



**2009 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.

The Board of Library Trustees began its strategic plan, 2010-2015 in the fall of 2009. Members of the community, library staff and members of the board will submit this **Long-Range Plan** in the summer of 2010.

The library was awarded a federal grant through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). The \$10,000 **Reader's Advisory grant** began in October 2009 and will end in September 2010.

The trustees, the director and the custodial staff of the library continue to take excellent care of the **library facility**, now in its tenth year since renovation.

The Morrill Memorial Library received certification from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners in December 2009 after complying with all financial and regulatory requirements.

The **Morrill Memorial Library Staff** consists of 16 full-time and 32 part-time employees who provide excellent library service to everyone who uses the library in Norwood. They are a dedicated and hard working group.

**Roger C. MacLeod** retired as library trustee in September 2009. Mr. MacLeod served from 1964-1970 and then again from 1976-2009, a total of thirty-nine years of service to the Town of Norwood on the Morrill Memorial Library Board of Library Trustees. Mr. MacLeod was presented with a unique painted glass mirror portraying the library's image. Mr. MacLeod received a citation from the Town of Norwood Board of Selectmen thanking him for his many years of service.

**Hope Anderson**, Head Children's Librarian, retired in September 2009 after forty-one years of service. A retirement reception was held for Ms. Anderson on September 19<sup>th</sup> at the library, where she was also presented with a Morrill Memorial Library framed mirror.

Assistant Children's Librarian **Kelly Unsworth** was promoted to replace Hope Anderson as Head Children's Librarian on October 1, 2009. **Jenna Hecker**, Technology/Reference Librarian, began duties at the library on October 14, 2009.

***More books, DVDs, music CDs, audio books and other materials were borrowed from the Morrill Memorial Library than in any year previous to 2009. More items were borrowed from other libraries in the Minuteman Library Network than ever before. Norwood's residents had access to a total of 6.475 million items in the Minuteman Library Network. The library was visited more times than in any other year in the past.***

Collection	121,580	4 per capita	Circulation	331,880	11.85 per capita
Adult Print	79,611		Adult Print	127,997	
Children's Print	28,520		Children's Print	74,378	
Audio	5,072		Audio	23,223	
Visual	4,671		Visual	54,973	
Other	3,706		Other	3,370	

**The library's circulation increased nearly 10% in 2009.** Visitations to the library increased by more than 4%. There were increases in adult print, juvenile print, audiovisual (DVDs and CDs) and large print materials.

Whether you are visiting the library website or visiting the library in person, we encourage you to learn to use the online catalog and request system. You may ask for help when in the library or when calling from a phone. Brochures are available to help library card holders make requests online or to log in to databases from home or work.

Card holders	14,414	Building traffic (visitors to library)	212,961	(662 per day)
Days open	322	Meetings held in library	2,562	(8 per day)
Saturdays	43	Library programs for children	184	
Sundays	30	Library programs for adults	110	
Hours after 5 pm	710	Community programs held in library	183	
Reference questions	20,566	Public Internet computers	14	
Staff in FTEs	23	Wireless Internet access	yes	
		Uses of library's public computers	32,876	(102 per day)

**Morrill Memorial Library is a WIFI Hotspot** – It is easy to access the Internet at the library on one of the library's 14 computers or on a personal laptop or device. Our website and Internet are provided by the **Norwood Light** and the **Town of Norwood Technology** department.

[www.norwoodlibrary.org](http://www.norwoodlibrary.org) is 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* and *OverDrive* - Downloadable audio books for use on MP3 players
- *Newsbank Electronic Image Editions* – [Boston Globe](#) and [New York Times](#). It looks just like the print edition
- Historical [Boston Globe](#) (from 1872-1924).
- *Ancestry Library* and *Heritage Quest Online* to begin your genealogy research.
- *Ferguson's Career Center Guidance* - access information through searches by industry skill, job level, education, or salary range.
- *Morningstar Investment Research Center* - comprehensive and up-to-date financial information on stocks, mutual funds and exchange-traded funds.
- *Mango Languages* - designed to equip you with conversational abilities in more than a dozen languages.
- *Consumer Reports Online* enables consumers to make better purchasing decisions on products.

**Story times, including pajama story times** are held year round for preschool children, including toddlers. Area nursery schools and local scout troops visit the library for requested visits.

The 2009 Statewide Summer Reading Adventure, "Spaceship Adventure@Your Library," was held June 22-August 28. 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.
- **Norwood Young Readers' Award** - book discussions for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders with parents and librarians.
- Special performances during vacation weeks and summer vacations.

**Norwood School Students'** artwork is regularly displayed in the Children's Room and in the display case

**Literary Lunch** was held for the 10th year at the Coakley Middle School. 6<sup>th</sup> graders, members of the library staff and senior citizens read and discussed *The Outcasts of 19 Schuler Place* by E.L. Konigsberg in May 2009.

#### Adult Programs

**Computer Classes** – Basic, Internet and E-mail and Adult **Scrabble** held every Tuesday night.

- **Food For Thought, a five-part series, was held in September and October.**
- **Hitchcock!, a four-part film series, was held in October and November.**
- **Fireside and Beach Reads** - Margot Sullivan and Beth Goldman share books for all seasons and all reasons
- Many other programs sponsored by the library, the Cultural Council and the Friends of the Library.
- **First Thursday Book Discussion Group** – October through May in morning and evening sessions.

Keep up to date with **The Library Show** on **NPATV**, Wednesdays 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.](#)

**Morrill Musings**, the library's monthly newsletter, is complete with library calendar and is available in print at the library and online in PDF format. The library publishes a monthly **e-newsletter** delivered through e-mail. Free subscriptions

are available through a sign-up box on the library's website. Librarians at the Morrill Memorial Library write a weekly column, **From the Library**, published in print in the Norwood Transcript and Bulletin and online at *Wicked Local Norwood*.

**Sastavickas Scholarship:** In 2006 a donation from the family of Viola Sastavickas established a scholarship fund which will award \$500 each year to a library employee or volunteer. The Sastavickas family supplemented the scholarship fund this year. Carolyn Bradley, daughter of children's library assistant Jane Bradley, received the 3rd annual scholarship (2009.)

**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?** Norwood residents have access to downloadable iPod-compatible audio books?

**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?

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

**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 \$3,840. These museum passes were used **1,283 times** in 2009 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:**

*Love Songs for a Sunday Afternoon* – Roger Bruno and Ellen Schwartz, February 8; *Two Old Friends* – MacHale and Emery Hutchins, March 29; *Redline Boston* – April 26; *Haydn for a Day in May* – Neponset Valley Chamber Players, May 17; *Jazz for a Sunday Afternoon* – Roger Bruno and Ellen Schwartz, October 18; and *Giving Thanks for the Blues* - Annie Raines and Paul Rishell, November 15.

#### **Friends of the Library**

- Nearly \$4000 was raised from two book sales in May and November, 2009.
- Generous donations to purchase equipment, DVDs and audio books.
- Promotes the library at **Norwood Day** and with notices in the electric bills.
- **Author Night** with Jeff Belanger, February 24.
- The Friends held their **Annual Meeting** on June 12.
- Partial sponsor of the First Thursday Book Discussion Group.

#### **Morrill Memorial Library Affiliations**

##### **Minuteman Library Network**

- 42 public and academic libraries
- 6.475 million items owned, 16,288,045 items circulated in FY09 (a 6% increase)
- 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 (61,247 items were loaned to or from Norwood in FY09)
- Periodical and reference databases
- Purchasing cooperative for supplies and material
- Continuing education and consulting

##### **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.

### 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 FY09.
- Conversation groups for ESOL students.
- Congratulations to tutors of this year's Monahan Award for outstanding service.
- The Literacy program receives additional funding from the Department of Education
- Thanks to the **Simoni Foundation** for their generous support.
- The annual **Harvest Dinner** is held for all volunteers and tutors in October.
- **The Literacy Department at the Morrill Memorial Library received a citation from the Town of Norwood Board of Selectmen in the fall of 2009 in recognition for outstanding service.**

Literacy Volunteers are always looking for new tutors and students. [Call Literacy Volunteers at 781-769-4599](tel:781-769-4599)

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

**The Norwood Cultural Council**, as funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, provided library 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 2009.

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 its many dedicated **volunteers**. They work in the Literacy and Outreach departments but also in many other library departments. Call or come to the library for information.

The library is especially proud this year of library trustee and author **Patricia Fanning**. Her cultural biography, *Through An Uncommon Lens: The Life and Photography of F. Holland Day* (2008), was awarded the Massachusetts Center for the Book, Non-Fiction Honor award, at the State House in Boston on November 4, 2009.

### **Morrill Memorial Library Board of Trustees, 2009-2010**

Seated left to right: Patricia Fanning; Sarah E. Begg, Vice Chair

Susannah J. P. Petro. Standing left to right:

Stuart R. Plumer; Elizabeth Dickson, Secretary;

Charlotte Canelli, Library Director; Cashman Kerr Prince.



### **Arthur Gearty, Chair**

Not pictured in the photo on the left



**Roger C. MacLeod, Library Trustee  
(1964-1970; 1976-2009)**



Mr. MacLeod (left) received a citation from William Plasko, Chair of the Town of Norwood Board of Selectmen thanking Roger for his many years of service to the Town as library trustee.

**Hope Anderson, Children's Librarian**



Ms. Anderson was the head of the Children's Services department at the library from 1969-2009. She retired on September 30, 2009.