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FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR

I can hardly believe that it's already October. As I write this column, I'm sitting in my office, looking out the window at the leaves beginning to change color. I'm thinking about fall; about change. Just as the leaves turn color and die so that there can be new growth in the spring, organizations need to change in order for growth to happen. I'm excited to tell you about the library's new long-range plan, which will inform everything we do here over the next five years.

Our long-range planning committee met twice over the summer to discuss the library and the community's strengths, opportunities, aspirations and results. In order to plan ahead, we used the results of those meetings, the results of a community survey that we administered,

and the contents of conversations that the staff had with you, our patrons.

The committee settled on four goals that the library will focus on over the next five years. Each goal has one or more objective. They are:

GOAL 1: Our patrons will find the library relevant, useful, and attractive to their changing needs.

OBJECTIVE A: We will make the library more inviting to patrons of all ages, demographics and economic background.

OBJECTIVE B: We will improve the quality of traditional and non-traditional library services and resources.

OBJECTIVE C: We will showcase twenty-first century technology and enable citizens of Dracut to keep up with changes in accessing information.



GOAL 2: The Library will enjoy higher visibility in the community through marketing and communications efforts.

OBJECTIVE A: We will increase the use of nontraditional and emerging marketing tools.

OBJECTIVE B: We will maintain and expand our use of traditional media outlets and formats

GOAL 3: The community will see the Library staff as highly trained, knowledgeable and friendly.

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2016 Reading Challenge

Read 16 books in 2016 for a chance to win a \$50.00 gift certificate to Barnes & Noble!

- Commit to reading any 16 books during 2016.
- Record the books that you read at our 2016 Reading Challenge page (find the link on our website)

- For each book that you read, enter the title and author (and add a little something about the book if you want - no spoilers though! (for example, Book #1, Title, Author).

At the end of 2016, everyone that has completed the chal-

lenge will be entered into a drawing to win a \$50.00 gift certificate to Barnes & Noble, courtesy of the Friends of Dracut Library.

Spread the word! Invite your friends to participate! Please note that this is an adult only program.

Looking for your next Good Book?



We've got you covered! Visit our website at www.dracutlibrary.org and click on the "Books and Media" tab to choose NoveList Plus. From there, you can search for author and title read-alikes. These recommendations now show up in our catalog as well!

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OBJECTIVE A: We will maximize efforts at community outreach.

OBJECTIVE B: We will invest in continuous staff development to support a well-trained and high-achieving staff.

GOAL 4: The community will see the library as a welcoming and friendly place.

OBJECTIVE 1: We will continuously look at our policies with an eye to making them more user-friendly.

OBJECTIVE 2: We will ensure that staff members are friendly and courteous at all times.

For each goal and objective, there are a number of activities that will take place. I encourage you to visit our website and view the entire

long-range plan to see how we're doing over the next 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

September 2016 - New Acquisitions

FICTION

Fantasy

- Arthur, Keri. *Flameout*
- Black, Levi. *Red Hand Right*
- Durst, Sarah Beth. *The Queen of Blood*
- Henry, Christina. *Red Queen*
- Smith, A.J. *The Black Guard*

General Fiction

- Ball, Jesse. *How to Set a Fire and Why*
- Brown, Eleanor. *The Light of Paris*
- Brown, Karma. *The Choices We Make*
- Cannon, Joanna. *The Trouble with Goats and Sheep*
- De Waal, Kit. *My Name is Leon: a novel*
- Duffy, Erin. *Lost along the Way*
- Ephron, Delia. *Siracusa: a novel*
- Feldman, Suzanne.

- *Absalom's Daughters*
- Fertig, Judith M. *The Memory of Lemon*
- Harbison, Beth. *One Less Problem Without You*
- Leimbarch, Marti. *Age of Consent*
- Leo, Forrest. *The Gentleman*
- Levy, Deborah. *Hot Milk*
- MacMahon, Kathleen. *The Long, Hot Summer*
- Moore, Liz. *The Unseen World*
- Moriarty, Liane. *Truly Madly Guilty*
- Thorne, Sally. *The Hating Game*

Historical

- Meadows, Rae. *I Will Send Rain: a novel*
- Moore, Alan. *Jerusalem*
- Davis, Lindsey. *The Graveyard of the Hesperides: a Flavia Albia Mystery*

- Hambly, Barbara. *Drinking Gourd*
- Igguldon, Conn. *Wars of the Roses: Bloodline*
- Lindsey, Johanna. *Make Me Love You*
- Mingarelli, Hubert. *A Meal in Winter*
- Moran, Michael. *Mata Hari's Last Dance*
- Putnam, John F. *These Honored Dead*
- Saunders, Kate. *The Secrets of Wishtide*

Horror

- Jones, Stephen. *In the Shadow of Frankenstein: Tales of a Modern Prometheus*

Mystery

- Berensen, Laurien. *Live and Let Grow!*
- Blackwell, Julia. *A Toxic Trousseau*
- Buckley, Julia. *A Dark*

- Buzzelli, Elizabeth Kate. *A Most Curious Murder*
- Cates, Bailey. *Spells and Scones*
- Davis, Lindsey. *The Graveyard of the Hesperides*
- Hambly, Barbara. *Drinking Gourd*
- Harris, Shaun. *The Hemingway Thief*
- Hyde, Katherine B. *Arsenic with Austin*
- Laurie, Victoria. *A Grave Prediction*
- Putnam, John F. *These Honored Dead*
- Saunders, Kate. *The Secrets of Wishtide*

Romance

- Black, Shayla. *Falling In Deeper*
- Brunstetter, Wanda. *The Divided Family*
- Burton, Jacie. *Don't Let Go*

- Castle, Jayne. *Illusion Town*
- Chapman, Janet. *From Kiss to Queen*
- Cleeton, Chanel. *Into the Blue*
- Drake, Piper J. *Ultimate Courage*
- Eddings, Lexie. *The Coldwater Warm Hearts Club*
- Foster, Lori. *Don't Tempt Me*
- Green, Jane. *Falling*
- Harper, Molly. *Where the Wild Things Bite*
- Lindsey, Johanna. *Make Me Love You*
- Mallery, Susan. *Daughters of the Bride*
- Ruggle, Katie. *Gone too Deep*
- Talley, Liz. *Perfectly Charming*

Science Fiction

- Rusch, Kristine Katherine, editor. *Women of Futures Past*

Short Stories

- Rusch, Kristine Katherine, editor. *Women of Futures Past*

Suspense | Thrillers

- Andrews, V.C. *Whitefern*
- Coleman, Reed Farrel. *Robert B. Parker's Debt to Pay: a Jesse Stone novel*
- Flannery, Patrick. *I Am No One: a novel*
- Ruggle, Katie. *Gone too Deep*

LARGE PRINT

Fiction

- Brown, Sandra. *Sting*
- Coben, Harlan. *Home*
- Cussler, Clive. *Pirate Frost Line*
- Howard, Linda. *Frost Line*
- Jance, J.A. *Downfall*
- Macomber, Debbie. *Sweet Tomorrows*
- McEwan, Ian. *Nutshell*
- Patchett, Ann. *Commonwealth*
- Slaughter, Karin. *The Kept Woman*
- Steel, Danielle. *Rushing Waters*

Nonfiction

- Nolte, Nick. *Rich Man, Poor Man*
- Theresa, Mother. *A Call to Mercy: Hearts to Love, Hands to Serve*

AUDIOBOOKS

Books on CD - Fiction

- Andrews, Mary Kay. *The Weekenders*
- Bradford, Barbara Taylor. *The Cavendon Luck*
- Fairstein, Linda. *Killer Look*
- Foster, Lori. *Don't Tempt Me*
- Giffin, Emily. *First Comes Love*
- Green, Jane. *Falling*
- Haseldine, Jane. *The Last Time She Saw Him*
- Jones, Darynda. *The Curse of the Tenth Grave*
- Mallery, Susan. *Daughters of the Bride*
- McKinnon, Hannah. *Mystic Summer*
- Moriarty, Liane. *Truly Madly Guilty*
- Roberts, Nora. *Bay of Sighs*
- Thayer, Nancy. *The*

Books on CD - Nonfiction

- Zondervan. *NIRV Audio Bible New Testament, Pure Voice: Single -Voice Recording of the New Testament of the Holy Bible*

Playaways - Fiction

- Andrews, Mary Kay. *The Weekenders*
- Giffin, Emily. *First Comes Love*
- Thayer, Nancy. *The Island House*
- Jones, Darynda. *The Curse of the Tenth Grave*
- Roberts, Nora. *Bay of Sighs*

ADULT COLORING IS BACK!



Join in on the latest craze with our Adult Coloring Group. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Old Library section. No need to register, just drop in. Bring your own coloring books and pencils, or use ours.

Tuesday, October 18th from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
 Tuesday, November 15th from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
 Tuesday, December 20th

FRIENDS CORNER...

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY FALL RAFFLE



The Friends of the Dracut Library Annual Raffle is here! Get a jump on your Holiday shopping. From October 19-29, Basket Raffle tickets will be on sale in the Library lobby. Raffle items will be on display on the Library Mezzanine level.

Tickets are 4 for \$1.00 and 25 for \$5.00. Come take a chance on stunning baskets filled with goodies for friends, family ...or yourself!

(The Fall Raffle replaces the Friends Annual Holiday Raffle.)

The Friends are currently seeking donations of gift baskets and items for gift baskets. If you are an individual or a business and are interested in donating, please contact Diane Annunziato at 978-454-5474, extension 302.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Children's Halloween Party



**Tuesday, October 25th
from 4:30 pm - 5:15 pm**

The Junior Friends of the Library have planned a not-so-scary Halloween party for children ages 2-8.

Children may wear their costumes. There will be plenty of games to play. You can collect a sticker for each game you win. Games may be played as many times as you like. Your hosts will also create their famous "haunted

cave" for the children to crawl through. *Online registration is require.*

This is an extremely popular event. If you find you can't attend after registering, please call Miss Penny in the Children's Room to cancel, so another child can enjoy the party.

Heartbeat, Warble, and the Electric Powwow: American Indian Music

Heartbeat, Warble, and the Electric Powwow: American Indian Music (University of Oklahoma Press, May 2016) celebrates in depth the vibrant soundscape of Native North America from the "heartbeat" of intertribal drums and "warble"

Native flutes to contemporary of rock, hip-hop, and electronic music.

Join author, Craig Harris, for a talk where he will discuss the history of American Indian music and the writing of his book. Following the talk, books will be available for purchase and signing.

**Saturday, October 29th
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm**



FEATURED MUSEUM PASS OF THE MONTH



Looking for something to do with the kids that's both fun and educational? Visit the Drop-in Space where they can play with a wide variety of toys and tools, including:

- Legos
- K'nex
- Zome
- Anker Blocks
- Kapla Blocks
- Minecraft*

* *Subject to availability of computer labs.*

Limit: 2 children, 2 adults. Drop in to build, create, and play for two hours.

No reservations needed.

This pass must be returned to the Dracut Library by 9:00am the next day the library is open. Late passes will be charged a \$5.00 a day fine. If the library is closed, this pass can be returned in its blue bag in the Book Drop to the right of the front door.

The Museum pass program is sponsored by the Friends of Dracut Library.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monthly Meeting of the Board of Library Trustees
Wednesday, 10/12/16 at 4:30 pm in the Director's Office.

Late Opening
Thursday, 10/13/16. The Library will open at 1:00 pm.

Columbus Day
The Library will be closed on Monday, 10/10/16 for Columbus Day.

Friends of the Library Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, 10/26/16 at 6:30 pm