



Winter 2009
Newsletter

FRIENDS of LANE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

President's Note

I HOPE YOU'VE ALL HAD A great Holiday Season, despite the ice storm and the winter cold. Friends are looking forward to another great year raising awareness for our terrific library.

On November 8th, the Friends partnered with the Rotary Club of Hampton to host a **Gala Celebration** in honor of the **Friends 50th Anniversary**. As part of the Gala, we had a wine tasting, courtesy of Shaw's of North Hampton, along with door prizes, and a silent auction. This celebration was a huge success, and many thanks go to the Rotary Club of Hampton for its tremendous support.

Our next exciting event is the 5th

Sweetheart Tea!
See inside ...

Annual **Sweetheart Tea**, to be held on February 14th in the Lane room. This event is open to Hampton residents aged 3-8, with seatings in the morning and

afternoon. Space is limited, so remember to sign up early.



The **Twilight Book Club** continues to be popular, with the group meeting on the first Tuesday of each month. Come join the group to discuss the latest thought-provoking books.

As always, **we need volunteers** for the events we hold. Please help if you have a little time. Contact the chairperson for that event or e-mail us at friends@hampton.lib.nh.us. Every little bit helps us raise money to improve our library and provide programs to the Hampton community.

Best wishes for a safe and healthy winter,
Susan Hughes,
President
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*The Friends of the Lane Memorial Library cordially invite you
to the fifth annual*



Sweetheart Tea

Where: Lane Room, downstairs, Lane Library

Date: February 14, 2009

Tea Times: 10:30am – 12 noon

or

1:30pm – 3:00pm

**The Tea is open to all children ages 3 – 8
and an adult. The event is *FREE*.**

Events and activities include:

- sipping tea
- savoring scrumptious desserts
- artistic face painting
- creating a unique craft
- listening to an exciting story



**Space is limited.
Sign up in the Children's Room
or call 926.4729.
Sign-ups start January 31.**



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It's Tea Time for Gigi and Kara!

Gigi Dawson shares her story on her involvement in Lane:



High school friends and Lane volunteers
Gigi Dawson (left) and Kara Colarusso.

"It all started with my grandmother, Dot Gooby. She's the one who pulled me in, to become a member and volunteer for the Friends of the Library.

Every year, the event I most looked forward to was the Sweetheart Tea. My job for the past few years was face painting. Every car, teddy bear, unicorn, heart, I painted on a kid's face would bring me great joy.



So, naturally this year I wanted to help out again. It just so happened that the timing was perfect for Kara and I to team up and actually run the event this year along with Shelley Chandler. Kara has gone to the Lane Library to read to little kids in past years, too, so she has contacts within the children's library also.



Kara and I chose this project for our senior seminar project because we want to have a real-life experience in the community. Kara and I are very involved with community service and love working with little kids! We love to get all dolled up to serve tea! We, along with Shelley Chandler, are extremely excited for this event, and hope it will be a huge success!"

Make a Difference at Lane

There are plenty of ways you can make a difference by getting more involved with Friends. Think about being an Officer or on the Board of Directors. It's enjoyable and rewarding, and often not much more work than attending a few meetings throughout the year and offering your support and ideas. Before September we will be looking for new Officers to fill various capacities in the next term. This could be your chance to shine and make an impact just as Gigi and Kara, above, are doing. The Friends of Lane needs you. Please consider finding out more about different opportunities. Feel free to e-mail me if you would like any more info or chance to "shadow" an Officer while they do their part. It's easy and fun working together for a great cause—Lane.

~Debra Perry, Vice President, debraperry@gmail.com or 457.6704.

If you have interest in the areas below, contact Sue Hughes at suemarkh@comcast.net or 926.0472:

WEB MASTER—This "techie" volunteer will give the Friends' Web page a little "splash," and keep news and events info up-to-date.

FRIENDS' CORNER—We need someone to decorate the space above the water station, which belongs to Friends, and keep it updated with the news and events.

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SOME FRIENDS' FAVORITE BOOKS OF THE YEAR

“My favorite book for 2008 was **Without a Map** by Meredith Hall, born in Hampton, as you probably know. Her metaphors and language are exceptional.” —**carol dugan**

“My favorite book of '08 is an older title ... in fact I have reread it several times: **Mutant Message Down Under** by Marlo Morgan. It's technically fiction, as the author has no way to verify what happened to her ... It's a story of a middle aged woman, who unexpectedly goes on a walk-about with an Aboriginal tribe for several months and learned about faith, nature, and what's truly important in life.” —**kris sawyer**

Editor's Picks by **debra perry**

On the Road, by Jack Kerouac

A long time coming for me to read, but it was worth the wait. Interesting to me is that how it was most entirely autobiographical—and written in only three weeks. I couldn't help being a somewhat envious bystander watching his carefree (read reckless) flirtation with life.

Twilight Book Club
meets the first Tuesday of each month 6:30–8 p.m. in the Dorothy Little Room at Lane.

All are welcome. No need to sign up—just come join us! Ask at the Circulation desk for available book copies.

Need more info?
Contact Debra Perry at debraperry@gmail.com or 457.6704.



Go
Wild...
Read!

The Road, by Cormac McCarthy

There's a reason this won Pulitzer for 73-year-old McCarthy. The topic of this sparse novel, about a father and son in post-apocalyptic America, might not be everyone's cup of tea, but if it is, you're in for something remarkable.

Thirteen Moons, by Charles Frazier. I think I enjoyed this in subsequent moments of unexpected thought even more than when I was reading it. Frazier has a knack for hitting you subtly when you didn't even realize it. His main character, Will, sneaks up on you until you want to call him friend—I think because Frazier knows how to get under your skin in how he shares the joys and sorrows of living the human condition.

A Thousand Splendid Suns, by Khalid Hosseini

The Time Traveler's Wife, by Audrey Niffenegger (OK, I've read this three times. Still love it.)

BirdSong, by Sebastian Faulks

Last Night at the Lobster, by Stewart O'Nan

Out Stealing Horses, by Per Petterson

A GOLDEN EVENING COMMEMORATES 50 GOLDEN YEARS

The Friends of Lane Memorial Library held their 50th Anniversary Gala Nov. 8 at Lane Library. It was a perfect way to celebrate 50 wonderful years of the Friends and enjoy community spirit and interaction. Thanks to the Rotary Club of Hampton, the occasion was able to include a fabulous wine tasting. Many library patrons and merchants in the local area donated door prizes and raffle items to add to the success of the evening. Naturally Silk also made sure our library was bedecked and bedazzled in autumn décor to make it a wonderful, festive celebration. *And it was!*



—Local musician Richard Cumming entertained attendees with his lovely keyboard music.



—In the background of the main area of Lane library, Gallo wine servers broadened guests' knowledge and palate for 12 different varieties of great wine. Guests also participated in a Silent Auction, held in the NH Room, and received engraved memento wine goblets.



—Diane Gordon watches as longtime Lane Friend Katie Anderson makes the honorary first cut of anniversary cake. Other refreshments included sweets from Hutchinson's Candies, hors d'oeuvres provided by Shaw's, fresh fruit and a chocolate fountain.



—Diane Keyes, Barbara Costello and Lane Library Director Amanda Reynolds Cooper chat in the Dearborn Room.

Photos courtesy of Darrell Eifert

Scottie needs some sorting help!



Book sorting continues over the winter as new book donations are received daily.

If you can help with book sorting,

please contact Sue Hughes at suemarkh@comcast.net or 926-0472.

Friends helping friends

You can help us be green and cut costs by receiving your newsletter by e-mail. If you're a current member receiving snail mail from us, please forward your e-mail address to library@hampton.lib.nh.us. (It will never be shared or sold.) Thanks!

Give a membership as a gift, or pass this on!

Please print out and mail or bring in to the library:

To: The FRIENDS of
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c/o The Lane Memorial Library
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I am enclosing \$_____ to cover the membership. I have checked below.

*Please make checks payable to
The Friends of Lane Memorial Library*

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- ___ Patron \$50
- ___ Benefactor \$100

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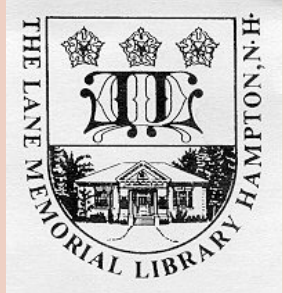
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Be a FRIEND and JOIN TODAY!



Happy 2009
from all of us to each of you!

2008-09 Friends Officers:

- President: Sue Hughes
- Vice President: Debra Perry
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- Recording Secretary: Lynn Goodman
- Membership: Pat Trionfo-Spitz
- Publicity: Kacey Morris
- Newsletter: Debra Perry
- Corresponding Secretary: Sandra Kent
- Past President: Gloria Goudreau

Established in 1958, the Friends is a multiage volunteer organization whose mission is to preserve and strengthen Hampton's library as a community resource.

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