

# Library Friends News

Stevens Memorial Library, North Andover, Mass.

Spring 2003

## Local Historian/Author at Library for Book Signing

The Friends will host Kathleen Dalton, Andover resident and author of *Theodore Roosevelt: A Strenuous Life*, on **May 7 at 7 p.m.** at the library.

Critics are lauding Kathleen Dalton's *Theodore Roosevelt: A Strenuous Life*, published by Alfred A. Knopf in October.

Lucky for us, Dalton is Cecil F. P. Bancroft Instructor of history and social science at Phillips Academy and lives in Andover with her husband, the historian E. Anthony Rotundo and their two children.

Issues Dalton deals with include homeland security during WWI; corporate greed in TR's time and our own; and the influence of the suffragist movement.

From the book jacket: "Both an updated political interpretation and an intimate personal story of a loving but difficult man, his wife, his family, and his loyal friends, [the book] will change persuasively the way we see this great and complex man and his times."

## SPRING BOOK SALE: FAST FACTS

- \*\* Saturday, May 17, 9 to 5 and Sunday, May 18, 2 to 5
- \*\* Hard covers, \$1.50, paperbacks \$1 (Sunday \$1 a bag)
- \*\* Member preview, Friday May 17, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- \*\* Set up, Monday, May 12 through Thursday, May 15
- \*\* Clean Up, Monday, May 19

## Spring 2003 Book Sale will be a Browser's Delight

Thousands of excellent books of every kind to be offered at unbelievably low prices.

The Friends of the Library Semi-Annual Booksale is the weekend of **May 17<sup>th</sup> 9-5 & May 18<sup>th</sup> 2-5** with a special member's preview on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 5-7pm.

The Fall Book Sale 2002 raised more than \$4,200! This money will directly support the library. Our deepest thanks go to Star Market who provided us with plastic bags for purchases and the Buck a Bag Sunday.

### Volunteers needed

The book sale's success relies on volunteers. There are **four ways** you can help ensure this book sale is the most successful ever.

**First**, give your personal library a thorough spring cleaning. Accepted for sale are books, records, tapes, videos, and special interest magazines. Not so acceptable are books that are moldy, encyclopedias, and textbooks.

**Second**, volunteer your time. It takes hundreds of person hours to sort the donated books, but Friends volunteers have a great time doing it! Coffee, camaraderie and loads of laughs are the order of the day.

**Third**, and perhaps most fun way to help with the book sale is to stop by and purchase some good reads. The selection is vast, prices astonishing, and the Friday night preview for members is just a relaxing time!

**Fourth**, do you know any businesses that might donate coffee, doughnuts, publicity, printing or materials for the sale?

## **Just When You Thought There Was No More Money to Make on the Internet**

The Friend's latest fundraising venture is slowly and surely working up to be a big success.

We're selling some of our "discovered" books over the internet.

Thanks to super-volunteer Laura Taylor, a small number of volumes, selected for value by Taylor and her crack research team, which includes trustee and bibliophile Art Larson, is available in the virtual book realm.

Success has been tremendous, culminating in the sale of a single volume for more than \$70!

Do you have any valuable books *you* could donate to our internet sale?

## **Mark Your Calendar!**

The Friends of the Stevens Memorial Library has planned meetings through the fall. Any member of the Friends can attend meetings and help make decisions about programs and purchases for the benefit of the library.

Mark your calendars, and join us! All meetings are held in the library meeting room upstairs and begin at 7 p.m.; scheduled dates are April 15, May 20, June 17, September 16, and November 18.

The Annual Meeting is planned for October 21. At that time, officers for 2004 will be elected.

## **April Showers Bring Spring Flowers; Friends Group Offers Cure-All**

Thanks to the Friends, the library has passes to several local museums available for borrowing. Museums include the Children's Museum, the MFA, the Boston Science Museum, and the Peabody Essex.

Speaking of the Peabody Essex, as of June 21, the museum will sport a \$125 million transformation. Why not check one out the next time raindrops start falling on your head.



## **What's Cooking?**

### **The Friends Plan to Reveal**

### **Secrets of Great Library Chefs**

Do you, like Mary McCormack, have a secret, much admired recipe for chewy, gooey, finger-prints-in-the-margin brownies? Do you whip up a perfectly mysterious scrumptious dessert, meant for an indulgent Sunday afternoon Agatha Christie fest? Do you revel in putting together a post-quidditch, Hogwart's-worthy groaning board for the young wizards in your life?

The Friends of the Library wants to share your recipe.

Always on the lookout for a new idea, and always ready to indulge in just a little smackerel of something, we've decided to undertake a Friends' fabulous recipes cookbook.

This idea is just beginning to simmer. If you want to be immortalized in print with your favorite recipe, now is your chance. Please call Cornelia Harris at (978) 685-1889.

### **Introducing "Everybody Wins" Spring Cleaning**

Sure, you win. Your uncluttered rooms speak of the sophisticated elegance you and your family insist upon. (Well, at least you won't break an ankle sliding along the rug on an old BeeGees jewel box.)

And, if you bring your books, records, and CDs to the library, all of North Andover wins. More and better library programs. More books and videos available on library shelves. More museum passes. More, more, more!

If you need helping carting your books, special interest magazines, tapes, cds, and videos to the library, call Kathy at (978) 683-5522.

# SPRING 2003 BOOKSALE VOLUNTEER FORM

YES! I'd like to help.

My Name is \_\_\_\_\_

You can reach me at the following:

Day or evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to volunteer for the following:

(check any/all that you want to do)

\_\_\_\_\_ Donations Pick Up

\_\_\_\_\_ Book Set-up/Sorting (warning: sorting is addicting!!!)

\_\_\_\_\_ Take Down

\_\_\_\_\_ General Dogs Body (i.e. Anywhere you can use me)

\_\_\_\_\_ Morale Booster ( I can't do much or haven't much time, but I would love to drop by and see what's up)

\_\_\_\_\_ Provide food goodies for the Friends Preview

I would like to come on the following days and times.

Please specify hours (We have coffee and pastries on set up/takedown mornings)

Monday May 12th \_\_\_\_\_ library open 9-9

Tuesday May 13th \_\_\_\_\_ library open 9-9

Wednesday May 14th \_\_\_\_\_ library open 9-9

Thursday May 15th \_\_\_\_\_ Morning only in case we are not finished by Wednesday

Friday May 16th \_\_\_\_\_ last minute books afternoon only and Preview

Saturday May 17th \_\_\_\_\_ booksale open 9-4

Sunday May 18th \_\_\_\_\_ booksale open 2-5

Monday May 19th \_\_\_\_\_ Take down time after 10:30AM!!

In appreciation, volunteers with 3 or more hours help with the booksale will be entitled to purchase 3 books during set up.

Sorry, to be fair to all, bookdealers cannot volunteer for the sales.

Mail to: Friends of the Stevens Memorial Library

P.O. Box 992

North Andover, MA 01845

OR bring to the library before May 10th

**OR JUST SHOW UP AND JUMP IN!!!**

Questions? Call Cornelia Harris (978)685-1889

**YOU CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!**

## CALENDAR OF LIBRARY EVENTS

### BOOK SIGNING: 5,000 DAYS LIKE THIS ONE

TUESDAY, APRIL 29TH, 7 P.M.

Author Jane Brox of Dracut discusses life on a family farm.

### BOOK SIGNING: THEODORE ROOSEVELT: A STRENUOUS LIFE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7TH, 7 P.M.

Author and historian Kathleen Dalton writes on one of America's most loved presidents.

### BOOK SIGNING: ALMOST

SATURDAY, MAY 18TH, 2:30 P.M.

Elizabeth Benedict, finalist for the National Book Award for an earlier work, signs her latest novel.

### FRIENDS' PREVIEW

FRIDAY, MAY 16TH, 5 TO 7 P.M.

Refreshments, camaraderie, and a first crack at the goodies for the book sale.

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## Membership Matters

Although we do a heck of a business at the booksale, membership fees make up a big part of our budget.

That budget, as you know, supports the high-quality programs you've come to expect from the library. In this year's financial crunch, your contribution is more important than ever.

The mailing label on this newsletter shows the date of your last donation. Your membership has expired if your last donation was made more than a year ago. Please renew your membership at the book sale, or send your dues to:

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In other membership matters, we're always looking for new members, and for help with our ongoing membership drive. If you have experience or ideas, call Cornelia Harris at (978) 685-1889.



