

Friends of the Falmouth Public Library

Newsletter

Fall 1994

BOOK SALES 1994



ONE!
TWO!
THREE!

Two down and one to go!

The summer of 1994 has ended, but for the Friends of the Falmouth Public Library who participated in running our two book sales the memories will last as surely as the seasons change. Both book sales were extremely successful fund raisers for the library. Our July 6th sale scheduled in conjunction with the Arts and Crafts Festival was attended by thousands of people. Our blue and white canopy set on the library lawn was a magnet to book lovers. A magnificent summer day combined with high quality fiction donated by many FFPL members created a spectacular event.

This year for the first time the Friends held a Remainder Book Sale on August 19 and 20. The sale, also held under a canopy on the library lawn and scheduled to coincide with road race weekend, attracted hundreds of tourists and Main Street strollers. The sale allowed the Friends to lighten their storage of material left over from previous events, and provided customers an opportunity to acquire great literature at bargain prices.

The Friends' final book sale of the season will take place on Friday and Saturday, November 4 and 5, from 10 am to 4 pm at the Main Library. This event will provide a wide selection of eclectic material and promises to please everyone who attends. Once again the residents of Falmouth, and especially members of the Friends of the Falmouth Public Library, have donated reading treasures. Extraordinary selections in art, history, sports and hobbies as well as popular fiction and children's books are just a few of the twenty categories which will be represented at the sale. Because past sales have depleted our supply of cookbooks, antiques and collectibles, crafts and Cape Cod books, the Friends are requesting more of this material. However, book donations of any better quality items are always gratefully accepted. **Please bring books to the donation box located in the lobby of the Main Library on Katharine Lee Bates Road.**

NEW VENTURE FOR THE FRIENDS

BOOKS FOR BABIES



The Friends of the Falmouth Public Library are proud to announce a new service to the Falmouth community. It is the unbeatable combination of **Books for Babies**, a program which has been very successful in other Friends' groups throughout the country. Beginning during Children's Book Week, November 14th to the 20th, the Visiting Nursing Association of Cape Cod, in cooperation with the Friends, will begin delivering packets supplied by the Friends to the homes of babies born during that particular week. In the attractively designed packet will be seven items:

Baby's first library card, a gold card for future success.

A booklet for the mother with finger games and nursery rhymes that explains the importance of the program. Two pamphlets on the importance of reading, **How to Raise a Reader**, and **Barbara Bush's Family Literacy Foundation** tips.

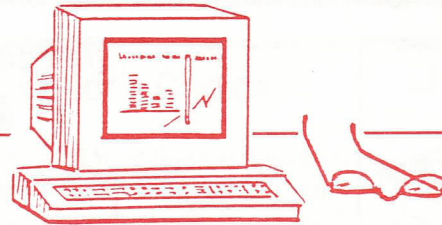
A colorful book made out of heavy board, baby's first book!

A source book for mothers, published by Scholastic, Inc., **Read to Me**.

A bib inscribed with Read to Me.

Special Information from the Falmouth Public Library concerning story time hours.

The Friends plan to repeat the distribution of the **Books for Babies** packets during National Library Week, April 9-15, 1995. In the future, FFPL will be looking for co-sponsors from other community organizations to help defray the cost of further distributions.



Presidents Corner

The other day I was at the library helping price books for our November sale with other volunteers. I mentioned the fact that we needed more helpers and I wished that I knew where to find them. One of the volunteers remarked that it had taken us a year to call her. I'm sure that there are other members out there who may have never been contacted. I have fairly regularly given my phone number in this corner of the newsletter and asked interested people to call me, but it has not been sufficient. If most of you are like me, you wait to be called. We have to do a better job of matching people with jobs and I am sure that we will in the future. Right now we need people who will help with sorting and pricing books. This is an ongoing job and Ron Scaring would be more than happy to get you started. Call him at 564-4345 or drop into the storage room off the Children's Room of the Main Library right by the wall phone. Ron can often be found there in the late afternoon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday. If you like books it is fun to look over the donations and the company is always congenial.

Hope to see you all at the Book Sale on Friday, November 4th and Saturday, November 5th from 10:00 to 4:00. We have received some wonderful donations and it just may be our best sale yet.

M. Sanborn



Thirty reasons to attend



the pre-holiday Book Sale November 4 & 5 10am-4pm Main Library

AMERICANA ART ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES BIOGRAPHY
COMPUTERS CRAFTS EXPLORATION FICTION (PAPERBACK
& HARDCOVER) GARDENING HUMOR HEALTH FOREIGN
NATURE TRAVEL MARITIME CAPE COD HISTORY CHILDRENS'
MUSIC POETRY RELIGION PLAYS NON-FICTION
(PAPERBACK AND HARDCOVER) SETS SPORTS HOBBIES
SCIENCE REFERENCE VIDEOS, TAPES & CD'S

(And maybe a surprise 31)

RENEWAL REMINDER

Please look at your address label. If there is a red dot, you have neglected to renew your membership in the Friends. Send your check to FFPL, Box 480, Falmouth, MA 02541. An application is provided for you on the back page of this newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The number of members of the Friends of the Falmouth Public Library as of October, 1994 is

Current membership	426
Patrons	40
Family membership	193
Individual	189
Organization	4

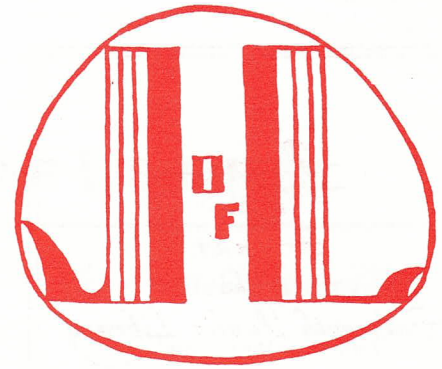
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COMING THIS WINTER MID FEBRUARY TO MARCH 10

Members of FFPL showed themselves to be good readers and prompt responders to the survey mailed this fall. They clearly expressed an interest in having a series of short courses to be offered through the Friends' auspices. February is to be the starting date for the first of four one hour sessions, a valentine to the Falmouth community and the surrounding area from the Library Friends.

The **Upper Cape Joy of Learning** program committee composed of Ned Nolan, Mary Palmer, Gregory Silverman, Hope Thurlby, Library Director Nancy Serotkin, Trustees representative Mary Lou Montgomery with chairman Wilma Albers has reviewed the encouraging responses to the survey. On the basis of the interests expressed, volunteer teachers have been contacted regarding their availability for the venture.

The committee hopes to select the four to six courses in time to have them listed in the Winter Newsletter. Midweek day courses were preferred with 11:00 am and 1:00 pm equally popular. Literature, specifically poetry and novels, and ancient and American history led the interest list. When mid-February arrives we hope to see an enthusiastic turn out of FFPL members and their friends at the Main Library to enjoy tuition free courses presented by volunteer teachers drawn largely from the membership of the Friends.



DON'T FORGET!

THE REMEMBRANCE FUND

One of the major ways that Friends can contribute to the Remembrance Fund is by naming the Friends of the Falmouth Public Library as the recipient of donations in memory of a loved one. Recently, the family of Mr. Paul Funk, a resident of Falmouth, did just that, and we have received several generous donations in his name. Mrs. Funk has notified the Friends that she would like the money spent on mystery books, a particular favorite of her husband's. The Friends are more than happy to oblige, and the library has been notified of the request. We are grateful to the Funk family for choosing the Friends, and we hope that they will be the first of many to do so.

We also had a donation honoring a child's birthday which specified that children's books be purchased with the money. Again, we were happy to oblige. The library asks that your requests be in designated categories such as those mentioned above rather than particular titles. A generic plaque will be inserted in each book designating the Friend's Remembrance Fund as the donor. Please do think of us in the future. It is a wonderful way to add to the library's collection and it gives you a chance to choose at the same time.

STORAGE AREA NEEDED

Once more the Friends are asking our membership for help with storage. Is there one or more of our members who would be willing to store boxes of books we have set aside for particular book sales? The storage area must be dry, secure, and easily accessible. Book sale chairman Ron Scaring and his helpers would handle transporting the books to the site. Please contact Ron at 564-4345 if you can help. The need is urgent!

GIFTS FROM THE FRIENDS

Here is a brief sampling of some of the videos which the library purchased with money from the Friends:

Great Expectations
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings
Porgy and Bess
Gardens of the World-6 volume set
Year in Provence-4 volume set (for both the Main Library and the East Falmouth Branch)

Children's Videos

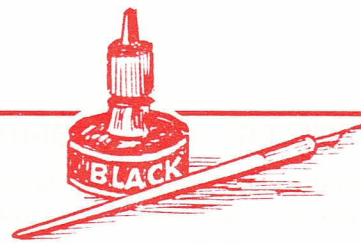
Madeleine's Rescue
The Secret Garden
Several in the Ramona series
Several in the Samantha series
National Geographic for Kids



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Support Your Friends

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SPECIAL THANKS TO:

All of the generous donors who either call or bring their books to the Friends' donation box in the lobby of the main library or to the branches. We appreciate those of you who think of us when moving time comes around and it becomes necessary to part with books collected over a lifetime. We recently have received outstanding and valuable books from Helen Gottlieb and John Hough for which we are most grateful. In turn, all our donors can rest in the knowledge that the sale of their books will both benefit the library and give enjoyment to the new owner.

John Peri for the effort and time he put into placing donated genealogical material at the Boston College Library and the Sturgis Library in Barnstable.

Agatha East for the attractive logo for our new Joy of Learning program.

Peg Kronenberg for adding a feminine touch to the logo which accompanies the Library Director's column.

To all the willing Friends who have been working at the membership table on the last Saturday of the month. They have helped to keep our membership growing and we are most appreciative. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help at the table, please call Eleanor Baldic at 548-2681.

To the very competent and faithful ladies who are doing an excellent job pricing special books for Friends' book sales. The new area which the library is letting us use makes the job far more pleasant than working in the basement room where the books are stored.

**FRIENDS OF THE FALMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY
 TREASURER'S REPORT AUGUST 31, 1994**



Balance April 1, 1994		7168.00
Income:		
Membership	2368.00	
Donations	474.00	
Remembrance Fund	375.00	
Book rentals	187.31	
Book Sales	6737.06	10141.37
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		17309.37
Expenses:		
Operating expenses	798.83	798.45
Library expenditures		
Books, videos	389.21	
Programs	585.77	
Perishable Theatre	305.00	1279.98
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Balance August 30, 1994		15230.94



WHATS HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARIES



News from East

The Branch started participating in the CLAMS system on Monday, October 17, 1994

New plantings and landscaping were provided by volunteers from the Falmouth Council for Civic Beautification.

The Branch has two new volunteers: Micky Barnes (a retired Vineyard librarian) and Penny Hilliard (a retired Marine Corps officer).

The Branch has received approximately two dozen new videos (mostly current films and children's films) from branch patrons.

The date for East Falmouth's Fourth Annual Open House is Thursday, January 5, from noon to 7:00 pm.



News from North

Many thanks to the Friends for the wonderful new books and videos that our patrons are enjoying.

Story hours continue to be very popular. The new Wednesday morning Story Hour is attended by over 20 pre-schoolers each week and is followed by a visit to the playground.

Jason Kan is off to UMASS for his sophomore year and has promised to come back next summer.

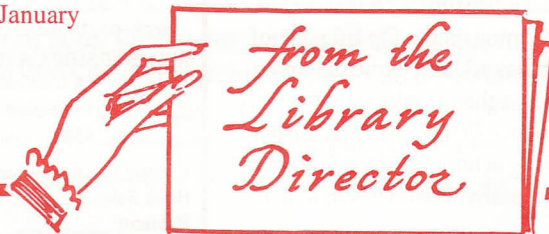
Main Library

Story hours continue in the Children's Room on Monday and Thursdays. Call the Children's Department at 457-2555 to register.

A special magic show for children, "The Magic of Books" will be presented on Friday, November 25, 10:30 am.

DIFFERENT PEOPLE, DIFFERENT PLACES, a five part series of book discussions, is currently being presented by the Falmouth Public Library. The program, developed by the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities, filled up rapidly when it was announced and is now being enjoyed by the lucky twenty five who registered early.

A Reading of Dead Poets on Mexico's Day of the Dead will be presented by the Falmouth Public Library on Wednesday, November 2, from 7:30 - 8:30 pm. The program will take place upstairs in the Young Adult Room. The public is welcome.



A year has passed since the new administrative team at the Library took up the torch, and a bustling, productive, and sometimes breathless year it has been. There is still much to be done but significant effort has gone into reaffirming our funding base and shoring up the basics of staffing, hours of opening, book budget and general condition of three library facilities.

One of the major highlights of the year was winning Town Meeting approval for an additional Reference Librarian position. Securing the position allowed us to consider some additional hours of opening even though it could not be an infinite number because it takes more than one person to staff the Main Library at any given time. Through a community survey, it was ascertained that the most called for hours at the Main Library as well as at the North and East Branches, were additional morning hours, and starting after Labor Day reconfigured schedules made that possible in all three locations. Evening hours, the next most called for open hours, were also expanded somewhat at Main. This expanded schedule benefits the community and aids in our quest to

restore hours of opening that meet minimum standards and insure continued state funding.

An apparent and gratifying effect of this past year's efforts has been to bring support of the Library closer to the surface in the community. It is clear that the townspeople of Falmouth still care about good library service and are willing to support it.

In this past year the Friends certainly played their part in helping to bring greater visibility to Library endeavors and in providing service enhancements that are noticed and very much appreciated by the public. You have made many contributions both large and small that have made a real difference; a special thanks is noted for your gracious help with the Cape Verdean Exhibit festivities.

In this upcoming year, I look forward to continued partnership with the Friends, and, I hope, more opportunities to stay in contact with regard to our mutual efforts for the Falmouth Public Library.



Book Reviews in Brief: Editor's Choice

Novels about the old and not so old West filled with gore and violence do not usually appear on the modern woman's list of favorite books, but Cormac McCarthy's **All The Pretty Horses** has to be the exception which proves the rule. McCarthy has been compared most often to William Faulkner, but the list goes on and on to include Melville, Hemingway, Twain, Joyce, Shakespeare and even the Bible. Most of it is justified in this reviewer's opinion. The prose flows like music, but don't expect much in the way of love and romance. His women lack substance. His men are unforgettable! If you like **All The Pretty Horses**, go on and read the second novel in what will ultimately be a trilogy. **The Crossing**, currently on the bestseller's list, is heavy, gloomy and even more masculine than **Horses** but filled with the same extraordinary writing which casts a spell over the reader. In spite of what some reviewers call bombast and speechifying, most end up admitting that they would follow McCarthy anywhere.

Always critically acclaimed, McCarthy has now won popular acceptance. **Horses** received the **National Book Award** and the **National Book Critic's Circle Award** which automatically sent publishers scurrying to reissue his five earlier novels in which he covered such subjects as incest, necrophilism and infanticide plus the ubiquitous blood and gore. **Blood Meridian**, considered by some to be McCarthy's **Moby Dick** (his favorite book) is perhaps the goriest of them all but a masterpiece nonetheless. It's not easy to be bloodthirsty and poetic at the same time but McCarthy manages it time after time. It's magic!

If **All The Pretty Horses** might once have been described as a man's book, then Anna Quindlen's new novel, **One True Thing**, would surely have been classified as a woman's book. Although it is ostensibly about a mother and daughter, it is much more a story of relationships within a family, between husband and wife, sister and brother, mother and son. Only the mother reacts well to her terminal cancer; indeed, she is the one true thing of the title. The rest have great difficulty adjusting to a life in which their needs come second. It could have been trite and maudlin, but it is not. Quindlen, who won a **Pulitzer Prize** for her columns on the Op Ed page of the New York Times, is an engaging writer who has all her characters under control even when their behavior is decidedly less than noble. The reviews were evidently good enough to convince Quindlen to give up her job at the Times and write novels full time. Staying at home and writing with several children around could never be easy, but many women seem able to do it. Better them than me.

Friends of the Falmouth Public Library
1993-1994 Membership Form

Yes, Count me in! Renewal New Member

Name _____
(Exactly as you wish your membership name to appear)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (Home) _____ (Work) _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

\$5 Individual \$100 Life Membership

\$10 Family Other

\$50 Organization

I would like to volunteer in the following way(s).

Book Sale _____ Newsletter _____

Publicity _____ Fundraising _____

Special Events _____ Other Skills _____

I am unable to volunteer at this time _____

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