at the library. We will provide everything you need to make a nice holiday display of treats. The fun kicks off for those between the ages of 11 and 18 on Friday, March 7 at 4:00 pm.

Homework Help!

Students from Bryant University will be in the Baker After School Center on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 to 4:30 to help students with their homework. Drop in or call Aaron at 949-3630, Ext. 103 for more information.



Yak & Snack Book Chat



The library's young adult book group will be having its next session on Monday, March 31 at 4:00 pm. The group will be discussing *Dairy Queen* by Catherine Gilbert Murdock. After spending her summer running the family farm and training the quarterback for her school's rival football team, 16-year-old D.J. decides to go out for the sport herself, not anticipating the reactions of those around her. Come share the fun and the treats! The group is made up of middle and high school students.

Teen Advisory Library Council

The library is hoping to give teens a greater voice in what it does for them. If you are interested in making the library better for you, than come and join the Teen Advisory Library Council. The group meets once a month to discuss possible programs and helps select books, movies, and other items that can be included in the library collection. Anyone between the ages of 11 and 18 is eligible to join, and it is a great way to fulfill any community service requirements you might have. Our next meeting will take place on Saturday, March 15 at

Word Fun

You won't need a dictionary or a thesaurus to participate in this program, but it is all going to be about word play. Come and see how well you learned your spelling and vocabulary in a series of fun games and activities at 4:00 pm on Wednesday, March 19. You must be aged 11 – 18 to compete.

Be a Program Buddy

Are you a young adult who likes to work with children? The library is looking for helpers to assist with the presentation of children's programs. Please contact Aaron if you would like to assist in a St. Patrick's Day Craft Program on Monday, March 17 at 4:00 pm.

Children's Department News

Storyhours

Registration for the spring series of storyhours will be taken from March 24-29. Sessions will begin March 31, April 2, and April 4 and continue for eight weeks. The groups are:

Turtle-Time for ages 1 1/2- 2 1/2 years accompanied by a caregiver, Mondays at 10:15 or 11:15 am.

Toddler Storytimes for ages 2 1/2-3 1/2 years accompanied by a caregiver, Fridays at 10:15 or 11:15 am.

Preschool Storytimes for ages 3 1/2-5 1/2 years, Wednesdays from 10:30-11:15 am or 1:15-2:00 pm.



Saint Patrick's Day Party

Children ages 6 – 10 will enjoy a fun St. Patrick's Day party on March 17 at 4 pm. Come join the fun! Listen to some great St. Patrick's Day stories, make a leprechaun craft and eat some delicious green treats. Registration starts on March 1.

Children's Art Class

Join Adele Karbowski, artist and teacher, as she continues to explore art with children ages 6-10 on Tuesday, March 18 at 4:00 pm. Registration is required and must be done in person. A \$5.00 materials fee will be required at registration which begins March 1.

Children's Room Display Bubble

Come see 8-year-old Owen Placido's incredible plane collection this month on display in the Children's Room. Owen has been collecting planes for over two years and enjoys the planes he's made himself the most. He studies the diagrams and directions found in airplane books, and then uses the information to make some really neat planes.

At left children are enchanted by the puppets during the presentation by Spark's Puppets "Kingdon of Riddles."