

# Snow Library News

*From the Friends of Snow Library*

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## Membership:

### *Leslie Pike*

Thanks to all who have renewed their memberships for the current year. For those of you who may have joined us this past season during our classes and/or lectures, welcome aboard!

We are enclosing envelopes again in this newsletter; we hope that those of you who have not yet renewed will do so now—it is not too late. You can drop off the envelopes at the library or mail them in to us.

Unfortunately, due to the rising cost of printing and mailing, we need to remove from our mailing list any members who have not renewed within the past two years. We have had great success thus far and hope to continue with more of your generous support.

## Friends of Snow Library Annual Meeting

*Thursday, July 16 at 3:00*

We invite you to our annual meeting on Thursday, July 16, at 3:00 P.M. in the Craine Gallery. There will be a short business meeting followed by a break for refreshments. At 3:30 Pamela Ritchie will introduce our featured guest speaker, Peter Smith.

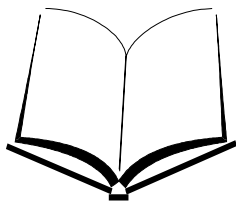
Mr. Smith is a novelist, journalist and editor. He grew up in Milton and South Orleans, where his family has long-standing ties. He was educated at Milton Academy and Columbia College. Currently he lives with his wife and three children in Northampton.



He is the author of four novels, and for the past eight years has worked as a contributing editor and writer at *O*, the Oprah Magazine. His last book, entitled *Two of Us: the Story of a Father, a Son and the Beatles* (Houghton-Mifflin), chronicled his then 8-year-old son's obsession with the band. His fiction has appeared in *The New Yorker*, and his nonfiction has appeared in the *New York Times Magazine*, *New York Magazine*, *Travel & Leisure*, *Harper's Bazaar*, *Self*, *Everyday with Rachael Ray*, and other magazines. He has also ghostwritten books for Suze Orman, Colin Cowie, most recently, Paco Underhill (*Why We Buy*, 2009 and *The Female Factor*, to be published by Simon & Shuster in 2010) and Martin Lindstrom (*Buyology: Truth and Lies About Why We Buy*, (Doubleday), a *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal* and *USA Today* bestseller.

Mr. Smith has also appeared on the Oprah Winfrey Show, the CBS Early Show, C-Span and National Public Radio. He is a monthly contributor on Oprah Radio on XM/Sirius.

We look forward to welcoming Mr. Smith, a writer who has such close ties to Orleans. His first job was at Snow Library, thanks to Kay Bader. Please mark the date and plan to join us on the 16<sup>th</sup> of July.



## Greetings from Snow Library

### The Snow Library Loses a Friend

Mrs. Doris Nickerson died on March 8. She was so well thought of in connection with the library that her friends contributed \$1800 in her name to the Friends of Snow Library. We are grateful for this gift and will use it to enhance library programs.

Mrs. Nickerson had a love for Snow Library. She started working as an unpaid aide, but then went to Cape Cod Community College to obtain her library certification. Eventually she advanced to the position of assistant librarian.

After retirement, Mrs. Nickerson still served the library by being a member of the Board of Trustees for many years.



### Mary Reuland

It seems as though Snow has been busier than ever in the last year. When I received the Massachusetts Public Library Rankings Report for 2008, the reason was clear. Snow Library was first for direct circulation, second in attendance in our population group, and eighth in the state. It is a joy to share this news with you since The Friends are vital to helping us make every visit to Snow Library an interesting and positive experience for all. There is still no greater joy for a librarian than seeing someone with a happy face walk out of the library carrying a stack of books!

We are introducing a new service for anyone who wants to share good books with their friends: *Snow's Book Club in A Bag*. In the *Bag* are multiple copies of a title, as well as information about the author, and ideas for group discussion. The titles are listed on our website, and we will continue to add to the list. Fostering the joy of reading is the core of library service, and we hope our *Book Club in a Bag* will stimulate many lively book discussions.

Our children's reading program this summer is *Starship Adventure*. We have stocked the children's area with new books on science, planets, space travel, and astronauts. We hope you can join us on Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> for *The Starry Messenger*, a family program about stargazing and astronomy. The beauty of the night sky fascinates all children, and we hope that our books and programs will spark a lifelong interest in the wonders of our galaxy.

We have made several improvements to the Snow Library website. We hope you will find its Calendar of Events convenient and enjoy the *Good Reads* and *Pearl's Picks* sections. There is also a link to your new and very attractive Friends web page which provides photos, schedules and related information about the Friends of Snow Library.

I would like to thank all of you and especially, the members of your Board, for the support and enthusiasm which made this last year so successful. Hope to see you at Snow this summer !

## Outer Cape Friends of Libraries

On April 1, 2009 eight of the presidents of the Outer Cape Friends of Libraries met for the first time at Willy's Gym in Eastham. It was an opportunity to meet each other and to share information about our libraries. I was there with Jan Kelly from Provincetown, Pat Wheeler from Truro, Dennis O'Connell from Wellfleet, Judy Sebastian from Eastham, and Shirley Banford from Harwich. Christopher Kenney and Joe Gagliano from Brewster and Chatham, respectively, were unable to attend.

Each of us discussed how our Friends group was organized, what kinds of programs we supported, how the libraries were governed, and so on and so on. We felt that the meeting was interesting and helpful enough to plan for a second one on May 4th. We agreed to share information about the programs that we sponsored, particularly those that might transfer from one town to another. One member suggested that, as a group, perhaps we could attract more expensive speakers, performers, etc. and share the costs and proceeds—interesting concept and one worth considering, in my view.

We plan to meet at Snow Library on June 22 to continue sharing information about programs. The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners encourages this kind of area-wide group, and I keep them informed of our meetings and progress.

Pamela Ritchie

## Lifetime Learning Honors Presenters for the Year

The Lifetime Learning Cochairs Abby Summersgill and Sue McFarlane, and their committee expressed their praise and appreciation at a cocktail party for the program presenters, who outdid themselves to give the lower Cape community a most interesting year. The party, held on April 30th, featured delicious Thai hors d'oeuvres catered by Ae Bornemeier and beautiful floral arrangements by committee members Mary Gulrich and Jan Hoffman. Committee members did a great job creating a lovely atmosphere and making this a very special evening.

Highlights of the fall session included an introduction to the world's major religions, a study of the history of the piano over three centuries, Cape Cod shipwrecks, digital camera for beginning and intermediate photographers and five sessions dealing with the safe navigation of the college-admission process.

The winter/spring semester featured twelve subject areas with record attendance for a winter/spring semester! Jung Ho Pak, conductor of the Cape Cod Symphony Orchestra captured the interest of the audience as he interviewed the April concert's guest violinist Phillipe Quint. Witnessing the rapport between the two was a treat for the audience. James Kershner presented a calming and peaceful series based on Buddhist meditation and practice. Fred Dunford and Duncan Oliver presented two new series on Cape Cod archaeology and lore. Bird watchers experienced a new level of interest and appreciation with the fascinating presentations by Peter Trull.

Currently, the cochairs and their committee are planning the fall semester. As a result of surveys completed by the participants in our classes and thanks to our resourceful committee, we have some wonderful new up-and-coming programs. Thank you to all who attended and supported Lifetime Learning at the Snow Library.

## Meet New Friends' Board Member



Carol Courneen has recently joined the Board of the Friends of Snow Library as the business community liaison. She keeps apprised of events in Orleans by attending various Chamber of Commerce meetings and coordinates Snow Library's participation in community events such as the Fourth of July Parade, Sidewalk Sales, and Christmas in Orleans.

Carol worked as the merchandise manager of Trees Place in Orleans for the last eight years and for four summers prior to that. She was responsible for managing the physical inventory in the store as well as the computerized inventory. Carol enjoyed interfacing with various vendors, retailers, and, of course, customers.

This energetic woman is finding her role as business community liaison very interesting and enjoys meeting the business members of the Orleans Chamber of Commerce. Carol hopes to expand Snow Library's presence in various town events and increase the library's visibility as a valuable resource to the community.

### Starship Adventure @ the Snow Library (continued)

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| <b>Tuesday July 7</b>      | <b>10:30 A.M.</b> <i>Storytime</i> in the Children's Room  |
| <b>Wednesday July 8</b>    | <b>10:30 A.M.</b> <i>Space Place Trivia Contest</i><br>For children 6 and older. <b>Register your team by July 8</b><br>(maximum of 4, minimum of 2) Prizes and refreshments   |
| <b>Tuesday July 14</b>     | <b>10:30 A.M.</b> <i>Space Hat Workshop</i> for children 4 and older in the Craft Room   |
| <b>Thursday July 16</b>    | <b>10:30 A.M.</b> <i>Galileo Smith Visits the Solar System</i> – children's movie  |
| <b>Tuesday July 21</b>     | <b>10:30 A.M.</b> <i>Storytime</i> in the Children's Room  |
| <b>Wednesday July 22</b>   | <b>3:00 P.M.</b> <i>Midnight on the Moon</i> – book discussion of part of Mary Pope Osborne's Magic Tree House series in the Craft room with craft activity and snack. <b>Please preregister and pick up a copy of the book.</b> |
| <b>Tuesday August 4</b>    | <b>10:30 A.M.</b> <i>Storytime</i> in the Children's Room  |
| <b>Wednesday August 5</b>  | <b>10:30 A.M.</b> <i>Cosmic Adventure</i> – photo Frame workshop for children 4 and older in the Craft Room.   |
| <b>Wednesday August 12</b> | <b>10:30 A.M.</b> <i>Starship Adventure Challenge</i> – science fair for children of all ages in the Craine Room, <b>Register early</b><br>Prizes and refreshments!  |

## Notes from the President

### *Pamela Ritchie*

We have so much to look forward to in the coming months:

- A musical duo called *Contempaissance* is coming to Snow Library this summer. We are planning a tea party during their presentation in the Craine Gallery. Be sure to watch for notices.
- We are joining the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade and hope that many of you will help us out by calling Jo Miller to volunteer. Her number is 508-240-1960. The middle school students chose the theme: “Hot Summer Days and Cool Ocean Sprays”.
- Our big summer book sale takes place on Saturday, July 11.
- Our annual meeting is Thursday, July 16 at 3:00. Peter Smith, a novelist, journalist and editor will speak on the subject of *Reading, Past and Present*. He comes to us via a recommendation by Bobbi Eldridge, who is a tireless volunteer for the library.
- Our first annual dinner dance, called the “Snow Ball”, is scheduled for Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. The Captain Linnell House owners have truly extended themselves to help us make this a profitable event. The Friends sees a gap in programs for the 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade school children of our area. We want to keep these children involved with all that our library has to offer so we are looking to present programs that will appeal to this age group.

In April we had a lovely party for our Snow Library volunteers at the Orleans Historical Society. Such a dedicated group of people they are. A big thank you to the Hospitality Committee for the food and flowers.

I attended the party for the staff and presenters of this year’s Lifetime Learning programs. I am always amazed by the depth and breadth of the talent that the LTL committee finds to make those presentations for us all. Kudos for all their hard work

Thank you to the Sundays at Snow committee for the excellent programs they put on throughout the fall, winter, and spring.

As you read through our newsletter this month, please put the scheduled events on your calendars so that you won’t miss out on all our activities this summer and fall. I am so impressed by the dedication of the board members, the committee members, and the volunteers who keep the Friends active and mindful of their mission to serve you, our library patrons.



## Volunteer Party



## First Annual *Snow Ball* Dinner Dance to Benefit Children’s Library Programs

Bring out your ball gown and dust off your dancing shoes. The Snow Ball, the Friends’ of Snow Library first annual dinner dance, will be held on Friday, November 13, 2009 at The Captain Linnell House. Proceeds from this gala evening of exceptionally fine dining and magical music will be used to enhance and expand the children’s programs sponsored by the Friends. We hope to introduce new and expand programs for the middle and high school grades. There will also be a silent auction of items that have been donated by generous friends in our community. Among them are artwork, antiques, and boating excursions out on Pleasant Bay. Look for a *save-the-date* card coming in the mail with details on ticket prices and reservations, but mark your calendar now—in ink. It will be an evening not to be missed. Holly Trevisan, *Vice President*

## Sundays at Snow

Because of cuts to the town budget for fiscal year 2009–2010, the Snow Library may be closed on Sundays.

The Sundays at Snow committee, which is responsible for the Sunday events of music, history, economics, literature, and travel, will no longer be able to have its programs on Sundays. The committee has developed a survey for the membership of the Friends to complete. It will provide input on whether we should schedule these programs on a different day and time or to cancel them altogether.

The committee would appreciate the membership's feedback. If you have not completed at survey at one of the current Sunday programs, it would be most helpful to us if you would fill it out and leave it at the circulation desk of the library.

Thank you for your cooperation.

*Sandra Rhodes*  
Cochair, Sundays at Snow Library

## Youth Services:

*Susan Kelley*

We are excited about our summer reading program, *Starship Adventure @ the Snow Library*. The program will begin July 2 and is designed for preschoolers through fifth grade. It is hoped that the program will reinforce reading skills over the summer vacation and motivate young ones to love reading and the library. It will feature fun and fascinating weekly programs along with incentives to spend time reading and being read to.

Library patrons are invited to stop by the library for a schedule of events. We welcome everyone to join in the fun at Snow Library this summer. Below is a schedule of our summer activities. Registration begins in the Children's Room on June 23.



### Starship Adventure @ the Snow Library

Registration Week: June 23 to June 26

*Sign up in the Children's Room for a Starry Summer.*

**Programs start at 10:30 A.M. in the Craine Room**

- July 2** *Starship Singalong* – Julie Wanamaker kicks off our summer Starship Adventure with music and refreshments for the whole family
- July 9** *Model Saturn Workshop* – Make a model of the planet Saturn. For children 5 and over
- July 15** *Galileo Week* – (note **Wednesday** program instead of Thursday!)  
**10:30 A.M.** *The Stargazer's Apprentice* For children 3 and older  
**3:30 P.M.** *Starry Messenger A Visit from Galileo* For children K and older  
**6:30 P.M.** *Galileo for the whole family*
- July 23** *Moon Crazy* – Jackson Gillman's captivating songs and stories take you far away and pilot you happily home.
- July 30** *Rockets: There and Back Again* – presented by the Museum of Science, Boston **Please note: There are 2 sessions limited to 25 people at 10 A.M. and 11 P.M.** Please register in the Children's Room.
- August 6** *Stories from Outer Space* – Fanciful tales of sun, moon, and stars...and a visit from three colorful space aliens who travel to earth in a flying saucer to create some mischief. Presented by Sparky's Puppets
- August 13** A celebration for summer reading program participants and their families

In addition, we will offer the following children's programs over the summer. Please register for these programs by signing up at the Children's Room desk.

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## NOTICES

- ☛ **Friends of Snow Library Annual Meeting on July 16 at 3:00;** followed by speaker Peter Smith at 3:30
- ☛ **Save the Date**  
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