



## 2005 MORRILL MEMORIAL LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT

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**The Morrill Memorial Library is a destination point for Norwood residents.** People visit because they want to, not because they have to. If you haven't been to the library for a while, come in!

### LIBRARY SERVICES – AT A GLANCE –

Collection	103,651	3.65 per capita	Circulation	263,837	9.27 per capita
Adult Print	71,314	69%	Adult Print	105,866	40%
Children's Print	22,890	22%	Children's Print	63,420	24%
Audio	3,717	4%	Audio	18,644	7%
Video	3,397	3%	Video	50,899	19%
Other	2,333	2%	Other	24,998	9%

Card holders	17,608	Building Traffic	187,096 (590 per day)
Days open	317	Meetings held in library	2,700
Saturdays	40	Library Programs for Children	174
Sundays	23	Library Programs for Adults	40
Hours after 5 pm	797	Public Internet Computers	14
Reference Questions	20,000	Wireless access	yes
Staff in FTEs	22.5	Volunteers	30
Homepage	<a href="http://www.ci.norwood.ma.us/library/index.php">http://www.ci.norwood.ma.us/library/index.php</a>		

### Member

Minuteman Library Network <http://www.mln.lib.ma.us/>

- 41 public and academic libraries
- 6.2 million items owned, 14,532,724 items circulated in FY05
- Non-profit private cooperation, run by its members
- Provides automated services to member libraries.

### Metrowest Massachusetts Regional Library System

- State agency provides daily interlibrary delivery (47,175 items to Norwood in FY05)
- Periodical and reference databases
- Purchasing cooperative for supplies and material
- Continuing education and consulting

To make the most of resources available, learn to use the on-line catalog and request system. Ask for help when you are in the library and pick up the brochure to help you make requests from home.

**Morrill Memorial Library is a WIFI Hotspot** – Access is provided by the **Town's Computer Department**. It is easy for people to access the Internet throughout the library building. We appreciate help and support from the Computer Department. Their understanding of the value of this service made it possible.

**Genealogy Anyone?** – *Ancestry Library* and *Heritage Quest Online* are great new research tools which are available at the library. *Heritage Quest* is also available on your home computer through the library's homepage.

**Literary Lunch** met for the seventh year. Sixth grade students and members of the Senior Center's book group read *A Week in the Woods* by Massachusetts author Andrew Clements. Lively discussion was enjoyed by all.

### Children's Services and programs

- **Story times** offered year around for preschool children including toddlers
- Going Places @ Your Library, the 2005 Statewide Summer Reading Adventure attracted **644 children** who read an average of 20 books each.
- Music with **Harry and the Potters**
- Science with Norwood teacher **Charles Haffey**
- Stories in sign and voice with **Tony Toledo and K.R. Glickman** \*\*
- **Norwood Young Reader's Award** featured book discussions for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders with parents and librarians. They voted *Mick Harte was Here* by Barbara Park best book of the year.
- Classes from the Prescott, Balch, and St Catherine's Schools visited for computer training
- Children's Librarian Hope Anderson and Reference Librarian Marie Lydon met regularly with librarians from the schools to coordinate services and programs.

### Adult Programs

- **Fireside Reads** – Margot Sullivan and Beth Goldman suggested books to curl up with
- **See You at the Dance Hall**, Boston's Irish music with Susan Gedutis and friends
- **The Life and Artistry of Georgia O'Keeffe**, a lecture by Gershon Weisenberg
- **Terrific Tuesdays** during the Summer – Craft demonstrations by Marge Hickey and Caroline Pannes, **Beach Reads** by Beth Goldman and Margot Sullivan
- Tour of **Oak View**, one of Norwood's last gems of 19<sup>th</sup> century architecture \*\*
- **Boston by Foot** slide lecture, "The Reshaping of Boston: The Contemporary City" \*\*
- **Christmas Ornament** workshop with Caroline Pannes
- **Musical Sundays** with the rollicking fiddle of Hanneke Cassel and *The Nutcracker* presented by Alfred Watson. Programs made possible by the **Norwood Woman's Club** and the **Cushing Fund**

### Friends of the Library

- Raised **\$2800** from two book sales
- Supported the library collection with generous donations
- Kept the membership list strong with notices in the September electric bills
- Presented **Clarence Darrow**: a one-man show by Richard Clark \*\*
- Promoted the library at **Norwood Day**
- Sponsored *Hot Shots and Heavy Hits* with former undercover drug agent Paul Doyle
- Presented **Author Night** with **Frank Schaeffer** whose books include *Portofino* and *Keeping Faith: A Father-Son Story about Love and the U.S. Marine Corps*

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### The Literacy Volunteers of America at Morrill Memorial Library

- Free, confidential tutoring in Basic Literacy and English as a Second Language
- **134** adult learners, **90** active tutors, **6550 hours** of instruction in FY05
- Conversation groups for ESOL students
- The Literacy program received additional funding from the Department of Education.
- Thanks to the **Simoni Foundation** and **Walmart** for their generous support.

Literacy Volunteers are always looking for new tutors and students. Call Literacy Volunteers at 781-769-4599

### The Outreach Department

- Delivered 6,284 items to people unable to visit the library or use its resources without help
- Volunteers and library staff took material to people in their homes, in nursing homes, at the Senior Center and at housing facilities
- Presented programs at several locations around town.
- A book group met on the second Friday of the month at the Senior Center.

**Assistive Technology** equipment and software are available for use by individuals with special needs. Call 781-769-0200, x 228 for Outreach services, assistive technology or to volunteer.

**The Women's Community Committee** was the primary sponsor of the library museum pass program. It provided memberships for the Children's Museum, Easton Children's Museum, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, JFK Library, Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of Science, New England Aquarium, and the Roger Williams Zoo. These museum passes were used 747 times in 2005 providing a cultural resource worth thousands of dollars and benefiting thousands of people. We are thankful for the generosity of the WCC. Thanks also to **The Norwood Woman's Club and the Friends of the Library** which provided additional funding for museum passes.



**In Memoriam Anne M. Francis**

The library family mourned the loss of Anne Mitchell Francis. Anne worked at the library as a Reference librarian for 15 years, the last five years as Technology Librarian. She received an MST from the Weston Jesuit School of Theology in May 2005. The photo shows Anne with members of the library staff the day before her graduation. She died on August 31<sup>st</sup> following a long illness. We salute Anne for her skill as a librarian, her enthusiasm for learning, her love for her church and her friends, and most of all, her devotion to her family.



**Morrill Memorial Library Board of Trustees, 2005**

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