



# Snow Library News

*From the Friends of Snow Library*

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## Second Annual *Snow Ball* Ready to Roll

*"Kindles and Sonys and Nooks...Oh, My!"*

*Co-Chairs Holly Trevisan and Ellen Dickenson*

The tornado that upended Dorothy's house in the movie *The Wizard of Oz* is similar to the explosion of technology that is taking our culture by storm. Computers and the internet have changed our world, but the latest, fastest moving technology is all about instant digital access to information as well as entertainment.

In order to help Snow Library and all of its patrons enjoy the latest technological advances, the proceeds from the Friends' second annual Snow Ball Dinner Dance will go towards the enhancement of our video and music collections and the purchase of the latest in digital readers such as Kindles and Nooks.

Please join us for an elegant evening of cocktails, gourmet dining, dancing and a silent auction at The Captain Linnell House on Friday, November 12, 2010. Last year's Snow Ball was a resounding success; let's make this year's event even better!

The Second Annual *Snow Ball* Dinner Dance  
Sponsored by the Friends of the Snow Library

Friday, November 12, 2010  
6:00 pm to 10:30 P.M.

The Captain Linnell House Restaurant

\$95 per person

Silent Auction • Music by DJ Tom Tuttle

## President's Message

*Pamela Ritchie*



Dear Valued Members,

We still need a secretary! Is there anyone out there who would like to join us? It's not a terribly hard job, but you would need computer skills. Call me at 508.255.4528 or e-mail me at [pwritchie@comcast.net](mailto:pwritchie@comcast.net).

Fall is coming, school has started, and we have had quite a year: the first Snow Ball, the return of our Book and Author Luncheon as well as our *bread and butter programs*, which were quite successful this year (see the article on the annual meeting.) We look forward to our second Snow Ball, which is discussed on the front page, and sponsoring One Town, One Book as well as Mystery Night.

Welcome to our new board members. Glad to have you aboard, and I hope we can be of help as you learn your new jobs.

I expect to lead us into long-range planning sessions to develop a two-to-three-year plan that will mesh with the Library Trustees's long-range-planning. Do let me know if you are interested in working with us.

Here's to raking leaves, picking pumpkins and concord grapes, as well as many hours of reading.

*Pam*

## Friends of Snow Library Annual Meeting

The Friends of the Snow Library held their annual meeting in the Craine Gallery on Thursday afternoon, July 19, 2010. President Pamela Ritchie called the meeting to order and presented a summary of the year's events. The highlights included the first annual Snow Ball dinner dance last November. The proceeds were spent on the Young Adult and Children's sections of the library. The Friends again sponsored One Town, One Book with the library. The Book and Author Luncheon took place in June after a hiatus of two years. We hope that it will continue for years to come. The Friends helped pay for a space needs study—the first in a long line of necessary studies, pursuant to a possible future expansion of the library. Speaking of the future, we are engaged in formulating long-term goals for our organization that will mesh with the library's five-year plan.



*Michael Tougias*

Our very popular programs continue: Lifetime Learning, Saturdays at Snow, the Major Donor Party, the Volunteer Party and the Staff Holiday Party.

Pam introduced all the board members and offered a quick look at what each of their jobs entail. We had to say good-bye to several board members whose terms had expired: Leslie Pike, membership chair; Sue McFarlane, Lifetime Learning co-chair; Ruth Higgins, hospitality chair; and Mary Ellen VanderWater, hospitality committee. We voted to approve new members: Mary Gulrich, Lifetime Learning co-chair; Sally Short, membership; and Lyn Oleksiak, hospitality committee chair. We re-elected two one-term members: Pamela Ritchie, president and Ellen Dickinson, treasurer. Treasurer Ellen Dickinson reported on our economic status, which is quite healthy.

Following the business meeting, we enjoyed a talk given by Michael Tougias about his book, *OVERBOARD!: A True Bluewater Odyssey of Disaster and Survival*, after a massive storm hits their sailboat and the crew wait for Coast Guard rescue. Mr. Tougias held us enthralled with his presentation by using incredible photographs (one of which was of a wave over 40 feet) to illustrate the struggles of the crew on the boat and those in the water.

## Greetings from Snow Library

*Mary Reuland*

We had an absolutely wonderful summer here at Snow! The days were beautiful, and it seems as though everyone was just having fun. It was a pleasure to share lovely days and sunshine with all the visitors who enjoyed Snow Library and the beauty of Cape Cod.

The results of last year's Snow Ball certainly made great improvements in our Teen Area. The teens appreciate a space with computers for them. We saw new faces each day. The new computers were in constant use, and more of our collection in that area has been utilized. Much of the activity there revolves around computers, but I can report that I have seen some teens just reading books. That is a pleasantly reassuring sight.



Our selection for October's One Town, One Book is Nathaniel Philbrick's *In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex*. In addition to hosting small group discussions and a closing panel, we will also hear about the history of whaling on Cape Cod from National Park Ranger Sue Haley. The story of the Essex is an amazing one which provides an opportunity to learn not only about whaling in the 1860's but also about leadership, navigation, and human behavior. I hope you will join us for some exciting and enlightening conversations.

The fall Lifetime Learning session has a strong offering of courses which will keep the library very busy throughout October and November. The Rowena Myers Trust will again sponsor the January Music programs in 2011. January can be a bit quiet here so I think we will continue to call this series "Waking Up Winter with Music". Information about all library programs can be found on the Snow Library website [www.snowlibrary.org](http://www.snowlibrary.org). We also have Bookletters and Nancy Pearl's Book site which offer current reading suggestions and quick descriptions of new titles.

As the summer draws to a close and all of us adjust to a different pace, I am aware of the hard work, dedication and time given to Snow Library by all of our volunteers. Our summer was busy, fun and successful. Many thanks to our volunteers, the Friends, and patrons for making it so. Looking forward to seeing you at Snow!

Sincerely,  
*Mary Reuland*

## A Go Green Summer @ Snow Library

*Susan Kelly, Youth Services Librarian*



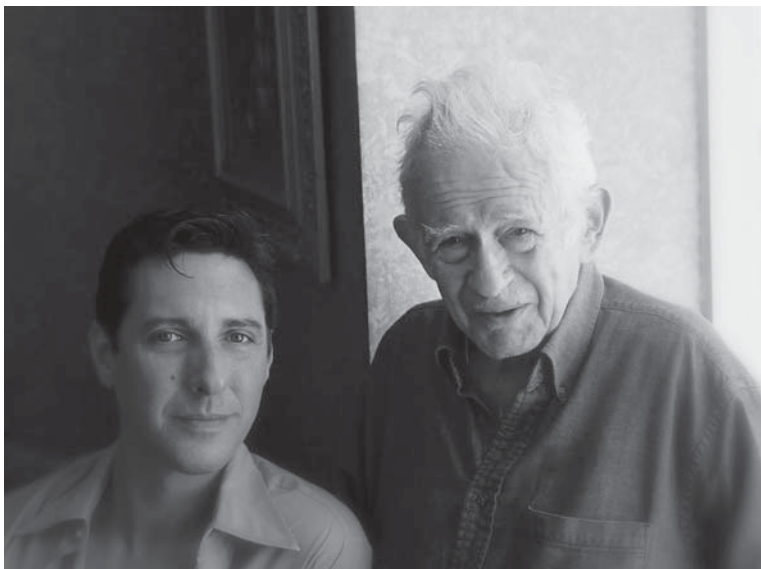
After a successful summer reading program, *Go Green@ Your Library*, we are getting underway for fall with our storytimes on Wednesdays and Thursdays for preschool children, toddlers, and their caregivers. On Tuesdays we are introducing a new art program at 11 A.M. each week for toddlers. Please register for these programs in the Children's Room.

Also our fall book group session begins on the last Thursday of the month with the first meeting of the **Mother & Daughter Book Club** for girls in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and above and their moms. Our **Mystery Book Club** for boys and a parent will begin on October 5, and the **Youngest Critics** group for kids in kindergarten through second grade will begin on October 4<sup>th</sup> and will meet on the first Tuesday of each month. Please register at the Children's Room desk and pick the book up at the circulation desk any time.

Happy Back-to-School!  
*Susan Kelley*

## Book and Author Luncheon

The Friends of Snow Library sponsored a Book and Author Luncheon on June 10, 2010 at the Jailhouse Tavern in Orleans. Dwayne Raymond, author of *Memories of Norman Mailer*, spoke to an audience of about 60 people. As Norman Mailer's personal assistant in the last four years of Mailer's life, Mr. Raymond shared interesting stories of their relationship. Norris Church Mailer was invited to speak, but was unable to attend due to illness.



Many thanks to the committee for helping to make this event a success for the library. Committee members were: Pamela Ritchie, Nancy Shactman, Elizabeth Merritt, Sandra Jorgensen, Leona De Martino, and Marion Osterberg. Also thanks to board members Ellen Dickinson, Bonnie Munro and Leslie Pike for their help in making the luncheon a success. We look forward to having a Book and Author Luncheon in the spring of 2011. Please call Nancy Shactman at 508-255-8695 if you would like to work on the committee.

## Fourth of July Parade

The Fourth of July was a beautiful day, sunny and hot. The Friends' Parade Committee gathered around Ellen Dickinson's truck to decorate it with posters, streamers and stars. The stars signifying that Snow is a three-star library while also holding to the theme of the parade: *Fifty Stars on the Flag of the Fourth*.



Those committee members participating were: Anne Minotti, Holly Trevisan, Pamela Ritchie, Ellen Dickinson, Mary Mador, Carol Courneen, Sue McFarland's daughter Ann Agostin, with her children, Nicholas and Sarah, as well as Anne Minotti's grandchildren, Caroline Thayer, Hannah Sweeny, Natalie Sweeny, and Georgia Benz.

The younger children made posters saying "Read Books" which they waved as they sat in the back of the truck. The older children handed out books to the crowd. We were joined this year by our Director, Mary Reuland and the Children's Librarian, Susan Kelly. Carol, Holly and Mary carried the banner while Ellen and Pam waved from the truck. Thanks to everyone! We all had a great day.

## Lifetime Learning Celebrates Its 30th Year

Lifetime Learning Learning, sponsored by the Friends of the Snow Library, will launch its thirtieth season with this fall's series starting on September 20, 2010. Course and registration forms are available at the Snow Library in Orleans, on the Friends' website ([www.friendsofsnowlibrary.org](http://www.friendsofsnowlibrary.org)), at other Lower Cape libraries, and senior centers. Members of the Friends of the Snow Library will receive their registration brochures by mail. In addition, dates and details will appear on the Library's website ([www.snowlibrary.org](http://www.snowlibrary.org)).

Courses for this fall's Lifetime Learning Program will cover seventeen exciting subject areas, and we are introducing nine entirely new programs.

- ✓ ***Lessons in Landscape Design***, with Shaton Davis will include her design of the Orleans Senior Center walkway.
- ✓ ***Historic Town Walks*** is a follow up to last fall's Our Towns course. We are offering those same lower Cape towns.
- ✓ ***Holiday Floral Designs*** will help you decorate for Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christms.
- ✓ ***Architecture on Cape Cod*** Prestigious architects will focus on historic preservation and green design.
- ✓ ***The Intersection of Science and Religion***. A distinguished academic will present what may be the most controversial course.
- ✓ ***Speaking in Public with Confidence*** members of the Academy Playhouse will present this program for those who have ever panicked about giving a speech or a toast.
- ✓ ***Behind the Scenes-Lessons in Stagecraft*** presented by members of the Academy Playhouse.
- ✓ ***Parklands of North America*** will take you on a virtual tour.
- ✓ ***Stewardship of our Coastal Ecosystems*** The Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies will present a survey of threats to local and global marine environments.
- ✓ ***Ideas and Novels*** Steve and Jeff Bornemeier will return with this program for the readers among us.
- ✓ ***Chopin at 200*** Pianist Ken Fearn is back to celebrate the composer.

We are continuing the Our Towns series with:

- ✓ ***The History of Brewster, Sandwich, Barnstable, Harwich and Dennis*** will be presented.
- ✓ ***The Four Seasons of Cape Cod Birds*** with Peter Trull who will continue our bird theme.

Old favorites are back again by popular demand:

- ✓ ***So You Want to be a Poet*** will be in the writers' corner with Peter Saunders.
- ✓ ***Memoirs*** Carol Bright will again teach you to put your lives in writing.
- ✓ ***Digital Camera for Beginners*** The Aldriches have agreed to teach another photography course.
- ✓ ***The Mind in the Movies*** returns as a fall favorite.

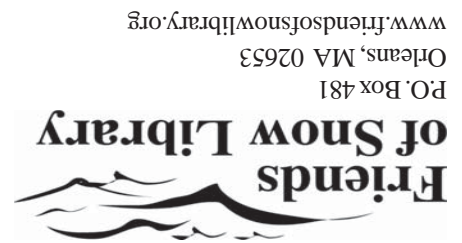
This session we welcome incoming Co-chair, Mary Gulrich, a major contributor to our course offerings. Co-chair, Sue McFarlane is retiring, but will remain on the Lifetime Learning Committee. For further information please contact Abby Summersgill (508.240.6778) or Mary Gulrich (508.255.8372).

### Saturdays at Snow Library

Saturdays at the Snow Library will begin a new season on November 6. Watch for a special mailing detailing our fall/winter programs. We welcome your ideas for a speaker or topic and encourage new members to join our planning committee.

Please contact Joanne Baldauf at 508.255.8946, Sue Lynch at 774.207.0176, or email [Tillstock@comcast.net](mailto:Tillstock@comcast.net).

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## A Good Nonfiction Read

*No One Would Listen: A True Financial Thriller* by Henry Markopolos

Harry Markopolos figured out Bernie Madoff's Ponzi scheme well before the SEC and sophisticated investors did. Although Markopolos provided evidence to the SEC as early as 2000, nothing was done until after \$65 billion had been lost. An amazing and costly story.

### Volunteer Needed for Very Important Job

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#### Secretary Needed

- ⚡ Must be computer literate
- ⚡ Must be available 3rd Thursday of each month
- ⚡ Must want to join an organization that significantly assists Snow Library