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Off the Shelf

FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR

January 22, 2018, marked my five-year anniversary as the Director of the Parker Library. The staff and trustees through me a party after work the week before to commemorate the occasion. I was stunned, and not just because I had completely forgotten that my work anniversary was upon me. They had planned a potluck, with everything from homemade dumplings to kielbasa and pasta with meatballs. The food was delicious, but even better was a night with the people I have come to know and care about deeply. The staff and trustees of the Parker Library care deeply about the library, its collections, programs, and you, our patrons. I am truly blessed for having been able to spend the last five years working with this amazing group of people. I look forward to the next five years and all that it has to bring.

The occasion got me thinking about all that we've accomplished here at the Parker in the last five years. Here are the highlights:

- We received a \$15,000 grant to conduct a year-long Readers' Advisory training for the staff of both the Dracut and Chelmsford Libraries. At

the conclusion of that draft, we began offering an online reader profile that can be filled out and sent back to us. Once received, trained staff members pull together a list of five recommended titles, specifically for you, based on your reading likes and dislikes. We have responded to 61 profiles. Looking for your next great read? Fill out our survey by visiting our website at www.dracutlibrary.org

- Several of our Circulation staff has begun to work on receiving their Para Certification from the Massachusetts Library Association (MLA).
 - We instituted a Homebound Delivery program for the elderly and those that are unable to visit the library on their own. For more information, contact Assistant Director, Diane Annunziato, at 978-454-5474. We are always looking for volunteers to help deliver materials.
 - We worked inter-departmentally with both the Council on Aging and Dracut Recreation Department, as well as The Arbors, to create and hold a successful, week-long celebration of
- We worked with the Dracut Garden Club to offer a Books in Bloom show and contest.
 - We held a Library Card Sign-Up Month, working with local businesses to offer discounted items to customers showing their library card.
 - We held our first ever, town-wide read. Over 300 community members read *Defending Jacob* by William Landay, and participated in various other theme-related activities over a three-month period.
 - We established and began circulating new, non-traditional collections. These include our cake pan collection, hotspots, Launchpads, a telescope, and binge-boxes! Keep your eyes



the 20th anniversary of Harry Potter's publication.

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Meet the Trustees... Dr. Linda Trouville



Dr. Linda Trouville, currently the Vice-Chair of the Trustees, was born and bred in Dracut. Having been educated in the Dracut School System, Linda has developed a strong relationship with the M.G. Parker Library beginning in her elementary school years where the library was housed in a closet on the west side of town at the Collinsville School, to her relationship as a teacher, Director, and administrator in the Dracut School System, to a Trustee

relationship working to keep the library moving forward, and being the "Gem" of the community where families can visit to obtain information and knowledge to better themselves.

Linda has utilized the town library for close to 70 years, and has gained a firm knowledge base because of this relationship. She enjoys informing the community of the many activities hosted by the library, and encouraging students to spend more time

investigating the library and what it has to offer them. Today, Linda, still an avid reader, uses the resources offered by this beautiful library, appreciates the good information given to her from an outstanding Director and staff, and relaxes in an environment that provides peace and tranquility. You may find Linda, on any given evening, sitting in the original historic library room, reading in the quiet, and pondering her many happy memories in this section of the library.

DIRECTOR'S DESK... *Continued*

open for more non-traditional materials to be added in the future, including hand-made Native American drums!

- We added Freegal, which allows our patrons to download and *keep* music!
- We recently contracted with a company to handle our current and future technological needs. Keep your eye out for improvements!
- The Parker staff has become involved in both local, regional, and state library associations and committees,

making them more aware of library trends that can and will affect library services.

- The Parker Library received the Best in Show and Best Community Reads in the 2017 MLA Public Relations Awards.
- Staff member, Amy Spence, received a scholarship to attend the 2017 MLA Annual Conference.
- I received the MLA 2017 Library Support Staff of the Year Award.
- Staff have received professional development training on Violent Intruder situations

and on Narcan, as well as CPR and using our defibrillator.

- Many staff members have begun creating library displays, including the wonderful end-cap displays that you see on the second floor.

All in all, it's been a wonderful five years.

As always, I am available to meet and talk with you. This is *your* library and we want to hear what you think!

Nanci Milone Hill,
Library Director

IMPORTANT DATES

- Monthly Meeting of the Board of Library Trustees Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 4:30 PM in the Director's Office. *Open Meeting.*
- President's Day - Monday, February 19, 2018. Library CLOSED.
- Friends of the Dracut Library - Wednesday, February 28th at 6:30 pm. *All are welcome.*

POP-UP BOOK SALE



Come and browse for that next title to read... or pick up a Valentine gift!

Saturday, February 3rd
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

MIN-GOLF "FUN-RAISER"



Family Mini-golf is Back!

18 holes! Free children's raffle!
\$3.00 per person or \$9.00 per family!

Saturday, March 11th
11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Yoga Mornings with Checka Antifornario



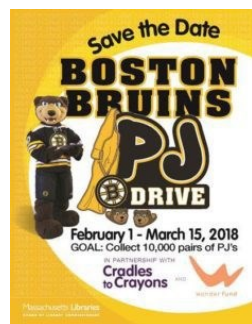
Wednesday, February 7th
9:00 am - 10:00 am

Join us for this opportunity to begin or continue a yoga practice. Please wear comfortable

clothing and bring a yoga mat if you have one. Water will be provided.

This class is the first of a series of three. You must register for each session separately.

Classes are also scheduled for Wednesday, February 14th from 9:00 am - 10:00 am, and February 21st from 9:00 am to 10:00 am.



MBLC/Bruins Annual PJ Drive for Kids and Teens

The Friends of the Dracut Library are participating in the MBLC (Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners)/Bruins Annual PJ Drive for Kids and Teens, from February 1st through March 15th.

You can drop off (new) pajamas at the library or at any of the public schools. Thank you for helping out!

Genealogy 101: Getting the Most Out of Family Search



Monday, February 12th
6:30 pm

Learn how to begin or further your journey into your family genealogy using *Family Search*, with Genealogist, Cathy Bence. Registration is required.

Deadly Pleasures Mystery Book Group



We are a group of mystery readers that meet monthly to discuss mysteries. Alternating months, we either all read the same title, or all read within the same sub-genre. The sub-genre for February is Historical Mysteries. Read any Historical Mystery and come prepared to share what you have read. You will walk away with a list of recommended titles!

We meet the third Thursday of the month from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm, in the Old Library (Fireplace Room) Join us!

Tuesday, February 20th
6:30 pm

For more information, contact Library Director, Nanci Hill at 978-454-5474, extension 301, or via email at nhill@dracutlibrary.org

Backyard Chicken Basics



Saturday, March 3rd
1:00 pm

Join Thomas Doherty from the Aviculture Exchange for a discussion on Back yard Chicken Basics.

This program is sponsored by the Dracut Agricultural Committee.

Bullet Journal Basics



Monday, March 12th
6:30 PM

A Bullet Journal is a customizable and forgiving organization system. It can be your to-do list, sketchbook, notebook, and diary, but most likely, it will be all of the above. It will teach you to do more with less. Come learn the basics of getting started. You will leave with your own bullet journal that you can customize any way that you want.

Registration is required.

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Chappaquiddick Tragedy: Kennedy's Second Passenger Revealed



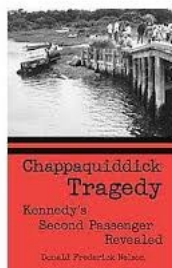
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day, February 26th
6:30 pm

The mystery surrounding Chappaquiddick haunts us to this day. Why was Kopechne in the rear seat? Why didn't Kennedy flee to Edgartown? Why was Rosemary Keough's handbag found in the submerged, inverted car on the ceiling of the front-seat compartment? Perhaps, there is an alternative theory that would answer all of these questions.

Join Donald Frederick Neelson, author of *Chappaquiddick Tragedy: Kennedy's Second Passenger Revealed*, for an exciting discussion of his book and what he has uncovered.

Limited books will be available for sale and signing fol-



lowing Mr. Neelson's talk.

NEW ACQUISITIONS

NEW FICTION

Fantasy

- Haig, Matt. *How to Stop Time*

General

- Emzi, Akwaeke. *Freshwater*
- Goldberg, Paul. *The Chateau*
- Hannah, Kristin. *The Great Alone*
- Kenny, Meghan. *The Driest Season*
- Lloyd, Heather. *My Name is Venus Black*
- Navin, Rhiannon. *Only Child*
- Van Der Vliet Oloomi, Azareen. *Call Me Zebra*

Historical

- Bloom, Amy. *White Houses*
- Carey, Peter. *A Long Way From Home*
- Darznik, Jasmin. *Song of a Captive Bird*
- Meissner, Susan. *As Bright as Heaven*
- Saylor, Steven. *The Throne of Caesar* [Sub Rosa, #16]

Mystery

- Brody, Frances. *Death in the Stars* [Kate Shackleton, #9]
- Casey, Donis. *Forty Dead Men* [Alafair Tucker, #10]
- Clare, Alys. *The Rufus Spy* [Aelf Fen, #8]
- Finch, Charles. *The Woman in the Water* [Charles Lenox, #11]

- Harper, Jane. *Force of Nature* [Aaron Falk, #2]
- Putnam, David W. *The Innocents* [Bruno Johnson, #5]
- Tallis, F.R. *Mephisto Waltz* [Max Lieberman, #7]
- Todd, Charles. *The Gate Keeper* [Inspector Rutledge, #20]

Romance

- Harper, Karen. *Shallow Grave*
- [South Shores, #4]
- O'Loughlin, Ann. *The Judge's Wife*

Suspense | Thrillers

- Blaedel, Sara. *The Undertaker's Daughter* [Ilka novels, #1]
- Fielding, Joy. *The Bad Daughter*
- Hart, John. *The Hush*
- Kellerman, Jonathan. *Night Moves* [Alex Delaware, #33]
- Lawson, Michael. *House Witness* [Joe DeMarco, #12]
- Perry, Karen. *Girl Unknown*
- Silver, Mitch. *The Bookworm*
- Swanson, Cynthia. *The Glass Forest*

Women's Fiction

- Kinsella, Sophie. *Surprise Me*



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LARGE PRINTFiction

- Benedict, Marie. *Carnegie's Maid*
- Bradford, Barbara Taylor. *Secrets of Cavendon*
- Brown, Rita Mae. *Crazy Like a Fox* [Sister Jane, #10]
- Dailey, Janet. *Refuge Cove*
- Harper, Jane. *Force of Nature* [Aaron Falk, #2]
- Kinsella, Sophie. *Surprise Me*
- Lescroart, John. *Poison* Dismas Hardy, #17]
- Robb, J.D. *Dark in Death* [In Death, #46]
- Willig, Lauren. *The English Wife*

AUDIOBOOKSFiction

- Bloom, Amy. *White Houses*
- Bracht, Mary Lynn. *White Chrysanthemum*
- Hannah, Kristen. *The Great Alone*
- Harper, Jane. *Force of Nature*
- Harper, Karen. *Shallow Grave*
- Kellerman, Jonathan. *Night Moves*
- Kinsella, Sophie. *Surprise Me*
- Todd, Charles. *The Gatekeeper*

NONFICTIONAutobiography | Biography

- Wright, N.T. *Paul: a Biography*
- Young, Matt. *Eat the Apple*

Business | Economics

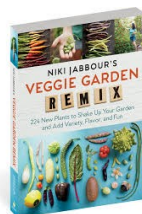
- Mancuso, Anthony. *Nonprofit Meetings, Minutes & Records: How to Properly Document Your Nonprofit's Actions*
- Matthews, Joseph. *Social Security, Medicare and Government Pensions: Get the Most Out Of Your Retirement and Medical Benefits*
- Pakroo, Peri. *The Small Business Start-Up Kit: a Step-by-Step Legal Guide*
- Randolph, Mary. *The Executor's Guide: Settling a Loved One's Estate or Trust*

Cooking

- Perazzini, Suzanne. *The Low-Foodmap 6-Week Plan and Cookbook: a Step-by-Step Program of Recipes and Meal Plans. Alleviate IBS and Digestive Discomfort*

Education

- Johnson, Ned. *The Self-Driven Child: The Science and Sense of Giving Your Kids More Control Over their Lives*

Gardening

- Jabbour, Niiki. *Niki Jabbour's Veggie Garden Remix: 224 New Plants to Shake Up Your Garden and Add Variety, Flavor, and Fun*

Health | Fitness

- Anshel, Od Jeffrey. *What you Must Know about Age-Related Macular Degeneration: How you Can Prevent, Stop, and Reverse AMD*
- Barth, F. Diane. *I Know How You Feel: the Joy and Heartbreak of Friendship in Women's Lives*

Self-Help

- Eddy, Bill. *5 Types of People Who Can Ruin Your Life: Identifying and Dealing with Narcissists, Sociopaths, and other High-Conflict Personalities*
- Winch, Guy. *How to Fix a Broken Heart*

Social Sciences

- Cooper, Brittney. *Eloquent Rage: a Black Feminist Discovers her Superpower*

- Flock, Elizabeth. *The Heart is a Shifting Sea: Love and Marriage in Mumbai*
- Orenstein, Peggy. *Don't Call Me Princess: Essays on Girls, Women, Sex, and Life*

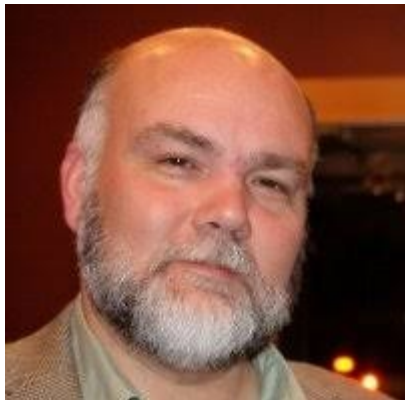
True Crime

- Miller, T. Christian. *A False Report: a True Story of Rape in America*

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Meet our new Corporate Sponsor... Phil Thibault, Architect

Phil resides in Dracut, MA, where he currently serves on the Master Planning Committee. Phil has been an active community member for many years, and we are pleased to have him as a "3rd edition" sponsor of the Friends of the Dracut Library.

"Philippe Thibault Architect provides commercial and residential architectural services from a professional and personal point of view. A practice that includes commercial, hospitality, industrial, educational, governmental, and residential projects enables a diverse approach to all design projects, large and small."

Corporate Membership is Easy... and Rewarding!

Through Corporate support, the Friends fund programs that are educational, recreational, and informational. Last fiscal year, the Friends sponsored 410 programs that were attended by 6,179 residents of all ages. Past programs have included story times, summer reading, author talks, *Dracut Reads*, and Books in Bloom. In addition to sponsoring events, the Friends of Dracut Library offer free and discounted museum passes to the community.

The tax deductible Corporate membership levels are:

\$50 - "1st Edition" Category

your company will be acknowledged in **all** monthly newsletters.

\$100 - "2nd Edition" Category

your company will be listed with other companies on the publicity for a program selected by the library, as well as acknowledgment in **all** monthly newsletters.

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your company and one other company will be listed on the publicity for a program to be selected by the library, as well as acknowledgement in **all** monthly newsletters.

\$500 - "Premier Edition" Category

your company will be exclusively featured in publicity associated with a program, which your firm can select from a list prepared by the library, as well as acknowledgement in **all** monthly newsletters.

Corporate members receive a monthly newsletter to display at your place of business.

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