Fall Greetings from the President of the Friends – Dallas Slade . . .

I hope you all have had a marvelous summer. As President of the Friends of the Burlington Public Library, I continue to be in awe of everything being offered at the Burlington Library, including children’s programs, adult evening programs, and the Museum Pass Program, all of which are made possible, in part, by financial support from the Friends of the Library.

How do the Friends of the Library help pay for all the events and programs mentioned above? One way is through the income from annual Friends’ membership fees. Thank you all for being a Friend. Please encourage your local family and friends to become members of the Friends of the Library if they are not already.

Other sources of revenue for the Friends include our fundraising events. We just enjoyed our 6th Annual Flatbread Pizza Night Fundraiser on August 15th. This event is made possible by the generosity of the Flatbread Company. In addition, thanks to many of you and other library supporters who purchased a pizza and/or raffle tickets that evening, we set a new record for our Flatbread event, raising $1,700!

Our next Friends’ fundraiser will be our upcoming Fall Book Sale. It will take place a little bit later this year than in years past. It will be held November 3, 4, and 5 at the Burlington Public Library. This popular Friday, Saturday, and Sunday semi-annual event will need volunteers to help organize and operate. Please e-mail us at bplnews@gmail.com if you are able to help out with the Book Sale.

If you haven’t already heard, due to space limitations, the Library will not be able to accept book donations for the Book Sale during the month leading up to the sale. In this case, that means the entire month of October. While the Library and the Friends do not wish to turn away book donations, the Friends certainly want to support the Library and staff with what they need. With that in mind, the Friends will try out experimental ‘Book Collection Days’ on two dates in October. During this time, those wishing to make book donations to the Library and the Friends can bring their books to a collection site in the Library where members of the Friends will accept your gifts of books, DVDs, and CDs in good, useable condition. These October ‘Book Collection Days’ will be Tuesday, October 10, 1 – 4:00 PM and Saturday, October 21, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.
There are also many other ways you can help out with the Fall Book Sale. The opportunities include helping to set up the sale on Thursday afternoon, November 2; working on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday to cover the Book Sale; or cleaning and packing up on Sunday. We’ll fill you in on the details. Sign-up sheets which will be posted at the Library in early October are another way you can register to help out. As always, we will have thousands of books, DVDs, and audiobooks for children and adults, some new, some old, all of great appeal to someone. Each book sale item is $1, except for children’s paperbacks, which are two for $1. Sunday is “Buy a Bag” day. Fill up a bag provided by us and you pay only $5 for the whole bagful! Watch your e-mail and the Library’s website for sale details as the date gets closer. If you wish to donate books, DVDs, CDs, or puzzles for the event, remember, you must do so by the end of September or during the two ‘Friends Book Collection Days’ described above.

In addition to the Fall Book Sale, please remember to stop by the ‘Friends’ Book Store’ where you will find many interesting titles in hard cover books, DVDs, CDs, and children's books, all at very reasonable prices. The Friends’ Book Store is located at the front of the Library (near the exit) and is open during regular Library hours throughout the year. Just ask at the front desk if you have questions.

Of course, the Burlington Public Library offers so much more than just the events and services which the Friends help provide. These include a wonderful collection of books for all ages and interests, a large collection of audiobooks, music CD’s, and DVD’s of many movies, TV series, and more. Also, today’s technology provides even more, specifically via the Library’s website where you can search the catalog, renew books or other items, download books, music, and movies, access databases, reserve museum passes, and check the library calendar, all of which is possible whenever it is most convenient for you, 24/7.

Everyone at the Library and all those connected with the Library, including the Friends are about to embark on a new pathway, one with new faces leading the way. After 15 years of championing the Library and its mission, Burlington Library Director Lori Hodgson is retiring early this month. You can still give Lori your best wishes at her farewell reception at the Library on Thursday, September 7, 4:30 – 7:00 PM. While we are all happy for Lori as she begins a new life phase, we are saddened to lose such a strong leader who has helped the Library become the valuable community resource it is today.

The current Assistant Director, Michael Wick, has been appointed to take over as Director. In addition, current head Reference Librarian Marnie Smith will take over as the new Assistant Director. We wish them both well in their new ventures to continue to lead the Library forward.

Remember that the Friends of the Library is an effective non-profit organization because of strong membership involvement. We always welcome additional member volunteers to plan and run programs and events, to serve on one of our committees, to sponsor a museum pass, to provide refreshments for a program, or to fill an
Executive Board position. This is especially important this year as we move toward 2018, when the Friends seek a new Treasurer and someone to fill one other important Board position. Please consider taking on an active role with the Friends in support of our wonderful Burlington Public Library.

For more information about volunteering, you may contact any officer of the Executive Board or Assistant Library Director Marnie Smith. Officers’ names and phone numbers are on the Library’s website or you can contact us by e-mail at bplnews@gmail.com. Thank you for supporting the Friends.

Dallas Slade, President
Friends of the Burlington Public Library

From the Desk of Michael Wick - Library Director…

Summer is always an incredibly busy time in the library as we try to pack in as much programming as possible for Summer Reading while doing brisk business keeping everyone well stocked for their reading needs. The Youth Services department did a fantastic job this year with their theme of “Reading . . . a World of Fantasy” that kept everyone entertained with Hogwarts House Cup challenges, fairytale reading challenges, scavenger hunts, and a whole lot more. The Adult Summer Reading program brought monthly prizes that motivated many people to take part in reviewing their favorite summer reads. Without the Friends of the Library, who provide funding for our summer reading prizes and programs, it wouldn’t have been the great success it was. Now that summer is over, we’re turning our attention to fall when we resume our regular programming—such as the “Third Thursday” evening programs, book discussion groups, and children’s story times. You’ll see there’s a lot going on this season at the library with all of the events listed in this newsletter!

Fall has brought a few changes to the library. If you’ve visited our 24/7 branch (aka our library website), then you’ll have noticed we have a new design. Thanks to the Town revamping all of their websites, the library’s website also received a makeover. It’s the same info that you’re used to seeing, but in a format that we hope makes everything a little bit easier to find. Another change is that on September 8th, Lori Hodgson will retire as the Library Director. We’ll all certainly miss her, and the library is a stronger institution thanks to her years of service and many accomplishments! Beginning on September 11th, I will be moving into the position of Director, with all of the great many opportunities that the library has, including an expert staff and a wonderful community that holds its library in such high regard. I look forward to working with our incoming Assistant Director, Marnie Smith, and incoming Head of Reference, Donna Manoogian, both of whom I’m sure you know if you’ve had a question for the Reference Desk. We’re all anticipating the challenges and possibilities that come with new positions and look forward to doing our best for the library.
Friends Book Sale Donations
The month leading up to the Book Sale is an incredibly busy time for the Friends of the Library, as the volume of donations we receive begins to build up. To relieve pressure on the Friends who try to get all the donations sorted in time, as well as on our staff as donations pile up in workspaces, during the month of October through November 5th, we will not accept donations at the Library with the exception of Tuesday, October 10, 1 – 4:00 PM and Saturday, October 21, 10:00 AM – 2:00PM in the Fogelberg A room when members of the Friends will be available to receive donations.

Going forward, we will have a month-long moratorium on accepting donations at the library leading up to each Book Sale, with the Friends providing dates when they can accept donations. We certainly appreciate all the donations that are received as this is one of the greatest fundraisers that the Friends provide for the library. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work to make the process easier for everyone.

Borrow a laptop from us!
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 that was issued at least 30 days before. 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 two hours with a two-hour renewal.
**Fall Storytime Sessions:**
**September 18 - December 22**

**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!

**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 - Fridays @ 11am**
For caregivers with children ages birth-18 months. Delight and stimulate your baby’s senses with books, songs, toys and puppets! Build brain power!

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

**Preschool Storytime – Wednesdays @ 11am & Fridays @ 1pm**
For caregivers with children ages 3-6 years. Help your preschooler get ready to read. Enjoy stories together and build language skills!

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

(No Storytime October 31)

**Story & Craft**
Mondays: September 18, October 16, November 20, & December 11
Join us for a story and craft based on the tale! No registration required. **Toddlers @ 10:30am** for caregivers with children ages 18-36 months. **Preschoolers @ 11:30am** for caregivers ages 3-6 years.

**BABY, TODDLER & PRESCHOOL EVENTS**

**Baby Sensory Activities - Mondays, October 2, November 13 & December 4 @ 11am**
Babies will enjoy fun activities to enlighten their senses, and learn to play in a group. This program is best for babies that can sit up on their own - children 2 years of age.

**Preschool Science (Ages 3-6)**
– Thursdays, October 26, November 16 & December 21 @ 1pm
Enjoy fun and educational science experiments with your preschooler.
Preschool Fun and Games
(Ages 3-6) – Mondays:
September 25, October 23 &
November 27 @ 1pm
Stop by the library for fun games!

After School Story & Craft
(Grades K-3) – Wednesday:
September 27, October 25,
November 15, & December 20 @ 3:30pm

Lego Club (Grades K-6) - Mondays:
September 18, October 16, November 13,
& December 11 @ 3:45pm
For Grades K-6. We provide the Legos –
you bring your imagination!

Mother-Daughter Book Club (Grades 3-6) - Thursdays: October 5, November 9 &
December 7 @ 6pm
For mothers (or other caregivers) and their daughters. Book-related
activities and snacks will be available at the meetings. Books will be at the Youth Services Desk.

Mother-Daughter Middle School Book Club (Grades 6-9) - Thursdays: October 26,
November 30 & December 28 @ 6:45pm
Books will be more advanced, and discussions will
be more involved, but activities will still be available. Books will be at the Youth Services Desk.

Magic Tree House Book Club (Grades 2-4) - Thursdays: October 12, November 16 &
December 7 @ 3:45pm
Each month will be a different Magic Tree House book and meetings
will have themed activities around the books

Dads & Donuts (Ages 2-Grade 2) -
Saturday, September 16 @ 11am
Storytimes meant for dads, grandfathers,
uncles, and other male caregivers to bring
little ones to. We will have stories, fun, and
donuts!

Press Start Free Wii Play
(Grades 3 and Up) -
Saturday, September 16
@ 3pm
You pick the
games and we provide the snacks.
Healthy Me (PreK-Grade 2) - Thursday, September 21 @ 11am Learn to make your own healthy and delicious snacks with Miss Joanna.

School For Good And Evil Party (Grades 4-8) - Thursday, September 21 @ 4pm Celebrate the new book *Quests For Glory* with activities and a chance to win a copy of the new book!

Tween Movie: *Diary of a Wimpy Kid The Long Haul* - Monday, September 25 @ 6:30pm (Grades 4-8) Enjoy a movie with popcorn.

**OCTOBER**

Rick Riordan Trivia Bingo (Grades 4-8) - Tuesday, October 3 @ 3:30pm You could win a copy of the New Magnus Chase Book: *The Ship of the Dead* by answering trivia questions and playing bingo.

Haunted Gingerbread Houses (Grades 4-8) - Monday, October 23 @ 7pm Make spooky houses out of graham crackers and candy.

Trick or Treat @ The Library (All Ages) - Saturday, October 28 @ 11am Trick or treat in the children’s room and do some fun Halloween activities!

Pumpkin Decorating (All Ages) - Tuesday, October 24 @ 3:30pm Bring your own pumpkins, and we will supply the decorating materials.

Nightmare Before Christmas with Pizza (Grades 3 and Up) - Saturday, October 28 @ 12:30pm Movie with pizza.

Halloween Storytime (All Ages) - Monday, October 30 @ 11am Come enjoy not-so-scary stories, songs, and laughs!

Monster Tea Party (Ages 2-6) - Tuesday, October 31 @ 11am Come in your costumes and have tea (juice) and cookies. Monster stories, songs, and fun will be had by all!
**NOVEMBER**

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**Spiderman Homecoming**
- PG 13 (Grades 3 & Up)
- Thursday, November 9 @ 1:30pm
There is no school today so enjoy some popcorn and watch the new Spiderman movie!

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**iToddler** - Tuesday, November 14 @ 11am
For caregivers with toddlers and preschoolers. This is a special ebook storytime using an iPad. Stories will be projected on the big screen along with songs, rhymes, and fun interactive apps.

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**Justice League Party (All Ages)** - Saturday, November 18 @ 11am
Join Superman, Batman, and some of their friends for activities and fun! (Superheroes are subject to change)

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**Wonder Woman Movie**
- PG13 (Grades 3 & Up)
- Saturday, November 18 @ 1:30pm
Enjoy the Wonder Woman movie with popcorn.

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**Tween Videogame Tournament (Grades 4-8)** - Monday, November 20 @ 7pm
Win fabulous prizes by playing video games.

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**Have a Party With Your Bear Day (All Ages)** - Tuesday, November 21 @ 3:30pm
Party on down with your stuffed friend and enjoy some fun activities.

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**Minute to Win It Games (Grades 2-5)** - Wednesday, November 29 @ 6:45pm
Join Miss Mary for some fun and challenging games.

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**Despicable Me 3**—PG (All Ages) - Thursday, November 30 @ 11am
There is no school today, so bring your lunch (no nuts, please) and enjoy some popcorn.
DECEMBER

**A Christmas Carol**
Saturday, December 2 @ 11am
The Delvena Theater Company will present Charles Dickens’s *A Christmas Carol*. This is best for children in grade school or older, and grownups of all ages are welcome to attend.

**Tween/Teen Cookie Decorating (Grades 3 and Up)**
Saturday, December 2 @ 3pm
Make holiday cookies for your friends and family.

**International Monkey Day (All Ages)**
Thursday, December 14 @ 3:45pm
Let’s go bananas for monkeys! Monkey stories and activities will be enjoyed.

**Holiday Storytime (All Ages)**
Monday, December 18 @ 11am
Come enjoy Holiday stories, songs, and laughs!

**Elf: Tween/Teen Movie (Grades 4-8)**
Monday, December 18 @ 6:30pm
Enjoy the movie *Elf* with Elf Food!

**Holiday Tea Party (Ages 2-6)**
Tuesday, December 19 @ 11am
Come in your best Holiday outfits and have tea (juice) and cookies. Holiday stories, songs, and fun will be had by all!

**Minute to Win It Games (Grades 2-5)**
Wednesday, December 20 @ 6:45pm
Join Miss Mary for some fun and challenging games.

**Holiday Card Making (All Ages)**
Thursday, December 21 @ 3:45pm
Make cards for friends and family.

**Sock Puppets (All Ages)**
Wednesday, December 27 @ 11am
Bring socks and we will provide the decorating materials.

**Dads & Donuts (Ages 2-Grade 2)**
Wednesday, December 27 @ 6:45pm
Storytimes meant for dads, grandfathers, uncles, and other male caregivers to bring little ones to. We will have stories, fun, and donuts!

**Make and Take New Year’s Crafts (All Ages)**
Friday, December 29 @ 11am
Make some great crafts for your New Year’s celebrations!

**Big Kids, Big Stories - Ages 6 and Up**
Stories, songs, and snacks with Miss Mary. Because we are never too big to be read to! Wednesday, December 28 @ 7pm
TEEN EVENTS
Grades 6-12 Only

Teen Advisory Group: Mondays @ 7pm
September 11, October 2, November 6, December 4
Join us once a month to plan events, decorate the children’s area, and more. Earn community service hours for attending.

TEEN LOUNGE:
Fridays Beginning
September 15, 2:30 - 4:30pm
Join us every Friday after school for snacks, crafts, board games, Wii games, and more. Hang out with your friends and have fun.

LGBT+ Book Club -
Wednesdays at 7 pm:
September 20, October 18, November 15, and December 13
LGBT+ students and allies in 8th -12th grade are invited to join us for a book club. Discuss the books and any other issues you want to. Didn’t read or finish the book? Join us anyways – as long as you don’t mind spoilers! Book to be announced.

Breakout Escape Challenge - Monday,
October 30 at 7pm
An escape room-like event, these puzzles are themed around witches for Halloween.

Pumpkin Spice Mania -
Monday, November 13 at 7pm
Eat, drink, and craft with everyone’s favorite spice of the season!

TBA Teen Movie- Thursday,
December 28, 1 – 3pm
TBA movie with popcorn.

Holiday Teen Crafts –
Mondays at 7 pm
October 16 and
December 11
Create a holiday-themed craft with Jenna.
Programs for Adults
Evening Programs

**Foreign Affairs Discussions begins on September 28**
The Library will host another eight-week discussion series focusing on U.S. Foreign Policy, led by Dr. Craig Brandt, a retired naval officer and experienced group leader, on Thursday mornings from **10:30 to noon**, beginning September 28. Those who register in advance will receive background readings by email. Call the Library at 781-505-4985, or sign up on-line via the Library website. Discussion topics and readings will be posted to the Library website.

**Troubadours & Troublemakers: Woody Guthrie, Pete Seeger & Bob Dylan on September 21 at 7pm**
The music and lyrics of Woody Guthrie, Pete Seeger and Bob Dylan provide a map to follow the social and economic conditions of America as they evolve from the Great Depression to World War II, McCarthyism, the Civil Rights movement and the 1950s folk revival and then to the social and political conditions of the 60s. Using recorded music, film clips and still images, Kevin Comtois will take you on an American journey through history and geography with three of the greatest protest singers of the twentieth Century.

**Easy Holiday Cooking with Sophia Skopetos on October 19 at 7pm**
Do you want to learn how to cook Greek cuisine? Need some help coming up with a couple of quick recipes during the busy holiday season? Join us as Sophia Skopetos of Sophia's Pantry in Belmont demonstrates dishes like salmon bites, Greek meatballs, spinach pies and more! A small sampling will be available for the audience.

**Holiday Wreath Decorating with Shannon Guthrie on November 16 at 7pm**
Are you intimidated by the thought of making a holiday wreath? Is making a lovely, professional bow an almost impossible task? Shannon Guthrie from "A Whole Bunch of Flowers" in Burlington will help put you at ease while she demonstrates making a wreath from the holiday and have a hands-on lesson for everyone in making a bow. All supplies will be provided; if you're interested in making a bow please bring a pair of scissors (we will have some on hand as well).

**Holiday Movie Night for the Family on December 21 at 7pm**
Join us for a relaxing and stress-free evening with a movie and popcorn for the whole family! Movie TBD.
Our Evening Book Group meets on the last **Thursday** evening of the month. Join us, starting 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 at 781-505-4985.

- **September 28** – *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrick Backman (discussion led by Barb Parmet)
- **October 26** – *Elizabeth Bishop: A Miracle for Breakfast* by Megan Marshall (discussion led by Millie Nash)
- **November 30** – *This Is How It Always Is* by Laurie Frankel (discussion led by Susanne Sullivan)

### Morning ‘Book Talk’

Book Talks take place on the second Tuesday of the month, starting at 10:30 am, 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. **Dates include:** September 12th, October 10th, November 14th, and December 12th.

### Adult Coloring Group

The Adult Coloring Group will meet on the 4th Monday of the month from **6:30-8pm**. Upcoming dates are **September 25th, October 23rd, and November 27th**. There will be no meeting in December. Join our friendly group for an evening of creative fun and relaxation. No need to register, just drop in! All materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your own projects to work on.
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