

# Speaking Volumes

## A COOL LIBRARY AND other News from the Director

I would have liked to have said this last summer, but could not. But I can now—Come to the Library—it’s a COOOOL place! Yes, the air conditioning is on— and it feels wonderful. The installation wasn’t completed until last October, so we didn’t get to try it out until this summer. It works! Come check it out.

Another thanks to the many people who helped us—and the books thank you, too!

### New Hours This Fall

Another change at the Library: The day after Labor Day the Library will have new hours. At its April Meeting the Library Board voted to close the Library at 8PM Mondays through Thursdays.

Statistics show that very few people use the Library after 8PM. Busiest times are Lunchtime and from 5PM to 7PM. Staff that worked until 9PM will be scheduled to help out during lunch breaks. I hope this will be a win/win situation for all.

### Program for Middle School

The Bangor Rotary (the one that meets at noon) had a wonderful concert in June to raise money for student programs in Bangor. It was a really great concert, and part of the money raised is coming to the Library for programs for middle school students. The program I’m most excited about is “You

Be the Judge,” based on the book, They Broke the Law, You Be the Judge: True Cases of Teen Crime by Thomas A. Jacobs. Students will meet with a group of interested adults for dinner at the Library. Before dinner a case from the book will be read. During dinner there will be an informal discussion about the case. After dinner, the case will be discussed, and a verdict and possible punishment considered. Local law enforcement Officers, attorneys and judges will talk about why a case may have been decided the way it was, **Continued on page 3**

## Barbara Francis Day at the Library

The Penobscot Indian basket style is distinctive with brown ash, alternating with lighter and darker shakes and a few rows of sweetgrass and some fancy porcupine weave to make each basket unique. The baskets are full of history, tradition, culture and spirituality. Barbara Francis, a renowned basket maker will be

at the Library on Wednesday, July 5. She will do a program for children at 10AM and be featured in our Brown Bag art series at Noon. The Library will show Jim Starkey’s documentary Penobscot Basket Maker, based on her life. Copies of

the movie will be available for purchase and signing.



### Exhibits July/August

Amicus  
Linda Packard  
Esther Taylor  
Don Powers



Let’s Talk About the Middle East  
July 10, 24, August 7  
5:30-7:30PM  
More inside...

## Gift Books

Given in memory of Harvard Reynolds by Marlyne & Peter Mulry

*The Explorer King*

and given by Peter V. Parsons

*The Scavenger's Guide to Haute Cuisine*

and given by Ronald & Mary Condon

*Why Birds Sing*

and given by Fred & Elaine Rice

*Fish on Friday*

and given by Robert & Sharon Graves

*The Lost Men*

and given by Robinson & Elizabeth Speirs

*National Geographic Complete Birds of North America*

and given by Mark Eggleton & Janet Berkel

*A Fisherman's Guide to Maine*

and given by Portland Regional Chamber

*Fishing Maine*

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Given in memory of a dear friend & neighbor Nancy Stone by Linda & Allan Currie

*Designing and Creating a Mediterranean Garden*

*GranitaMagic*

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Given by Anne Lambert

*Art Projects, Synagoge Stommel, Kunstprjek*

If you wish to give a book, or make a donation to the Library, call 947-8336 for information.

Given in memory of John P. Hess by Beverley Shapiro & Family

*The Divided Ground*

Given in memory of Robert Rostrup from his Postal Family at Eastern Maine Processing and Distribution

*Engaging the Enemy*

*Black Pockets & Other Dark Thoughts*

Given in memory of David Bishop by Dr. Ashley Gray and Adelaide Gray

*Letters to a Young Mathematician*

Given in honor of Alice Wellman by her husband, Brad

*The Collected Lyrics of Lewis Turco*

*Another Stopping Place*

*The Rhetoric of Fiction*

*Perfect Selves*

*Invocation to the Birds*

*Chebeague*

*White Bees*

Given in memory of Charlotte Currie, an avid reader, from her loving family

*Bookwoman's Last Fling*

*Corpse Suzette*

*Susannah's Garden*

*Elements of Style*

Given by Norman Minsky

*North to Katahdin*

Given in memory of Ronald Gene Geagan

*Spalding's World Tour*

Given in memory of Etta F. Smith by Mr. & Mrs. Bradford S. Wellman

*American Tomato*

Given in memory of Barbara Browne by Quipus

*Present at the Creation*

*Patterns for Costume Accessories*

## Let's Talk About the Middle East

The Library is pleased to announce that it has been chosen by the Maine Humanities Council to host "Behind the Headlines: An Introduction to the Middle East," a *Let's Talk About It* series developed for the Maine Humanities Council by Prof. Mahmud Faksh, University of Southern Maine. The program provides a public forum for thoughtful discussion on current issues related to the Middle East. *The Contemporary Middle East*, a recently published anthology, provides the basis for the discussions. Copies may be borrowed at the Circulation Desk of the Library. The book focuses on key questions and countries such as Israel and Palestine, Iran,

Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Egypt, the roots of Arab grievances against the US and the West, the forces of nationalism and Islamism, and U.S. Middle East policy, all to further participants understanding. The series will consist of 3 sessions, each focusing on a specific topic. Please read the suggested sections of the book before each session. *Behind the Headlines* is not a typical *Let's Talk About It* program because each session begins with a 45-minute talk by Dr. Alexander Grab, professor of history at the University of Maine about the articles read for that session. It is the discussion that follows the talk that is the heart of the program, as with any *Let's Talk About It* program, and it is meant to be

more than a question and answer period. We encourage participants to discuss issues with one another as much as with the facilitator.

Registration is required. Applications and program information are available at the Library.



## July/August Calendar

**July 5 Barbara Francis Day!**

**10AM** Basket making demonstration for children

**Noon**— Introduction to basket making for adults

**1PM** The Penobscot Basket Maker a

Documentary by Jim Sharkey

**July 5 7PM** Gilbert & Sullivan Society of

Hancock County Concert— in the park

**July 12 Cathy Cook** at **Noon** introduces us to

ceramic sculpture

**July 12 7PM** Roy Kathan in Concert— folk

music in the park

**July 10, 5:30PM** Middle East Seminar with

**Dr. Alex Grab**— Lecture Hall, Please register

**July 19 at Noon**, artists from Yesterday's

**Scraps** Introduce us to scrapbooking

**July 19 7PM** InkasWasi Concert—in park

**July 24 5:30PM** Middle East Seminar—

Lecture Hall

**July 26 7PM** Prevailing Winds Saxophone

**Quintet Concert** in the park

**August 7 5:30PM** Middle East Seminar—

In Lecture Hall

**August 8 4PM** Ussi Atuke Native American

**Issues** Lecture Hall

See Page 3 for Teen and Children's events

The Library will be closed  
Tuesday July 4th  
Independence Day

# Travel in the Children Department's Time Machine....

In celebration of 100 years of free services to the children, the Bangor Public Library Children's Department has chosen "The Time Machine" as the theme for its Summer Reading Program. Every day will feature another way to consider our past. Here are a few upcoming events...

## July 5 Barbara Francis Day

Master Penobscot basket-maker Barbara Francis will be demonstrating her art at 10AM in the Story Room

## July 6 Jay Demers

Presents the "History of Good Eats in Bangor" at 10AM in the Story Room

July 7 "Lumberjacking with Bill Cook  
At 10AM in the Story Room

July 10 Flower Pounding with Alex & Denise at 10AM in the Story Room

July 12 Swing Dancing with Karen McCall at 10AM in the Story Room

July 13 Meet Author/Illustrator Gail Page at 10AM in the Story Room

July 17 Historic Samplers  
10AM in the Story Room

July 19 Llamas with Brent Barrows at 10AM in the Garden Patio  
2PM InkasWasi Peruvian Children's Concert -in Peirce Park



July 20 Meet Elvis & Sock Hop!-  
10AM in Peirce Park

July 21 History of Good Eats in Bangor by Frank's Bake Shop-  
10AM Story Room

July 28 Kid's History of Kenduskeag Canoe Race with Zip Kellogg at 10AM- Story Room

July 31 Knots! With Eric Jergenson 10AM in Story Room

August 3 History of the Bangor Daily News- 10AM Story Room

August 4 Game Day at 10AM

August 10 Don Grady Marionettes  
at 10AM in Lecture Hall

Get your schedules and  
Summer reading registration  
in the Children's Department

## Ussi Atuke speaks on Native American Issues

You are invited to hear about the struggle being borne by Native Americans. Ussi Atuke will talk about his experiences in today's "white" community, about nuclear dumping on Indian Reservations, about the plagues of alcoholism, drug addiction, suicide, and domestic violence threatening the modern Indian.

You will also hear about the good

being done by Indians in the fields of education and environmental issues to help their communities and all peoples. Tribal Law and its conflicts with State Law (and vice versa) will be discussed.

This open forum will include music and poetry, and is a call for ACTION. It will be held in the Library's Lecture Hall on Tuesday August 8 from 4-

Anyone interested in Native American issues is welcome and encouraged to attend.



## From the Director, Continued

And what other possible outcomes could have occurred. At the end of the evening, the actual outcome of the case will be revealed. If you know students who would like to participate, or if you are interested in being a mentor or presenter, please contact Christine Erickson in the Children's Department (947-8336 X 111) or stop in for further information and registration.

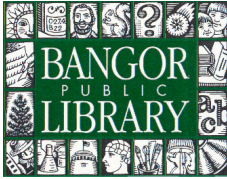
## Children's Summer Reading

It's summer reading time! We have a display of New York Time Summer Reading Picks in the New Book Room for adults, and every child who participates in the Children Department's program will be eligible to win great prizes. (Register to participate, read at least one book, and you're eligible!) At the end of each week, prizes like free ice cream and

tickets to area performances will be given out. And you can....

## Help Win a Private Party For your School!

The school with the highest participation rate will win an after-hours party at the Library in September!



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## TEEN Summer Reading Programs

The Library's Summer Reading Program for teens (grades 6-12) will focus on raising funds to assist the New Orleans Public Library. We remember that when our Library burned during the Bangor Fire in 1911, many libraries and contributors helped rebuild our Library. While taking pledges for books read, there will be three major fund-raising programs with the theme of "The Big Easy."



**Children's Mardi Gras**  
July 14 at 10AM

**Cajun Cooking Class**  
July 18 at 11AM

**Readers Theatre  
&  
Jazz Night**  
July 27 at 6PM

**Check out the  
Library Website's  
new look!**

## Summer Concerts



What could be nicer than music in the park on a summer evening?

**July 5 7PM**  
**Gilbert & Sullivan  
Society of Hancock  
County**  
A Comic Opera Potpourri

**July 12 7PM**  
**Ron Kathan**  
Folk Music

**July 19 7PM**  
**InkasWasi**  
Peruvian Music

**July 26 7PM**  
**Prevailing Winds**  
Saxophone Quintet