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# Newsletter

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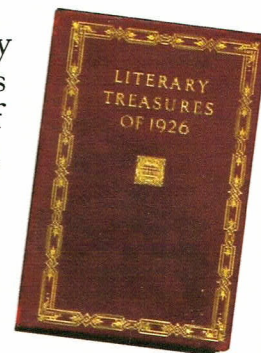
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## FFPL Summer Book Sale Raises \$38,000

First we had a booksale on the library lawn in July and netted \$38,000 for the library, and ...

once more our Reference librarian, Jill Erickson, along with other library patrons, attended the sale and came up with some wonderful treasures. Let's see if yours match up with hers. The following is Jill's enthusiastic account of finding one particular book, the **Literary Treasures of 1926**: "The book has a lovely maroon binding with gold lettering on the cover, and a pretty good frame around the edge. Open up and you discover that it was published by Heart's International Cosmopolitan Magazine for private distribution only. What *'for private distribution only'* might mean in 1926 publishing lingo I have no idea. Ray Long, the editor, writes: 'What we are trying to do is to make Cosmopolitan not only the most interesting magazine in America, but the most human and amusing, and to make its appeal the broadest and most intelligent'.



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Now we are going to have a holiday book sale in November in the Hermann Room of the Main Library

The Holiday Book Sale Hours will be:

- Tuesday ~ November 29
- Wednesday ~ November 30  
2:00 pm to 8:00 pm

- Thursday ~ December 1
- Friday ~ December 2  
10:00 am to 5:00 pm  
*and*
- Saturday ~ December 3  
10 am to 2 pm

**This will be a much bigger holiday sale** than the sales we have had in other years. President Lenny Miele tells us that there will be "pristine books for sale which make wonderful gifts for Christmas and Hanukkah, and we will have a variety of children's books, cookbooks, new fiction, and a marvelous selection of history books, many of which relate to Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War". All you history buffs are in for a real treat.



# Joy of Learning

## FALL SCHEDULE

BEGINNING OCTOBER 4TH ~ DETAILS INSIDE



# SUMMER SALE

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"This was a time when magazines were still full of short stories and essays!" He continues: "We are not trying to direct channels of thought; we are trying to get readers to think."

**Many of the authors in this volume** I have never heard of, but clearly they were the cream of the crop in 1926. They include, among others, Frazier Hunt who writes about "A Day With President Coolidge", Fred C. Kelly who has an article called "I Won A Small Fortune In Stocks", and then Winston S. Churchill writing "The Tiger And The Bulldog". In this same volume, H. G. Wells has an article entitled: "The Four Years At College Are Wasted" (and this was in 1926 remember). His final paragraph reads: "A time must come when Oxford and Cambridge, Yale and Harvard will signify no more in the cultural world than the monastery of Mount Athos or the lamaseries of Tibet do now, when their colleges will stand empty and clean for the amateur of architecture and the sightseeing tourist."

**What's a Lamasary you ask?** A monastery of lamas! See you even learn new vocabulary when reading a book from the Friends Book Sale.

**Wells describes his idea** of a modern institution of teaching: "The new institutions for the increase of knowledge will become the constituent ganglia of one single world university and a special press and a literature of explanation and summary will make the general consequences of their activities accessible everywhere".

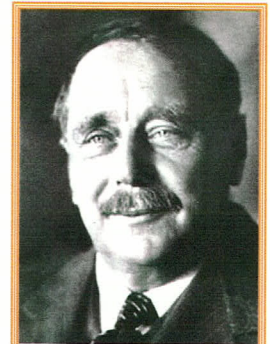
**I wonder** what H. G. Wells would have made of the Internet.

**This volume is not all serious thought**, however. There is a very long story by Cynthia Stockley called "The Dice of God". Here is a sample.

*"The six Rhodesians had seen that view so often that they were sick of it, but the sight of the two pretty women beautifully gowned in slinky-dinky white dresses that suggested 'London, Torment, and Town was another pair of sleeves altogether..."*

I've got to remember that phrase "slinky-dinky"! So in this one volume I get sense a of timetravel, history and education and the world of 1926. All of this thanks to the Friends book sale..And this was only one of the many treasures I brought home. May this tremendous effort by the Friends of the Falmouth Library continue to flourish.

~ Jill Erickson



Author H.G. Wells

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Friends:** Now that the summer months have passed, it is an appropriate time to reflect upon the accomplishments of the Friends during the past year. Through the Book Nook and the summer and winter book sales, we have been able to provide our libraries with programs and supplies not budgeted by the town of Falmouth. For the year 2011-2012, we are proud to satisfy a library wish list that totals \$34,000. Along with supporting the Falmouth Reads Program and the adult, teen, and children's programs at our three libraries, we have purchased museum passes, audio visual materials, library databases, children's display shelves, and patron browsing carts.

Through the tireless efforts of our Board of Directors, we also provide the library community with our Joy of Learning classes, our Newsletter, and topical movie nights. For their hundreds of hours of service to the libraries, I want to thank Peter Sawyer, Ann Toran, Erica Hall, Yang Conley, Marilyn Sanborn, Kathy Murray, Marlene O'Toole, Jane Hewitt, Nancy English, and Pat Parker.

Without question, I extend heartfelt thanks to Bob O'Toole, the chairperson of this year's annual book sale. From planning to execution, he was responsible for the success of one of Falmouth's most popular summer events. And to Avis Grosslein, who scheduled all 98 volunteers who manned the six tents, and to Julie Moran, our treasurer who worked day and night collecting and counting money, I thank you for your dedication and friendship.

Equally important kudos must be given to the volunteers who sort, price, and box our donated books every Monday and Thursday in the Friends book room and the 98 volunteers who worked during the five days of our July book sale. Their "sweat" and enthusiasm helped us net \$38,000 for our Falmouth libraries.

*Lenny Miele* **Friends President**





# Joy of Learning

## Schedule of Courses for Fall 2011

The Friends of the Falmouth Public Library will offer five new courses which will begin Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The classes are free and open to the public.

**Tuesdays: 10:15 - 11:15 am - October 4, 12, 18, 25 at FCTV**

### ***Movies! Movies! Movies! The Films of Steven Spielberg***

- **Jaws** - The mechanical shark never worked and the 27 year old Spielberg thought he'd never work again.
- **Indiana Jones & The Raiders of the Lost Ark** - Spielberg teams up with his buddy George Lucas, and becomes more disciplined.
- **Jurassic Park** - Computer imaging brings Michael Crichton's best seller to life!
- **Schindler's List** - The story of how a scoundrel becomes a hero and savior during humanity's darkest hour.
- **Spielberg's "Oscar"**

*Fred Gitlitz B.A. Colgate, M.A. Columbia University, Ph.D. Columbia University*

**Tuesdays: 11:30 am - 12:30 pm - October 4, 11, 18, 25 at FCTV**

### ***Vignettes in American History***

- **The Rise and Fall of Huey Long** - Charismatic, flamboyant, and dictatorial, he served as Governor and Senator of Louisiana at the same time.
- **The American Labor Movement** - A history of the Labor Movement in America and its potential demise (i.e. Wisconsin).
- **1864** - A very dark year for the Union, and no one thought Lincoln could be re-elected, including himself.
- **The Struggle for America's Soul** - How the Civil Rights Movement removed the stain of segregation and saved America's soul.

*Fred Gitlitz B.A. Colgate, M.A. Columbia University, Ph.D. Columbia University*

**Wednesdays: 12:00 noon - 1:30 pm - October 5, 12, 19, 28 & November 2 & 9 in Bay Room**

- **Anna Karenina** - We will study Tolstoy's classic novel. Professor Szulkin would like everyone to have read the book before the first class.

*Robert Szulkin, Professor Emeritus Brandeis, M.A. Harvard, Ph.D. Harvard*

*This class is limited to 20 participants enrolled on a first - come, first - served basis.  
Please sign up at the Reference Desk.*

**Thursdays: 10:00 am - 11:15 am - October 6, 13, 20, 27 & November 3 in Hermann Room**

- **World War II: The German - Soviet Conflict 1941 ~ 1945** - Operation Barbarossa launched by the Germans on June 22, 1941, was the greatest military assault in history. This course will examine the reasons for the initial success of the Wehrmacht - and its ultimate failure. Amongst major operations examined will be the battles for Moscow, the sieges of Leningrad and Stalingrad, the battle of Kursk, and the Red Army's final offensive from the borders of Soviet Russia to the banks of the river Elbe.

*Michael McNaught B.A. and M.A. Trinity College Oxford where he specialized in Military History and the Theory of War. M.A. History, Columbia*

**Fridays: 10:00 am - 11:15 am - October 7, 14, 21, 28 in Hermann Room**

- **Mysteries of Congress** - Why was our First Branch set up to allow as much disfunction as it now experiences? What are the key differences between the two bodies. How does our Congress system compare with alternatives, like the parliamentary system, that virtually all other democracies use?

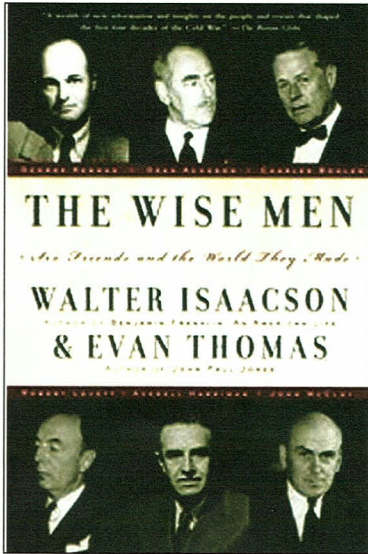
*Michael T. Corgan Ph.D, Associate Professor, Associate Chair, Department of International Relations, Boston University*

**Tuesday classes will be held at FCTV: (Falmouth Community Television Studio) on Dillingham Avenue next to the Senior Center. Registration forms are available to the public at the circulation desk at the Main Library and at all the branches.**

**REGISTRATION FORM CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 5**



## The Wise Men: Six Friends and the World They Made by Evan Thomas & Walter Isaacson



In 1969, David Halberstam shocked the world with his blockbuster expose of the horrific situation in Vietnam and the men who were responsible for it. The book was **The Best and The Brightest**. It mainly covered the time of the Kennedy and Johnson administrations and, according to Halberstam, it was this group of men around these two presidents who were largely to blame for the United States policy in Vietnam, men such as Secretary of Defense William McNamara and presidential aides McGeorge Bundy and Walt Rostow, all hand picked by President Kennedy for their exceptional intelligence and background. President Johnson retained all three in their positions after Kennedy's assassination.

In 1983, Seth Thomas and Walter Isaacson wrote another book which included the Vietnam period, but also dealt with the period from FDR's death through the Truman administration and on past Vietnam. Their book is entitled **The Wise Men**, specifically the six men who left their jobs as bankers, diplomats, and lawyers to come to Washington and serve

in the government during the Truman administrations. It was clear to them early on that Truman would have a great need for their expertise in foreign policy.

**They held several different offices** during this period, the best known being Dean Acheson as Truman's Secretary of State. All six already knew each other, four of them held together by old school ties. Averell Harriman, Robert Lovell, Charles Bohlen and Dean Acheson had all gone to Groton and then on to either Harvard or Yale. They were also from wealthy, privileged families who set great score by education. Together with George Kennan and John McCloy, they came to be known as The Establishment. It was an apt phrase to describe them as they were largely conservative men who wanted to preserve what could be called the American way of life. Four were Republicans and two were Democrats, but politics had not been part of their Groton education. Far more important was the code of behavior that they had been taught and which guided their lives

**Bob Lovett was seen as** the embodiment of the Establishment. His credentials were impeccable. He represented the best of the breed. He was friends with the giants of politics and industry but also with Robert Benchley, Lillian Hellman and John O'Hara. He had no allegiance to a party, only to his country. He was great going up on the Hill to smooth things over. He knew that those who really had power tried to keep it out of sight. President Kennedy offered him three different cabinet posts and he turned down all three.

**Averell Harriman, upon graduation** from Yale, and after starting a shipping business of his own, entered government as one of the progressive businessmen who supported the New Deal. As Roosevelt's "special envoy" to Churchill and Stalin, he became a diplomat willing to go anywhere the president sent him to help solve a problem. For many years he traveled to Russia and was on intimate terms with the top Communists.

**Dean Acheson was two years behind** Harriman at Groton but did not show great promise until he was a student at Harvard Law School when his superior intelligence became evident, an intelligence that was to mark his time as Truman's Secretary of State. He was more responsible for the Truman Doctrine than Truman and more responsible for the Marshall Plan than Marshall. He was not afraid to show his power.

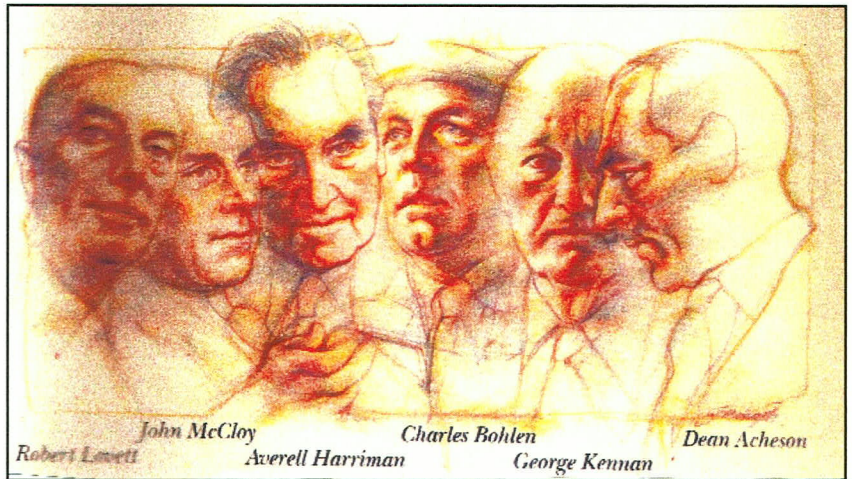
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**Charles Eustis Bohlen was the handsomest** of the six and was known to enjoy the company of women, but he did not have the financial resources of the other men. However, he had the intelligence and was asked to serve with McCloy in the War Department under Simpson.



# Book Review *by Marilyn Sanborn*

**George Kennan graduated** from Princeton but acquired none of the preppy gloss that the graduates of Groton did. When he came to Washington and was wined and dined, he was amazed and wished he had known while he was at Princeton that he could capitalize on his upper crust education. Kennen spent his life studying Russia and writing about it. He wrote the secret telegram warning the U. S. of fraternizing too closely with Russia.



**John L. McCloy Jr. - Considered the best administrator**, McCloy was not part of the group that went to Groton and he did not come from a wealthy family, but he could more than hold his own with the others. Like Acheson, he experienced an intellectual awakening at Harvard Law School, and eventually he would gain entree into the American Establishment which he would come to revere. With Lovett, he was asked by Secretary of War Henry Stimpson to help the War Department. He went on to become the High Commissioner of Germany after WWII.

**Taking for granted that they were all extremely intelligent**, my impressions of the six from reading this book were that Acheson held the most power in the public arena. He was arrogant at times but he got the job done. Bob Lovett appeared to be a man whom everyone loved and revered. He got along with everyone and was never looking for any kind of acclaim for himself although he deserved it. Harriman had all the confidence that his money and background gave him, but he still could not tolerate being left out of any important decisions. I think that he irritated people, but they recognized how much he had to contribute. Bohlen came across as the weakest of the group, but that is just an opinion. Kennan I had heard lauded for years by a friend who worked for him at Princeton. I am sure she never knew about his anger, his hostility, and his insecurity. In spite of those problems, his intelligence put him right up there with the other five. McCloy sounded like a big family man who also happened to have striking abilities needed at that point in American history. This book is available in CLAMs.

**Registration Form for Joy of Learning classes ~ Please see Page 3 for class descriptions**

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**TO REGISTER:** Send your selections with your name, address and phone number to:

**Joy of Learning, Post Office Box 480, Falmouth, Massachusetts 02541**

Please keep course descriptions as your record.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*I wish to enroll in the following course (or courses):*

- (1) MOVIES! MOVIES! MOVIES! The Films of Steven Spielberg (at FCTV)
- (2) VIGNETTES OF AMERICAN HISTORY (at FCTV)
- (3) TOLSTOY'S ANNA KARENINA
- (4) WORLD WAR II: THE GERMAN-SOVIET CONFLICT 1941-1945
- (5) MYSTERIES OF CONGRESS





# IMAGINE! Artifacts in Digital Form

**Most societies agree** that it is important to preserve artifacts of their culture and heritage. Without such artifacts, civilization has no memory and no mechanism to learn from its successes and failures. Our culture now produces more and more artifacts in digital form.

**If you have not already read** Nick McCavitt's article in the FalmouthPatch on July 27th, "Travel Back in Time: The Falmouth Public Library," it is worth reading and looking at the pictures of the library as it looked many years ago. Indeed, words and pictures certainly help us "travel back in time."

**The article got us thinking** about a website that travels back in time, too: *The Wayback Machine*\*. With the mission to preserve digital artifacts, the *Wayback Machine* is an historical archive of web pages managed by the Internet Archive. Imagine! Artifacts in digital form! A far cry from fossils, tattered relics, and even sepia photographs!

**Take a look** at the FPL's first website by visiting:

<http://web.archive.org/web/200011101239/http://www.falmouthpubliclibrary.org>

**Our first website** was created in 2000 by Juniper Graphics of Woods Hole. Like photographs of the Library, the images on the opening web page bring back many memories and the site serves as a time capsule not only for us presently, but for future generations of patrons, as well. Consider the image of the pre-restored dome, the quilted fire-breathing dragon, or one of our favorite images that has become a symbol of our Reference Department—the Magic Eight Ball!



**Will FPL continue to produce and preserve artifacts for the community and the world?**

**The magic eight ball says, "You may rely on it!"**

\* **The name** of the *Wayback Machine* is a direct reference to the 1950s and 60s cartoon, Peabody's Improbable History, featuring Mr. Peabody and "his boy" Sherman. Many of you may remember that in each episode Mr. Peabody and Sherman travelled back in time through the WABAC Machine. In fact, Mr. Peabody even adds a translator circuit to the WABAC Machine in order to translate when they visit foreign lands. Did you know that much like the Mr. Peabody's WABAC Machine, the Library's database Mango Languages can translate many languages?

<http://libraries.mangolanguages.com/translations>

~Kim DeWall

## Community Support

*The Friends wish to thank the following businesses and agencies for assisting us throughout the year.*

- The Eastern Bank, Falmouth
- Shaw's Supermarket
- Roche Brothers
- Lawrence-Lynch Corporation
- Taylor Rental
- The Windfall Market
- Stop and Shop Supermarket, Falmouth
- Eight Cousins Book Store
- The Sheriff's Department

## BARTRAM'S TRAVELS (continued from Page 8)

**I encourage you** to look for this little gem on the Staff Picks cart which is on the upper level of the library under the stained glass dome. On the Staff Picks cart you will find an eclectic collection of books, movies and music that members of the Library Staff recommend. Currently, the collection includes *The Thinking Reed* by Rebecca West, a 1936 feminist novel recommended by Jill; *How I Write*, a book on CD about the writing process, written and narrated by bestselling author Janet Evanovich, and *Feltd Knits*, a knitting project book for all levels of knitters by Beverly Galeskas, plus over 100 more titles. You'll recognize the Staff Picks books by the bright orange cards sticking up from between the pages with staff members' glowing reviews written on them. The Staff Picks collection is very popular and titles are added and subtracted regularly, so check often for good recommendations on what to read next. Have a seat and browse!

~Faith Lee - Reference

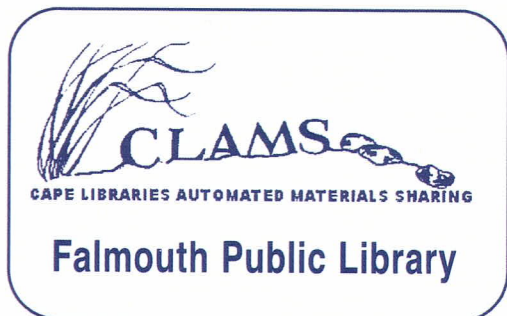


# What's Going On at the Library?

## QUESTION:

**Do you ever wonder how the books on the library shelves are chosen?  
Why we might have one title rather than another?**

*This is the first in an irregular series of how a book is selected for the library and its journey to the book shelf.*



**Well, the process begins** with the Serials librarian, Kim Hunt. She orders, receives, records, and shelves over 300 journals, newspapers, and magazines that both the staff and patrons use. Kim attaches a routing slip to all the professional journals the library staff reads. The library subscribes to several weekly, monthly, and some quarterly journals: PW (Publisher's Weekly); Library Journal; and some journals specific for student populations: School Library Journal; VOYA (Voices of

Young Adults); and the Horn Book.

**Specialty publishers send** mini-catalogs and fliers promoting published and forthcoming works. We often consult the database NoveList as it includes reviews of many books, often with reader's ratings.

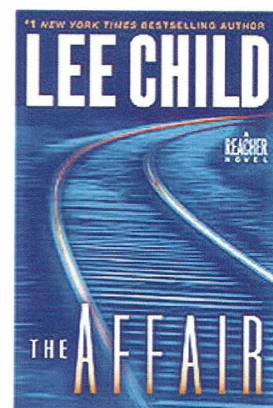
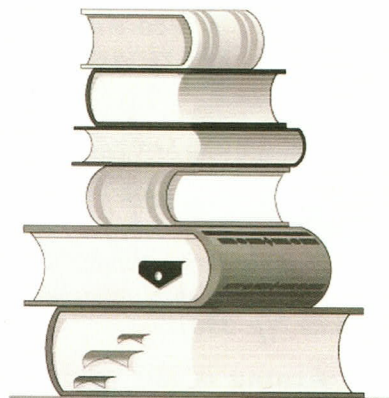
**There are several selector librarians.** Each is in charge of specific subject areas such as fiction, gardening, religion, history, self-help, etc. Consideration is given to the topic, demand for the item, and relevance to the library's collection.

**The selector chooses which books, DVDS, graphic novels, e-books, and reference materials** she wishes to add to the collection, circling the item with a colored pen specific to them. The journal is then passed along until it reaches the Technical Services department. The staff then orders the item from jobbers such as Ingram and Baker & Taylor, or purchases the item from our local bookseller.

**Some librarians use other methods** to choose materials. Children's librarian Laura Ford reads a number of blogs to alert her to new and forthcoming children's book. She then reads reviews and orders the best offerings. Reference librarian Donna Burgess, who orders teen materials, visits the YALSA (Young Adult Library Services Association) website to view the latest and most popular titles. Two Youth Services advisors from the Massachusetts Library System offer quarterly workshops of the latest and greatest teen reads.

**In addition to all the other resources,** the CLAMS network offers librarians a report, updated daily, of High Demand Holds. These are materials that patrons request. It details the number of copies available in the network. Sometimes it is quite an eye opener! Currently there are 210 CLAMS patrons waiting for the release of the latest Lee Child thriller, **The Affair** - a Reacher novel.

**Often patrons request** the library purchase titles, and if a positive review of the book is found, we generally order it. Patrons can make requests either online at our homepage: [www.falmouthpubliclibrary.org](http://www.falmouthpubliclibrary.org) under the Services & Policies heading or on paper using the Suggest-A-Title form.



*~Donna Burgess - Reference*



# Treasures to be Found

## An Exquisite American Classic

I was just introduced to a book of 18th century travel and nature writings with exquisite illustrations ... an American classic. Sadly, our modern reprint goes unnoticed by potential admirers, no doubt due to its modest size and unadorned cloth cover. I am referring to William Bartram's **Travels and Other Writings**.

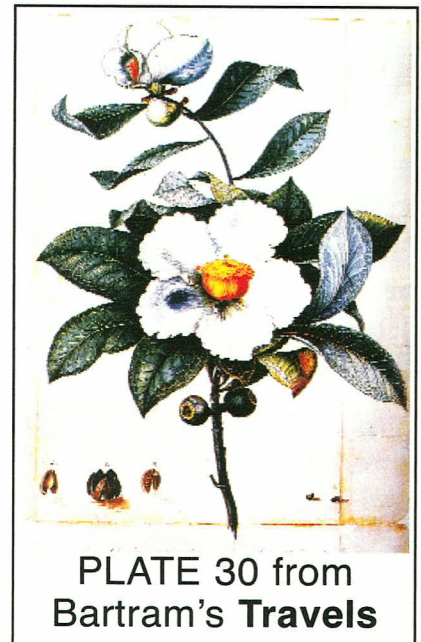
**William Bartram (1739- 1823)**, the son of a Quaker farmer, became known for a four-year exploration (1773-1777) of the Carolinas, Florida and Georgia during which he observed and recorded native flora and fauna with copious and detailed notes and drawings. "In 1791, his journals were published as **Travels**. The book went into several foreign editions and today is regarded as an American natural history classic. The prestigious Library of America recently added **Travels** to its published library of the works of great American authors." (bartramsgarden.org). It is this edition of Bartram's **Travels** that you can find in the library on the Staff Picks cart. I'll tell you more about the Staff Picks cart in a moment.

To give you a taste of Bartram's observations, here are a few snippets:

*"At the request of Dr. Fothergill, of London, to search the Floridas, and the western parts of Carolina and Georgia, for the discovery of rare and useful productions of nature, chiefly in the vegetable kingdom; in April, 1773, I embarked for Charleston, South Carolina, on board the brigantine Charleston packet..." (p. 27)*

*"I did not approve of my intended habitation from these circumstances; and no sooner had I landed and moored my canoe to the roots of the tree, I saw a huge crocodile rising up from the bottom close by me, who, when he perceived that I saw him, plunged down again under my vessel. This determined me to be on my guard, and in time to provide against a troublesome night." (pps. 125, 126)*

*Now I am come within the atmosphere of the Illicium groves, how reanimating is the fragrance! Every part of this plant above ground possesses an aromatic scent, but the large stillated pericarpe is the most fragrant part of it, which continually perspires an oleagenous sweat, as warm and vivific as cloves or mace." (p. 356)*



If the writing is not your style, then just pick up the book for its delightful illustrations. There are a large number of black and white drawings and color engravings with detailed views of various plants and animals. One might immediately think of Audubon prints, but some of Bartram's illustrations have a more personal tone expressed through the choice of details and compositions.

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