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Interested in murder and mayhem?

On Tuesday, April 19th at 7:00 pm Christopher Daley will present his newest lecture and slide show: *“Mass Murder: a chronicle of Massachusetts’ most infamous murder cases.”* This exciting one hour presentation is an entertaining and fascinating look at some of Massachusetts’ most infamous murder cases, both solved and unsolved. Audiences that love mystery, suspense and a little blood and gore will love this lecture. It is fully illustrated with many photographs and artwork culled from archival, microfilm and literary sources. Many of the murder sites and historical locations have been photographed by Mr. Daley in order to give audiences a visual sense of the crimes.

You will hear about several murder cases, among them the case of Jesse Pomeroy a 12 year old boy from Boston turned serial murderer. Jesse would become the youngest person in the Commonwealth to be convicted for murder and also the longest “lifer” in the state’s history. He served 43 years in solitary confinement and another 15 years in general population until his death in 1932. You will also learn about Thomas Piper, the “Boston Belfry Murderer” who was the sexton at the Warren Avenue Baptist Church. He confessed to four murders and was hanged in 1876. Then there was the case of “Jane Toppan: the Angel of Death” who admitted to killing as many as 31 people in various hospitals she worked in. And what lecture on murder in Massachusetts would not be complete without touching on The Boston Strangler and the Lizzie Borden cases?

So come join us if you dare. Mr. Daley is a history teacher in the Silver Lake Regional school system in Kingston. He has written several articles on local history and is currently working on various new lectures. To learn more about Christopher Daley visit his website at www.daleyhistory.com.



From the Director...



Like many of you, most of the staff at the library is happy that January and February have gone by and spring will soon be arriving! This past winter has seemed particularly severe and some of our library patrons found it difficult to get out of their homes and participate in social and cultural activities. Now that the temperate weather is returning, please plan on attending one of the upcoming scheduled library events.

A grant from the Cultural Council will allow concert pianist Inna Muravnik to perform two concerts at the library in April and June. Please check in the library or on the library's website for the dates and the composers that will be performed. On Tuesday, April 19 at 7:00 PM, historian Christopher Daley will give an illustrated slide lecture on murders that have taken place in Massachusetts. The evening promises to be a bloody good time!

Then on Wednesday, April 27 at 7:00 PM the Friends of the Library will sponsor a return visit to the Library by Two Old Friends. The two friends are Mac McHale and Emery Hutchins who will perform some of their favorite songs from Ireland, the mountains, and the sea. Those of you who have attended Mac and Hutch's previous performances know how entertaining they can be.

On Friday, May 6, the library will hold a Patron Appreciation Day from 10AM to 2PM in the large meeting room. Refreshments will be served.

Due to the generosity of the Friends of the Library, there is no charge for any of the programs and refreshments will be served.

As always please stop by to see me with any questions or concerns or to just say hello.

Lorraine Welsh ~ Library Director ~ lwelsh@ocln.org

Spring Hours

Mon. 10-8 p.m.

Tues. 1-8 p.m.

Wed. 10-8 p.m.

Thurs. - Fri. - Sat. 10-5 p.m.

Closed Sundays ~

Closed Monday April 18th



From the Reference Desk:

By Jen Forgit

Don't pay for newspaper articles online – find them for free!

If you are looking for newspaper articles, try searching on the library's website. You'll find thousands of articles from the *Boston Globe*, *Patriot Ledger* and many more local and national newspapers. Instead of searching the newspaper's website, you can search our database and find articles from all 19 papers in the database with just one search.

Why is it better to search the library database?

Many newspapers charge an archive fee for access to the same articles you can get from the library for free. For example, a *Boston Globe* article older than 6 years accessed on Boston.com will cost \$4.95.

That same article (published between 1980 and the present) is available online for free from the library.

A sampling of available full-text access newspapers includes:

Boston Globe 1980-present

Boston Herald 1991-present

New York Times 1980-present

Patriot Ledger 1991-present

Wall Street Journal 1984-present

For a full listing of newspapers

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Hover over **Library Information**, then click on **Reference**.

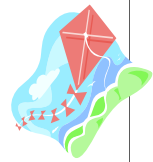
Under **Databases**, click on **Massachusetts Newsstand**.

For more information about searching for articles online, or about any of the library databases, please contact the Reference Librarian, Jen Forgit at 781-826-2972 or jforgit@ocln.org.



A word from the Friends...

By Tracy Marchetti



After this long and snowy winter, the Friends are looking forward to spring – and all the growth and warmth that it will bring. We especially hope that our recently mailed membership letter will motivate you to help the library continue to expand and enhance its good services to Hanover. Please look for our note to you and consider becoming a Friend of the library this year above all as the town budget cuts make a serious impact. Membership forms are always at the circulation desks of the library – and now you can join online through PayPal. Memberships begin at only \$10. One Friend at a time, we can continue to make a difference for our town library.

This spring, the Friends hope to co-sponsor Kite Day again with the Hanover Cultural Council. This has been a great tradition for several years where children are given kite kits and taught how to make them by Don McCasland, the Program Director of the Blue Hill Observatory and an avid kite-lover. After making the kites, all have been invited to Dr. Wallace Kemp's field on Main Street to spend the afternoon flying their creations. We are also hoping to bring back Joy Anne McConnell before Mother's Day – she uses her tiny surgical scissors to create beautiful, old-fashioned silhouettes. Please look for more information in the library in the next few weeks.

Finally, we are gearing up for our Annual Bake and Book Sale to be held this year on Saturday, May 21, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. We will again host a Friends' Preview Sale on Friday, May 20 from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm – tickets are required for these contributing Friends and will be sent in early May.



Our Annual Book and Bake Sale is one of the biggest fundraisers for the Friends, and we rely on the town to donate any books, CDs, DVDs, and puzzles in good condition for which you no longer have need. Please plan to do some spring cleaning for the library and provide for a host of events that we hope to sponsor this year and next. The library will accept your donations from Monday, May 2 to Saturday, May 21 (no magazines or textbooks please). Please be advised that the public book sale room will be closed beginning May 2 so that we may organize for the sale on May 20 and 21.

We wish you all a wonderful spring – and hope to see you at many of our upcoming events. Should you wish to make recommendations to the Friends or have any questions, please contact Tracy Marchetti (tjmarshetti@verizon.net). Thanks again for your great support!

Back by popular demand...Two Old Friends



Join us on Wednesday April 27th at 7:00 pm for an evening of music and song featuring the lads Mac McHale and Emery Hutchins. They will be performing some very old-time traditional country music as well as some of your favorite sea songs, a good amount of hot picking instrumentals and some great sing-a-longs. Mac and Hutch will be playing the banjo, guitar, mandolin, concertina, bodran and the harmonica. Please join us for this festive and lively performance. This concert is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

From the Children's Room...

By Lynne Campbell



Story Times

The winter story time session ends March 18. Registration for spring story times begins April 4, and story times start April 11 and run through June 10. Please check at the children's room desk for the schedule.

Crafts

There will be craft making on Saturday, March 12 and March 26, both at 11:00 a.m. Please sign up at the children's room desk the week before.



Recycling Contest



We are now accepting entries for the annual recycling contest. Children are invited to create projects using materials that would otherwise be thrown out. Rules and entry forms are available at the children's desk.

April Vacation

Mamasteph will return for a concert on Wednesday, April 20 at 4:00 p.m. She will sing well-known children's songs as well as her own material, and this time she promises to bring her friend Henry. (We had advertised that he would be here for her February visit, but he was otherwise engaged.)

Barn Babies will be at the library on Thursday, April 21. There will be two sessions, 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. This wonderful program allows children to visit with and hold a variety of baby animals. If you attended when they were here two years ago, you know this is an event not to miss!

Free tickets for both vacation week programs will be available at the children's room desk beginning April 4.

