Warm Summer Wishes from the President of the Friends – Dallas Slade…

Last month was A-MAY-ZING and now we barrel into a Special Summer!

May was indeed special at the Burlington Public Library, for the Friends of the Library and for all who enjoy the library and library programs. It started with another successful Book Sale (we tallied our results on May 1). Proceeds from the Spring Book Sale came to more than $3,000, another fine showing! During the Book Sale, the Friends also signed up 21 new Friends, bringing our 2017 total Friends membership to 188. We hope to again surpass 200 “Friendships”, as we did for the first time last year. And, of course, work has already begun for the Fall Book Sale. We have a wonderful team of book sorters who organize and categorize books all through the year so that you have some chance of finding what you want at the book sale. We also had a large crew of Friends who helped out at the Spring Book Sale. We’re always pleased to have folks sign up to help out at our book sales. If you think you might be interested, please look for our appeal prior to the next sale (November 1-3) and contact us at bplnews@gmail.com.

May is also when our renowned May Baskets fundraiser takes place. This year we had 42 bold, bright, and beautiful baskets to take a chance on and we raised more than $4,500! The winning tickets were drawn on May 25th. Check the library website if you want to see who the winners were. Many thanks to all the generous businesses, organizations, and individuals who created and donated this year’s May Baskets.

On to June! We now plan our Summer Newsletter to go to press in early June, so that you will see it in time to learn about all the special children’s (and adult) programs, some of which begin as soon as the school year ends.

On June 15th, the Thursday Evening Program will be presented and sponsored by L.L. Bean. They will tell us about the ‘Basics of Kayaking’.

Tuesday, August 15 will be our 6th Annual Pizza Night at Flatbread. Dine in or take out and help raise money for the Friends to continue bringing you the popular adult and children’s programs, museum passes, and so much more at the Burlington Public Library. So, plan not to cook that...
night. Instead, have a delicious pizza (and/or salad) at Flatbread. Flatbread will generously donate a portion of all food sales between 5:00 and 9:00 PM that evening. As always, we will have a raffle in conjunction with Flatbread night. There will be three special prizes, and you can buy tickets either that night at Flatbread or on several dates at the library (to be announced) before Flatbread night. This year, one of our prizes is a very special one, indeed, an iRobot Roomba 880 self-operating vacuum, one of their latest models, generously donated to the Friends by a very special friend. This prize has an estimated value of $500! Our other two prizes include a $50 Barnes and Noble gift card and an Italian Basket, including goodies from Tuscan Kitchen and a $25 gift certificate from the Chateau Restaurant. Keep a lookout on the library website and for Friends e-mailings about the details on raffle ticket sales.

We know you all love all of what the Friends do (provide funding for Museum Passes, Children’s Programs, Adult Evening Programs, and so much more), which all of you help make possible. Well, you can help this effort in another way. Looking at 2018, the Friends will have two open slots on the Board of the Friends (including a new Treasurer). This group approves the funding for many library programs. Would you like to earmark Friends funding for the library toward a particular path? Please consider these openings, and if you are interested, please contact us at bplnews@gmail.com.

On another note, the Friends of the Library and all involved with the library will be sad to lose Library Director, Lori Hodgson, after 15 years in that role at the Burlington Public Library. During that time, Lori has been instrumental in helping the Burlington Library become the valuable community resource it is today. Lori will be retiring in early September, and while we are sad to lose her, we wish her well in all her future endeavors. Please stay tuned to our notices about a late-summer gathering to celebrate Lori, her contributions to the library, and her future.

All that being said, I wish you all a Happy and Special Summer! Please join us at our fundraising events and library programs. We always look forward to seeing you there. Thanks to each of you for being a Friend!

Dallas Slade, President
Friends of the Burlington Public Library
From the Desk of Lori Hodgson - Library Director…

Our Spring season was full of activity on many levels. Programming and activities for children, teens, and adults were plentiful and well attended. The Friends’ Book Sale was very successful, and the May Basket Fundraiser was as popular as ever. Forty-two donated baskets were raffled off, and winners were thrilled with their prizes. This great event would not be possible without the generous donors who provided the baskets. Please visit our website to see basket donors and winners.

Another reason for our busy Spring was that the Merrimack Valley Library Consortium was switching to a **new library system**. The integrated library system (ILS) incorporates not only the public catalog, but also the software for all we do behind the scenes – the circulation and cataloging processes. The library was closed for two mornings for staff training, and the staff attended additional training outside of our library. As with any change, there are bumps along the way, but overall the switch went very smoothly. We hope that you are finding the new catalog and its enhanced features to be an improvement. So that staff can become fully comfortable with the many functions of the new system, we have changed where and how we will address patrons’ questions. If you have title searching or any questions other than checkout, check-in, holds pick up, library card questions, and museum pass questions, you will be referred to another desk to allow the Circulation staff to concentrate on circulation functions. Depending on your question, you will be referred to Reference or Youth Services. These staff members will also be able to show you the new catalog and the enhanced features. In addition, you can schedule a one-on-one session with the Reference staff to learn all of the features of the new catalog. Thank you for your patience and for allowing us to continue to serve you in the best way possible.

Our Summer season will be filled with programs and events for children, teens, and adults as Summer Reading takes over our calendars. The list of events and activities can be viewed in this newsletter and brochures are available at the desks. Be sure to join in and have a great Summer!

On a personal note, this is the last newsletter that I will be contributing to as I will be retiring at the beginning of September. I would like to take a moment to thank the Friends’ Board and all the members of the Friends for the continued support that you give to the Burlington Public Library. The programs, Summer Reading, and museum passes that we offer our community are possible only because of your support. The special display units and items that enhance the physical space in the library are also due in part to the Friends. Burlington has a great resource in its library, and you all help to make that possible. Thank You!
GENRAL INFORMATION

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, Michael Wick, to learn more at 781-505-4985 or by email at mwick@burlington.org.

Laptops Available for Use in Burlington Public Library

Burlington Public Library now offers laptops for patrons to borrow and use in the library. We recognized that in certain situations using our desktop computers was not convenient or desirable for our patrons, so we decided to improve our service to the community by offering two laptops that can be borrowed and used in the library. To borrow a laptop, a patron must read and agree to the terms of our Laptop Loan Policy, be 17 years of age or older, and present a valid library card. Additionally, a patron must leave a valid driver’s license, passport, or state issued ID with the reference staff. Laptops may be checked out for four hours.

Book Sale Donations

We receive many of our books for the Friends’ Book Sale from donations made by our patrons. We are grateful to have these items added to our sale. Because of the high volume that we receive from the public, we will be instituting a new procedure to accept these donations. From now until one month before the sale, we will only be able to accept small donations at the Circulation Desk. The reason for this is that the Circulation Office is tight on space with the day-to-day library activity and cannot accommodate the influx of donations that help to make our Book Sale so successful. **Beginning October 1 through the end of the Fall sale, donations will not be accepted at the Circulation Desk.** The Friends will be scheduling drop off dates and times throughout the month leading up to the Book Sale. This is also the time to bring your large donations. Watch for more information in the upcoming months. Thank you for your cooperation and your continued support.
SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Registration for Summer Reading incentive programs for all ages begins Thursday, July 6.
All participants must register online for the 2017 Summer Reading Program (even if you signed up last year)!
To REGISTER and CREATE your online account, please go to burlingtonpubliclibrary.org
1. Click on the 2017 Summer Reading link on the Library’s Homepage.
2. Choose the Reading Program for your age.
3. Enter your information.
4. Click on CONFIRM or SUBMIT.
5. Save Username and Password for future log-ins.

Summer Reading Kickoff: Thursday, July 6 @ 10am -1pm. (All Ages)
Celebrate the beginning of Summer Reading with face painting, raffles, activities, and more!
Ed the Wizard Magic Show @ 11am. Sign-up for our reading programs and get your Summer Reading Bags!

EVENTS FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES
(ALL AGES)

**Movie Mondays:**
Every Monday from July 10-August 21 @ 11am.

**iFairytale:** Tuesday, July 11 @ 11am.
Classic fairytales come to life on the big screen and iPad. Stories will be humorous and engaging.

**Tales of Enchantment:**
Tuesday, July 18 @ 11am.
Enter a world of fairytales with storyteller Diane Edgecomb.

**Musician Steve Blunt:** Tuesday, July 25 @ 11am.
Children’s Musician
Steve Blunt will entertain us with some fantastic music. Fun for the whole family!

**Picture Book**
*Author Josh Funk:*
*Thursday, July 27 @ 6:30pm.*
The author of *Lady Pancake and Sir French Toast* will read his books and do some fun activities with us.

**Princess Party: Saturday, July 29 @ 11am.**
Join Princesses Belle, Merida, Mulan, Elena, Moana, and Jasmine at our princess bash! Princess activities, stories, and pictures with the princesses.

**Fairytales From Around The World: Tuesday, August 8 @ 11am.**
Listen as Miss Amanda tells stories from all around the world!

**Ronald McDonald Show: Thursday, August 10 @ 11am.**
Magic, games, music, and more with Ronald!

**Creature Teachers Animal Show: Tuesday, August 15 @ 11am.**
See animals and learn a little bit about them.

**Puppet Show: Thursday, August 24 @ 6pm.**
Pumpernickel Puppets will put on an exciting puppet show for us!

**Meet Minnie Mouse: Tuesday, August 22 @ 11am.**
Meet the delightful Minnie Mouse and do some Disney inspired crafts.

**Junk Castle Making: Wednesday, August 23 @ 2pm.**
Let’s make fantasy castles out of everyday materials. We will provide the junk; you provide the imagination!

**Summer Reading Finale: The Magic of Oz**
*Friday, August 25 @ 11am.*
Celebrating the classic book, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, Tom Foolery & Susie Magoozy have put together some artful magic and storytelling to pay tribute the Merry Old Land of Oz! They invite you along on their journey...fun for all Oz enthusiasts young and old!
BABY, TODDLER & PRESCHOOL EVENTS

Once Upon a Time Tea Party
Wednesday, July 12 @ 11am. (Ages 2-6)
Our classic tea party is kicked up a notch, inspired by Alice in Wonderland and classic fairytales. Please wear your best outfits and enjoy stories, cookies, and tea (juice).

Healthy Handfuls To Go: Tuesdays, July 25 & Aug 1 @ 6pm. (PreK-Grade 2)
Learn to make your own healthy and delicious snacks with Miss Joanna before going to the concert on the Common. Limited to the first 30 people. Please show up 10 minutes prior to program to hold your spot.

Preschool Fun and Games: Fridays, July 7 & August 18 @ 11am.
For caregivers with children ages 3-6. Fun activities for preschoolers!

Lego Club: Tuesdays, July 18 & August 22 @ 3:45pm. (Grades K-6)
We provide the Legos; you provide the imagination!

Baby Sensory Activities: Wednesdays, July 19 & August 16 @ 1:30pm. (Up to 2 years)
Babies will enjoy fun activities to enlighten their senses and learn to play in a group. Best for babies that can sit up on their own - children 2 years of age.

Beyond Blocks: Thursday, July 20 @ 3:30pm. (Grades PreK-2)
Let’s build with everyday items and see how creative we can be!

Board Games: Wednesdays, July 26 & August 9 @ 2pm. (Grades K-6)
Come play classic and giant versions of your favorite board games.

Preschool Science: Thursdays, July 27 & August 24 @ 11am.
Enjoy fun and educational science experiments with your preschooler.

Minute To Win It Games: Monday, July 31 @ 3:30pm. (Grades K-5)
Join Miss Mary for fun and challenging games.

Beauty and the Beast Stage Show: Tuesday, August 1 @ 11am. (PreK-Grade 6)
The Hampstead Stage Company will present a 50-minute live stage show of the classic fairytale Beauty and the Beast.
Sciencetellers: Dragons and Dry Ice: Thursday, August 3 @ 6pm. (Grades K-6) Join us as we learn about dragons, dry ice, and the changing states of matter through interactive and explosive experiments with fog, bubbles, flying rockets, and more.

Music & Movement: Wednesday, August 23 @ 11am. (Toddlers and Preschoolers) Dance and jump with Miss Amanda and some cool tunes!

GRADES 3 AND UP

Tech Take Apart: Wednesday, July 12 @ 6pm. (Grades 3 & Up) Take apart electronics to see what's inside.

Fantasy Fiesta: Thursday, July 13 @ 4pm. (Grades 3 & Up) Celebrate all our favorite magical characters from Harry Potter-Percy Jackson with games and other activities! *Costumes encouraged but not required.*

Library Labyrinth: Thursday, July 20 @ 6pm. (Grades 3 & Up) Author Erin E. Moulton will turn our library into the Labyrinth from Greek Mythology. This program will be based on her book *Keepers of the Labyrinth,* but you do not have to read this book to join the fun!

Lego Club: Tuesdays, July 18 & August 22 @ 3:45pm. (Grades K-6) We provide the Legos; you provide the imagination!

Quidditch: Friday, July 14 @ 4pm. (Grades 4 & Up) Mastermind Adventures will explain all the rules and provide all the equipment to play the most popular game in the Wizarding World.

Board Games: Wednesdays, July 26 & August 9 @ 2pm. (Grades K-6) Come play classic and giant versions of your favorite board games.
T-Shirt Bags:  
Thursday, July 27 @ 4pm. (Grades 3-6) Bring an old T-shirt and we will transform it into a stylish new bag.

Cosplay Hoodies:  
Friday, July 28 @ 4pm. (Grades 4 & Up) Cosplay is the art of making costumes of your favorite characters. Cosplayer Mink will talk about what cosplay is and teach us how to make everyday hoodies into fun character hoodies we can wear every day. All students must come with their own hoodie to decorate and have a character in mind they wish to turn their hoodie into.

Minute To Win It Games:  
Monday, July 31 @ 3:30pm. (Grades K-5) Join Miss Mary for fun and challenging games.

Beauty and the Beast Stage Show:  
Tuesday, August 1 @ 11am. (PreK-Grade 6) The Hampstead Stage Company will present a 50-minute live stage show of the classic fairytale Beauty and the Beast.

Harry Potter Trivia and Bingo:  
Thursday, August 3 @ 4pm. (Grades 3-6) Test your knowledge of Harry Potter and win some prizes.

Scincetellers: Dragons and Dry Ice:  
Thursday, August 3 @ 6pm. (Grades K-6) Join us as we learn about dragons, dry ice, and the changing states of matter through interactive and explosive experiments with fog, bubbles, flying rockets, and more.

Jungle Jim Hogwarts Academy:  
Tuesday, August 8 @ 6pm. (Grades K-8) The Harry Potter Hogwarts Academy Training is a fully interactive party that prepares participants to become wizards themselves!

Sharpie Tie Dye:  
Thursday, August 10 @ 4pm. (Grades 3-6) Bring in a white t-shirt, and we will supply the sharpie tie-dye materials.

Mad Hatter Tea Party:  
Thursday, August 17 @ 4pm. (Grades 3-6) This is not a little kid tea party. We’ll be making crazy Alice in Wonderland crafts and having our own Mad Hatter style party with Alice-inspired treats!
Camp Half-Blood: Friday, August 18 @ 3:30pm. (Grades 4 & Up) If you love Percy Jackson, come and experience some of the demigod activities they do at Camp Half-Blood.

House Cup Party: Thursday, August 24 @ 6pm. (Grades 1 - 12) Only for students who participated in the House Cup Challenge. Tonight is the night we unveil which Hogwarts House won this summer’s House Cup Challenge. Miss Amanda and Miss Nicole will decorate the Meeting Room the colors of the winning house and present winners with the House Cup. Harry Potter food and activities will be available during this event for all students attending.

Mother-Daughter Book Club Thursdays, July 13 & August 10 @ 6pm. (Grades 3-6) This book club for mothers and daughters involves activities and book discussions. Books will be at the Youth Services Desk. July: Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone August: The Wizard of Oz
**GRADES 6 & UP (TEEN)**

Teen Summer Reading Kick-Off: Thursday, July 6 @ 3pm. Join us for Family Feud, walking tacos, and sign up for summer reading.

**AFTERNOON EVENTS**

Teen Tech: DIY PROJECTOR: Tuesday, July 11 @ 4pm. Create a projector for your phone. Share videos with your friends more easily!

**Teen Tech Extravaganza:** Tuesday, August 8 @ 4pm. Try your hand at 3D Pens, Little Bits, a green screen, Minecraft, and more!

**Tween & Teen Fantasy Fiesta:** Thursday, July 13 @ 3pm. Join us at a fantasy-themed fiesta with crafts, games, and more. Costumes encouraged, not required.

**“Gingerbread” Castle Contest:** Wednesday, August 23 @ 4pm. Can you create the best gingerbread castle? All supplies provided.

**FANTASY FRIDAYS**

A new theme and activity every week!

- **July 7 at 4pm:** Superheroes
- **July 14 at 4pm:** Quidditch
- **July 21 at 3:30pm:** Disney
- **July 28 at 4pm:** Cosplay Hoodie Making
  *Must bring your own hoodie.*
- **August 11 at 3:30pm:** Foam Sword Battle
- **August 18 at 3:30pm:** Camp Halfblood

Teen Craft: Tuesdays, July 25 & August 15 @ 4pm. Complete a craft with Jenna.

- **July:** Clothes Pin Picture Frame
- **August:** Soda Tab Bracelet

Book Nerds: Tuesday, August 1 @ 4pm. Learn about Nicole and Jenna’s new favorite books, tell us about yours, and eat Nerds candy!
EVENING EVENTS

Wii Smash Brothers Tournament: Monday, July 10 @ 7pm. Battle your way to the top in our tournament. Prize awarded.

Paint Night: 9th grade +: Monday, July 17 @ 7pm. Special paint night only for high schoolers! Create a beautiful painting, all supplies provided. Canvases for the first 15 attendees, other attendees may complete it on paper.

Paint Night: 6th grade +: Monday, July 24 @ 7pm. All tweens and teens can create a painting this week! All supplies provided. Canvases for the first 15 attendees, other attendees may complete it on paper.

Movie Night: Tuesday, July 18 @ 6pm. Join us for popcorn and a showing of the live action Beauty and the Beast.

Labyrinth in the Library with author Erin Moulton: Thursday, July 20 @ 6pm. Meet Erin, author of the book, Keepers of the Labyrinth, and weave your way through a maze set up in the library.

Make and Take Movie Munchies: Wednesdays, July 26 & August 2 @ 7pm. Create a fun, edible art snack before heading over to the movie on the Common.

Harry Potter Birthday Party: Monday, July 31 @ 7pm. Join us for Harry Potter fun celebrating his birthday!

Library Lock-in: Friday, August 4 | 6 – 9pm Join Nicole and Jenna after hours for pizza, crafts, games, author talks, and more! Details TBA. *Registration required.

Breakfast Cereal Bar & Cartoons: Monday, August 7 @ 7pm. Create a crazy concoction with several types of cereal and toppings or just enjoy a good old fashioned bowl. Watch cartoons while you indulge.

British Tea Party: Wednesday, August 9 @ 6:30pm. Join us for a tea party with themed food and drinks for all your favorite British books, series, and more.
Pub Style Trivia: Monday, August 14 @ 7pm. Join us for fantasy-themed trivia. Prizes awarded.

LGBT+ Book Club: Wednesday, August 16 @ 7pm. 8th - 12th grade LGBT+ students and allies are invited to join us for a new book club. This will be an informal meeting where we will pick out our first book. Snacks served.

Teen Summer Reading Finale: Friday, August 25 @ 3pm. Join us for raffle prize announcements, an ice cream treat, and more!

Anime Night: Monday, August 21 @ 7pm. Watch anime with your friends!

DIY Henna: Tuesday, August 22 @ 6pm. Paint temporary tattoos with homemade Henna.

House Cup Party: Thursday, August 24 @ 6pm. You’ve been competing all summer, and it’s time to unveil the winning house. Join us for the announcement and other Harry Potter-themed fun!

ADULT PROGRAMS

Evening Book Discussion Group

Our Evening Book Group meets on the last Thursday evening of the month. Join us at 7pm for a discussion of the month’s book selected by the discussion leader. If you are interested in joining, please contact the Assistant Director, Michael Wick, at 781-505-4985 or by email at mwick@burlington.org.

June 29 – The Orphan Master’s Son by Adam Johnson (discussion led by Michael Wick)

July & August – The group is on its summer hiatus and will reconvene in September.

‘Book Talk’

Book Talks take place on the second Tuesday of the month, starting at 10:30, and are friendly and informal gatherings of people who like to read. Hear about new books and share what you’ve been reading. No required reading! Walk-ins welcome. Summer dates include: June 13th, July 11th, and August 8th.
**Adult Coloring Group**

The Adult Coloring Group will be meeting from 6:30-8pm on the fourth Monday of the month throughout the summer. The dates are June 26th, July 24th, and August 28th. Drop in and have some relaxing fun. All materials will be provided. You may also bring your own projects to work on.

**ADULT SUMMER READING**

“Reading . . . a World of Imagination”: Our popular Adult Summer Reading program is back! Share what you read this summer between June 1 and August 31 to be automatically entered into a monthly prize drawing. There are two ways you can take part: register and record your reading online via a link on the Library website; or fill out paper forms and drop them in a raffle box in the Library. Stop by the library and check out our book displays that will introduce you to a whole new world.

**EVENING PROGRAMS**

**Kayaking Basics with L.L. Bean - June 15 at 7pm**
Get ready to jumpstart your summer and take on a new outdoor adventure! Kayaking is a great way to get outside, enjoy nature, and get some exercise all at the same time. Learn all about kayaking with a representative from L.L. Bean.
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