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President's Message

By **Bonnie Burnham**
President, MFOL

Thank you to the MBLC commissioners, director, and staff and all library directors, trustees, friends, and advocates for making sure that the 2008 State Library budget went through the legislature intact. Friends can look forward to a wide range of activities this fall.

Our next meeting of the MFOL Board of Directors is Saturday, September 8th at 10 a.m. at the Westborough Public Library. All Friends are welcome to join us.

We also look forward to the MBLC/MFOL co-sponsored *Friends Sharing with Friends Workshop* held this year on Saturday, September 29th in Devens. And don't forget MLTA/MFOL Joint Conference on Saturday, October 27th at the Marlborough Courtyard Marriott. (See insert for details and reservations). We hope to see and hear from you on a wide range of library topics. Bring your questions and concerns to this Workshop and the Conference. "Let's Talk!"

All my best,
Bonnie Burnham

Save The Date



Saturday, September 8

Acushnet Public Library will be holding its annual **Book Sale** from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. *Bring a bag and fill it for just \$5.00.* Friends membership forms will also be available. See you at the Book Sale.

More details? Contact: Donna Forand , 508-995-9272 or rpforand@yahoo.com

Saturday, September 8

MFOL Board Meeting Westborough Public Library
10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Please drop by and have a cup of coffee and a corn muffin with the Board.

Saturday, September 29

Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners & Massachusetts Friends of Libraries Presents:

Friends Sharing with Friends 2007

Spring Hill Suites at Marriott, Devens, MA
9:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

To register please see enclosed insert.

Saturday, October 27

MLTA/MFOL Joint Conference
Marlborough Courtyard Marriott

BUDGET NEWS FY 2008

Governor Deval Patrick signed the FY2008 state budget. Patrick vetoed \$41 million from the \$26.8 billion state budget. He did not veto any line items in the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners budget for FY08. The budget for the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners for FY08 is the following:

7000-9101

Board of Library Commissioners

FY2007- \$1,000,732

FY2008 - \$1,028,000

7000-9401

State Aid to Regional Libraries

FY 2007 - \$15,730,361

FY 2008 - \$16,230,361

FY08 budget provides an increase from \$1.06 per capita to a \$1.15 per capita for Library of Last Recourse (Boston Public Library).

7000-9402

Talking Book Library

FY 2007 - \$390,000

FY 2008 - \$415,000

7000-9406

Talking Book & Machine Lending

FY 2007 - \$2,182,175

FY 2008 - \$2,203,997

7000-9501

State Aid to Public Libraries

FY 2007 - \$9,289,844*

FY 2008 - \$9,489,844*

*FY07 and FY08 state budget provides authorization for MBLC to award 55 additional waivers in excess of the statutory 10 waivers of the Municipal Appropriation Requirement.

7000-9506

Library Technology & Resource Sharing

FY 2007 - \$2,833,000

FY 2008 - \$2,851,000

7000-9507

Public Library Incentive Grant Program

FY 2007 - \$250,000

FY 2008 - \$250,000

**Maynard Library
Member Minuteman Library Network (MLN)**

Trivia Contest

By Dottie MacKeen

President, Friends of the Maynard Library

The Friends of the Maynard Public Library sponsored a very successful event on April 28th. Last July we opened our new library that had been created by renovating (actually gutting) the historic Roosevelt Elementary School, which had been unused for years. After the opening lots of people came in to point out where their classrooms had been and tell us their school stories.

We decided to hold a Roosevelt School reunion. We invited everyone who had been connected in any way with the school to attend and asked them to share their photographs. We copied and printed the class photographs and put them on posters that filled the walls of the meeting room. The Maynard Dance Band played for dancing and listening in the 3rd floor children's story room. We had a memory book at the second floor reference desk in which guests could tell their stories. A local businessman, who had attended the school, acted as MC and "teacher" for a class. He opened the event with the Pledge of Allegiance and former teachers led the singing of the school song.

The Friends provided refreshments. We had well over 100 people attending, some of them over 90, and the response was one of absolute delight.



Former Roosevelt students check out the wall of class photos.



Former teacher Doris Fardy greets her former students.

The Question Was:

Why was the book catalog replaced by the card catalog in the late 19th century?



The Answer:

The card catalog largely replaced the book catalog in the late 19th century because it could easily be expanded by filing new cards as the library added new materials.

[http://encarta.msn.com/text_761564555_1/Library_\(institution\).html](http://encarta.msn.com/text_761564555_1/Library_(institution).html)

Congratulations goes to

Amantha Moore, Friends of the Newburyport Public Library

The Question Is:

Where and When was the first Graduate Library School established in the United States?

If you know the answer, or think you know, please email or send your answer. All correct answers will be "put in the hat" and the winner randomly selected. All answers must be received by May 14, 2007.

What can Your Favorite Library Win?

A new book that is chosen by the Massachusetts Friends of Libraries Board of Directors.

Email: mfol-news@yahoo.com; or send to: MFOL, 528 Harvard Street,

The MFOL “Great Ideas Contest”

**Submit your “Great Idea” to the Mass. Friends of Libraries 2007
Win a cash reward for your Friends and share with other Friends**

Purpose: To recognize Friends of Library groups for their successes in the following categories:

1. Cultural Program
3. Membership Drive

2. Fund Raising
4. Service to Library

Process: You are invited to describe your “Great Idea” by summarizing it on one or two pages and submitting it along with any other supporting information to MFOL.

- ◆ Use the reverse side of this page to fill out and use as a cover sheet.
- ◆ Explain clearly what your goals were and how you achieved them.

Criteria for Judging:

1. Originality of ideas
2. Success in reaching stated goals
3. Extent of community outreach
4. Amount of direct involvement by members
5. Quality, extent, effectiveness of publicity

Judges will be selected from qualified officers of library associated organizations, including Library Directors and MFOL Board Members.

Awards will be presented at the MFOL/MLTA Joint Conference in Marlborough on October 27, 2007. Winners must be present at Conference. \$25. for 1st Place.

Dissemination: All winning entries will be copied and selected entries may be published in the MFOL newsletter and/or presented at MFOL sponsored events.

All original material will be returned.

COVER SHEET: Great Ideas Contest 2007

1.Cultural 2.Fund Raising 3.Membership Drive 4.Service to Library

Name of Group: _____

Town _____ **# of members** _____

Address _____

Submitted by _____ **email/phone** _____

Your Great Idea

Title _____ **category 1,2,3, or 4**

Time period covered: (single event or year long) _____

Summarize Purpose of the Activity:

Was there a quantifiable goal?

Financial: (project expenses, friends funding, fees charged, profits, other)

Member/Volunteer Involvement and Publicity:

Please include a 1 -2 page summary of your event, plus supporting material.

Send to: Bonnie Burnham 13 Park Street Florence, MA 01062

Entry Deadline is October 15, 2007



Coming Events—A new Feature in MFOL News

MFOL News is for all Friends groups and their supporters. With that in mind we would like to have a forum in which all Friends groups can announce upcoming events.

Please send the following information to Barbara Robbins at mfolnews@yahoo.com , or by phone , 508-883-0397

NAME OF FRIENDS GROUP

EVENT

LOCATION AND TIME

CONTACT NAME, PHONE AND/OR EMAIL ADDRESS

ADMISSION FEE, SUGGESTED DONATION OR FREE

PURPOSE, SUCH AS EDUCATIONAL, INFORMATIVE, LOCAL POLITICAL DEBATE, OR OTHER

Book Sale Dilemmas Dealing with Bounced Checks



Sometimes people take advantage of others, specifically passing a “bad” check to a non-profit group holding a book sale. The MFOL Board Members have heard of a recent occurrence in Connecticut. To that end, please read one paraphrased article, which was found on the web address: <http://www.allbusiness.com/business-finance/cash-management-collections/1354-1.html>.

When you accept a check as payment for goods or services, you do so with the faith that the customer has money in their account to cover it. When they don't, the check bounces and you don't get paid.

To understand your recovery options, it helps to understand what happens when you deposit

After you deposit a check, your bank credits the amount of the check to your account and begins the process of collecting that amount from your customer's bank.

Clearinghouses help banks by routing checks to the appropriate financial institutions and providing settlement services. Your bank's clearinghouse "presents" the check to your customer's bank. If the funds are not available in your customer's account, the request for payment is declined. Checks can be sent through the clearing process only two times. After that, the check is returned to your bank.

Your bank debits your account and sends the check back to you, explaining the check was returned for insufficient funds. The bank's involvement stops here, and sole responsibility for collecting the funds now falls on you.

You can help prevent bad checks and boost your chances of getting what's owed in several ways:

Ask your bank to notify you the first time the check doesn't clear. Many banks automatically send checks through the clearing process twice before they return them to you. If your bank notifies you the first time a check is rejected, you can call your customer's bank and ask whether the funds are currently available. If they are, you can then redeposit the check.

Books for Babies

Books for Babies is a national literacy program that acquaints parents of newborns with the important role they play in the development of their children. Parents are presented with a Books for Babies kit containing a board book for baby, baby's first library card, and a variety of brochures with reading tips and early literacy information from nationally-recognized educational organizations.

By reading to their babies and by becoming regular library users themselves, parents help their babies develop language skills and start them on the path to success in reading and learning.

Now Available in Spanish: FOLUSA is proud to present the Books for Babies kit in Spanish. All materials in the Spanish kit are printed in Spanish with the exception of the bib.

How the Program Works: Organizations such as Friends of the Library groups, Women's Clubs, and Junior Leagues purchase Books for Babies packets. Groups often supplement the packets with information about local resources, including library locations and contact information as well as details about lapsit and preschool story hours

Contact Friends of Libraries USA (FOLUSA) for more information. 1420 Walnut St., Suite 450 Philadelphia, PA. 19102-4017, 215-790-1674 or 1-800-9FOLUSA; friends@folusa.org

A SPECIAL FRIENDS DISPLAY AT THE WHITMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

By Elaine Melisi, Whitman Library trustee

The staff at the Whitman Public Library regularly take turns doing theme displays, so there is always something new to browse through whenever you go to the library. This summer one of our green-thumb Friends, Ellie Cabral, asked if she could do a small display on herbs. Her idea was welcomed enthusiastically by the staff, and she set up a small display of "kitchen herbs" like basil and tarragon (which she reported had been growing happily at her home!) Staff members Barbara Bryant and Mary Casey found a number of books in our collection on herbs, cooking with herbs, and recipes using these particular herbs. The display grew to include several pots of healthy plants in attractive containers, a nice arrangement of books, and a stack of recipes using herbs, for patrons to take home. Ellie has been caring for the plants, and to her surprise, has sold the pots almost as fast as they have been put on display! The library has been fragrant with the smells of basil and tarragon, books have been circulating, and the Friends have received a nice sum of money from the sales—all due to Ellie's very green thumb! This is a very nice example of the Friends and the staff working together to benefit the patrons, the library, and the Friends.

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