

The Friends of the Reuben Hoar Library Spring 2007 Newsletter

New from the Friends – The Friends have created a website to make it easier for everyone to find out how they can help the Library. Check on it periodically and see what is going on, and what the Friends have done. We appreciate your input. Visit our website <http://www.friendsofthereubenhoarlibrary.org>

Spring Book Sale - Thursday, May 17, 2 – 8 p.m., Friday, May 18, 4 – 8 p.m., Saturday, May 19, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. (\$5/bag all day), Vincent Couper Room

Paperback and hardcover books, CDs, tapes and videos will be on sale. Volunteers are needed to help pack up at 3 p.m. on Saturday. Please call 978-486-3436 to help.

We will again be charging a \$10 entrance fee for the first hour for everyone except current Friends of the Reuben Hoar Library. Bring the enclosed coupon for free admission during the first hour.

Stop by to find great bargains on a wide range of reading material for all the family!

Congratulations - At the annual Massachusetts Library Association Conference in Sturbridge held on May 3, Marjorie (Marnie) Oakes, Director of the Reuben Hoar Library was named the Paralibrarian Advocate of the Year. Staff members Kathy Coughlin, Andy Curran, Helen Graham, Janice Lazarus, Doreen Morse, Jeanne Sill, Betty Smith, and Donna White received PARA Recognitions of Achievement.

We are pleased that the MLA has recognized our library director and staff, and congratulate them on this achievement.

Changes Coming to the Library – Look for the new Teen Zone coming soon to the Reuben Hoar Library! Expect exciting changes in the teen area, designed by the teens and funded by a teen grant and the Friends.

Summer Reading Program – Catch the Beat at Your Library

Children's Program – Visit the Children's Room to see musical decorations and to hear different music played every week. Friends' sponsored programs include:

- Holly Cleeland, a well-known costume designer on the west coast, July 11 at 7 p.m. showing how to make spectacular costumes from things around the house
- "Vic and Sticks Storytime Band" July 19 at 7 p.m.
- "The Spoonman" July 24 afternoon performance promises to be A LOT of fun!
- John Madama will be back in August for the third time with an excellent science presentation about fossils. He has some new ones to show this year!
- David Polansky and his great music will be the final performance of the summer, August 16. He had everyone dancing last year; we can't wait to see his show!
- Goo Newman will present Toddler Story times on two Wednesdays TBA.
- Watch Reuben's Notes for details about craft sessions, "Moms Read" and "Dads Read" events, and movie nights.

Teen Program – This year, teens designed their summer reading program. Each participant will choose his own reading level and write a personal contract; small prizes will be awarded. Programs will include Henna tattoos, duct tape crafts, and sewing pillows for the teen area. The teens will attend a performance of “Grease”. Adult volunteers are needed to chaperone. Contact Linda Schreiber if you can help.

Adult Program – Adults will read at least one book that has to do with music, listen to a music genre that they don’t usually listen to, and keep a list of books read to qualify for an Acton Jazz Café gift certificate.

Recent Fundraising Efforts – Already this calendar year, the Friends have raised over \$1,100 in two fund raising efforts.

- As a partner of the Nashoba Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Friends sold 66 discounted tickets to the Taste of Nashoba Valley held March 27th and raised \$330. The Taste is a wonderful opportunity to sample the offerings of area restaurants, caterers, and other food merchants. The Friends will participate again next year, so watch for information and posters in February 2008.
- In April, the Friends collected, sorted, and transported 15,744 deposit cans and bottles to raise \$787.20 for the Library.

Thank you to all who helped in these fundraising efforts!

What the Friends of the Library have done lately – Thanks to our generous membership donors and hard work at fundraising, the Friends have recently:

- Sent nine librarians to the Massachusetts Library Association Conference
- Bought museum passes for Peabody Essex Museum, Fitchburg Art Museum, and Children’s Hands-On Art Museum, and a Massachusetts State Parks Pass. The full list of museum passes is available at the Library and online.
- Subscribed to the EBSCO Publishing Database Next Reads service that provides up to date information about new acquisitions that the Library has made. Pick what genre(s) you want to be notified about in a monthly email.

By-Law Housekeeping - At this year's annual meeting, the Board of the Friends of the Reuben Hoar Library will ask you to accept a number of amendments to the by-laws. You will be notified of the proposed changes closer to the annual meeting. If you have experience with re-writing by-laws and would like to help, please contact Gary Gumuchian at Ggumuchian@comcast.net

Don’t forget the many passes for museums and local attractions purchased by the Friends as you plan your spring and summer outings! Sign up for passes on-line at www.littletonlibrary.org and click on Museums.