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A Midsummer Night's Dream Gala & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The Friends of Easton Public Gardens and the Ames Free Library are delighted to invite the community for a formal ribbon cutting ceremony.

Saturday, July 31
6:00 - 10:00 PM
Queset Garden behind the Main Library

The Gala will celebrate the revival of the Italianate garden so lovingly planted by Broadway producer Winthrop Ames back in 1911. There will be music, refreshments, cash bar, a tour of the breathtakingly charming Queset House, and the garden itself.

This ticketed event costs \$20 per person, with all proceeds going to the continuing restoration of this unique public space.

Tickets can be purchased at the library.



Upcoming Events

All Ages

Children

One By One, Going Green is Fun*

Mon. July 12th at 4:30 PM

Interactive music, movement, storytelling, puppets, magic wands and more to celebrate the earth.
 Oakes Ames Hall, 3 Barrows Street

Friends of Easton Public Gardens

Planting Day

Earth Celebrations with Rona Leventhal*Mon. July 19th at 4:30 PM

Multi-cultural tales and songs, infusing drama, movement, audience participation, and care of the earth.

Oakes Ames Hall, 3 Barrows Street

Chapter Book Club - Grades 1 -3**Just Grace Goes Green** by Charice Mericle HarperTues. July 20th at 6:30 PM

Main Library, Pre-register

Going Green With Your Pets*Mon. July 26th at 4:30 PM

Following the presentation, there will be a chance to pet or hold some animals!

Oakes Ames Hall, 3 Barrows Street

Naturalist-led Live Animal Story Time*Monday August 2nd at 4:30 PM

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of Old Mother West Wind, The Thornton W. Burgess Society presents **The Adventures of Peter Cottontail.**

(Costumed person and a live rabbit)

Oakes Ames Hall, 3 Barrows Street

Where the Green Things Are - A Storytelling Safari*August 9th at 4:30 PM

If you're older than yesterday but younger than tomorrow, you'll love this program of audience participation stories presented by the Tales and Trails Storytellers from Albuquerque New Mexico.

Main Library

Wayne Potash In ConcertAugust 16th at 4:30 PM

Join our favorite Easton music man, Mr. Wayne, for a fun-filled time with many of your favorite songs! Lots of high energy dancing, singing and fun will ensue!

Oakes Ames Hall, 3 Barrows Street

Sponsored by the North Easton Savings Bank

Summer Reading Finale!

Romper Rhythm and Puppets present "Hungry Caterpillar and Forest Folktales"*August 23rd at 4:30 PM

A musical puppet show featuring favorite tales from the forest including Eric Carle's "The Very Hungry Caterpillar."

Oakes Ames Hall, 3 Barrows Street

Teen**Magic the Gathering**July 13th, 20th, 27th at 2:00 PMAugust 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th at 2:00 PM

Barrell Vault Room, Main Library

Recycled CraftsFridays - July 16th, 23rd, 30th and August 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th at 3:30 PM

Turn trash into treasure! Join us any Friday all summer to make beautiful, useful craft projects out of old junk. Check back soon for a list of the planned crafts. Grades 5-12 only, Main Library

Teen Hop Hop PartyJuly 14th at 2:00 PM

Oakes Ames Hall



On a beautiful Sunday in June, the [Friends of the Easton Public Gardens](#) sponsored a planting for the

Welcome to Ian Dunbar

Staff Librarian

We would like to welcome Ian Dunbar to the staff. Ian joins us as the Adult Services librarian while Karen Gabbert Armand is on leave.

Ian has a Library Science degree, and has worked in a public library for over 7 years.

We are fortunate to have him on board.

**Annual Appeal News**

Off to a Great Start

Dear loyal patrons,

Donate

Our Annual Appeal is well underway, and we are happy to report that many of you have responded generously. Thanks to all of you who have contributed to the ongoing work of the library, we have raised more than \$12,000 from 150 people!

This is a tremendous push in our fundraising efforts and will surely help us reach our goals.

For those of you who have not yet given, we are making it easier than ever to contribute. Look for the new "Donate" button on our website or click the DONATE button in this eNewsletter.

Payment may be submitted with your credit card. It is a quick and simple move with profound consequences that will keep our beautiful library alive and healthy for you, your family, friends, neighbors and the schools.

Giving to the Ames Free Library is giving a gift to yourself and the entire community of Easton. To contribute by check or cash, simply send your tax-free donation by mail or deliver it to the library.

Lantern Making Workshop

Wed. August 18th at 11:30 AM and Thurs. August 26th at 6:30 PM.

Main Library, 53 Main Street

Mark the date - details to be announced!

Sponsored by the Easton Cultural Council.

Adult**Zumba**

July 13, 20, 27 at 10:00 AM

Zumba Taught by Karen Emery. Come work on your moves or try it for the first time! Sign up is required. Oakes Ames Hall, 3 Barrows Street.

Sportstown

Thurs. July 15th at 6:30 PM

Sportstown Author and Curator of the Sports Museum, Richard Johnson, will discuss Boston as "the Hollywood of sports."

Main Library, 53 Main Street

Mushrooms of the Northeast*

Thurs. July 22nd 6:30 PM

Presented by Naturalist, John Root

John Root, naturalist and educator, introduces us to these fascinating fungi, including habitats, seasons of availability, and identifying characteristics of both edible and poisonous species.

Main Library, 53 Main Street.

French Conversation Group

July 30th and August 27th at 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Pink Cottage, 56 Main Street

Xeriscape Landscaping: Water Smart Gardening *

August 5th 6:30

Presented by Master Gardener Betty Sanders.

Lantern Making Workshop

Wed. August 18th at 11:30 AM and Thurs. August 26th at 6:30 PM.

Main Library, 53 Main Street

Mark the date - details to be announced!

Sponsored by the Easton Cultural Council.

Twilight Nature Walk

August 28th 6:30 PM

(rain date 8/29)

Magical fun for the whole family!

Join the lantern-lit walk that starts at the Easton Historical Society, 80 Mechanic Street and wends its way to the newly restored Queset Gardens behind the library at 53 Main Street.

Sponsored by the Easton Historical Society and the Easton Cultural Council.

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Library Knits Together**Lightning Thief**

Read-Alikes!

Rick Riordan is the multi-award-winning author of the Tres Navarre mystery series for adults and the #1 New York Times bestselling **Percy Jackson and the Olympians** series for children. This series features a twelve-year-old dyslexic boy who discovers he is the modern-day son of a Greek god. The novels draw on Riordan's experience teaching Greek mythology and his interaction with students who have learning differences. The *Lightning Thief* was a New York Times Notable Book for 2005.



Children and young adults have been enjoying Riordan's books, and are hungry for "read-alikes" in the same vein. Cathy Coyne, Children's Librarian has compiled a list below.

Riordin Read-Alikes**Easton Landscapes - Natural and Manmade**

Nature Walks with Ed Hands



Did you know that prickly pitch pine cones are born through the intense heat of forest fires and that Wheaton Farm has a small patch of these cones?

Did you know that a safe place to shelter during an earthquake is below the fortified arch of the Rockery?

Walk with the incomparable Ed Hands and you are guaranteed to develop a unique and abiding intimacy with Easton's many natural and manmade splendors.

Having recently led interested groups through Queset Garden, The Rockery, and Wheaton Farm, Ed will now be taking us through Sheep Pasture and the Langwater Conservation area.

Make the most of the last of this library sponsored walking series on Wednesday, July 21, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at Sheep Pasture, 307 Main Street. If the weather is nice, bring a picnic lunch that you can enjoy once the walk is over!

Registration required at 508-238-2000 Ext. 2.

The 2010 Summer Reading Program

Rolling Along Nicely



There is something deeply satisfying sitting in a group, shooting the breeze, and swapping knitting tips and patterns. Whether you have experienced it or not, here is an opportunity to try it out at your library!

Kathy, a library staff member and talented crafter, will be on hand to help. Volunteer teachers are invited to offer one-on-one instruction for beginners as well as coaching for advanced knitters.

All experience levels and ages welcome. Please bring your own supplies.

Call 508-238-2000 ext 3 if you are interested or email info@amesfreelibrary.org.

Beat the Heat

With the extreme hot temperatures we've been experiencing lately, heat related illness is a real possibility for certain individuals. The major heat related illnesses are heat stroke and heat exhaustion.

Symptoms include the following:

- An extremely high body temperature (over 103 degrees)
- Rapid pulse
- Dizziness and nausea
- Heavy sweating
- Tiredness
- Muscle cramps
- Fainting

The renovated library is fully air-conditioned. Make us your number one "cool-off" station to come in from the heat.



The 2010 Summer Reading Program is off to a great start!

Children 1 - 11 years old can still pick up a reading log to earn incentive prizes - just stop by the Children's Room. Also, our weekly raffles are free and will each include a Go Green backpack, Frisbee, rubber duck, Easton coloring book and 4 fun books to read!

All raffle tickets will be saved for an end of the summer drawing for gift cards generously donated by The Village Toy Shop!

Teens ages 12 - 18 can also pick up a reading log in the Children's Room. Each book you read entitles you to a raffle ticket for drawings to be held on August 20th. You can enter for a chance to win the following prizes:

- \$10 gift card donated by Hilliard's House of Candy
- \$10 gift card donated by The Village Toy Shop
- \$10 iTunes card
- \$10 Game Stop card
- \$10 Target Card
- \$10 Paperback Junction gift certificate

Thank you to all of the above businesses for their generous donations.

Note:

Required [summer reading titles](#) for Easton Middle School and Oliver Ames High School are located in the Fiction Room on the first floor.

Thank you for reading this edition of the library eNewsletter. Any questions or comments should be addressed to our [email](#) or call 508-238-2000.

Please sign up for any of our **NEW ARRIVALS!** for information about some of the latest additions to the Library collection. Current choices include: Movies, Music, Juvenile titles, Young Adult materials, Fiction, and Nonfiction. Subscribe to one or all six!

[Sign-up for a "New Arrivals" eNewsletter](#)

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