



2007 MORRILL MEMORIAL LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT

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The Morrill Memorial Library is a destination point for Norwood residents.

Our goal is to provide residents with access to information, education and entertainment. We will help you find and evaluate sources of information ranging from print to the Internet. We will supplement your educational endeavors whether you are enrolled in school or just interested in learning. We will provide a comprehensive selection of popular material (books, music, movies) in a variety of formats.

Morrill Memorial Library Staff consists of 16 full time and 30 part time employees who provide excellent library service to everyone who uses the library in Norwood. They are a dedicated and hard working group.

HIGHEST ONE YEAR CIRCULATION IN THE HISTORY OF THE LIBRARY !

Collection	110,278	3.87 per capita	Circulation	280,718	9.78 per capita
Adult Print	72,314		Adult Print	131,847	
Children's Print	25,262		Children's Print	63,770	
Audio	4,433		Audio	20,945	
Video	4,201		Video	53,971	
Other	4,068		Other	10,185	

ACCESS TO MINUTEMAN COLLECTION OF 6.3 MILLION ITEMS

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 brochures to help you make requests or use databases from home.

Card holders	16,069	Building Traffic	200,310 (601 per day)
Days open	333	Meetings held in library	2,075
Saturdays	42	Library Programs for Children	139
Sundays	30	Library Programs for Adults	47
Hours after 5 pm	825	Community Programs	133
Reference Questions	19,657	Public Internet Computers	14
Staff in FTEs	23	Wireless access	yes
Volunteers	30		

Library Homepage - <http://library.norwoodma.gov> Your portal to library services including 28 databases such as:

- *Kids InfoBits* - a great place for younger children to do research on the web
- *NovelList* - If you love to read this will help you find great new authors and titles
- *Recorded Books* - Downloadable audiobooks for use on MP3 players
- *Newsbank Electronic Image Editions* – Boston Globe and New York Times. Looks just like the print edition
- Historical Boston Globe (from 1872-1924)
- Ancestry Library and Heritage Quest Online

Morrill Memorial Library is a WIFI Hotspot – It is easy to access the Internet throughout the library. Provided by the Town's Computer Department.

Did you know?? the library Display Case is available for displays on a monthly basis?

Did you know?? the Simoni Room or Trustees Room can be booked by local non-profit organizations?

Call 781-769-0200 x100.

Morrill Memorial Library Affiliations

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

- 41 public and academic libraries
- 6.3 million items owned, 14,728,432 items circulated in FY07
- 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 FY07)
- Periodical and reference databases
- Purchasing cooperative for supplies and material
- Continuing education and consulting

NEW!!! Keep up to date with **The Library Show** on **NAPTV**, Wednesday nights at 6 and 9 pm. This monthly show features news and information from the library – new books for adults and children, upcoming programs, tips on how to use the computer, behind the scenes with library staff. Something for the whole family.

Museum Passes can be reserved on line via the library webpage.

Women's Community Committee donates memberships to the Children's Museum, Easton Children's Museum, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, JFK Library, Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of Science, New England Aquarium Roger Williams Zoo.

Norwood MOM's Club donates memberships to the Franklin Park and Stone Zoo and the Providence Children's Museum.

Norwood Woman's Club and **Friends of the Library** also contribute to the New England Aquarium and Museum of Fine Arts memberships. Altogether the museum memberships donated by these organizations total \$3,620. The passes were used 1,164 times in 2007 saving Norwood residents thousands of dollars.

Sastavickas Scholarship A donation from the family of Viola Sastavickas established a scholarship fund which will award \$500 every year to a library employee or volunteer. Elizabeth Porter, a 2007 graduate of Norwood High School received the first award. She is attending St Mary's College of Maryland.

Children's Services and programs

Story times year around for preschool children including toddlers

Catch the Beat@Your Library, the 2007 Statewide Summer Reading Adventure - 624 children read 7,103 books.

Scrabble Club for kids – Tuesday nights, 6:30

Programs (a few highlights)

- **Diane Edgecomb** storyteller and performer - partial funding by Norwood Cultural Council (NCC)
- **Hugh Hanley's** interactive Circle of Songs
- **Wingmaster's** World of Owls
- Dinosaurs with **Tom Dugdale** the "Dino Dude"
- **Magic with a beat**, music, comedy and puppets presented by **Steve Rudolph**

Norwood Young Reader's Award - book discussions for 4th and 5th graders with parents and librarians.

Norwood School Student's artwork is regularly displayed in the Children's Room and in the Display Case

Literary Lunch was held for the 9th year at the Coakley Middle School. 6th graders and senior citizens read and discussed Loser by Jerry Spinelli.

Adult Programs

- **Computer Classes** – Basic, Internet and E-mail
- **Fireside and Beach Reads** - Margot Sullivan and Beth Goldman with books for all seasons and all reasons
- **Fatal Forecast: An Incredible True Tale of Disaster ... at Sea** – slide show by Author Michael Tougias
- **Professor Evelyn Shakir** on the experiences of Arab women
- **Calvin Coolidge** brought to life by actor/writer Jim Cooke - partial funding by NCC
- **Craft demonstrations** by Marge Hickey, Marty Khudairi, Ken Lindgren, Rita Russo and Caroline Pannes
- **Musical Sundays** Neponset Valley String Quartet, Tenor Gregory Zavracky, Caera and her Celtic harp, Two Old Friends and Tara's Thistle. All made possible by the **Norwood Woman's Club** and the **Cushing Fund**

Friends of the Library

- \$3600 from two book sales
- Generous donations to purchase equipment, DVDs and audio books
- Promotes the library at **Norwood Day** and with notices in the electric bills
- WCVB anchor **Susan Wornick** and **Marjorie Clapprood**
- Author Night with Norwood author **Tom O'Connell**
- **Mark Twain** as portrayed by **Richard Clarke** - partial funding by NCC
- Cosponsors many programs for children
- **Friendly Notes** – a newsletter produced and edited by Justin Sun

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 FY07
- Conversation groups for ESOL students
- Congratulations to tutor Bob Broadley, winner of this year's Monahan Award for outstanding service
- Receives 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

- Delivers more than 6,000 items to people unable to visit the library or use its resources without help
- Volunteers and library staff take material to people in their homes, in nursing homes, at the Senior Center and at housing facilities

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.

Boch Fund partially funds the Literacy Lunch and provides money to index the local newspaper collection.
Norwood Cultural Council as funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council help provide three programs.
Norwood Rotary made a donation to the Literacy Volunteers
Norwood Lions donated a collection of books in Braille

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



Morrill Memorial Library Board of Trustees, 2007

Seated: Sarah E. Begg; Patricia J. Fanning, Chair; Susannah J. P. Petro, Vice Chair

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