

NEWSLETTER

❖ FALL 2006 ❖

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2003 ~ July Booksale under the tent nets over \$17,000⁰⁰

2005 ~ Friends July Booksale made over \$23,000⁰⁰

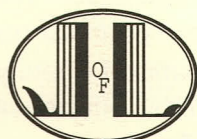
2006 ~ At July Booksale, Friends Gross Over \$30,000⁰⁰

They say that what goes up must come down. Well, you can't prove that by the Friends' booksales. Ever since we began back in the early nineties, the profits on our summer booksale have gone steadily upward, and this year is no exception. Several things work in our favor. Each year we get more and better donations of books from the community, and we have had, with one or two exceptions, excellent weather for the entire five or six days that the sale runs. That's quite a combination. With each successful year we have become better known to the dealers who appear on schedule the opening day of the sale, to people who vacation here each summer, and of course our most reliable buyers, the people of Falmouth who are also our best donors.

The summer booksale is our biggest fundraiser for the library, and we count on it each year to provide the needed funds to fulfill the wish list from the library (see page 4). The profits also enable us, along with membership dues, to keep a healthy balance in our account for operating expenses and for added things the library might need during the year.

Library Renovation/Expansion

Plans for the renovation of the library are in progress. Currently, the closing date for the library is set for October 1ST. The temporary library will be located on Carlton Lane, just off Sippewissett Road and will be open on October 23RD. Please refer to the ***Questions and Answers Section*** on pages 5 & 6 of this Newsletter for further information.



FRIENDS ANNOUNCE NEW
Joy of Learning
SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 2006

THIS IS A FRONT PAGE ALERT!!! INSIDE YOU WILL FIND THE SCHEDULE

Message from the President

Greetings: I bring you tidings of great joy, a successful summer booksale brought about by the seemingly inexhaustive efforts of our many volunteers throughout the year as well as at the booksale. Kudos to all who served whether it was setting up, serving customers, cleaning up or all of the above.

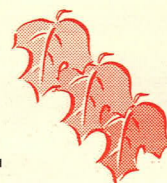
The weather was splendid. This year we even managed to ensure that all leftover books would be used rather than recycled by taking them to "Hands Across the Water", a non profit group that sends the books to third world countries.

With the rapidly approaching move of the library to 15 Carlson Lane at the Palmer Avenue Bridge to Sippewissett, the Friends face a move also, and, at this writing, we still do not know for sure where that will be. Several locations have been suggested, and some of these require follow ups and inquiries before we will know our final location.

We began accepting donations in the lobby of the library and storing them in our storage room as usual, but this has now ended as the library prepares to move. Watch for a notice in the lobby regarding where the friends will be located. We plan to accept donations in our new quarters and also to have our red cart operating.

Happy reading.

Bob O'Toole



From the Trustees

The Board of Trustees congratulates the Friends on their successful book sale. We have heard from people from as far away as Chicago who say that they now schedule their vacations to coincide with the book sale. This annual event has become a Falmouth tradition that not only benefits the Library but has a ripple effect on the well being of the town. The Friends are an indispensable part of the Library family. The revenues from the book sale reflect a team effort. The generosity of donors of high quality books, the sorters and packers and the sales volunteers all reflect the best in community cohesiveness. These efforts translate into wonderful children's programs, additional media materials and library passes which could not be sustained without the day to day labors of the Friends.

We wish them continued success.

MARILYN ZACKS ~ TRUSTEE



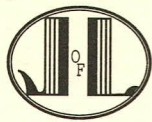
Foundation Set Up to Receive Donations to Capital Campaign

The Falmouth Public Library Foundation, Inc., a Massachusetts non profit corporation, was established on July 7, 2006. The foundation was created to receive and hold donations to the library capital campaign. It has applied to the Internal Revenue Service as a sec. 501(c) (3) organization so all donations will be tax deductible.

The purpose of the foundation is to promote and advocate for the improvement of public library buildings in Falmouth. The immediate goal is to raise \$1.5 million dollars for the renovation project, primarily for furniture and equipment of the new building. The secondary goal is to form the basis of an endowment from any funds left over after immediate needs are satisfied

The initial officers and directors of the foundation are drawn from the trustees, the capital campaign and the Friends. Members of these organizations will remain directly involved in the foundation. The foundation is intended to supplement the Friends' programs and to raise funds from sources not easily solicited by them. The Friends remain front and center as the library's public support agency. The two have the same objective but operate in different environments. Together their efforts will support a great public library in Falmouth.

FRANK DUFFY ~ TRUSTEE



Joy of Learning

Schedule of Courses for Winter 2006

The Friends of the Falmouth Public Library will offer three new courses which will begin Friday October 10, 2006.

Classes will meet one hour per week for four weeks.

The classes are free and open to the public.

THE COURSES ARE AS FOLLOWS

Tuesdays ~ 10am - 11am ~ October 10, 17, 24, 31

at Falmouth Community Television - Movies! Movies! Movies!

What makes a movie a classic? Part film clips, part discussion about the elements that make a movie memorable. This is the third time Fred has done a Movies! Movies! Movies! course for us with new material each time. Those who took Movies, Movies #2 in the spring but missed Movies, Movies, Movies #1 will not want to miss Movies, Movies, Movies #3 and movie lovers who missed both #1 and #2 will be sure to enjoy Movies, Movies, Movies #3.

Fred Gitlitz, B.A. Colgate, M.A. Columbia University

Tuesdays ~ 11:30am - 12:30am ~ October 10, 17, 24, 31

at Falmouth Community Television - Battle of Gettysburg

The 3 day battle of Gettysburg (July 1st ~ 4th, 1863), the greatest battle ever fought on the North American continent, is generally recognized as the turning point in the Union's fortunes during the Civil War. This course will examine the tactical decisions of the major protagonists, General George Meade and General Robert E. Lee, and discuss how and why Lee "lost" this battle after so many victories against the Army of the Potomac..

Michael McNaught - Trinity College, Oxford University. B.A. and M.A. degrees in Modern History. Specialty in Military History and the Theory of War

Wednesdays ~ 11am - Noon ~ October 11, 18, 25, November 1

at Falmouth Community Television - Tradition/Transition:

Two short Russian novels from the 19th Century; Dostoyevsky's Dream of a Ridiculous Man and Tolstoy's Death of Ivan Illych and two fro the 20th Century; Olesha's Envy and Zanyatin's We. All books are readily available in paperback and in collections of Russian Literature.

Robert Szulkin- Professor Emeritus Brandeis University taught Russian Literature for 40 years. M.A. Harvard University, Phd. Harvard University

FALMOUTH COMMUNITY TELEVISION IS LOCATED NEXT TO THE SENIOR CENTER AT 130 DILLINGHAM AVENUE.

CUT OUT HERE

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: _____

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

(1) Movies! _____

(2) Gettysburg: _____

(3) Russian Short Novels: _____



Friends Contribute \$19,535 to Fulfill Library's Wish List 2007

In a letter to the Friends, Assistant Library Director Lynne Mulvey thanks the Friends for their help and discusses how the funds will be spent during the coming year.

Interim library needs laptop computers

First and foremost we will need laptop computers for use by the staff and the public at our new locations. With additional laptops we will be able to take advantage of wireless capabilities and not be as dependent on hardwiring as we are now in our permanent facility. Laptops are mobile and can go with us to various locations and will facilitate communication between sites. We currently have \$4,818 carried over for computers from the last fiscal year. With the addition of \$10,875 this fiscal year we will have a total of \$15,693, enough to purchase nine laptops.

Library programs and Museum passes

During the renovation, the children's and adult librarians will continue to present quality programs at the interim library and at various locations around town. We are asking the Friends to support the library's programming efforts because the staff feels that it is very important to maintain this service, especially when other services will be impacted by the move. We are also seeking the same amount of funding for museum passes. In the eyes of the state, a renovation is not an excuse to miss state standards. We must maintain our current book budget, which is 13% of the entire town budget. In the past the Friends' materials funding has helped the library meet that standard and we hope to carry that support forward this year.

Importance of library Web Page

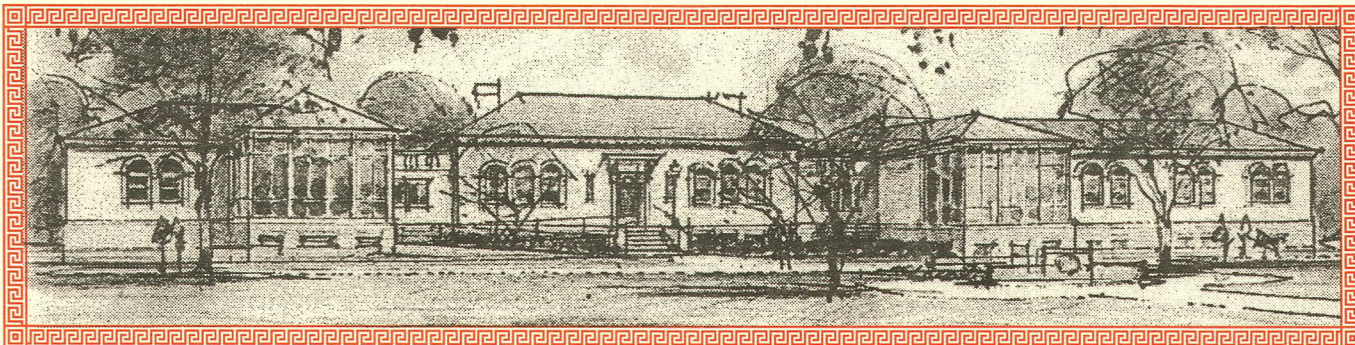
During the renovation our patrons will depend even more on our Web Page to keep informed about library programs and to follow the construction process. The library recently invested in a software program called "Event Keeper" which allows patrons to view what events are going on at the library and to register for programs from their home computers. We propose to purchase a digital camera to load pictures of library programs on to the web site. A digital camera is vital for documenting library events and promoting programs.

FY2007 WISH LIST.

• MUSEUM PASSES	\$ 5,000
• COMPUTERS	\$10,875
• EAST AV MATERIALS	\$ 600
• NORTH AV MATERIALS	\$ 600
• CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS	\$ 1,500
• ADULT PROGRAMS	\$ 500
• DIGITAL CAMERA & PRINTER	\$ 450
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	\$ 19,525



Questions and Answers



We are aware that Friends' members and patrons of the library have many questions as the library prepares to close and move to a temporary location while the renovation and the addition take place. The following questions and answers may help you to sort out what is about to begin:

Where will the temporary library be located?

15 Carlson Lane

Where is that?

North on 28 and turn left at the bridge to Sippewissett off of Palmer Avenue. Take a sharp left as you exit the bridge, and the library will be on your right. A map is available at the library.

When will the move take place?

It will begin October 2ND and continue until October 22ND.

When will the temporary library open?

October 23RD.

Where will the Reference Department be?

15 Carlson Lane

Where will the Children's Department be?

15 Carlson Lane

What about the computers?

15 Carlson Lane

What about the Rental Collection?

15 Carlson Lane

What about the book collection?

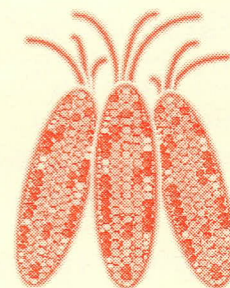
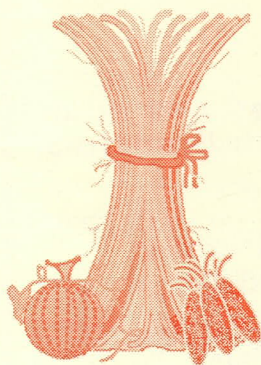
Most of the popular fiction and non-fiction will be at 15 Carlson Lane. The overflow will be at the East Falmouth Branch.

Can the books being stored at East Falmouth be checked out?

Yes. Patrons must fill out a slip to request the titles

Will the front door of the library be reopened?

Yes. It will add new handicapped access and reorient the building to Main Street and the Library Lawn.



What else will the renovation and addition include?

- Current space will be improved for public use
- 3000 feet of book space will be added.
- Antiquated heating and air conditioning will be replaced
- Windows and leaking skylight will be replaced
- A modern fire safety system will be installed
- Computer and electrical wiring will be upgraded
- Three meeting rooms and a reference room in the new addition
- Expanded children's room

Self check-out station will be added.

The building will be fully insulated for greater fuel efficiency.



What is the total cost of the renovation?

\$9.2 million



How much of this is to be paid by the town?

\$6.5 million

How much will the state pay?

\$2.7 million

How much have the Trustees of the Falmouth Public Library pledged to raise in private funding?

\$ 1.5 million

For what will the private finding be spent?

- Restore historic elements of the original building
- Furnish the new larger Children's Room
- Expand the library's computer system
- Provide added equipment for the disabled
- Incorporate state-of-the-art audio-visual equipment
- Add comfortable seating and study areas.



Funds that remain once the above needs have been satisfied will be used to . . .

Establish an endowment to support future programs for children and adults at the Main Library and the East Falmouth and North Falmouth Branches.

Where will the funds raised be deposited?

In a Falmouth Public Library Foundation set up specifically for the purpose of receiving and investing the funds.

What is the difference between the Foundation and the Friends?

Please refer to a separate article on page 2 of this Newsletter

When will the fundraising begin?

Professional fundraisers have been hired to work with a committee already established, and fundraising is underway.

A public kickoff of the campaign is expected sometime this fall.

Where will the Friends' Donation Box be located?

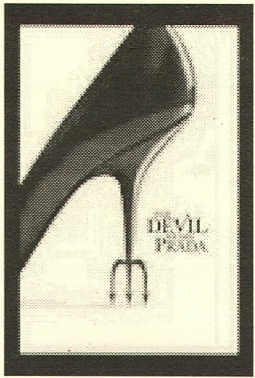
Negotiations are in progress. The new location will be announced soon

Are the Friends expected to make a contribution?

The Friends have made a significant contribution to the campaign. The generous amount will be announced at the kickoff this fall.

★ Let's Go to the Movies ★

There is a veritable feast of good movies out there judging by the difficulty getting a ticket. It took me two tries to see both **The Devil Wears Prada** and **Mrs. Palfrey at the Claremont**. I made it into **The World Trade Center** and **Little Merry Sunshine** by going way ahead and still standing in line. Does this seem odd when you consider that the Cinema at the Falmouth Mall closed for lack of business? The Mall showed big action blockbusters frequented by the young, and Nickelodeon shows what used to be called art films with audiences made up almost exclusively of the older retired crowd.



The Devil Wears Prada: Let's face it. Many of us will go to any movie starring Meryl Streep and we are seldom disappointed. She dominates this film as the head honcho of a big fashion magazine, supposedly modeled on Vogue's editor, Anna Wintour. We are used to

Meryl's long flowing locks which frankly are no longer that attractive on a woman of a certain age, but in Prada she has a short fashionably cut wig and she looks great! She is a bitch, and the recipient of her nasty behavior is a new young actress, Anne Hathaway, who would never have made it to the elevators of Vogue, much less hired as Streep's assistant. The makeover is a lot of fun of course, and she comes out looking like all the rest of the not so sweet young things flitting futilely around the offices in hopes of getting a nod from the boss. The movie is heavy on hype and a bit over the top in making its point, but it is still very enjoyable, maybe a seven.

Mrs. Palfrey at The Claremont: A story goes with this one. I was poking around at a video store as I am wont to do, and an elderly man came in almost breathless, looking for a videocassette of the wonderful old British film, Brief Encounter, based on the Noel Coward play.

His face lit up when a copy was found, and I could not resist asking him what prompted him to be looking for this particular film. "Oh, because of Mrs. Palfrey

at The Claremont. Have you seen it?" "No" I said, "but I certainly am going to." I thought that the movie must be some kind of remake, but I couldn't picture Joan Plowright as Celia Johnson in Brief Encounter. It is a very intense love story, and Plowright must be in her seventies. If you can't place her, she was the crotchety old woman in **Enchanted April** who has an epiphany along with the other three women in that fabulous film. She was also once married to Lawrence Ollivier.

Mrs. Palfrey lives at one of those depressing homes for older men and women whom life has passed by, and her family appear to have written her off. She falls on the street, and is rescued by a gorgeous, young, out of work writer, Rupert Friend, who ultimately poses as her grandson and visits her regularly. The camera loves his face and so will you. Lucky Mrs. Palfrey. Listen for the reference to Brief Encounter. An 8 I think.

The World Trade Center: This is Oliver Stone and it is a lot better than JFK, and perhaps better than Platoon. I am not a fan of Nicholas Cage, but he does a good job as the police captain who is trapped under a great deal of concrete in the South Tower along with one of his men. Only 20 of the Port



Authority policemen made it out, and the two of them are number 18 and 19. The characters are based on real people as are their wives, and we follow the four of them during the course of 9/11. According to the credits, the two couples were consultants on the film which I found reassuring as to the film's authenticity. See it or not. Perhaps we need to live through this once more. I don't know, but few of us need a movie to remember the day the planes hit the Towers.

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Little Merry Sunshine:

While standing in that ubiquitous line, I heard a man describe this film as a "wacky family movie". I guess that is accurate but it is also thoroughly delightful, the dysfunctional family as comedy. If you want to laugh a lot for a couple of hours, don't

miss this one. Greg Kinnear (remember him as Jack Nicholson's neighbor with the poodle in *As Good As It Gets?*) is the father obsessed by never being a loser, but unfortunately his family are all in that category. The van in which they

drive from Albuquerque to California will only start going downhill, so, with Dad at the wheel, Grampa, Mom, surly teenage son, suicidal uncle and aspiring little beauty queen daughter must push, and one by one, run to pile in as the motor starts. Pushing too far? No way! It's hilarious!

You come out still laughing and feeling good about the world, something that isn't easy to do these days. I give it a 9!

I am sure that all of these films will be available on DVD in the library eventually, but for now they are still in the theaters.
M. Sanborn

MONTHLY TV PRODUCTION OF THE FALMOUTH LIBRARY RENOVATION

Ned Nolan, Library Trustee, has agreed to be the host of Falmouth Library Renovation, a monthly production to be aired on FCTV Channel 13 documenting the progress of the renovation from its beginning until we move into the completely renovated building. Episode One will cover the what - when - and how's of the transition from the closing of the Main Library through the opening of the temporary library quarters at Carlson Lane in Sippewissett, and will feature interviews with Library Director, Leslie Morrissey, and members of the library staff, explaining the changes you can expect over the next few weeks. Watch for Episode One of Falmouth Library Renovation on **Channel 13 soon.**

HISTORY OF THE LIBRARY

★ NOW AVAILABLE ★

This is a reminder to all you lovers of the Falmouth Public Library that there is a wonderful History of the Library written by staff member Chris Lynch available at the Circulation Desk.

It is particularly interesting now as the library makes another leap forward, and you can look back and see how it all started. We can be proud of what our library was and what it is becoming.

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