
RICHMOND READINGS

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Get Reading with *East of the River Reads!*

What happens when you bring together nine towns, all east of the river, of various sizes and cultures to read the same book? We'll find out soon as librarians from the newly formed East of the River Reads are launching our area's first regional read. Participating towns are:

Andover, Bolton, Colchester, Columbia, Glastonbury, Hebron, Manchester, Marlborough, and Portland.

What is a regional read? Regional reads, sometimes called "One Book", are community wide reading programs where residents read the same book and meet to discuss it. Additional events are also usually included and may culminate in an author visit. One

Book programs not only grow community spirit, they are events where citizens get together to share ideas and convey the message that these towns care about reading. The first "One Book" project was initiated by the Washington Center for the Book in 1998.

This is the first time that these nine libraries have banded together to get our region reading. Over a series of meetings this spring, librarians from area towns considered many possible books for their first regional

read. In May, Mary-Ann Tirone Smith's *Girls of Tender Age* was selected. Smith's memoir is more than her tale of growing up in the Charter Oak Housing projects of Hartford after World War II. She recounts her childhood with her unusual family including Tyler, her

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autistic older brother and juxtaposes those chapters with the story to Robert Nelson Malm who was tried and executed for the rape and murder of one of her fifth grade classmates. She and her fellow students were forbidden to talk about this murder and Smith uses this book to memorialize her quiet friend. Author Jane Stern wrote about *Girls of*

Tender Age, "...combining a coming-of-age-story with a heinous crime that shapes her life. I could not put this book down until I had turned every page."

Multiple copies of Smith's book will be available at East of the River Reads libraries. Each library is planning its own discussion and events around the book.

The program will end with the author, Mary-Ann Tirone Smith participating in two area programs on October 4.

Summer Reading Kicks Off June 20

Richmond Memorial Library's summer reading program will be filled with Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales this year. We are again participating in the nation-wide Collaborative Summer Library Program, a grassroots consortium of states working together to provide high-quality summer reading program materials for children. This year the theme features all kinds of animals – domestic and wild for all ages and is appropriately titled, Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales.

The program starts on Tuesday, June 20 with registration from 6 to 8 PM at the library. At 6:30 that evening Full Effects will present their entertaining show, **Paws, Claws, Scales and Magic Tales** where they travel around the world in search of amazing animals. Packed with magic and comedy, this show is for all ages. Children are asked to bring a picture of their

favorite pet for our Pet Wall of Fame, which will be hung in the library when they register. This evening is sponsored by Liberty Bank's Marlborough office.

Each child will receive a "goodie" bag filled with incentives and details about the program. Children of all ages may register, both independent and non-independent readers.

Teens and adults are invited to register to "Read During the Dog Days with Richmond Memorial Library". When they sign up, they too will receive an incentive. Teens and adults may enter our weekly prize raffle – one entry for each book they read. Drawings will take place each Friday during the month of July.

Other events this summer include **Wind over Wings**, featuring wild animals, **Pet Crafts** with Miss

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Summer Reading

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Eileen; **Touch Tank** with Cedar Island Marina, with Long Island Sound creatures; **The Day the Library Went Wild** with Jay Mankita, a zany concert for all ages; **Dog Grooming 101** with Cathy from Petsmart; **Animal Jeopardy** with Miss Kim, **Photographing your Pet and Other Wildlife** with Michael Kabel from Midtown Photo in Middletown, bring your cameras and questions.

Children may sign up to read with famous therapy dog **Murphy** on designated Dog Days. Buddying up with a friend is permissible too. Our popular **Stories in the Shade**, outdoor story time for younger children, will start on Wednesday, June 21 at 10:30 AM.

July 1 through 15 will be **Pet Food Days**. Pay off your library fines with pet food. Please bring any type of pet food (no litter please) and we will donate it to our Marlborough Food Bank. Consult our calendar for program details or visit our website at www.richmondmemoriallib.org.



Meet Murphy
the Therapy Dog

Vital Statistics—

Breed: Springer Spaniel
Date of Birth: July 20, 1999
Dog's Handler: Betty O'Brien
Favorite Pastime: Swimming in the lake
Favorite Toy: Soccer ball
Favorite Treat: Pepperoni ticks
Favorite Trick: Getting attention from people
Certifying agency: Bright & Beautiful Therapy Dogs, Inc.
Favorite Hobby: Listening to children read

Credit Where Credit is Due

Many thanks to our Book Sale Helpers including: Irene and Peter Klein, Nancy Grant, Mike Quincy, tentmeister Mike O'Neil, Sue Pitler, Susan Jacobs, Pat Cosgrove, Elaine Castro, the Bolton-Appleton Family, Brett Stone, Rob Klein, Sue Gallagher, Charon Mangino, Kim Danek, Bob Allen, George Overbaugh, Linda Harmon, helpers from St. John Fisher organized by Carolyn Brodinski, the Marlborough Volunteer Fire Department, Town of Marlborough Department of Public Works and any others we missed. Our success is due to your help and support!

Nancy Considine – Donation in support of the Library's local history page

Marlborough Junior Women's Club – Donation for books in honor of – Jenna Mae Stankiewicz, Caitlin Barry, Matthew Brophy, Ben Sarkis, Jack McClurg, Tre Baroncini, Todd TJ Sun, Seth Valentine.

Sara Regina, Sara's Home Childcare- Children's DVD in honor of the birth of the Trimani baby

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Lee and Dick Phillips – Donation of pass to Lutz Children's Museum for the entire community to use

Louise Concodello – Children's DVDs

Carol Dupere and Gail Martorana – Gardening book in memory of Dorothy Shevchenko

The Lagonick-Weitzel Family – Children's DVD in memory of Nancy Lagonick

Marlborough PTO – Donation of museum passes to the Mystic Seaport, Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art and the Science Center of Connecticut for the entire community to use

Terry Wagner – Volunteer gardener who maintains our front garden

Chris Corsa of the Marlborough Public Works Department for his woodworking skills on the upstairs meeting room project.

Russell Johnston – Volunteer webmaster for RML
Special thanks to the Friends Committee for their fund raising prowess this year. More than \$6500 was raised for the library operating budget and used to purchase library books, spoken books, music and DVDs, library tables, compact disc display unit, and modifications to make the upstairs meeting room more secure.

Special thank you to Kim Danek, who keeps our lobby book cart stocked and orderly.



Calendar

Tuesday, June 20 – Summer Reading Kick Off Night with Full Effects presenting **Paws, Claws, Scales and Magic Tales** magic and comedy show, 6 to 8 PM. Sponsored by Liberty Bank, Marlborough Office

Wednesday, June 21 – **Stories in the Shade**, 10:30 AM, outdoors with Mrs. Bartok, bring a blanket or chair and listen to great summer books

Tuesday, June 27 – RML Book Club, 7 PM – A *Long Way Down* by Nick Hornby

Wednesday, June 28 – **Stories in the Shade**, 10:30 AM, outdoors with Mrs. Bartok, bring a blanket or chair and listen to great summer books

Saturday, July 1 through Saturday, July 15 – **Pet Food Weeks!** Bring in pet food, canned bagged, non-perishable to pay off your library fines and we'll give it to the Marlborough Food Bank.

Tuesday, July 4 – *Library closed for Independence Day*

Wednesday, July 5 – **Stories in the Shade**, 10:30 AM, outdoors with Mrs. Bartok, bring a blanket or chair and listen to great summer books

Friday, July 7 – **Read with Murphy**, begins at 10:30 – register to read with Murphy, our Springer Spaniel pet therapy dog, for independent readers, registration required

Tuesday, July 11 – **Wind over Wings**, 11 AM, Wild animals, sponsored by the RML Friends Committee, registration required

Wednesday, July 12 – **Stories in the Shade**, 10:30 AM, outdoors with Mrs. Bartok, bring a blanket or chair and listen to great summer books

Monday, July 17 – **Read with Murphy**, begins at 10:30 – register to read with Murphy, our Springer Spaniel pet therapy dog, for independent readers

Monday, July 17 – **Pet Crafts** with Miss Eileen, 6 PM. Come and work on a few craft projects sure to make your pet (and you) happy! Ages 5 through adults, projects can be tailored to different abilities. Registration required.

Tuesday, July 18 – **Animal Jeopardy**, 6:30 PM, Test your animal knowledge and you may walk away our Jeopardy Animal Champion! For ages 8-14, registration required.

Wednesday, July 19 – **Cedar Island Marina Touch Tank** with Long Island Sound creatures – 10:30 AM Sponsored by Marlborough PTO. Registration required

Tuesday, July 25 – **Day the Library Went Wild** with Jay Mankita, 1:30 PM – Sponsored by the members of the RML Association

Tuesday, July 25 – RML Book Club, 7 pm – Reader's Choice, discuss your favorite read

Wednesday, July 26 – **Dog Grooming 101**, 6:30 pm, Cathy from Petsmart will take you step-by-step through the best way to groom your furry friends,

for children 5 and older, teens and adults too who need to learn the basics!

Tuesday, August 1 – **Read with Murphy**, begins at 10:30 – register to read with Murphy, our Springer Spaniel pet therapy dog, for independent readers

Thursday, August 3 – **Photographing Your Pets & Other Wildlife** with Photography expert Matthew Kabel from Middtown Photo in Middletown, 6:30 pm. He'll have tips, hints and valuable instruction – bring your cameras too. For teens and adults

Monday, August 28 – **End of Summer Ice Cream Social**, 6-8 pm, sponsored by the RML Friends, all ages welcome!



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Expansion News

The Board of Selectman, at their May 23 meeting, approved our going forward to apply for a \$500,000 construction grant through the Connecticut State Library. As the town owns the library building, they are the ones to initiate the process. Nancy Wood will prepare the grant with assistance from Best/Joslin Architects. Notification of awards will be made in December of 2006. Connecticut State Library construction grants are meant to be "incentive" grants to give libraries the seed money to get started on renovation, expansion or new library construction projects. If Richmond receives funding, the Library Executive Board and Expansion Committee hopes to bring the project to referendum in 2007.

The Expansion Committee is seeking volunteers who want to help with our project. Committees are forming now in these areas: Publicity and Marketing, PAC (Political Action Committee) and Fund Development. If you are interested in helping, please call Linda Cherry at 295-1241 or Nancy Wood at 295-6210.

RML Executive Board Elections

May's elections bring new leadership to the Richmond Memorial Library Association. Board members as of July 1 include:

Linda Cherry, President
Bob Allen, Vice-President
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