



## 2006 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	107,523	3.77 per capita	Circulation	270,360	9.46 per capita
Adult Print	71,782	67%	Adult Print	108,042	40%
Children's Print	24,002	22%	Children's Print	63,993	24%
Audio	3,922	4%	Audio	19,845	7%
Video	3,878	4%	Video	54,414	20%
Other	2,333	3%	Other	24,998	9%

Card holders	18,068	Building Traffic	203,537 (624 per day)
Days open	326	Meetings held in library	2,075
Saturdays	42	Library Programs for Children	157
Sundays	29	Library Programs for Adults	35
Hours after 5 pm	805	Public Internet Computers	14
Reference Questions	20,073	Wireless access	yes
Staff in FTEs	23	Volunteers	40
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
- 6.3 million items owned, 14,547,122 items circulated in FY06
- 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 (47,683 items to Norwood in FY06)
- 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 brochures to help you make requests or use databases 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.

**Beyond Google** – [www.ci.norwood.ma.us/library/index.php](http://www.ci.norwood.ma.us/library/index.php) Add it to Favorites. Through the library you can use 29 databases for children and adults to expand study and research. Most are available from a home computer. Some require that users live in Norwood or have a Norwood library card for access.

- *Kids InfoBits* - a great place for younger children to do research on the web
- *RecordedBooks* – download from a collection of over 1500 titles with 30 new ones added each month
- *Rosetta Stone* – language learning through immersion
- *Newsbank Electronic Image Editions* – Boston Globe and New York Times. See them on your computer with the same format and illustrations as the print edition.
- Historical Boston Globe (from 1872) and New York Times (from 1851)
- Ancestry Library and Heritage Quest Online.

### Children's Services and programs

- **Story times** year around for preschool children including toddlers
- **What's buzzin'@Your Library**, the 2006 Statewide Summer Reading Adventure - 682 children read 9,637 books.
- **Dinosaurs** with Tom Dugdale the "Dino Guy"
- **Lucy the READ Dog** (no she doesn't read, but children love to read to her!)
- **Wicked Wild and Wonderful Wood** – Ken Lindgren and Andy Osborn introduced children to the beauty and art of wood turning
- **Bubblemania** with Casey Karle – INTO bubbles big time!
- Magician, **Scott Jameson**, humor and fun with non-verbal, nontraditional ways to communicate \*\*\*
- **Norwood Young Reader's Award** - book discussions for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders with parents and librarians.
- 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.

**Literary Lunch** once again provided senior citizens and Coakley Middle School sixth graders a chance to discuss a good book over lunch. This year participants read Flipped by Wendelin Van Draanen. A lively discussion was enjoyed by all.

### Adult Programs

- **Fireside Reads** and **Beach Reads** - Margot Sullivan and Beth Goldman with books for all seasons
- **Charles Fanning** – "Remembering Norwood"
- **Madam Cure** as portrayed by Marcia Estabrook \*\*\*
- Stories of Non-Violent **Peacekeeping in Iraq** with Sheila Provencher
- **Terrific Tuesdays** – summer craft demonstrations by Marge Hickey and Marty Khudairi
- Tour of **Morse House**, homestead of family of Ezra Morse, Norwood's first permanent resident \*\*\*
- **Baseball in the Olde Days** with Mel Springer. The Red Sox did win the World Series before 2004
- Heather Cole's lecture on **George Willett** whose vision shaped Norwood in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.
- **After Katerina**, a slide show by John Grove
- **Ty Burr and Wesley Morris** Boston Globe Movie Critics
- **Musical Sundays** back for a second year – Nepsonset Valley Chamber Players, Henhouse Ceili Band, John Root and Popular music of the Gaslight Era, and Baystatesmen Barbershop Chorus. All made possible by the **Norwood Woman's Club** and the **Cushing Fund**

### Friends of the Library

- Raised \$3200 from two book sales
- Supported the library collection with generous donations
- Kept the membership list strong with notices in the electric bills
- Promoted the library at **Norwood Day**
- Presented **Great Boston Fires** from devastating fires of the Colonial era through through the Coconut Grove and Vendome disasters – a slide show by David Kruh
- Presented **Author Night** with **Mike Ryan** a free lance journalist and novelist whose books include Begin With Me and Boston Baked Churchill
- For children - **A Knight's Tale** featuring armor and weapons from the **Higgins Armory and Museum** in Worcester and
- **Bugworks**, an intergenerational program with (you guessed it!) LIVE bugs
- New and welcome - **Friendly Notes** – a newsletter produced and edited by Justin Sun

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### Literacy Volunteers of America at Morrill Memorial Library

- Free, confidential tutoring in Basic Literacy and English as a Second Language
- 169 adult learners, 98 active tutors, 6555 hours of instruction in FY06
- 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

### Outreach Department

- Delivered 5,835 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.

**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 2006 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 MOM's Club** for donating a new pass to the **Franklin Park Zoo** and to the **Norwood Woman's Club** and the **Friends of the Library** which provided additional funding for museum passes and for programs.

The **Boch Fund** helped underwrite the Literary Lunch and provided money for indexing Norwood's microfilmed local newspaper collection. We thank them for this support.

The library benefits from many dedicated **volunteers**. They work in the Literacy and Outreach department but also in many other library departments. We would be particularly happy to have new volunteers **Adopt a Shelf**. Call or come to the library for information.

**Morrill Memorial Library Staff** consists of 16 full time and 34 part time employees who once again have provided excellent library service to everyone who uses the library in Norwood. They are a dedicated and hard working group.



**Morrill Memorial Library Board of Trustees, 2006**

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