Greetings from balmy Burlington, MA, home of the world-famous Burlington Public Library! I have to say that it’s better to be here than on the Cape this week, as the following Boston Globe news clip proves: “Tornadoes! Sharks! Brutal heat! It’s Hell Week on Cape Cod.” I’m still reeling from the image.

Another reason to be a happy resident of Burlington, the FRIENDS’ annual Flatbread Fundraiser, which is scheduled for Tuesday evening, August 13th from 5:00-9:00 this year. For every pizza sold, sit-down or take-out, the FRIENDS receive a donation from Flatbread Pizza. We’ll be raffling off prizes at the event as well. Who can resist Pizza and Prizes?! So mark your calendars and come join the fun at Flatbread on Tuesday evening, August 13th. Your tummy will be glad you did!

Coming Events:
After a summer hiatus, our Third Thursday Evening Programs start back up on September 19th at 7:00 PM with an evening of music featuring Les Sampou and the Dirty Martinis Jazz Duo. We hope to see you there.

We’ll be hosting our annual Volunteer Tea (and Coffee) on October 12th this year. Library volunteers and FRIENDS volunteers, they make our world of books a better place. It’s an honor to be able to thank them with warm beverages and home baked goodies.

This year our Fall Book Sale runs from Friday, November 1st through Sunday, November 3rd. We will be accepting large book donations in support of the Fall Book Sale on Sunday, October 20th from 1:30-4:30 PM and again on Tuesday, October 22nd from 1:15-4:30 PM. Small donations are welcome at any time by placing your donated items (books, CDs, DVDs) on the donation cart near our FRIENDS Book Store which is right next to the exit door.

In conclusion, I wish you all fewer tornados and sharks in your future plans, as well as a restful Labor Day and a gloriously golden fall!

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Virginia Churchill Shahid, President
Friends of the Burlington Public Library
From the Desk of Michael Wick, Library Director…

I hope that everyone had a great time participating in the library’s Summer Reading programs throughout the summer. If you’re anything like me (and most librarians) you’ve had plenty of quality reading time at the beach, in a hammock, or elsewhere over the summer but still have a pile of “to read” sitting on the nightstand. Don’t let that keep you from checking out our new Book Bundles service though, our popular personalized book recommendations service. To learn more, check it out at bit.ly/BurlingtonBookBundles.

We’ve been incredibly busy at the library over the summer, and we tend to take a short hiatus in programming as we ease into the school year. We’re going to take advantage of the break to do some much-needed updating to our Children’s Room with a fresh coat of paint, so the room will be closed for a short (tentatively one week) period in late August/early September. During that time, we’ll have a portion of the Children’s collection and our Youth Services staff stationed in the Fogelberg meeting space. We’ll also have some great pop up programs during that time, so make sure to stay in touch for more updates either through our email newsletter (sign up at http://bit.ly/BPLnewsletter) or on Facebook.

Access Great Entertainment from Hoopla!
Hoopla is like having the Burlington Library at your fingertips. Anytime. Anywhere. Looking for movies, music, audiobooks, ebooks, graphic novels, and/or TV shows? We’ve got that! Enjoy them all on your computer, tablet, phone, or even your TV. There are thousands of titles to choose from, and they can be found by clicking on the ELIBRARY button on our website.

New Travel Guides Available in Overdrive
If your travel aspirations include soaking in the Blue Lagoon (that’s in Iceland) or Heli-Hiking in the Bugaboo Mountains (that’s in Canada) or even just walking the Freedom Trail in Boston, you can find a helpful Lonely Planet guide to download to your computer or mobile device in the library’s Overdrive collection of digital eBooks. They are always available, and you don’t even have to come to the library. And while you’re at it, check out a few magazines (we have 100 different titles) and a couple of audiobooks to take along on your journey. You can find these and more by clicking on the ELIBRARY button on the library website. The Reference Librarians will be very happy to help you get started or answer any questions you may have.

VHS to Digital Convertor
Preserve your videos! Digitize your old VHS tapes into a MP4 file for use on Mac, PC, or Mobile device. Save your videos to a USB stick or Hard Drive, burn them onto a DVD, even upload them to YouTube. Questions can be directed to the Reference Desk: (781) 270-1691 or by email at ref@burlingtonpl.org.
Fall Storytime Sessions:  
October 1—December 18

Please Note: Caregivers are expected to stay with children during all storytime sessions.  
No registration is required for storytime – just drop by!

Also remember iToddler Storytimes and Tea Parties are in place of regularly scheduled storytimes.

Baby Storytime (Birth-18 Months)  
Mondays @ 10:30 am  
Delight and stimulate your baby’s senses with books, songs, toys, and puppets!

Toddler Storytime (18 Months-36 Months)  
Tuesdays & Wednesdays @ 10:30 am  
Interact with your toddler to nurture a love of books. Be active with music and movement!  
(Tuesday, October 29 there will be a tea party at 11 am in place of storytime.)

Preschool Storytime  
(Ages 3-6)  
Wednesdays @ 11:00 am  
Help your preschooler get ready to read. Enjoy stories together and build language skills!  
(Wednesday, October 30 there will be Halloween Storytime at 10:30 am in place of Preschool storytime.)

Story & Craft  
Fridays: October 18, November 15, & December 20  
Join us for a story and craft based on the tale! No registration required.  
Toddlers @ 10:30 am (18-36 Months)  
Preschoolers @ 11:30 am (Ages 3-6)

Dads & Donuts (Ages 2-8)  
Saturdays: October 5, November 30, & December 28 @ 11:00 am  
Storytime for dads, grandfathers, uncles, and other caregivers to bring little ones to. We will have stories, fun, and donuts!

Saturday Stories (Ages 2-8)  
Saturdays: October 19, November 16, & December 14 @ 11:00 am  
Can’t make storytime during the week? Come enjoy stories, songs, and fun on the weekend!
MONTHLY PROGRAMS

September Painting
We’ll be painting the Children’s Room in September (tentatively lasting one week), but we’re doing our best to have high-demand items and things to do in our temporary space, located in the Fogelberg programming area. A limited collection of children’s books, DVDs, and other materials will be available during the painting.

Because of this, regular programs will not start until October, but we will have four Pop-Up events in September. These events will be a surprise until the day of the event.

Pop-Up Events:

Ages 2-6 Events - Mondays: September 16 & 23 @ 11:00 am
Ages 5-11 Events - Thursdays: September 19 & 26 @ 4:00 pm

OCTOBER

A Tale of Magic Book Release Party Ages 8 +
Thursday, October 3 @ 4:00 pm
Chris Colfer, the author of the Land of Stories series, has a brand new series set in the same world. There will be themed activities and a chance to win the new book!

Dentist Storytime (All Ages)
Friday, October 4 @ 11:00 am
Join Dr. Derek Song for some stories and toothy fun.

Preschool Games (Ages 3-6)
Monday, October 7 @ 1:00 pm
Stop by the library for fun games!

PJ Storytime (Ages 3-6)
Tuesday, October 8 @ 6:30 pm
Come in your PJs and listen to stories and do some fun activities. Bring blankets and stuffed friends.
Playing is Learning
(Ages 2-6)
Thursdays: October 10 & 24 @ 1:00 pm
Drop-in playgroup with stories, STEAM activities, and songs.
Presented by Family ACCESS.

Mother Daughter Book Club (Ages 8-11)
Thursday, October 10 @ 6:00 pm
Book club for mothers and daughters (or their grown-ups). Themed activities at each meeting. Books will be available at Youth Desk.

Baby Sensory (4 Months-2 Years)
Friday, October 11 @ 10:30 am
Free play for babies and parents. Babies will learn to play in a group and will get some much needed social time.

Lego Club (Ages 5-11)
Saturday, October 12 @ 11:00 am
Monday, October 21 @ 4:00 pm
We provide the Legos, you provide the imagination!

Pumpkin Decorating (All Ages)
Tuesday, October 22 @ 6:30 pm
Bring your own pumpkins, and we will supply the decorating materials.

Sugar Skull Cookies (Ages 5-11)
Thursday, October 24 @ 4:00 pm
Decorate some spooky skull cookies.

Music Together (Ages 0-5)
Friday, October 25 @ 11:00 am
Join musician Rosa Rivera for some classic children's songs and simple instrument play.

Trick or Treat @ The Library (All Ages)
Saturday, October 26 @ 11:00 am
Trick or treat in the children's room and do some fun Halloween activities!

Monster Tea Party (Ages 2-6)
Tuesday, October 29 @ 11:00 am
Come in your costumes and have tea (juice) and cookies. Monster stories, songs, and fun will be had by all!

Halloween Storytimes (All Ages)
Tuesday, October 29 @ 6:30 pm
Wednesday, October 30 @ 10:30 am
Come enjoy not-so-scary stories, songs, and laughs!
Preschool Games (Ages 3-6)
Monday, November 4 @ 1:00 pm
Stop by the library for fun games!

Lego Club (Ages 5-11)
Monday, November 4 @ 4:00 pm
Saturday, November 23 @ 11:00 am
We provide the Legos, you provide the imagination!

PJ Storytime (Ages 3-6)
Tuesday, November 5 @ 6:30 pm
Come in your PJs and listen to stories and do some fun activities. Bring blankets and stuffed friends.

Playing is Learning (Ages 2-6)
Thursdays: November 7 & 21 @ 1:00 pm
Drop-in playgroup with stories, STEAM activities, and songs. Presented by Family ACCESS.

Science Blast: Apple Science (Ages 5-11)
Thursday, November 7 @ 4:00 pm
Let’s do some fun science with apples!

Baby Sensory (4 Months-2 Years)
Friday, November 8 @ 10:30 am
Free play for babies and parents. Babies will learn to play in a group and will get some much needed social time.

Frozen Sing-A-Long (All Ages)
Saturday, November 9 @ 11:00 am
We will be showing the sing-a-long version of the hit movie Frozen. There will also be themed snacks and other activities.

Mother Daughter Book Club (Ages 8-11)
Thursday, November 14 @ 6:00 pm
Book club for mothers and daughters (or their grown ups). Themed activities at each meeting. Books will be available at Youth Desk.

Canta y Baila Conmigo Music (Ages 0-5)
Friday, November 22 @ 11:00 am
Musician Rosa Rivera will use music to introduce children to language immersion.

Princess in Black Book Release Party (Ages 6+)
Tuesday, November 26 @ 4:00 pm
There will be themed activities and a chance to win the new Princess in Black book!
DECEMBER

Preschool Games
(Ages 3-6)
Monday, December 2 @ 1:00 pm
Stop by the library for fun games!

Lego Club (Ages 5-11)
Monday, December 2 @ 4:00 pm
Saturday, December 21 @ 11:00 am
We provide the Legos, you provide the imagination!

PJ Storytime (Ages 3-6)
Tuesday, December 3 @ 6:30 pm
Come in your PJs and listen to stories and do some fun activities. Bring blankets and stuffed friends.

Playing is Learning (Ages 2-6)
Thursdays: December 5 & 19 @ 1:00 pm
Drop-in playgroup with stories, STEAM activities, and songs. Presented by Family ACCESS.

Mother Daughter Book Club (Ages 8-11)
Thursday, December 5 @ 6:00 pm
Book club for mothers and daughters (or their grown ups). Themed activities at each meeting. Books will be available at Youth Desk.

Sleeping Beauty & Maleficent (All Ages)
Saturday, December 7 @ 11:00 am
Sleeping Beauty and Maleficent will be visiting us. Get pictures taken and do some fun themed activities.

Dogman Book Release Party
(Ages 8+)
Tuesday, December 10 @ 4:00 pm
Themed activities and a chance to win a copy of the new Dogman book.

Baby Sensory (4 Months-2 Years)
Friday, December 13 @ 10:30 am
Free play for babies and parents. Babies will learn to play in a group and will get some much needed social time.
PSAT/SAT Info Session: Monday, September 16 at 7:00 pm  
Presented by Shine-in Math. Learn what to expect and the topics most commonly tested on and gain some practice answering these questions.

Teen Movie & Pizza: Monday, September 30 at 6:30 pm  
Join us for pizza and a movie. We’ll be showing *The Sun is Also a Star*. Please note, rating is PG-13.

Teen Lounge: Some Fridays 2:30 – 4:40 pm  
October 4, October 11, October 25, November 8, November 22, December 6, December 20, & December 27  
Join us after school for games, snacks, crafts, a Nintendo Switch, and more!

Library Lock-in: One Friday a month | 5:45 – 8:00 pm  
October 18, November 15, & December 13  
Join us after hours at the library for games, snacks, crafts, and dinner!

Cookies and a Craft  
Join us once a month to munch on cookies and complete a craft.

Tuesday, October 15 at 7:00 pm:  
FrankenToys

Wednesday, November 6 at 7:00 pm: 3D Paper Pumpkin  
Tuesday, December 17 at 7:00 pm: Rock Photo Holder

Zombieland Movie Showing  
Wednesday, October 9 at 7:00 pm  
Join us for a movie showing on *Zombieland* – just before the sequel comes out! Popcorn provided, all ages welcome, but anyone under 18 must have a signed permission slip as this movie is rated R.

Haunted Gingerbread Houses  
Monday, October 21 at 7:00 pm  
Join us to create a haunted gingerbread house – an annual tradition! This year we are doing a twist and using Rice Krispies Treats to create the houses. Grades 4-8.

Trivia & Treat  
Saturday, October 26 at 1:30 pm  
Compete in a trivia completion and earn candy for your right answers! Grades 3+
Roast or Boast
Monday, October 28 at 7:00 pm
Have a favorite book, TV show, or movie? Have one you hate? Join us for Roast or Boast where you promote or trash your favorites accordingly. Snacks served.

Super Mario Party
Saturday, November 9 at 3:00 pm
Craft, eat, and play all things Mario. Grades 3+

Great Oreo Taste Off
Tuesday, November 12 at 7:00 pm
There are so many flavors of Oreos out there now. Come to blind taste test a lot of them. Will you be able to identify the flavors?

Middle Grade Book Bingo
Monday, November 18 at 7:00 pm
Play bingo based on some of the best middle grade books out there - and win some of them!

Dessert in a Mug
Monday, November 25 at 7:00 pm
It’s time to make some dessert in mugs! Once you’ve sampled some creations, you can wash and decorate your mug to take home.

Marvel Trivia
Wednesday, December 4 at 7:00 pm
Compete against other fans in a Marvel trivia competition. Small prize awarded.

Tween Movie: Jingle All the Way
Saturday, December 7 at 12:30 pm
Join us for a holiday movie and a continental breakfast brunch buffet. Grades 3+

Ninja Ginga Cookies
Monday, December 9 at 7:00 pm
It’s that time of year – to decorate gingerbread cookies like ninjas!

Folded Book Art
Wednesday, December 11 | 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Turn a book into a beautiful work of art. Take it home for yourself – or give it as a gift.

Videogame Tournament
Monday, December 16 at 7:00 pm
Join us for a videogame tournament on the Nintendo Switch. Grades 4- 8.

Nicole’s Game of Games
Monday, December 30 at 7:00 pm
Inspired by Ellen’s Game of Games – we’ll be cooking up some of our own as well as playing some you might recognize.
Les Sampou & The Dirty Martinis Jazz Duo  
Thursday, September 19 at 7:00 pm  
This extraordinary vocal and jazz piano duo brings the American Songbook to life with a unique and sultry take on the classic renditions of such great singers as Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald, Frank Sinatra, and Nat King Cole. These experienced performers understand how to craft music and present a performance that’s fun, stylish, and crowd pleasing for all.

From intimate coffee houses to the Montreal Jazz Festival, Les has sung before crowds of 200 to 20,000. She has toured North America and Europe and has opened for such legends as the late Aretha Franklin. Accompanying Les on piano is Edward Grenga, who composes for PBS shows such as *Nova* and *This Old House*, as well as scoring numerous films each year.

Gothic Ghost Tales by Candlelight – A performance by Rita Parisi  
Thursday, October 17 at 7:00 pm  
Be chilled and thrilled as you listen to a trio of ghost tales from the early 20th century adapted from short stories written by Agatha Christie, Rose MacCaulay, and Virginia Layefsky. This is a theatrical storytelling event (not a reading) that you don't want to miss.

Ms. Parisi’s unique shows highlight her passion for storytelling, theatre, history, costuming, and literature.

A Simplified Life – How To Be More With Less  
Thursday, November 21 at 7:00 pm  
Learn how to enjoy more happiness and more freedom from stress and accomplish more in your life by considering different ways to take control of your space and your lives. See how transforming your surroundings and life with better systems, flow and functionality can transform your overall life.

Eileen Kelly Reed created her company in 2009 to use her innate organizing talents to help her clients thrive in an environment free from clutter, chaos, and distraction.
A Gathering of Celtic & Christmas Music – a performance by Jeff Snow
Thursday, December 12 at 7:00 pm

Traditional music and stories from Scotland, England, and Ireland are combined with familiar, and not so familiar, Christmas music into an event the audience will remember for a long time.

Growing up in a home where old Scottish folk songs were the everyday sounds, Jeff developed an early love for Celtic music which he loves to share.

BPL CHESS CLUB

BPL Chess Club meets the last Tuesday of every month from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, for ages 16+. No need to register, just drop in! Come test your skills with a friendly evening of chess. A few boards will be provided, but feel to bring your own.

To kick off our Chess Club we will be holding a special program in September!
Beginners’ Chess for All Ages
Monday, September 23 at 6:30 pm

Chess coach Glenn Davison teaches the fundamentals of the world’s most popular game of strategy. In one hour, he’ll cover setting up the chess board, using the pawns, how chess pieces move to win, special moves, ten tips for playing a better game, and how to win a game in four moves.

DISCUSSION GROUPS

English At Large conduct weekly English conversation groups at the Library on Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm; and Wednesday mornings from 10:30 am to 12 noon. These groups provide an opportunity for learners to improve their speaking confidence and meet other adults who are learning English.

English At Large Conversation Groups are open to all adults who want to practice their English speaking skills. Groups are free, but registration is required. To register, go online to www.englishatlarge.org/conversation-groups or call the English At Large office at (781) 395-2374.
**Foreign Affairs Discussions begins on September 20**
The Library will host another eight-week discussion series focusing on world affairs on Thursday mornings from 10:30 am to noon, beginning September 19. The discussion group is led by Dr. Craig Brandt, a formal naval officer and experienced group leader. Call the Library at (781) 505-4985, or sign up on-line via the Library website. Discussion topics and information on obtaining the readings will be posted to the Library website in September.

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**EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**

Join us, starting at 7:00 pm, for a discussion of the month’s book selected by the discussion leader. Books are available at the circulation desk at the beginning of each month. For more information, please contact the Assistant Director at (781) 505-4985.

- **September 26** – *Educated* by Tara Westover. Discussion led by Dagmar Fuchs.
- **October 24** – TBD
- **December 5** – TBD

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**Book-a-Librarian**

Make an appointment with a librarian for a 45-minute one-on-one session covering computer basics, instruction on downloading ebooks and/or audiobooks, or help using our databases or any of our library resources. We are not able to offer computer tech support or computer troubleshooting. An **appointment is required**. Call (781) 270-1691, stop by the reference desk ahead of time, or send an email to **ref@burlingtonpl.org** (with an explanation of what you would like us to cover).

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**Exhibits and Displays**

The Library is looking for anyone interested in displaying their artwork in our Art Gallery or for any non-profit who wants to display items of local interest in our Lobby Cases. Contact the Assistant Director to learn more at (781) 505-4985.
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