A Note from the President-

Geri Degurski

It is hard to believe that summer is over and we are into the last quarter of the year! I hope you all had a good summer, managed to stay cool and you are ready for a great season of events at the library! September we celebrate the Library! Don't forget to stop in and thank the staff for their help and dedication. October will be our Fall Book Sale and the kick-off for our membership campaign...”Be a Friend - Bring a Friend”. Details are in this newsletter. In a nutshell, we hope to double our membership by having each member bring a ‘Friend’ to sign-up as a new member. New members signing up and renewing members will be entered into a raffle to be drawn at our Annual Meeting on January 7, 2013. Refer a new member and you will receive an additional entry. Increasing our membership has been one of my goals as your President ... hope you will help me achieve this!

Our Fall Book Sale will be held on October 26, 27 and 28th. Volunteers are needed! Details are in the Newsletter and will be at the library shortly. You don’t have to wait to sign up! Let us know you can help by sending an email to bplnews@gmail.com and enter Volunteer on the subject line. We have a great raffle for the sale that includes a $100 gift card to the Flatbread Company! Remember, members of the Friends purchasing books at the sale receive one free for every three books they buy!

Speaking of Flatbread, we had a wonderful evening there with Friends and family on August 28th. It was a successful evening, earning over $1,000 between pizza sales and raffles! The lucky winner of the raffle was Brenda McConologue. I would like to thank the Library Trustees for their donation of the basket of wine, glasses and gift card to Trader Joe’s, along with Burlington Wine and Spirits for their addition of a private wine tasting event for up to twenty people. Thank you to everyone who attended, and to the great team of Board and Committee members that helped sell raffle tickets and meet and greet patrons at the restaurant. You are the best!

Space is limited, so I will end here saying I hope to see you at the library, at programs and at the book sale! Help us make this the best Friends’ organization. Without your support and help, we wouldn't be here. Together, we help to sponsor many programs for adults, teens and children; museum passes and purchase supplies, furniture and equipment outside of the library's budget. It can't be done alone. I thank you for being a Friend!

Be a Friend – Bring a Friend – 2013 Membership Drive

Get ready for our 2013 membership drive that begins with the October Book Sale! Beginning with the book sale on October 26, 27 and 28 and up to 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 7, 2013, the date of our annual meeting, new and renewing members will have their name entered into our raffle that will be drawn at the Annual Meeting. Enroll a new member as a Friend and receive an additional chance for the raffle. The more members that sign up referred by you, the more times your name goes into the drawing! Our prize this year is in the works and will be announced at a future date. I’m sure it will be great ... so, ‘Be a Friend - Bring a Friend’! If each member ‘Brings a Friend’, we can double our membership, increase our visibility and better serve the library!

Flatbread Pizza Night a Success!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this fundraiser a success! Whether you bought a raffle ticket, dined in or did take-out, you contributed. It was great to see the restaurant filled with friends, family and members of the library community. It truly showed your love and support of the library. Funds raised (more than $1,000) will help continue our mission of providing you with interesting, entertaining and educational programs, museum passes and more. We hope to make this an annual event...it was a great way to end the summer and move forward to our October book sale.

DID YOU KNOW???? The Museum Pass Program requires more than $5,000 in funding annually! Your membership fees and donations, our book sales and May Basket raffles help provide these funds. We welcome individual and corporate sponsorship too! A fantastic way to show your support for the library and your favorite museum! If you are interested in helping out on a larger scale, please contact us at bplnews@gmail.com
I hope you all had a wonderful summer! I know by our statistics that many of you spent time at the library and participated in the Summer Reading programs. Did you know that most of the Summer Reading is directly supported by the Friends? The special programs you and your children enjoyed and many of the prizes that were awarded would not have been possible without your membership and support. Thank You!

As you probably already know, the library has a pass program that offers discount admission to area museums and attractions. This summer the library offered discount admission to 18 different locales. These passes were used more than 330 times from June through August. The majority of these passes are funded by the Friends, and again, your membership and support of fundraisers makes this possible.

Along with all of the activity in the library, this summer was spent preparing a strategic plan for the next 5 years here at the Burlington Public Library. An important component of the plan is input from our community, which was gathered from the survey that we conducted. The Strategic Plan Committee and I wish to thank all who took the time to respond to this survey. Your answers and comments are very important and helped to determine the direction taken in our plan. The completed plan will be available at the Reference Desk by the beginning of October if you’re interested.

There will be a few changes to watch for this Fall. One change will be a new look to our website. The library is included in the town website redesign and we are working on ways to improve our information sharing as we recreate our pages. Many of the services that we offer in the library are also available remotely from our website. Because of this, we consider our site as the recipe and its background and get to sample all of the good things. It’s never too early to sign-up to help at the Book Sale.

The next book sale will be **October 26, 27 and 28**. We need help with setting up. This involves sorting out the books onto the tables and may involve moving some of the boxes. Usually runs from 2pm to 6pm and will be done on **Thursday, October 25th**. Help is needed throughout the sale. This involves helping patrons find the right table for the books they are seeking; keeping the tables and books in an orderly pattern, may involve helping patrons out to their cars with bundles, selling raffle tickets and promoting membership to the Friends. This help is needed on **Friday, from 10.30am to 4:30pm; Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 pm and Sunday from 1pm to 3:30 pm.** Clean-up help is needed and involves packing the remainder of the books. This runs from 3:00 pm until finished (with enough help we can be done by 6:00 pm). **If you are willing to work, please contact us at bphnews@gmail.com** Watch for more news about the book sale through Facebook, our website, www.burlingtonpubliclibrary.org and in the library.

**VOLUNTEERS for the Book Sale**

Burlington Reads 2013

We hold the very popular ‘Burlington Reads’ event every other year: the next one will be in March of 2013. We will soon be asking you all to vote for the title that will be our 2013 town read. Watch the library website for more information at www.burlingtonpubliclibrary.org.

**BIRTHDAY PARTY! RAFFLE at the Book Sale.**

You are never too old to celebrate. Take a chance on our Birthday Basket at the October Book Sale – October 26, 27 and 28. Win a $100 Gift Card to Flatbread Pizza to celebrate! All the fix-in’s are in the basket, party hats, plates, decorations and more. Gift Certificate generously donated by Flatbread. Winner is asked to contact the Manager, Joe Sylva to arrange the celebration. Tickets are 3 for $5.00 and fun is priceless!

**HOLIDAY DESSERT TASTING!**

Join us for our Third Annual Holiday Dessert Tasting! Join the fun and bring your favorite holiday dessert along with copies of the recipe to share. It is a fun-filled, relaxed evening as we learn a little about the recipe and its background and get to sample all of the delicacies. This has been a favorite since it first began. While we love to have the fresh baked goodies, you do not need to bake anything to participate...join us and get to know the Friends. Teen chefs are welcomed too! Details will be forthcoming.

**Thursday, December 20th**
Four new databases for Burlington Public Library patrons

**ConsumerReports.org** is known as one of the most trusted resources for information and advice on consumer products. This award-winning website contains information that enables consumers to make better purchasing decisions on the products for which they are shopping. Patrons can explore the product reviews, ratings, news and comparisons.

**Cypress Resume** is an online tool that allows users to create professional quality resumes quickly and easily. It is specifically designed with minimal writing required so that applicants can effortlessly build resumes that will stand out in the job market.

**Encyclopaedia Britannica**, Public Library Edition, is a large comprehensive encyclopedia with images and links to primary sources and quality web sites. A kid’s edition is also available.

**A to Z World Culture** offers country by country cultural information on 175 nations. This database will be particularly useful for students researching country reports or travelers who are looking for country information.

These databases may be accessed from the library or from home. One may access from home with a valid Burlington Public Library card through our website at [www.burlingtonpubliclibrary.org](http://www.burlingtonpubliclibrary.org). Under the green "Research" button, click "Databases" to view a subject listing of our databases. Databases can also be viewed in alphabetical order by clicking "A to Z Listing".

### Homebound Delivery

If you or someone you know is unable to get out to the library because of illness or disability and would welcome regular deliveries of library books, audiobooks, magazines or DVDs, please contact Susanne Sullivan at the library at 781-505-4985 or ssullivan@burlmass.org. You can select the items you want yourself from the online catalog, or consult with library staff members who can then choose for you. We’ll do our best to match you with a volunteer who can bring the library to you. If you are hale and hearty and would like to volunteer as a driver for this program, Susanne would be happy to talk with you as well!

One-on-One Workshops

**EBooks and Digital Audiobooks**—Learn how to download free ebooks and/or audiobooks from the Burlington Public Library website to your compatible ereader, smartphone, or audio device. Bring in your device(s) and/or your laptop and we will walk you step-by-step through the process of downloading books. If you have a desktop computer at home or you are just curious about digital media, we will be happy to demonstrate using our equipment. If you are interested in this workshop, call (781) 270-1691 or stop by the Reference Desk on the second floor of the library to make an appointment.

**Library Catalog**—This one-on-one workshop will teach users how to search for books, videos, CDs, and other library materials that are available in Burlington and the other libraries in our consortium. Attendees will also learn how to access library accounts, place holds, and renew items. Workshop participants **must** be able to use a mouse.

**Database Workshop**—In this one-on-one workshop you will learn what an online database is and how to access from home or at the library. Using our databases, learn how to find magazine and newspaper articles, take practice exams for SATs, GREs, civil service and many other exams, read book reviews and entire books online, gather business information and sales leads. Class participants must be able to use a mouse. Call (781) 270-1691 or come to the second floor Reference Desk to make an appointment with Librarian Marnie Smith.

**Email**—Set up a free Yahoo! email account and learn how to use it. Pick up a “How-to” brochure at the Reference Desk on the second floor and/or ask for a one-on-one lesson with Librarian Donna Manoogian.

**NOTE:** Class participants **MUST** be able to use a mouse. If you need help learning to use a mouse, speak to a reference librarian. We have tutorials that can help. All computer workshops are **FREE**, but you must register in advance by calling the Reference Desk at 781-270-1691.

### Computer Workshops at the Library

**Navigating the ‘Net 1**—A first look at the Internet. Learn about web sites and search engines. **Participants MUST be able to use a mouse.**

**Wednesday October 10, 2012 from 1:15 - 2:30 pm**

**Wednesday November 7, 2012 from 1:15 - 2:30 pm**

**Wednesday December 5, 2012 from 1:15 - 2:30 pm**
Adult Programs and Discussions

‘Third Thursday’ Program Series for Adults sponsored by the Friends’

- Thus., Sept. 27 – Mixing Fact and Fiction with Channel 7 News Reporter and mystery author Hank Phillippi-Ryan.
- Thurs., Oct 18 – “Welcome to the Graveyard” with The Gravestone Girls (whose cheerful motto is 'Keeping Our Dead Alive'). Learn about art, history and symbolism in cemeteries, with a special focus on Burlington graves.
- Thurs., Nov. 15 – Glass Harmonica Concert performed by Vera Meyer. Discover a beautiful instrument created by Benjamin Franklin.

NOTE: All programs begin at 7 p.m. All are welcome and light refreshments are served.

Foreign Affairs Discussions
Join retired naval officer Dr. Craig Brandt for an 8-week series of discussions about U.S. Foreign Policy on Thursday mornings from 10:30 – noon, beginning September 20.

Evening Book Discussion Group
Join other readers on the last Wednesday of each month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. for stimulating discussions! Would YOU like to suggest a book to discuss? Contact Susanne Sullivan at 781-505-4985 or ssullivan@burlmass.org.

- Wed., Sept. 26 – “Fifty Shades of Grey” by E.L. James. Let’s see what all the fuss is about!
- Wed., Nov. 28 – “The Help” by Kathryn Stockett. This is the book that led to the movie.

Thursday Morning ‘Book Talk’
All who love to read are invited to gather for coffee and conversation on the second and fourth Thursday morning of each month at 10:30 a.m., to hear about new books in the library collection and then share with others what they have been reading. There is no required reading for this group: just a shared pleasure and enjoyment in books. Upcoming dates include September 13 and 27, Oct. 11, November 8, December 13 & 27. No Book talk on Oct. 25 (Booksale set-up) or Nov. 22 (Thanksgiving).

Teen Fall 2012 Programming

Celebrate Teen Read Week: Teen Read Week Party!
For students in grades 6 and up. Tuesday, October 16 @ 3:30pm

Teen Advisory Board
Students in grades 6 and up: Get involved @ your library for fun, community service hours! Check with the Youth Services Dept. for updates!

Animanga Club
For students in grades 6 and up. Join us for Japanese Anime and Manga viewing and discussion! Thursdays @ 4pm, September 27, October 18, November 29 & December 20.

Teen Crafts – Back from Vacation craft!
For students in grades 6 and up. Tuesday, September 18, 4-5pm

Wingmasters presents: North American Birds of Prey –
Learn about regional birds of prey! Tuesday, November 6 at 1pm (Election Day – no school in Burlington Public Schools)

Be sure to check the Youth Services Department Calendar for more teen events!
Children’s Fall 2012 Programming

FALL STORYTIME SESSIONS! September 18 – December 14

Please note: No regularly scheduled storytimes on Fridays, October 26 (our Fall Book Sale!) & November 23 (library closed) and Wednesday, October 31. Special storytime on Halloween for all ages @ 11am.

Raise your child to be a reader! You are your child's most important teacher. The Burlington Public Library offers weekly storytime sessions to help your child develop reading, language and listening skills needed to succeed in school. Together, parents and librarians help children get ready to read. Caregivers are expected to stay with children during all storytime sessions. No registration is required for storytime – just drop by!

Baby Storytime
For caregivers with children ages birth to 18 months. Delight and stimulate your baby's senses with books, songs and puppets! Build brain power! Fridays @ 11 a.m.

Toddler Storytime
For caregivers with children 18 to 36 months. Interact with your toddler to nurture a love of books. Be active with music and movement! Tuesdays & Wednesdays @ 10:30 a.m.

Preschool Storytime
For caregivers children ages 3 to 6 years. Help your preschooler get ready to read. Enjoy stories together and build language skills! Tuesdays & Wednesdays @ 11 a.m.

Pajama Time
For caregivers with children ages 3-7. Bring your favorite stuffed animal & blanket, and snuggle in for some evening storytime fun! Tuesday nights @ 7pm

Bookworms Book Club
For students in grades Kindergarten – 2. Read a new book and participate in fun activities. Stop by the Youth Services Desk to pick up the book to read before we meet! Tuesdays @ 4pm : September 25 & November 20

Need 2 Read Book Club
For students in grades 3-5. Read a new book and enjoy a new activity every month! Registration is REQUIRED – stop by the Youth Services Desk to register AND pick up the book of the month! Wednesdays @ 4:15pm – September 26, October 24, November 28, & December 19

December Vacation Week Videogames & Board Games for Kids
For students in preschool – grade 5. Come to the library to play fun games! Friday, December 28 @1pm

Fall Exhibits at the Library

September - The American Sewing Guild will mount a display in the Gallery, in honor of National Sewing Month. Kids lego constructions and model aircraft made by Gerry Patrick will share space in the display cases in the lobbies.

October - Stephen Lewis will showcase Labor Posters in the Gallery; Gerry Patrick's handcrafted model World War II aircraft will continue in the lobby cases.

November - The Gallery is currently available for November; The Salvation Army will create a display in the lobby cases.

If you have artwork you’d like to exhibit at the Library, contact the Assistant Director at 781-505-4985 or ssullivan@burlmass.org.

The Library Connection Fall 2012
**Lego Club**  
For students in grades K-6. We provide the Legos – you bring your imagination!  
**Wednesdays, September 19, October 17, and November 14 @ 4pm & Thursday, December 27 @ 3:00pm**

**Picture Books and Movies**  
For caregivers with children ages 3 and up. We will show short movies based on picture books!  
**Thursdays, October 4 & December 13 @ 3:30pm**

**Diary of a Wimpy Kid Party**  
For students in grades 2 and up! Celebrate the release of "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Third Wheel" with trivia, games, and prizes! No registration required.  
**Wednesday, November 7 @ 4pm.**

**Preschool Fun and Games**  
For caregivers with children ages 3-6. Stop by the library for fun games!  
**Thursdays @ 11:00am: September 27 & November 29**

**Story & Craft for Toddlers**  
For caregivers with children ages 18–36 months. Join us for a toddler story and craft based on the story! No registration required.  
**Mondays @ 10:30am: October 1, November 19 (special Thanksgiving craft!), & December 17**

**Story & Craft for Preschoolers**  
For caregivers with children ages 3-6. Join us for a toddler story and craft based on the story! No registration required.  
**Mondays @ 11:15am: October 1, November 19 (special Thanksgiving craft!), & December 17**

**Wingmasters presents: North American Birds of Prey**  
For children in grades K-12 (due to the nature of the program, no younger children, please). Learn about regional birds of prey!  
**Tuesday, November 6 @ 1pm (Election Day – no school in Burlington Public Schools)**

**Pumpkin Decorating for Kids!**  
For caregivers with children of all ages! You bring as many pumpkins as you like – we'll provide the supplies!  
**Tuesday, October 23 @ 3:30pm**

**Stuffed Animal Sleepover!**  
Bring your favorite stuffed animal to the Youth Services Desk for a Stuffed Animal Sleepover! Bring one stuffed animal anytime during open hours between **Monday, September 17 – Thursday, September 20**. Make sure you also bring a shoebox with your name and the name of your stuffed animal printed on it, so that your stuffed animal has somewhere to sleep. You can pick up your stuffed animal on Friday, September 21 or Saturday, September 22 as well as a photo of all the fun activities your stuffed animal did during the sleepover!

**Halloween Parade & Storytime!**  
For caregivers with children ages birth - preschool! Make the library your first stop before trick-or-treating! Come dressed in your best Halloween costume. We will read a story together, march around the library – and children will get a Halloween treat!  
**Wednesday, October 31 @ 11:00am.**

**Spooky Campfire Tales**  
For children ages 7 and up! Come dressed in your Halloween best for an indoor campfire experience! Halloween treats provided!  
**Wednesday, October 31 @ 4:15pm**

**Family Holiday Crafts and Cookie Party**  
For caregivers with children of all ages! Join us for holiday creations and cookies! No registration required.  
**Tuesday, November 27 @ 3:45pm.**

**Magic Tree House Party**  
For students in grades 2 and up! Join us for fun activities based on the Magic Tree House series. No registration required.  
**Wednesday, December 12 @ 4:15pm**
BFFs – Best Friends of the Friends!

Thank you to our volunteers for Celebrate Burlington! It was a hot, humid day and these brave souls managed to beat the heat and help set up the tables and tent, assist more than 60 children create bookmarks, spread the word of the Friends and distribute flyers and information for our benefit at The Flatbread Company.

Judy and Steve Wasserman
Janet, Jay and James Hurley and friend Ryan
Rosalyn Minassian
Eileen Sickler
Carole Little
Aline Beck
Ruth Pilote
Rosalie Blum
Myrna Saltman

Volunteers for the benefit at The Flatbread Company Fundraiser

Raffle ticket sellers and goodwill ambassadors:

Rosalyn Minassian
Dallas Slade
Janet Hurley
Smeeta Parwani
Bill McDonough
Don Roberts
Myrna Saltman
Judy Wasserman

and the support of the Board, Committee Members, Trustees of the Friends and Staff of the Library!

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Burlington Library Trustees for their donation of the Wine Basket.

Burlington Wine and Spirits for their donation of the wine tasting for up to 20 people included in the basket!

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Annual Dues (for 2013 calendar year)

___ Senior (60+) $7  ___ Individual $10

___ Family $12  ___ *Sustaining $50

___ *Supporting $100  ___ *Life Member $200

*Sustaining, Supporting and Life members are acknowledged with a book plate in a library book recognizing their generosity.

Check below if you would like to help the Friends with:

___ Planning Adult Programs
___ Helping with a Book Sale
___ Baking for Events
___ Fundraising
___ Membership Drive
___ Publicity or Newsletter

Referred By: ________________________________
Fall Book Sale & Raffle
Don’t miss it!
Oct 26 – 28

Programs, Discussions, Exhibits
..and so much more!

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