

RICHMOND READINGS

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Library Disbands Expansion Committee

At the May 22 Board meeting of the Executive Board of the Richmond Memorial Library, the Board voted to disband the library's Expansion Committee. The expansion project was brought to the voters in a town-wide referendum on March 20, 2007. The project was rejected by the voters, 469 in favor of the project, 798 against. "At this time, based on the vote, there is no point in continuing to meet," said Library Board President Linda Cherry. The Expansion Committee issued a final report to the Board, summarizing the project.



The expanded Library, as it would have appeared from the West.

Meeting since 2000, the Committee worked to plan an expanded library that would serve the community for decades and provide a multi-use building. "Residents told us in focus groups that they wanted a building where they could meet their friends and neighbors both formally and informally. We planned a building that had a variety of meeting rooms and spaces based on their input and one that would house our ever-growing library collection", continued Mrs. Cherry. The project was awarded a \$500,000 grant from the Connecticut State Library. "Now that the Committee has disbanded, it is up to the town to determine what to do about the grant," said Library Board Vice-President, Bob Allen. "People have asked if we are coming back with another plan and we are not. All our planning was based on population projections, statistical use, growth of the collection and the overall library program and that's why the Expansion Committee proposed that plan."

Next steps for the library include a new long range plan. Work on that plan will begin by the Board in the fall as the 2004 plan hinged on having an expanded li-

brary with space for technology, programs and meeting rooms. Library staff have already begun to re-arrange the ever-growing collection to try to best accommodate it. Magazines in the adult area have been moved to spinner racks behind the music collection. While taking up less floor space, they are more difficult to keep orderly. Shelves from the former magazine collection have been converted to house regular fiction. The non-fiction adult collection is being weeded. "We are taking a serious look at older formats such as videocassettes and books on cassette," said Library Director Nancy Wood. "Unfortunately, those who cannot afford to update their hardware to accommodate newer formats will suffer when we discard those collections. We are trying very hard to preserve our last few areas of seating, so something will have to go."

East of the River Reads

ATTENTION READERS! On July 9 the nine East of the River Reads libraries will announce this year's summer reading selection. Last year hundreds of you participated and read *Girls of Tender Age* by Mary-Ann Tirone Smith. This year's book promises to be just as big a hit and we can tell you it is a wonderful read that will generate lots of discussion. As always, multiple copies will be available at Richmond Memorial Library. Other topical programs will be announced as this title generates lots of talk. The author will make a local visit in the fall.



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Get a Clue at the Library This Summer

Super sleuths and daring detectives are invited to “Get a Clue” at the Richmond Memorial Library this summer as part of our 2007 summer reading program! Whether you’re a fan of Nate the Great, Nancy Drew, Inspector Clouseau, or Stephanie Plum, there will be something for all ages at the Library this year! But crime stories aren’t the only mysteries coming to Marlborough. Look for local mysteries, secrets, and puzzles to keep you busy, because you can literally, “Get a Clue – about anything – at your Library!”

The 2007 Summer Reading Program will kick-off on Wednesday, June 20 with a great local performer – **Steve Roslonek** of SteveSongs. His music has won numerous national awards, including two Parents’ Choice Gold Awards, a CMW Best Audio Award, a NAPPA Honor and an iParenting Media Award. Steve blends participatory songs, clever stories and great melodies into an experience that leads young listeners on what the *Boston Globe* calls “not just a musical journey but an entertaining, interactive and educational one.” Three of



Steve’s CDs are now available in the Library’s Children’s collection.

Kick-off night will begin at 6 PM with the SteveSongs concert starting at 6:30 PM. Families are encouraged to attend together and sign up for one of the three great programs we will be offering. The Children’s Summer Reading Program features **mascot Ike LaRue**, the dog from author/illustrator Mark Teague’s books, along with fun incentives and prize giveaways. We have planned a separate program for young adults who will be entering middle school or up in September. Their YNK (you never know) at the Library program will include our own version of ‘Deal or No Deal’ where teens can earn ‘Marl-bucks’ to be used later in the summer for a terrific auction of all things TEEN! Stay tuned and check out the Library’s new teen weblog at marlteens.wordpress.com for further information.



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Adults who register for summer reading will receive a gift just for signing up and then are invited to participate for prizes in a special mysterious scavenger hunt for teens and adults where clues are gathered from July 16 through 30.

Out Library Blogs

Visit our library website:

www.richmondmemoriallib.org

...and click on one of our two new library blogs. There you will find two blogs, one a general blog and the other just for young adults, ages 12 and up. In both blogs you will find “what’s new” for library materials, events and programs as well as other library news. Both blogs are ever-changing and welcome your feedback with places to comment. We want to know what you are reading or watching and this is the perfect place to share it. Your opinion matters to us and blogs are interactive, so please, interact with us!



A young reader and her “friend.”

RML Executive Board Elections

RML Association members elected Board members this spring.

Board members as of July 1 include:

Linda Cherry, President

Bob Allen, Vice-President

Sue Trzcienski, Treasurer

Michael Quincy, Recording Secretary

Linda Harmon, Corresponding Secretary

Barbara Meyer, Member-at-Large

George Overbaugh, Member-at-Large

Sherry Pensak, Member-at-Large

Lucille Sclafani, Member-at-Large



Calendar

Wednesday, June 20, 6 PM – **Summer Reading Kick-off!** Performance by SteveSongs begins, 6:30 PM

Monday, June 25, 6 PM – **Get a Clue About... Letterboxing!** The fun and family-friendly way to enjoy the outdoors. There will be a follow-up hike as part of this program when we will visit a locally hidden letterbox, date TBA.

Tuesday, June 26 – Netto Camp visits the library

Tuesday, June 26, 1 PM – **CSI Crime Lab** with the Discovery Museum, Grades 4 and up. Registration required

Tuesday, June 26, 7 PM – Book Club

Tuesday, July 3 – Netto Camp visits the library

Wednesday, July 4 – *Library closed, Independence Day*

Tuesday, July 10, 11 AM – *Shady Stories* with Miss Eileen, best for ages 3-8. Enjoy storytelling combined with a “Get a Clue” theme, including fingerprint fun, Teddy Bear Hospital and stories from our own state!

Tuesday, July 10 – Netto Camp visits the library

Wednesday, July 11, 2 PM – **“Clued In!” with storyteller Lynn Ruehlmann** Hear riddle stories and watch paper-cut stories unfold in this all-ages show as Lynn visits us from Virginia!

Monday, July 16 through Monday, July 30 – **Get a Clue Scavenger Hunt** for ages 12 through Adult. Come get your scavenger clue sheet beginning today and find all the clues. Winners will be announced Tuesday, July 31.

Tuesday, July 17, 11 am – *Shady Stories* with Miss Eileen, best for ages 3-8.

Thursday, July 19 – Netto Camp visits the library

Friday, July 20, 10 PM (to 12:30 AM!) – **Harry’s Big Finish: Harry Potter #7: the Deathly Hallows Release Party!** Ages 10-16 are invited with one adult to this exclusive event featuring games, book giveaways and magically-good fun! Space is limited and registration is required.

Monday, July 23, time TBA – **Get A Clue About Space** at our “Go For the Stars” Space program featuring Aerospace Educator Gary Pozzato and his talking robot. To be held at Marlborough Elementary School and co-sponsored by Marlborough Parks & Recreation. Best for ages 5 & up.

Tuesday, July 24, 11 AM – *Shady Stories* with Miss Eileen, best for ages 3-8.

Thursday, July 26 – Netto Camp visits the library

Tuesday, July 31, 11 AM – *Shady Stories* with Miss Eileen, best for ages 3-8.

Tuesday, July 31 – Netto Camp visits the library

Friday, August 3, 10 AM – **Music with Margie** Marjorie Warner returns to RML with her catchy music and movement program designed specifically for young children, but enjoyed by all ages!

Tuesday, August 7 – Netto Camp visits the library

Friday, August 10, 3 PM – Teen Summer Reading Program AUCTION! Come trade in your ‘MarlBucks’ for great prizes including an iPod and lots of great gift cards. Will you be the highest bidder?

Check our online calendar for more great fun and

Credit Where Credit is Due

Book Sale Helpers – Many thanks to all who helped at our recent sale

Nancy Considine – Donation for Local History Webpage

Christina Deptulski – Donation for adult books

Marlborough Junior Women’s Club – Donation for magazine rack

Marlborough PTO – Community museum passes to Mystic Seaport, The Mark Twain House and the Children’s Museum

Marj Woerle – Library volunteer and all around helper

Kim Danek – Library book cart goddess and all around helper

Terry Wagner – Volunteer gardener who maintains our front garden

Russell Johnston – Volunteer webmaster for RML

Marlborough Junior Women’s Club – Continued support for the Book-a-Baby and Book-a-Grad program who donated books this year in honor of graduates: Joel Casale, Christophe Weschsler, Nicholas Petroni, Jonathan White, Kyle Gnocchi, Bryan White, Sydney Farrar, Joshua Susman, Alex Bodey, Kyra Griffin and Nathan Bellhorn

Special thanks to the RML Friends Committee and Elaine Castro, Chair for their support.



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