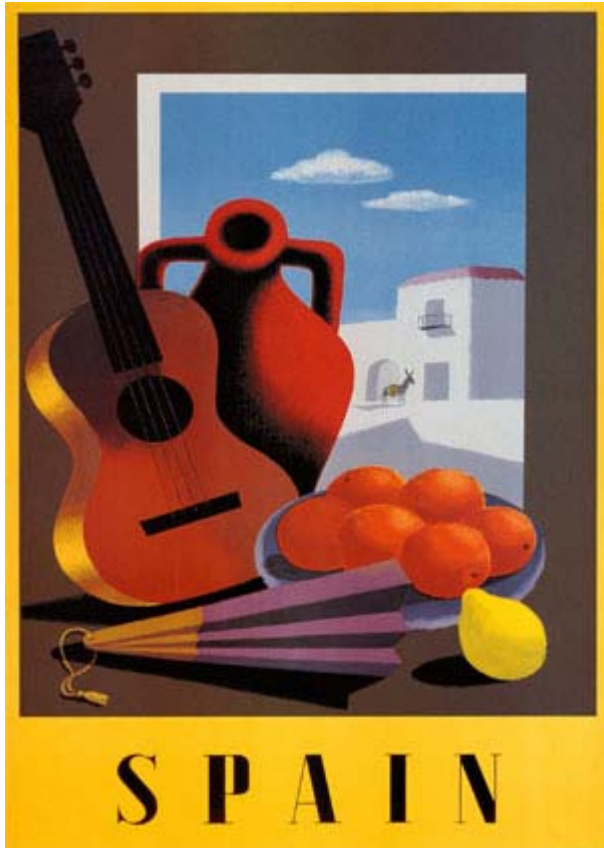


◆ Sturgis Library News ◆

Fall, 2007



STURGIS LIBRARY TRIP RAFFLE

Tour for Two Madrid & Barcelona SPAIN

THREE NIGHTS IN EACH CITY

TICKETS ARE \$100.00 EACH OR
2 TICKETS FOR \$175.00

Drawing & Open House
Sunday, November 4th, 2007
3-5 PM

Prize includes the following amenities for two people in April or May of 2008: transportation from the Cape to Logan Airport; roundtrip airfare plus first class rail transportation between the cities; 3 nights in each city at a first-class hotel plus breakfast; hotel-to-airport transportation in both cities; and private 3-hour walking tour with guides in both cities.

Winner is responsible for taxes associated with this prize (a \$5,000 value)

ONLY 300 TICKETS BEING SOLD!

Tickets available at the Circulation Desk through November 4th
(508) 362-6636 info@sturgislibrary.org

Special thanks to Northside Travel & Cape Destinations for providing travel services and airport transportation

There's A Lot Happening in Adult Services!



Joan Anderson is an author who, in her fifties, “ran away from home, lived a year by the sea on [her] own, and realized that there was something in this experience worth writing about.” *A Year by the Sea* (set on Cape Cod) and her next three books have all been bestsellers. Joan will be speaking here at the library in the coming year. Keep an eye on our events calendar for more details.

What's Next? Adults in Transition

This past June, we heard about the changes and issues faced by active, older adults by conducting a survey and two focus groups. We discovered that local adults are dealing with a variety of transition issues, including:

- adjusting to health issues: changes in what your body can/can't do, having less energy
- moving from a larger home to a smaller one
- planning for and adjusting to retirement
- concern over finances & health insurance.

In January and February, we will collaborate with the Academy of Lifelong Learning to present a series of brown bag lunches. Topics will include:

- fundamentals of estate planning
- Medicare and you
- financial planning for retirement and beyond, including reverse mortgages.

Another series is being planned to address keeping healthy as we age.

We are interested in knowing the type of programs that interest you the most, so please do not hesitate to make suggestions. Contact Marcella Curry at (508) 362-6636 or via email at mcurry@clamsnet.org.

Volunteer News

This summer several students volunteered on a weekly basis. Caroline Richards who lives on the Cape in the summer assisted with processing library materials, copying and shelving. She is headed back to Connecticut for school but plans to volunteer when she's back for weekend breaks. Kaitlin Rockett has volunteered in the past and was back this spring and summer assisting in the youth area. Also returning were Kaitlin Zelman and Kalie Marion. Once they finished up classes at Cape Cod Academy, they were in weekly to shelve and they also helped with the July 4 activities. Alexandra Olsen signed up to help this summer — she shifted books and shelved library materials. She's back to school but if she finds the time we hope she'll be back from time to time. Nicole Swanson started volunteering this spring and continued through the summer. Nicole shelves library materials and is eager to learn other skills. She is back at Barnstable Middle School and will continue to volunteer on Saturdays.

Would you like to help out at Sturgis? Our volunteers perform a wide variety of tasks and keep the library going. You can volunteer weekly or on an as needed basis for special projects. Special projects might include helping set-up for a program, putting together a mailing, or providing refreshments for activities. Give Marcella a call (508-362-6636) or stop by the circulation desk to talk with her.

Friends of the Sturgis Library

Greetings,

September ushers in a new year of programs and activities for the Friends of Sturgis Library. Our lead-off events will be a presentation by Bill Quinn on October 9 "Shipwrecks off Cape Cod" and a November 13 program by George Muhlebach on "Beekeeping on the Cape." Please join us!

The Friends donated \$5,000 to the Library's annual appeal and renewed the popular museum passes available for loan at the library.

Our annual membership drive is off to an excellent start. We have had a very positive response to our September mailing. Welcome to our new members and thanks to all of you who renewed. If you have not yet responded, please take the time to complete the form below. Annual dues are only \$15.00 per household.

The Friends are looking ahead to another active year. We look forward to seeing you at our programs, in our book and gift store and at our special events. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

Margaret Housman
President of the Friends

FRIENDS OF STURGIS LIBRARY LECTURE SERIES 2007-2008

- Oct. 9** Bill Quinn, TV news cameraman and author. **"Shipwrecks off Cape Cod."**
7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 13** George Muhlebach, Barnstable bee keeper **"Beekeeping on the Cape."**
7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 14** Afternoon tea with Cape Cod authors
2:30 p.m.
- March 11** Mary McSweeney, local artist of nostalgic Irish scenes.
2:00 p.m.
- May 7** **Annual Meeting and Luncheon**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Friends of Sturgis Library is holding a "Book Fair" on Friday, November 16 and Saturday, November 17 at Barnes & Noble at the Cape Cod Mall. Purchase holiday books, CDs, DVDs and gift items on those two days and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the library. Vouchers identifying you as a Friends supporter will be available in advance at the circulation desk and on our website. They will also be available at Barnes & Noble on the days of the event.

- New
- Renewal

FRIENDS OF STURGIS LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____
STREET _____
P.O. BOX _____
TOWN _____ TELEPHONE _____

Dues are \$15.00 per household for the fiscal year July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008
Please send to: STURGIS LIBRARY, P.O. Box 606, Barnstable MA 02630

From the Director's Desk



In celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the 30th anniversary of federal funding for museums, and the 50th anniversary of federal funding for libraries, IMLS is launching a major initiative on behalf of our nation's collections. Our museum and library collections of objects, documents, digital material, and living collections are not only essential to America's cultural health, but they are imperiled and in need of swift action. The initiative will raise public awareness of the importance of collections care, underscoring the fact that our nation's collections are an essential part of the American story.

Representatives of small and medium-sized museums and libraries from every state, including DC and Puerto Rico, met with national leaders in Washington, DC on June 27-28, 2007 in a national summit. The summit, organized in cooperation with Heritage Preservation and held at the Donald W. Reynolds Center for American Art and Portraiture of the Smithsonian Institution, explored strategies for preserving endangered collections, using new technologies, engaging the public in conservation, and identifying funding resources. Summit participants will play a key role in spearheading the initiative nationwide.

I was fortunate to be nominated to be one of the four representatives from Massachusetts to attend the summit, and I came away with a renewed energy and fresh thinking on ways to protect the Sturgis Library's historic collections while providing public access to our unique holdings.

During the coming year, I will be:

- looking at new ways to house and arrange our collections
- embarking on a public awareness campaign to get the word out about the content and condition of our collections
- developing exhibits, displays, and programs that focus on our special and archival materials
- exploring new technologies to increase access to the collections and improve preservation measures

Starting with this issue, we will feature a regular column in the newsletter called "New in the Archives." Look for the first installment on page 5.



We now offer in-library access to *Ancestry Library*, and both in-library and at-home access to *Heritage Quest Online*. These databases provide access to census records, publications, genealogical databases and indexes, historical information, and much more. All users will need a Sturgis Library card to use these resources. To find out more about obtaining a Sturgis Library card or accessing the databases, call us at (508) 362-6636 or email us at info@sturgislibrary.org.

Do you want to keep up with the latest Sturgis Library news, programs, and events between editions of the regular newsletter? Visit our newsletter signup page at <http://www.sturgislibrary.org/news/newsletter> and send us your information. It's a great way to stay current with everything happening at the Library.

Lucy Loomis, Library Director

KIDS & TEEN PAGE

Hello! I'm Laura Gardner, the new Youth Services Librarian here at the Sturgis Library. I recently moved from Mississippi where I was a high school librarian. I grew up in western NY and moved to Massachusetts this summer to be closer to family. I'm married to a wonderful guy who reads almost as much as I do and we have two dogs, Fielder and Blue. I love to read (obviously!), bike, and run. I'm thrilled to be working at the Sturgis Library and can't wait to meet all of you!



The library has always been a special place for me, from the time when I was little and my sister and I walked to our public library with my mom. We always came home with a huge bag of books! I feel so lucky to work in a library now where I get to spend all day with kids and books. My favorite part about being a librarian is helping each child find the perfect book, so be sure to ask for help when I'm here. And don't be afraid to stop by and give me your suggestions! In the meantime, be on the lookout for changes on the website, **NEW** books and **NEW** programming.

Hope to see you in the library! :) **Laura**

Teen Read Week is October 14 - 20 ~LOL @ your library!

EVENTS:

All week long...

- Go to <http://www.sturgislibrary.org/services/teen> to take our survey
- Check out and comment on our NEW teen blog, launching October 14
- Come into the library to check out our LOL titles!

Wed, October 17: FIRST Teen Advisory Group (TAG) meeting, 4 - 5 pm (see below!)

Mother Goose Storytime

Wednesdays 10:30 - 11:00 am

Join Laura for stories, crafts and

Pre-School Storytime

Tuesdays 2:00 - 2:30 pm

Join Laura for stories, crafts and

TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (TAG)

First meeting: October 17, 2007

Are you 12 - 18 yrs old and love to read?

Are you interested in trying out blogs, podcasts or other new technology?

Do you have ideas about how to get more teens in the library?

Do you want to help make changes?

If so, then TAG is for you!

Please contact Laura at
sturgiskids@comcast.net
for more information or to sign up

Family Scarecrow Party!

Saturday, October 13 1 - 3 pm

Scarecrow Making Party!
Stories with Clem & Myrdle! Games!
Refreshments will be served

*Bring scarecrow clothing to decorate your own
scarecrow as a family
Hay and twine will be provided

Suggestions? Comments? Questions?

Contact Laura at 508-362-6636 or
sturgiskids@comcast.net
Office Hours: Tue 1 - 5, Wed 10 - 5, Thurs 11 - 5



William Sturgis to be Reunited With His Family

Mrs. Mary Bundy of Manchester-by-the-Sea and New York City, a descendant of William Sturgis, has graciously donated three beautiful pastel portraits to the Sturgis Library. They depict Sturgis's wife, Elizabeth Davis, and two of his five daughters, including Anne Sturgis Hooper.

Library Director Lucy Loomis and Trustee Sherry Greene-Starr traveled to Manchester to meet Mrs. Bundy and talk with her about her genealogy, which includes many Sturgis, Lothrop, and Hooper names – all of them families associated with Barnstable. They spent a pleasurable hour on her porch, drinking iced tea and sharing stories of the library and family connections.

The three portraits, along with a photographic portrait of William Sturgis, will eventually be hung in the Hooper Room. Two of the three pastel portraits have original oval frames which are in need of restoration. Anyone interested in contributing to the STURGIS PORTRAIT FUND may fill out the donation form below and return it to the library at the address listed. For more information on the portraits, please contact Lucy Loomis at (508) 362-8448 or info@sturgislibrary.org. Portraits will be on display in the library lobby through November.

YES! I'D LIKE TO DONATE TO THE STURGIS PORTRAIT FUND

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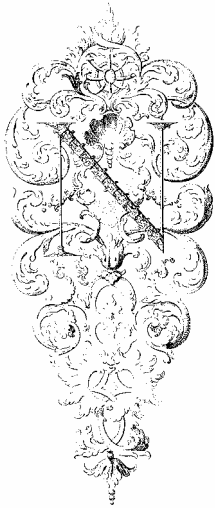
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Phone: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Mail to:
 Sturgis Library
 Attn: Lucy Loomis
 PO Box 606 Barnstable, MA 02630

NEW IN THE ARCHIVES



This column will highlight recent acquisitions and newly cataloged material in our archives and special collections. These collections are accessible to the public. Items from the collections can be requested at the circulation desk, and there may be usage or photocopying restrictions. For more information on our special collections and archives, visit our web page at:

<http://www.sturgislibrary.org/collections/special>

The **Frederick Matthews collection** has been recently enhanced with the assistance of author Sally Gunning. Matthews, a longtime member of the Barnstable Historical Society, amassed an impressive collection of materials on Barnstable Village and Cape Cod during his lifetime.

Among the materials in his collections were a set of slides, supposedly of unpublished letters of patriot James Otis. The slides caught the attention of Cape author Sally Gunning, whose next book will feature Otis as a character. Library Director Lucy Loomis had the slides developed, and Sally worked on transcribing the centuries-old text. The letters are, in fact, written by James Otis' brother Samuel, to their father James Otis, Sr., and shed light on the political climate of that period.

The transcriptions are now part of the Matthews collection, thanks to Sally's diligent work.

A collection of diaries kept by **Ebenezer S. Whittemore** was purchased by the library in 2005. Whittemore was a lawyer in Sandwich and Boston in the mid-1800s, and spent 30 years as a trial justice for Barnstable County. The diaries chronicle Whittemore's professional appointments, weather conditions, social calls, and history of the day. They provide a snapshot of the life of a professional man and his family on Cape Cod from 1866 to 1890.

The library recently acquired a small **diary kept by Susie Newcomb Young** of Quincy in the year 1875. Susie married Micajah Young, a sailor from Orleans, in 1873. Her diary recounts daily life, her loneliness for her husband, and her visits to friends and family on Cape Cod.

A large collection of **post cards donated by Dave Crocker, Eldon Davidson**, and others was recently cataloged by library staff. The group of several hundred postcards features views of Cape Cod towns and villages, the Cape Cod Canal, the cranberry industry, whales, ships, and lighthouses. Postcards date from the early 100s through 1970.

Anyone interested in donating material to the Sturgis Library Archives may contact Lucy Loomis.



LUCKY RAFFLE WINNER!

Day sailor George Constantino enjoys a turn at the helm of Scott Barse's sailboat the "Slide Rule." George won the four-hour cruise on Nantucket Sound at the Library's *Treasure's of the Season* raffle last fall. He and his guests enjoyed beautiful weather, great food and drink provided by the Barse family, and a memorable adventure.

Sturgis Library Donations (and Donors!)

Come in all Sizes

Many thanks to those of you have responded to our annual appeal letter with your generous support. We were thrilled this year to receive a donation from our youngest supporter ever. Taylor Eastman of Cummaquid, age 5 1/2,



saved her pennies and sent us a donation of \$2.00—in coins. The old adage "every little bit helps" has never been more true. We welcome your donations and support, no matter the amount.



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A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW TRUSTEES

Larry Mulaire grew up in Connecticut, attended secondary schools and college in Massachusetts and graduated from Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio. He has been a Barnstable resident since 1975 and has been an antique and art dealer and appraiser for the past 30 years. His business is conducted between the Cape and New York City. His wife, Julie Jones, is a teacher in the Barnstable school system and they have one son, Addison, who is currently busy applying to colleges.

Dan Santos is currently a furniture make and conservator. He retired from a career in civil and environmental engineering in 2002 . He came to Cape Cod to manage the environmental clean-up at Otis Air base and later served as the CEO for a Cape-based environmental consulting company. He lives in Cummaquid with his wife, Susan Nickerson and son, Silas.



Fall Diversions ~ ~ Recommended Books & Movies

FICTION & MYSTERY

Camel Bookmobile by Masha Hamilton
 Catching Genius by Kristy Kiernan
 Dead Place by Stephen Booth
 Farmer by Jim Harrison
 Forgive Me by Amanda Eyre Ward
 I Capture the Castle by Dodie Smith (A classic!)
 Letter from Point Clear by Dennis McFarland
 Long Walk Home by Will North (1st novel)
 Malice by Robert Tanenbaum
 New England White by Stephen Carter
 North River by Pete Hamill
 Peculiar Grace by Jeffrey Lent
 Rope Walker by Carrie Brown
 Songs Without Words by Ann Packer

NON-FICTION

Alzheimer's from the Inside Out by Richard Taylor (an Alzheimer's patient)
 House of Happy Endings by Leslie Garis
 How to Say it to Seniors: Closing the Communication Gap with our Elders by David Solie

YOUTH

Car Wash by Sandra Steen (picture book)
 Eclipse by Stephenie Meyer (young adult)

MOVIES

Peaceful Warrior
 Stranger Than Fiction
 Ruth Rendell Mysteries
 World's Fastest Indian
 51 Birch Street

WHO'S WHO ON THE STURGIS LIBRARY STAFF

Regular visitors to the library may have noticed new faces behind the circulation desk over the past year. The library has been streamlining staff duties to best serve the public in our increasingly busy library. Since the year 2000, our library use and circulation has increased by 95%, the most of any of the village libraries in Barnstable. And that's just the increase in in-house usage. We also loan more than twice as many items as we borrow through the interlibrary-loan system, which involves routing material through the statewide delivery system. Add to that a similar increase in reference questions, use of our archives and special collections, demand for meeting room space, and enhanced program offerings, and you'll see that we're a very busy place! To help sort out who's who, and who to go to for specific questions, here's a guide to our current staff, which includes 3 full-time and 7 regular part-time members:



Lucy Loomis, Library Director Lucy's primary duties include administrative, personnel, and building oversight; fundraising and grant writing; public relations; web development; cooperative projects with other organizations; archives and special collections development and program planning; materials selection; and reference and technical support.

Marcella Curry, Assistant Director/Adult Service Librarian Marcella is in charge of circulation and interlibrary loan services, volunteers, homebound delivery, and reference services. Among her other duties are materials selection and collection development, as well as planning and administering programs and services for adults. She assists with grant writing, strategic planning, and building oversight.

Laura Gardner, Part-Time Youth Services Librarian Laura provides services to children and young adults, and their parents and caregivers. She is responsible for materials selection, collection development, program and events planning, reference services, and outreach to schools and organizations serving children and young adults.

Elizabeth Payne, Administrative Assistant Elizabeth keeps our financial house in order by paying bills, tracking fundraising, organizing and developing our donor database, working with accountants and auditors, vendors and service providers. She keeps the library's records in order, drafts correspondence, coordinates mailings, and helps to develop the library newsletter and other public relations.

Part-Time Circulation Desk Staff Our Circulation staff is our front line – they are the people who serve the public every day, check books in and out, answer questions and phone queries, and help you find just the right video for the weekend. They process interlibrary loan material, deal with overdues, coordinate computer use, and point the way to the restrooms. They are the consummate multi-taskers!

Weezie Nelson
Kyle Damron

Mary Lou Thayer
Karen Horn

In addition to our regular part-time circulation staff, we have several circulation substitutes who fill in as needed. They are **Adrienne Eldredge** and **Judy Fiset**.

Part-Time Technical Services Librarian Our Technical Service Librarian, **Julie French**, catalogs all library materials, creates on-order and acquisition records, and provides collection maintenance services.

Dan Bermingham, Part-Time Maintenance Dan is our jack-of-all trades, in-house handyman, and solver-of-problems. He does everything from snow shoveling to changing light bulbs, painting to recycling, and is often called upon to stand on high ladders, lug something heavy, or clean something unpleasant.

We're fortunate to have such a competent and dedicated group of employees. Many thanks for all they do!

The Sturgis Library
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Calendar of Events and Programs

Sturgis Library
HOURS

Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday & Friday
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Tuesday
1:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Saturday
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday
Closed

Web site:
www.sturgislibrary.org

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| Oct. 9 @ 7 pm | Bill Quinn, TV news cameraman and author
“Shipwrecks off Cape Cod” |
| Oct. 13 @ 3 pm | Family Scarecrow Party |
| Oct 14-20 | Teen Read Week |
| Nov. 13 @ 7 pm | George Muhlebach, Barnstable bee keeper
“Beekeeping on the Cape” |
| Nov. 4—3-5 pm | Trip to Spain Raffle Party and Open House |
| Nov. 11 | CLOSED—Veterans Day Holiday. |
| Nov. 21 | CLOSED at 1:00 pm. |
| Nov. 22 | CLOSED—Thanksgiving Day. |
| Dec. 20 & 21 | Library Bake Sale |
| Dec. 24 & 25 | CLOSED—Christmas Holiday |
| Dec. 31 & Jan 1 | CLOSED—New Year's Holiday |

For more information on any of these events please call the Library at 362-6636