



Cate Tucker putts past the Elvira Haston obstacle on Hole #8.

BOGEYS & BOOKS: A BLAST!

On Friday, February 21 and Saturday, February 22 the library became an 18-hole putting course. Seventy-five people, of all ages, putted their way through the library over the course of the two days.

For the Friends of the Haston Free Public Library, building the course was a labor of love, and it was clear that the golfers appreciated their efforts. A few families who had never been to the library were introduced to its collections by playing the 18 holes through the stacks. A number of players asked if we would be doing it again next year, and, though no decision has yet been made, we did save many of the obstacles built specially for the course!

We would like to thank Bogey Lanes for lending us their putters and Howe Lumber for lending us 2x4s to use as bumpers. And special thanks go to all the Friends of the Library who generously gave their time and shared their many talents to create such a fun event for the Town of North Brookfield.



TAX TIME

If you haven't started your taxes yet, there's still time! The library has copies of Massachusetts state tax forms and Federal 1040 forms and instructions. We also have a notebook of reproducible forms and instructions, in case you are unable to get them online. Supplies of forms are limited, so don't wait until the last minute. Good luck!

Massachusetts Public Health Fact Sheet 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Available at the circulation desk.

ANNUAL BOOK SALE

The annual Friends of the Library Book Sale is underway! In addition to volumes weeded from the library collection, there are donations from library patrons, including lots of DVDs.

Proceeds from the sale will go toward purchasing new books, DVDs, books on CD or e-books for the collection. There's something for everyone!



Melissa and Thendara Magario peruse the wide selection of books at the Friends Book Sale

NEW FLAGS!

During a very high wind in January, the rope halyard on the library flagpole holding the U.S. and POW-MIA flags broke. Although the flags had been clipped to the halyard, they were nowhere to be found when it was discovered that the rope had broken.

Thanks to the generosity of the Sawyer-Mathieu-Kearns American Legion Post 41 and the Veterans Of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 3439, we now have new flags flying in front of the library. Thanks are also due to the Fire Department for assisting in the hanging of the new halyard! THANK YOU!

FELTING WORKSHOP

On Thursday, March 26 at 6:00 Heidi Jeldres will be leading a class on needle felting. If you'd like to participate, please sign up at the library.

This workshop will be funded, in part, by gifts given to the library in memory of Sandra Metcalf.



Becky Ikehara, Mary West, Carol Neale, and Jean Contino create silhouettes on their gradient washes.

WATERCOLORING CLASS

On February 24, nine aspiring artists gathered in the library's craft room to learn some watercolor painting techniques from local artist and art teacher, Laura Dusty.

Laura instructed the group in using paint and water

in increasing amounts to create a gradient wash background. You start with a color using only a little water, then add more and more water to end up with a wash that progresses from dark to light, much the way the sky looks as it changes from light to dusk to dark.

The painters were then encouraged to add an object in silhouette, such as a tree. Creativity was evident in the various silhouettes—from bridges to dinosaurs to cats and surfers, and, of course, trees. Another easy technique the group learned was to add salt to the wet paint. When the paint dries, the salt leaves spots resembling stars.

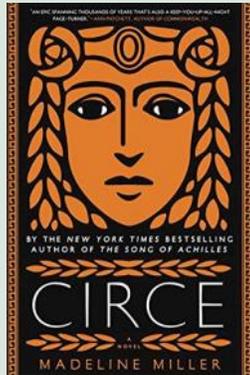
Everyone had a great time, and Laura has agreed to lead additional watercolor and other art workshops. In fact, she has offered to serve as “art mentor” for an ART CLUB here at the library! If you are interested in participating in an art club, please call the library at 508-867-0208. We'd like to hear your ideas for projects as well as club meeting days and times. It's going to be great!

BOOK GROUP: MARCH SELECTION

The Book Group will be reading *Circe* by Madeleine Miller for its **March 31** meeting at 7:00 in the Library.

“In the house of Helios, god of the sun and mightiest of the Titans, a daughter is born. Circe is [not powerful like the other gods, but she possesses] the power of witchcraft, which can transform rivals into monsters and menace the gods themselves. To protect what she loves most, Circe must summon all her strength and choose, once and for all, whether she belongs with the gods she is born from, or the mortals she has come to love.” —*Goodreads*

Copies are available in the library. Please join us!



DEB'S DISPLAY

Our February Black History Month window display was designed by volunteer Deb Hill, who also drew our Dr. Seuss Whoville mural for our mini-golf course. Thanks for beautiful work, Deb!

We try to have a new display every 6 to 8 weeks. Usually the theme is tied to the calendar or seasonal events, but it could be anything. We also try to relate the theme to the library by including books or other library items on the topic.

If you have ideas for future displays or would like to design and create one yourself, please get in touch with Dawn at 508-867-0208, or stop by to pitch your plan. Use your imagination and share your talents!



DONATIONS

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| Robert C. Varnum | Carolyn Davenport |
| Mark Buzzell | Barbara Bechan |
| Betty Wuelfing | Ann Hicks |
| Dave Earle | Rosemary Benvenuti |
| Ellen Carpenter | Cathleen Barkoskie |

THANK YOU!



BRUINS PJ DRIVE

If you haven't dropped off some new pajamas in support of the Boston Bruins PJ Drive, you still have time.

The Boston Bruins PJ Drive benefits the *Wonderfund of MA* and *Cradles to Crayons*. The PJ Drive's goal is to collect 13,000 pairs of new pajamas. Many of the pajamas donated go to local Department of Children and Families (DCF) offices, connected through the *Wonderfund*, to benefit babies, children, and teens. DCF estimates that at any given time the agency is working with 53,000 babies, children, and teens. Pajamas will also be given to the organization *Cradles to Crayons* which is a longtime partner with the Bruins and the PJ drive. The drive continues through March 15.

Thanks for supporting this worthwhile project.