

Andover Libraries

By Diane Rice
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What's new at the Andover Public Library? Lots of things!

Walk into the entryway and enjoy the holiday displays of books for people of all ages and interests. These constantly-changing displays are for your enjoyment and enticement, so don't hesitate to take one or two as Priscilla will, quick as a flash, replace them with something just as interesting.

Walk through the doors, and right before your eyes are the latest books – fiction and non-fiction – that have been added to the library's collection. Books by bestselling authors such as John Grisham, Michael Creighton, Stephen King, and Barbara Kingsolver are flying off the shelves.

Turn a bit to the right, and notice the collection on the wall entitled "Classics for Adults." Then turn left into the Reading Room and discover all the large print books, new and old, now located on the wall to your left.

Then spin around and return to the Main Room and there, behind Priscilla's desk, is a great grouping of the most popular paperbacks for your reading enjoyment. A dizzying but delightful experience awaits you all!

New acquisitions at the Bachelor Library in East Andover include *Supperfreakonomics* by Levitt and Dubner, another book by the popular author Sue Grafton, *U is for Undertow*, as well as John Grisham's and Barbara Kingsolver's latest.

Perhaps, if you are lucky, you can take a moment during this busy season and pick out a favorite story to read to a child or grandchild, or to a Mom or Dad who might love to be read to as they sit with you by the fire or woodstove. Or perhaps, after all the celebrating is over, you can just curl up by yourself and enjoy the luxury of going to another world for a few special moments.

We wish you all the happiest of holiday seasons, and a new year filled with good health, love, and peace.

What Your Friends And Neighbors Are Reading

By Charlie McCrave
For the Beacon

A review of *Finger Lickin' Fifteen* by Janet Evanovich, available from the Andover Libraries.

Janet Evanovich writes a good novel, but she could write for *Saturday Night Live*. I think that this is a very funny book.

Our heroine, Stephanie Plum, is recruited by her friend Ranger to work under cover at his alarm service. Several of his clients have been burglarized by someone who has the alarm code. Must be an inside job? Stephanie has a full time position as a bounty hunter for a bail bondsman, so she is armed and dangerous.

Stephanie's friend, Lula, also an employee of the bail bond service, is the only witness to the murder of a famous TV chef who is in town for a barbecue cook-off. Unfortunately for him, he literally loses his head as soon as he arrives.

The killers, who are as inept as you can get, spend most of the book trying to kill Lula, the lone witness. Lula is also armed, dangerous, and street smart. We won't discuss her career path, but she's been around the block a few times.

Stephanie's grandma, who car-

ries a long-barrel revolver, teams up with Lula to capture the killers, collect the reward, and also try to win the barbecue cook-off. The fact that neither one of them knows anything about barbecue doesn't faze them at all, and it's great fun watching them learn.

Everyone involved appreciates the assistance of a big, handsome, macho fireman who happens to have a very extensive woman's wardrobe. 'Nough said.

All in all, this is a fun read, and I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

Happy Birthday!

**Cyndi Langdon
Dec 10**

**John Bridgmon
Jan 7**

**Eric Allen
Jan 16**

Libraries Have Computer And Projector To Loan

From the Andover Libraries

Now available for your use and enjoyment, thanks to funds received by the Trustees of the Andover Libraries, are a Hewlett Packard laptop computer and an LCD projector. The equipment is available to responsible adults 18 years or older having a current card from the Andover Public Libraries who understand the use and care of the equipment. The computer and projector can be requested for individual or organizational needs.

The Library cannot provide operators for this equipment. However, an extremely detailed step-by-step set of instructions is available for the borrower to facilitate this process. The borrower must sign a responsibility form

for the equipment, and is, of course, responsible for any loss or damage to said equipment.

The usual loan period will be one library day. Adjustments for weekends, holidays, and special needs of the borrower must be made at the time the equipment is booked.

The equipment may be booked by stopping by at either library during normal library hours, by telephone at 735-5333, by e-mail to AndoverPL@comcast.net or WABLibrary@comcast.net, or by contacting Dana Hadley, the Town Administrator, at 735-5332.

We encourage individuals as well as the many town committees and service organizations in Andover to make use of this equipment.

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lie put together information on costs for out-of-district placements, as the public may not be aware of the costs should such a placement have to be made.

The repair and maintenance account in the 2620 function was discussed. Lynn stated that \$15,000 is not enough to take care of AE/MS, and we are naive to think it is, given the age of the building. Charlie reminded us that we still don't know what the structural en-

gineer will find. Mike suggested that we resurrect the maintenance list to see what remains to be done.

Average teacher salary information was requested of Robin. She will work in gathering information from various state sources.

Class size was also discussed. Jane stated that we are anticipating 32 students in kindergarten next year.

The next budget work sessions were set for Tuesday, November 17, and Tuesday, November 24, both at 6 PM.

Each year, about 1.5 million lives are changed by a cancer diagnosis.



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