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VASSALBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY

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APRIL EVENTS

March 30 – April 5	Turn off Your TV Week
April 1	Children's Story Hour, 5:30 – 6:30 PM
April 8	Annual Meeting of the Vassalboro Public Library Association

LIBRARIAN'S NOTE:

YEARS PAST, THE PAST YEAR, AND THE YEAR AHEAD

2009 marks the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Vassalboro Public Library, the 50th anniversary of our Annual Book & Bake Sale, and a whole new year of progress, growth, and planning for our future. First organized by a group of women at the East Vassalboro Friends Church in March 1909, the Vassalboro Public Library initially welcomed residents from Vassalboro, Winslow and China. A fifty cent annual membership fee covered the purchase of new books and, later that year, the association held a lawn party fundraiser, collecting over \$700 – a sum worth over \$16,000 today! Patronage, funding, and even the building have seen many eventful changes over the years, making the history of the library a colorful and entertaining tale that we will recount throughout the coming months in this newsletter and through various programs and community activities we are planning.

Today, we are prouder than ever of the services and value we are able to provide the citizens of Vassalboro. I am pleased to report that 2008 was yet another busy and rewarding chapter in our history. Nearly 170 new patrons (91 adults, 77 children) joined the library and our collection increased by over 800 new items, including more than 700 new books and 140 audio books, videos, and DVDs. We continue to receive compliments on our selection of new literature and bestselling fiction, award-winning and educational children's materials, current and noteworthy non-fiction, genealogical materials, and both new and historic notable Maine works. As ever, many favorite items came from plentiful and much appreciated patron donations. Patronage and circulation remained steady, with over 7,500 patron visits and materials circulation over 13,500. Used by nearly 850 patrons, our 3 computers (PCs) with high-speed internet access, color printing, and free wireless access also remained popular.

My outstanding assistant, Russell Smith, and I give great thanks for our invaluable team of volunteers for another year of unrivaled and unwavering service to the library. Logging nearly 1700 hours, volunteers checked out and shelved books, filed catalog cards, digitized accession materials, read stories, hauled firewood, carted recycling, baked cookies, sorted donations, and enthusiastically completed myriad other tasks -- every effort contributing to our greater good.

As we look forward to another active and successful year (and century!), we hope that many more of you will join us along the way. Remember, library membership is free for residents of Vassalboro – and only \$5.00 per person or \$10 per family for out-of-town folks. We have something for everyone at the Vassalboro Public Library!

**VASSALBORO PUBLIC
LIBRARY TOTE BAGS**

Looking for a great gift idea? The library has wonderful, 100% organic cotton tote bags available for \$10. The bags feature our new logo (designed by a Maine artist) and are just the thing for toting library books or groceries – or for promoting a great cause!

JOIN THE ASSOCIATION

The Vassalboro Public Library Association supports the library by organizing events, assisting with programming, fundraising, sharing ideas and planning for the library's future. We always welcome fresh ideas and enthusiasm – and, as anywhere, many hands make light work! Become a member today! Annual dues (\$5.00/person, \$10/family) help buy new books, fund activities and support library operations.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
& SAVE THE DATES!**



August 8th & 9th (Sat. & Sun.)
Golf Tournament at Natanis



September 12th (Sat.)
9:00 – 3:00 PM
50th Annual Book & Bake Sale

**FRIENDS OF THE VASSALBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY –
FUNDRAISING APPEAL UPDATE**

Our December Appeal raised over \$3400 and brought over 40 new and renewing Friends to the Vassalboro Public Library Association.

Many thanks to the following for their generous contributions and support:

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Duratherm Windows
Winslow Aluminum*

VOLUNTEER AT THE LIBRARY

We are always looking for volunteers to help out at the library. Whatever your interest or ability, we have a variety of tasks to match! From working at the desk to working on the computer, shelving books to reading at Story Hour. We also have some special projects that could really use a hand. There's something for everyone – whether you're a "people-person" or someone who prefers to work "behind-the-scenes." If you might be interested, please stop in, call, or e-mail the librarian (vplibrary@gmail.com) for more information.

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

Are you interested in attending or leading a regular reading or craft (knitting, quilting, etc.) group? Do you have young children who would enjoy story hour?

Do you have an idea for a great one-time event or program?

Please let us know your interests – and what times work best for you.

Stop by, give us a call, drop us a line, or e-mail your thoughts and ideas. We are interested in your feedback and eager to roll out some new programming this year.

NEW (AND NEW-TO-US) ADDITIONS TO THE COLLECTION

ADULT FICTION

Archer, Jeffrey	<i>Paths Of Glory</i>	Lehrer, James	<i>Oh, Johnny</i>
Cornwell, Bernard	<i>Agincourt</i>	Mosse, Kate	<i>Sepulchre</i>
Cussler, Clive	<i>Corsair</i>	Ogawa, Yoko	<i>The Housekeeper And The Professor</i>
Deveraux, Jude	<i>Lavender Morning</i>	Picoult, Jodi	<i>Handle With Care</i>
Doolittle, Sean	<i>Safer</i>	Robards, Karen	<i>Pursuit</i>
Fielding, Joy	<i>Still Life</i>	Rosnay, Tatiana de	<i>Sarah's Key</i>
Gross, Andrew	<i>Don't Look Twice</i>	Rotenberg, Robert	<i>Old City Hall</i>
Hannah, Kristin	<i>True Colors</i>	See, Lisa	<i>Snow Flower And The Secret Fan</i>
Heller, Zoe	<i>The Believers</i>	Swarup, Vikas	<i>Slumdog Millionaire</i>
Kelly, Elizabeth	<i>Apologize, Apologize!</i>	Trigiani, Adriana	<i>Very Valentine</i>
Laken, Valerie	<i>Dream House</i>		

ADULT MYSTERY

Albert, Susan Wittig	<i>The Tale Of Hawthorn House</i>	Kellerman, Jonathan	<i>True Detectives</i>
Albert, Susan Wittig	<i>The Tale Of Hill Top Farm</i>	Lippman, Laura	<i>Life Sentences</i>
Albert, Susan Wittig	<i>The Tale Of Holly How</i>	March, Hannah	<i>A Distinction Of Blood</i>
Barron, Stephanie	<i>Jane And His Lordship's Legacy</i>	Mosley, Walter	<i>The Long Fall</i>
Barron, Stephanie	<i>Jane And The Barque Of Frailty</i>	Nathan, Paul	<i>Protocol For Murder</i>
Barron, Stephanie	<i>Jane And The Genius Of The Place</i>	Parker, Robert B.	<i>Night and Day (large print)</i>
Barron, Stephanie	<i>Jane And The Ghosts Of Netley</i>	Perry, Anne	<i>Execution Dock</i>
Barron, Stephanie	<i>Jane And The Man Of The Cloth</i>	Quinn, Spencer	<i>Dog On It</i>
Barron, Stephanie	<i>Jane And The Prisoner Of Wool House</i>	Robb, J.D.	<i>Promises in Death (large print)</i>
Barron, Stephanie	<i>Jane And The Stillroom Maid</i>	Robinson, Peter	<i>Friend Of The Devil</i>
Barron, Stephanie	<i>Jane and the Unpleasantness at Scargrave Manor</i>	Stabenow, Dana	<i>Whisper to the Blood (large print)</i>
Beaton, M. C.	<i>Death Of A Witch</i>	Winspear, Jacqueline	<i>Among The Mad : A Maisie Dobbs Novel</i>
Jackson, Lisa	<i>Wicked Game (large print)</i>	Xiaolong, Qiu	<i>The Mao Case</i>

ADULT NON-FICTION

Bascomb, Neal	<i>Hunting Eichmann</i>	Powers, Rod	<i>ASVAB For Dummies</i>
Bourke, A./Rendall, J.	<i>A Lion Called Christian</i>	Spieß, Arthur E.	<i>Kidder Point and Sears Island in Prehistory</i>
Grandin, Temple	<i>Animals In Translation</i>	Torre, Joe	<i>The Yankee Years</i>
Maine Genealogical Society	<i>Maine Families in 1790: Vol. 10</i>	Wiscasset, Waterville & Railway Museum	<i>Tours of the Narrow Gauge Railroad in the Sheepscot River Valley</i>
Meacham, Jon	<i>American Lion : Andrew Jackson In The White House</i>		

YOUNG ADULT

Anderson, Laurie H.	<i>Chains</i>	Link, Kelly	<i>Pretty Monsters</i>
Atkins, Catherine	<i>When Jeff Comes Home</i>	Martin, Ann M.	<i>The Runaway Dolls</i>
Daly, Maureen	<i>Seventeenth Summer</i>	Nuzum, K. A.	<i>The Leanin' Dog</i>
Downham, Jenny	<i>Before I Die</i>	Patterson, James	<i>Max : A Maximum Ride Novel</i>
Gaiman, Neil	<i>Coraline</i>	Scieszka, Jon	<i>Knucklehead : Tall Tales And Mostly True Stories Of Growing Up Scieszka</i>
Jones, Carrie.	<i>Need</i>	Velde, Vivian Vande	<i>Now You See It . . .</i>
Kingfisher, Rupert	<i>Madame Pamplemousse And Her Incredible Edibles</i>	Voigt, Cynthia	<i>Izzy, Willy-nilly</i>
La Fevers, R. L.	<i>Theodosia And The Staff Of Osiris</i>	Westerfeld, Scott	<i>Pretties</i>

CHILDREN'S

Agee, Jon	<i>Orangutan Tonge : Poems To Tangle Your Tongue</i>	Raczka, Bob	<i>The Vermeer Interviews : Conversations With Seven Works Of Art</i>
Browne, Anthony	<i>Little Beauty</i>	Sáenz, Benjamin Alire	<i>Perfect Season For Dreaming</i>
DiCamillo, Kate	<i>Louise : The Adventures Of A Chicken</i>	Salisbury, Graham	<i>Calvin Coconut In Trouble Magnet</i>
Doyle, Roddy	<i>Her Mother's Face</i>	Thomas, Jan	<i>Rhyming Dust Bunnies</i>
Florian, Douglas	<i>Dinothosaurus: Prehistoric Poems</i>	Walker, Paul Robert	<i>Remember Little Rock</i>
Harper, Charise Mericle.	<i>Just Grace Goes Green</i>	Walker, Paul Robert.	<i>Remember Little Bighorn</i>
Hobbie, Holly	<i>Fanny</i>	Willems, Mo	<i>Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed</i>
McKissack, Pat	<i>Stitchin' And Pullin'</i>		

AUDIO BOOKS

Albom, Mitch	<i>The Five People You Meet In Heaven</i>	Parker, Robert B.	<i>Death In Paradise</i>
Burke, James Lee	<i>Jolie Blon's Bounce</i>	Patterson, James	<i>The 6th Target</i>
Burke, James Lee	<i>Purple Cane Road</i>	Robertson, Adele Crockett	<i>The Orchard</i>
Burke, James Lee	<i>White Doves At Morning</i>	Woods, Stuart	<i>Cold Paradise</i>
Grisham, John	<i>The Innocent Man</i>	Woods, Stuart	<i>Dead In The Water</i>
Kellerman, Jonathan	<i>Monster</i>	Woods, Stuart	<i>L.A. Dead</i>
Kellerman, Jonathan	<i>Flesh And Blood</i>	Woods, Stuart	<i>Swimming To Catalina</i>
Leonard, Elmore	<i>Cuba Libre</i>	Woods, Stuart	<i>Worst Fears Realized</i>
Lescroart, John	<i>The Hearing</i>		

VIDEOS

<i>A Time To Kill.</i>	<i>Gladiator</i>	<i>Message In A Bottle</i>	<i>The American President</i>
<i>Cast Away</i>	<i>Guess Who's Coming To Dinner</i>	<i>Mr. Holland's Opus</i>	<i>The Jazz Singer.</i>
<i>Chitty Chitty Bang Bang</i>	<i>Home Alone</i>	<i>On Golden Pond.</i>	<i>The Last Of The Mohicans.</i>
<i>Dirty Harry</i>	<i>Hope Floats</i>	<i>Sabrina (1954)</i>	<i>The Natural</i>
<i>Four Weddings And A Funeral</i>	<i>Liar Liar</i>	<i>Sabrina (1995)</i>	<i>While You Were Sleeping.</i>

A NOTE ON DONATIONS

We happily accept donations of new and gently-used books, audio books, and videos. Items that are not added to our collection are sold at our annual book sale. While we cannot assess a dollar value for your donations, at your request we can provide a receipt for tax purposes.

We ask that you please deliver items to the library during business hours and do not leave donations outside the door or in the book drop.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT ACCEPT MOLDY OR DAMAGED BOOKS, TEXTBOOKS, OR READER'S DIGEST CONDENSED BOOKS.