



**2008 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 help you find and evaluate sources of information ranging from print to the Internet. We supplement your educational endeavors whether you are enrolled in school or just interested in learning. We 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.

Margot Sullivan, Adult Services Librarian, retired in May, 2008 after thirty-three years of service. **Mary Phinney**, Library Director, retired in September, 2008 after thirty-seven years of service. A retirement reception, hosted by the Board of Library Trustees, was held for Mary on September 19th. Mary began her work as a Technical Services Librarian in June of 1971 and was promoted to Library Director in 1988. Both retirees were presented with unique painted glass mirrors reflecting the library's image.

April Cushing, Adult Services Librarian, began her duties on August 13, 2008. **Charlotte Canelli**, Library Director, commenced management of the library on September 22, 2008.

ONCE AGAIN AN ALL-TIME HIGH FOR LIBRARY CIRCULATION!

Collection	112,101	3.98 per capita	Circulation	304,443	10.81 per capita
Adult Print	71,731		Adult Print	127,997	
Children's Print	25,987		Children's Print	74,378	
Audio	4,498		Audio	23,223	
Visual	4,496		Visual	54,973	
Other	4,509		Other	3,370	

ACCESS TO MINUTEMAN COLLECTION OF 6.4 MILLION ITEMS

The library's circulation increased by more than 8.5% in 2008. Visitations to the library increased by more than 4%. There were increases to adult print, juvenile print, audiovisual and large print materials.

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 or call from home. You can also pick up brochures to help you make requests or use databases from home.

Card holders	18,731	Building traffic (visitors to library)	209,450	(649 per day)
Days open	323	Meetings held in library	2,616	(8 per day)
Saturdays	43	Library programs for children	178	
Sundays	30	Library programs for adults	57	
Hours after 5 pm	713	Community programs held in library	183	
Reference Questions	19,604	Public Internet computers	14	
Staff in FTEs	23	Wireless Internet access	yes	

Morrill Memorial Library is a WIFI Hotspot – It is easy to access the Internet at the library. Our website and Internet are provided by the **Norwood Light** and the **Town of Norwood Technology** department.

Library Homepage – www.norwoodlibrary.org 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** to begin your genealogy research!

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.

Did you know?? you can request and renew your books from home or online at our website?

Call 781-769-0200 to reach the Circulation Department.

Did you know?? You can always have your library card handy? Request a keycard replacement for \$1 at the desk.

Morrill Memorial Library Affiliations

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

- 41 public and academic libraries
- 6.4 million items owned, 15,326,982 items circulated in FY08 (an increase of 600,000 items in FY08)
- 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 (57,493 items were loaned to or from Norwood in FY08)
- Periodical and reference databases
- Purchasing cooperative for supplies and material
- Continuing education and consulting

Keep up to date with **The Library Show** on **NAPT**, 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 and is something for the whole family to view.

In 2008, the library began to publish **Morrill Musings**, its print newsletter complete with library calendar. **Morrill Musings** is available online in PDF format and printed copies are available in the library. The library has also begun publishing an e-newsletter available through subscription. Subscriptions are available through a sign-up box on the library's website.

In 2008 the library ordered identifying plaques for the sponsors of the library's stained glass windows.

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

The **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 and the Roger Williams Zoo.

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

The **Norwood Woman's Club** and the **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.

These museum passes were used **1,449 times** in 2008 saving Norwood residents thousands of dollars.

The Musical Sundays Series is made possible by the **Norwood Woman's Club**, the **Cushing Fund** and the **Library Endowment Fund**. These performances ended the 2006-2007 Series:

January 13, 2008 ~ mezzo-soprano **Grace Allendorf** and accompanist, Kevin McGinty

February 14, 2008 ~ the **Neponsit Valley Celli**, a group of four Boston cellists.

April 6, 2008 ~ **Two Old Friends**, McHale and Hutchins

These performances began the 2007-2008 Series:

November 11, 2008 ~ **Sky Blue Boys**

December 28, 2008 – a repeated performance of mezzo-soprano **Grace Allendorf** and accompanist, Kevin McGinty

Sastavickas Scholarship In 2006 a donation from the family of Viola Sastavickas established a scholarship fund which will award \$500 every year to a library employee or volunteer. Lauren Bailey, a graduate of Norwood High School in 2007 received the 2nd annual scholarship. Lauren is attending Northeastern University.

Children's Services and programs

Story times, including pajama storytimes are held year around for preschool children including toddlers. Area nursery schools and local scout troupes visit the library for requested visits.

The 2008 Statewide Summer Reading Adventure, "Wild Reads at Your Library" was held June 16-August 22. 542 children registered for the program and read over 5000 books!

Scrabble Club for kids – Tuesday nights, 6:30

Programs (a few highlights)

- **Lucy the Read Dog** and the **Music Lady** made appearances nearly every month
- "Fog, Flowers and Fireworks" was presented by the Museum of Boston in February
- A **Wolf Talk** was held on October 29.

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 *The Watsons Go To Birmingham* by Christopher Paul Curtis on May 2.

Did you know?? you can get up-to-the minute weather closing information online? Visit the library website.

Did you know?? you can find current music cds in the Minuteman collection? Visit the Minuteman catalog.

Did you know?? you know we have Playaways, the latest form of audiobooks?

Did you know?? librarians are waiting to answer your reference questions every hour that we are open?

Adult Programs

- **Computer Classes** – Basic, Internet and E-mail
- Adult **Scrabble!** Held every Tuesday night at 6:30 in the Simoni Room.
- **Fireside and Beach Reads** - Margot Sullivan and Beth Goldman with books for all seasons and all reasons
- Other programs sponsored by the library, the Cultural Council and the Friends of the Library: *Treasures in Your Attic: Old and Rare Books* by Kenneth Gloss of Boston's Brattle Book Shop in February; *Ellen Craft* as portrayed by Marcia Estabrook in March and *Boston Globe* movie critics, Ty Burr and Wesley Morris, in March; John P Murphy on the *Big Dig* in June; *Crafty Thursdays* in August; Sean Murphy on *Casino Gambling* and June Munzer *Readings and Reflections* in October; *New England in Holly wood* with Roger Kolb in November and *Wreathmaking* in December.
- **First Thursday Book Discussion Group** – October through May in morning and evening sessions.

Friends of the Library

- Nearly \$4000 was raised from two book sales in May and November, 2008
- Generous donations to purchase equipment, DVDs and audio books
- Promotes the library at **Norwood Day** and with notices in the electric bills
- **Roland Digital** piano generously funded by the Friends February 2008
- **Silent Movie Night** with pianist Richard Hughes in January.
- **Author Night** with Dan Shaughnessy, Boston Globe sports columnist on April 7, 2008
- **Friendly Notes** – a newsletter produced and edited by Justin Sun
- The Friends held their **Annual Meeting** on June 12 and featured a performance by the cello and piano duo, The Rudolfs.
- Partial sponsor of the First Thursday Book Discussion Group.

Literacy Volunteers of America at Morrill Memorial Library

- Free, confidential tutoring in Basic Literacy and English as a Second Language
- 152 adult learners, 80 active tutors, 4915 hours of instruction in FY08
- Conversation groups for ESOL students
- Congratulations to tutors **Ken and Anne Maffei** winner of this year's Monahan Award for outstanding service. Martha Colamaria was honored for her dedicated service as a tutor and for her ongoing support.
- The Literacy program receives additional funding from the Department of Education
- Thanks to the **Simoni Foundation** 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.

The Boch Fund partially funds the Literary Lunch and provides money to index the local newspaper collection.

The Norwood Cultural Council as funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council help provide three programs. **The Simoni Foundation** and the **Department of Education, Literacy Volunteers of Massachusetts** partially fund the Literacy Program.

The library received State **Aid** funding through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners in 2008 and was a recipient of the **Public Libraries Fund**.

This year the library was the recipient of two bequests to a Library Endowment Fund: The Lilla Pond Fund, a bequest honoring **Marian** and **Lilla Pond** and a bequest honoring **Anna Hargreaves**, a longtime library patron.

Without the additional funding from public grants and private foundations the library would not be able to provide the Norwood community with excellent services, materials and programs.

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.

The library is especially proud this year of library Trustee and author, **Patricia Fanning**. The cultural biography, *Through An Uncommon Lens: The Life and Photography of F. Holland Day* (2008), is Ms. Fanning's most recent work. F. Holland Day, a Norwood resident, was a noted photographer and publisher.



Morrill Memorial Library Board of Trustees, 2008

Seated left to right: Sarah E. Begg; Susannah J. P. Petro, Chair, Roger MacLeod

Standing left to right: Stuart R. Plumer; Elizabeth Dickson, Secretary; Patricia Fanning, Arthur W. Gearty, Charlotte Canelli, Library Director

Retirees 2008

Mary Phinney, Director



Margot Sullivan, Adult Services Librarian

