



MONSON FREE LIBRARY

Hope's Farewell Letter

My last MFL newsletter. Whoever thought I would be crazy enough to leave the best job in the whole world? A job I dreamed about all my life in a community more wonderful than I could have imagined! Life is full of change and adventure and after months of debate and soul-searching and many tears, I must embark on this next chapter. Am I scared, anxious, and nervous? Absolutely! Sad? Of course! Excited? Yes!

How do you say "good-bye to a community that has supported and embraced you personally and professionally? First, you say "thank you". So, thank you to everyone that comes into the library, volunteers, supports our programs and helps with funding. Thank you for allowing me to get to know you and your families. Thank you for sharing your stories, ideas, a favorite book, joys and sorrows. Thank you for your smiles and kindness. You have made this job easy.

Thank you to the staff who have weathered the storms and still manage to innovate and service our patrons on a shoe-string budget...and with a smile. We've been through some adversity and we succeeded because of your dedication to the profession and the community. We may have struggled at times but we had a lot of fun doing it! It was truly a pleasure to come to work every single day.

Thank you to the Friends of the Library that were up to the challenge! You have come into your own these last years and have proven to be a dynamic force to be reckoned with! Thank you for all your moral and financial support...and for those great wine tastings! Your volunteerism and love of your library are unprecedented!

Thank you to the Library's Board of Directors and Corporation...for putting up with me! Tolerating those crazy annual meetings, too many emails and my lengthy monthly reports! And thank you for giving me the freedom to do my job. It was such a pleasure working for and with you. We were an unbeatable team.

It is very bittersweet to sit here and reminisce about all that we have accomplished together. Pete Hamill to Jon Katz. Folk music to classical concerts. Fly fishing on the lawn to a poetry slam. Community Reads to quilting groups. "Monson Moves" walking program to an "Appetite for Art". Summerfest parades to the Red Sox World Series trophy (although we all know that was not my idea!). What other job could offer so much fun!? It really is thanks to you, the Monson community.

I treasure all we have shared. Nothing can compare to my eleven years here and the last six as your director. I have never been a part of a community and you have all made me feel welcome from the first day. There is no farewell. I will be back. You are my home. Thank you all.

(A final note: I have made many friends here. To keep in touch I have finally broken down and started a Facebook page. Feel free to find and "friend" me! I may do another blog, we'll see. I do enjoy writing and I will have some free time since I don't have a job yet! If you want an updated email address, just ask. Did I say "thank you" yet?)

The 2010 Annual Appeal is Here!

We need your support in raising \$30,000 by June 30!

This year, your donation will go toward our acquisitions budget. This means you will be helping us purchase new books, dvds, audios, magazines, databases, video games and more!

For individuals and families, if you contribute \$500 or more you will receive a signed, limited edition Ruth Sanderson print generously donated by the artist herself!

As for the business community, we are counting on you! If we can raise \$15,000 from businesses, the Monson Savings Bank will contribute \$5,000 to our appeal.

NEW NEW NEW!!!!!!!

We have several brand new items to borrow this month!

- One of our audio book vendors is promoting a new format: Books on MP3 CD. A typical audiobook that consists of 10 CDs will fit on one MP3 CD, resulting in much less packaging and less discs to keep track of! Right now, while the format is being introduced, we are receiving these for free with our regular book-on-CD copy.
- We have purchased some brand new language learning software that comes on a USB flash drive that plugs right into your home computer! The software tracks your progress and lets you pick up right where you left off when you borrow the software again. We have French, Spanish and Chinese to start with and you can find them with the language learning books-on-cd.

We received a donation of 30 popular manga titles that we immediately added to our collection! These can be found with our other graphic novels at the end of the Young Adult Fiction.

Stop by and check out these new items as well as all the other great things "wii" have to offer...yes, we have Wii games too! If you try one of our new formats, give us your feedback!

Summer Reading Kick-Off June 22 From 11 am—3 pm

Join us for our big Kick-Off Party with games, prizes, raffles, crafts, popcorn and **GREEN SLIME!**

Summer Reading will start June 22 and end on August 4 this year. Since our theme this year is Go Green we will be hosting earth-friendly activities all summer long!

Stop in to pick up your log and get reading! There are different programs and prizes for kids ages 10 and under, teens ages 11-17, and adults ages 18 and over!



June's Go Green Activities

Bees & Bee Keeping with David Goraj

For adults

Thursday, June 24 at 7 pm

Recycling Craft

For ages 6-12

Saturday, June 26 at 10:30 am

Come and learn about recycling soda bottles into terrariums! Space is limited, sign-up is required and can be done at the Front Desk of the Library or by calling 267-3866.

Family Movie Night

for all ages

Tuesday, June 29 at 6 pm

Join us for a big-screen viewing of the original big green ogre adventure! The movie is rated PG and is 91 minutes long.



"Go green at your library" is sponsored by your local library, the MA Regional Library System, the Boston Bruins and the MA Board of Library Commissioners

Did you buy school summer reading books last year that are still hanging around your house? Consider donating them to the library—we can always use more copies!

QUARRY HILL KIDS!!!!

As part of the "Character Education" that you are learning in school, the library has put up a display of "Friendship" books. Stop by our Children's Room and check some out!

**Appetite for Books:
A Book Discussion**

June 2, 2010

On **Wednesday, at 12:00 pm** bring a brown bag lunch and your enthusiasm. We will provide coffee, tea and books! We will be exploring the book Delta Wedding by Eudora Welty. There are no wrong answers and no experience necessary. This program is free and everyone is welcome.

APPETITE FOR ART

June 16th @ 12:00 pm

Would you like to learn about Art? There are no wrong answers, we just like to sit around and talk about art! No experience necessary. Bring a brown bag lunch and your enthusiasm! We will provide coffee and tea. This program is free! Call the library for more info at 267-3866.

SCRABBLE NIGHT!

Join us on the 4th Tuesday of every month for a friendly game of Scrabble! Next scheduled evening is June 22nd from 6-8 pm at the library! Everyone is always welcome.

Library Hours

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| MONDAY | CLOSED |
| TUESDAY | 2:00-8:00 |
| WEDNESDAY | 10:00-6:00 |
| THURSDAY | 2:00-8:00 |
| FRIDAY | 10:00-2:00 |
| SATURDAY | 10:00-2:00 |
| SUNDAY | CLOSED |

FATHER'S DAY CRAFT**For ages 5 – 15**

On Thursday, June 17 at 4 pm in the DeSantis Room at the Monson Free Library we will be making a craft for a Father's Day gift! Please join us but space is limited, please sign up at the Front Desk of the Library or by calling 267-3866

Strawberry Lemonade**Ingredients**

- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 1/4 cups water
- 3 cups freshly squeezed lemon juice (from about 16 lemons)
- 1 pint fresh strawberries, stems and caps removed

Instructions

1. In a pitcher or container, whisk together the sugar and water until the sugar dissolves. Add lemon juice and stir. Puree the strawberries and strain to remove the seeds. Add the strawberry puree to the lemon mixture and stir.

To serve, pour into 10-ounce glasses filled with ice

Monson's 250th Anniversary

The Story of Monson by Mary Reed Newland originally printed in 1960 to celebrate the town's bicentennial has now been reprinted to commemorate the 250th anniversary of Monson. This new version contains a dedication to the author by her son, James Newland.

Mary Newland wrote this for the children of Monson so they may have an appreciation for their history. We hope by re-introducing this treasure all residents may get that chance once again. This book is available at the Library for \$5.00 each. Proceeds will benefit the library where Mary spent much time entertaining children with her magical story hours.

The Monson Free Library is proud to host a revolving year-long display highlighting notable Monson people in honor of the 250th anniversary of the town taking place this year.

Monson native, Dr. Richard LaFond has dedicated countless hours to researching Monson residents and Monson Academy alum. He has compiled photos and facts on such Monson notables as Calvin Munn, William Halsted, Hazel Munsell, Carl Rand, Frederick Ellis, Mary Reed Newland and Alice Cahill among others. Many names will be familiar but many may be unknown to residents today. The June exhibit will focus on Calvin Munn.

Do you know who performed the first operation to remove gallstones? Who was Monson's connection to the Kennedy family? Or which Monson Academy teacher was the first woman to hold a U.S. Cabinet position? Visit the library throughout the year to get answers to these questions!

Please stay tuned for upcoming 250th celebration activities. Visit www.monson250.wordpress.com for the latest updates. The public is invited to attend all meetings of the Anniversary Steering Committee.

FRIENDS HAPPENINGS!

YOU ARE INVITED TO BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR FRIENDS GROUP!

The next meeting will be held on June 17th at 6:30 pm at the library. You are welcome to be as involved as time and interest allow!

STORY HOUR!

Join us every Wednesday morning from 10:30-11:30. There is a theme each month that we follow with stories, crafts and songs. Please sign up at the library—ages 2-5 welcome! Call 413-267-3866.

The Friends of the Monson Free Library are on Facebook!!!! Visit us to see pictures and articles about the events and fundraising efforts the Friends are now doing to support your library!

Please tell us what you think of our newsletter. Email comments and suggestions to monsonfl@cwars.org or call us at 413-267-3866. To unsubscribe to this newsletter please email us at monsonfl@cwars.org with the subject "unsubscribe enews".