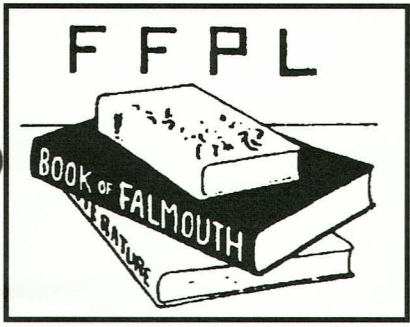


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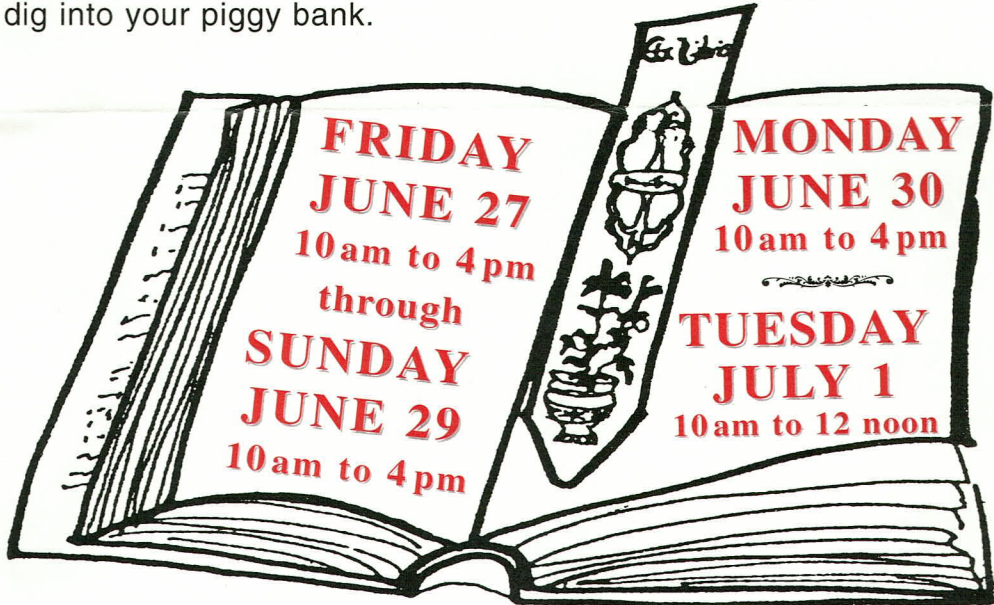
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Summer Booksale on the Library Lawn

The Friends of the Falmouth Public Library used to have a crowded room with boxes of books piled as high as the ceiling. Now that we have our own room in the newly renovated library, we have a crowded room with boxes of books piled as high as the ceiling. We are keeping our fingers crossed that we will make it until the 12th of June, the last day on which books can be donated before the booksale.

Our problem is that all of you are so good about donating books that we are hard pressed to find room. Maybe we should rent an empty super market like the Friends did in Gainesville, Florida. Actually, I think they bought the building. Never mind. Small is beautiful. Right? And there is nothing small about our booksale. We look forward to seeing you all. We have fantastic books for you so dig into your piggy bank.



"We're not in Kansas anymore!" *

* *Comment heard at the Reference Desk in the newly renovated Falmouth Public Library.*

We are overjoyed with our new building, and decided it was time to add to our joy with a brand new web page. We hope that you find the new page easier to navigate, and that you'll subscribe to our newsletter as well, which will deliver our weekly Happenings column right to your mailbox! The staff of the Falmouth Public Library are new to the world of blogging, but we hope we'll now have a place to inform you of all the amazing things that are happening in our amazing new building. We'll be telling you about programs, books, databases, and stories of our new building. If you have any stories you want to share with us about your time in the new building, just send us an email at info@falmouthpubliclibrary.org or leave us a comment on our new blog. We feel like we have indeed entered into Oz, and are happy to discover when we look out the windows that Oz looks a whole lot like Falmouth! ~ Jill Erikson - Reference

DEATH & DESSERT

Mystery Author Panel

~New Works by New Massachusetts Authors~

Stephen Anable: THE FISHER BOY

Brunonia Barry: THE LACE READER

Pat DePaolo: THE BEIJING GAMES

William Dougherty: MURDER OF AN IRISH SONG

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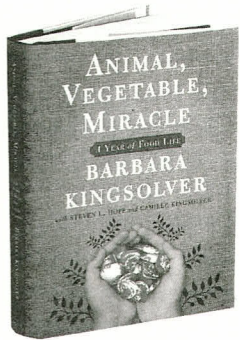
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Book Review



Animal, Vegetable and Miracle

by Barbara Kingsolver, Steven Hopp, Camille Kingsolver

I have enjoyed many of Barbara Kingsolver's books:
**Prodigal Summer, The Poisonwood Bible,
Pigs in Heaven, Animal Dreams, Bean Trees**
Animal, Vegetable and Miracle

The book begins when Barbara, her husband Steven Hopp, daughters Cam and Lily are moving from Arizona to Virginia to start a new adventure. Once there they will live off the environment for one year. This will be done by growing much of their own food products. What they cannot grow themselves they will purchase from local farmers. It means giving up shopping in grocery stores that ship their produce from all over the country. It sounds easy but it was very hard work, especially for their daughters, - no more sweet treats and much hard labor for the whole family. It changed my way of thinking about growing my own garden and buying from local farmers. I am much more aware how important this is. I believe we need to do this to help the environment and to financially support and encourage small farmers. Steven and Camille contribute much to this book. The recipes are wonderful. This family accomplished their goal. It is a book well worth reading!

Another book I have just started-again about food is Eat, Pray and Love by Elizabeth Gilbert. I haven't finished it yet but I can't wait for the time each day set aside to read it. It has many components to it. It is humorous. It is funny. It is spiritual. Good reading! ~ **Anne Toran**

Teens Discussing Summer Programs

The Falmouth Public Library Teen Advisory Board (TAB) has been busy discussing and planning programs for the summer!

We are planning a six-week Create a Mini-Comic Book workshop beginning in mid-July for students 13-18 years old. Students will have a chance to design and create their own comic! Led by Rick Silva, a comic book aficionado & published comic book writer, Rick is a Chemistry teacher at Cape Cod Academy.

To kick off the release of the Breaking Dawn, the fourth book in the Twilight Series by Stephenie Meyer, we're planning A Scare Fest! Details to follow, but it should be a fun, spooky evening to welcome the latest book featuring heroine Bella Swan and Edward Cullen, vampire!

From August 11-15, the library will be hosting a week-long Theater Workshop led by P.J.McKey! Appear in a play of your own creation! Students between the ages of 10 and 14 interested in Acting, Costuming, Play Writing, or Set Designing are invited to sign-up. This free workshop, sponsored by the Trustees of the Falmouth Public Library, is limited to 20 students.

We are also planning another 4-H babysitting course as well as a writing workshop, and a Financial Literacy workshop and a program with the Falmouth Commodores!

If you know a teen who would like to serve on the TAB, please have the student contact Donna Burgess in the Reference Department. Email dburgess@falmouthpubliclibrary.org or call 508-457-2555 ext 2935.

Book Review

The Longest Winter - A History of the Korean War

by David Halberstam

This book is the last authored by David Halberstam, the Pulitzer-Prize winning author of *The Best and the Brightest* and *The Powers That Be*. Halberstam was killed in a car accident en route to interviewing a sports figure for a sports book he was developing. It seems that it was his destiny to chronicle avoidable, tragic and unnecessary wars, bumbled into by deficient leadership and "rubber stamp" legislators. Too bad his death prevented a critique of our current tragedy in Iraq, a preemptive invasion based on doctored, often repeated, erroneous intelligence.

My interest in this book is personal. The specter of military service hung over my college years, and, on becoming an Army officer in July, 1963, I soon went to this war-torn half-country of South Korea for sixteen months. Fortunately for me, the war was over.

The decision to send American troops to support South Korean troops against North Korean aggression was hastily arrived at over a weekend by the Truman administration. Earlier, Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, had drawn a line on a map depicting American vital interests in the Far East for all to see. The line did not include the Korean Peninsula!

Truman did not ask Congress for a war authorization, referring to it rather as a "police action". The American public had by and large never heard of Korea, but they trusted their president.

Halberstam skillfully described the post-World War II environment and background of the 1950 fateful decision, Republicans out of office for twenty years, hysteria and overreaction to the communist threat and the seeds of McCarthyism. When Chiang kai-shek lost to Mao and the Communists fled to Formosa, the cry "Who lost China?" became the watchword of the Right. Halberstam, convincingly answers that question. Chiang himself was the culprit, but honorable men were blamed, George Marshall for one, one of the greatest of his time.

So in June of 1950, the conflict began with a well trained North Korean army (a gift of Russian intrigue) intent on reaching Pusan in the southeast corner of the Peninsula and destroying ill trained green troops of the South, reinforced by ill trained, green National Guard units from the U. S. They came very close to achieving their objective, driving them to the sea and making Pusan a latter day Dunkirk.

But General McArthur, from his base in Tokyo, masterfully reversed the situation with the Inchon landing and the forced retreat of the North Korean troops. Then he overstretched, crossing the 38th Parallel and advancing toward the Yalu River and China-occupied Manchuria.

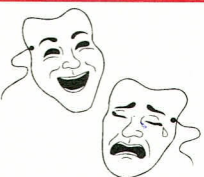
Intelligence and rumor indicated the entry into a trap set by the Chinese generals, very seasoned and savvy from their wresting of China from the Nationalists.

McArthur and his on-site sycophants, especially a scheming general named Ned Almond, ignored the obvious warnings and presence of the Chinese massed in armies on the border, ready to face the over-extended supply lines, the horrendous descent to the Siberian-like winter and the totally outmanned divisions of the American army, little helped by the South Korean army.

The book is fascinating and riveting, the terrible retreat from the Yalu and Chosin reservoir, McArthur's ego-maniacal contempt for his Chinese opponents, and the growing lack of support on the home front for this unpopular war which had raged for three years, with indifference growing to distaste and total disillusionment.

I highly recommend this book written by one of our best contemporary authors.

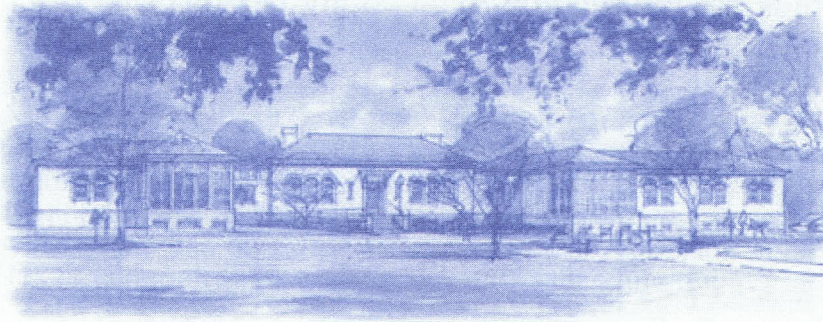
~ Ned Nolan - Trustee



Can you feel happy & sad at the same time?

The library staff is having mixed emotions over the departure of our children's librarian, **Jennifer Sirrigo**, who has been with the library for twelve years. We are happy because Jennifer has decided to follow her dream of becoming a writer, but we are sad because we will miss her on both a personal and professional level. Jen told the staff recently that she would be taking some time off to follow her heart and do what she has always wanted to do, **write!** Writing has been a part of Jen's life since she was a young girl and she has recently had success in getting her work published. As delighted as we are about Jen's decision to follow a new career, we are heavyhearted about her departure. Jen began working at the library in October of 1996 as a library aide, shelving books and materials. She graduated to library assistant at the circulation desk the following year, and soon applied to graduate school for a degree in library science. Since December 2001 she has served as the Children's Librarian, managing a collection of 23,000 items and a staff of four. The programs and services she has initiated during her tenure have been superlative, and we know the patrons will miss her presence in the Children's Room as much as we will. ~ *Lynne Carreiro - Assistant Director*

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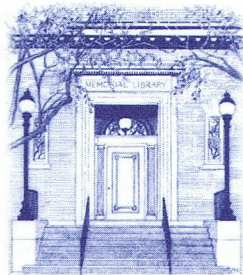
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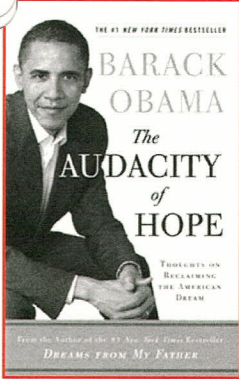
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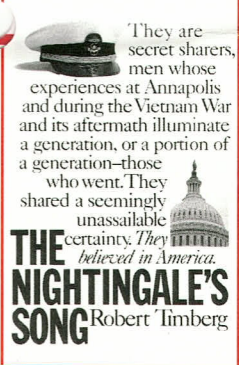
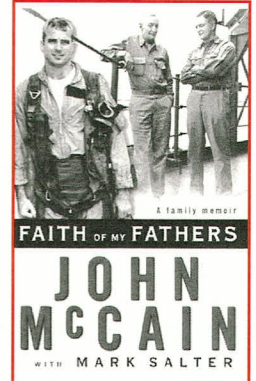
Time to Bone up on Biographies

Here are a few you might enjoy



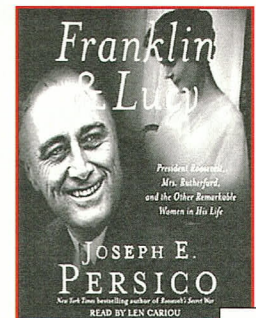
The Audacity of Hope by Barack Obama. An autobiography in which Senator Obama proves that he can write even better than he can speak. His scholarly presentation of his beliefs and his policies remind us quickly that he taught Constitutional Law at the University of Chicago for ten years. It would not be surprising if he could give John Quincy Adams serious competition on an IQ test. His book takes concentration as each line says something important.

A no less serious book, but easier to read, is Senator John McCain's family memoir, **Faith of My Fathers**. If asked to name a contemporary hero, many Americans would say John McCain, but this book is the story of McCain's heroes, his father and grandfather, both famous commanders in W.W. II, although he does include his own account of being shot down over Hanoi in 1967, seriously injured and tortured for five years. He is the prototype of the military man, but a close second is the outspoken Senator James Webb from Virginia who is on Obama's short list for vice president. His last two books are **Born Fighting** and **Time to Fight**. The first book is an over the top interpretation of early American history which attempts to persuade readers that it was the Scotch Irish who have shaped our country. It is a fairly convincing story unless you have read **Albion's Seed** by David Hackett Fischer which describes in detail four British Folkways in America of which the Scotch Irish are only one. Webb's book is fascinating, but he hasn't got it quite right. **A Time to Fight** is a clear headed, astute prescription for what this country needs to put its house in order and regain the respect of the world, using his experience as a decorated Marine, a journalist and a novelist. His novel, **Fields of Fire** is considered by many to be one of the best books to come out of the Vietnam War.



The deep thinking, reserved Jim Webb (1968) and the rowdy, underachieving hellraiser John McCain (1958) are two of the five Annapolis graduates featured in **The Nightingale's Song** by Robert Timberg. The other three are the spiritual intellectual Robert (Bud) McFarlane (1959), the nice kid but not a tough kid Oliver North (1978) and the cerebral understated John Poindexter (1958). We learn about their personalities and how they performed at Annapolis followed by the part that each one played in the Vietnam War as well as what position they held in the Reagan administration. Reagan is the **Nightingale** about whom the book pivots thematically. One of the five is running for president right now, and another is being considered for vice president. Get it at the library. You won't be able to put it down, but I suspect you might put off reading it a little while, just long enough to read the last of my choices.

Franklin and Lucy: President Roosevelt, Mrs. Rutherford, and the Other Remarkable Women in His Life by Joseph E. Persico. So many biographies of F.D.R., so many of Eleanor, but who is Lucy? Your age and interest in President Roosevelt will determine whether you know of Lucy Rutherford, the beautiful, charming eighteen year old whom Eleanor hired in 1913 as her social secretary, and, whom her young, dashing charismatic husband fell in love with and never stopped loving until the day he died. Threatened by his domineering mother that he would be disinherited if he chose to divorce Eleanor, Franklin agreed not to see Lucy again, and allegedly he never did until the day of his death in Warm Springs in 1945. Right? Not exactly. Their relationship was "almost unbroken" for decades including 40 to 50 visits to the White House, Hyde Park and Warm Springs, all when Eleanor was away. Poor Eleanor you say? Doris Kearns Goodwin thanked God for Lucy because it enabled Eleanor to be free and find out who she was. Yes, but what a way to find out!



Love triangles are common throughout history and this one ranks high in drama. It is reminiscent of the Austin/Sara/Mabel affair that rocked 19th century Amherst, Massachusetts for many years. Austin's sisters, Emily and Lavinia Dickenson, played the part that daughter Anna Roosevelt played when she enabled her father and Lucy to meet at the White House. When it comes to love, particularly clandestine love, the truth is often more romantic, more intense, more vivid and more dramatic than fiction.

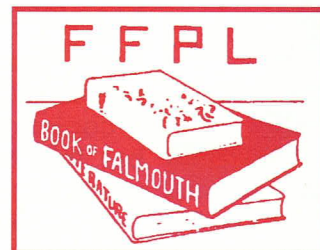
~ M. Sanborn

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF THE FALMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

On Saturday, April 26th, 2008,
the Friends celebrated their 16th year as an organization
in all three meeting rooms of the newly renovated
Falmouth Public Library.

Officers elected were:

- **President: Robert O'Toole**
- **1st Vice President: Leonard Miele**
- **2nd Vice President: Marilyn Sanborn**
- **Treasurer: Jane Hewitt**
- **Recording Secretary: Erika Hall**
- **Corresponding Secretary: Anne Toran**
- **Members-at-Large: Avis Groslein & Marlene O'Toole**



The program which followed the business meeting featured John Yankee conducting the Greater Falmouth Mostly Male Men's Chorus which was greatly appreciated by a near capacity crowd.



An elegant buffet was set up in the even more elegant Trustees Room which Friends, their guests and performers enjoyed very much.

*"The only true equalizers in the world are Books.
The only treasure house open to all comers is the library.
The only wealth which will not decay is knowledge."*

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