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★ ★ 24TH Annual Book Sale ★ ★

Wednesday, July 1st through
Monday, July 6th
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 7th, 10:00 a.m. to Noon

Like to Read? We've got it covered!

Cape Cod's Best and Biggest Book Deal.

Come dive into a sea of books on the library lawn. All books are donated and all proceeds support the library's programs and activities. Under big top tents, tens of thousands of books on virtually every topic will be color coded by section: PINK for fiction; NEON GREEN for non-fiction; YELLOW for children's books; PURPLE for cookbooks; RED for history and biography; ORANGE for specials, collectibles, art, architecture, music, photography and nautical. Our volunteer team will gladly guide you. Or browse your way through books on science, computers, art, health, reference, nature and film. We'll have books on tape and vintage children's books like "Uncle Wiggely" and early Golden Books. Renowned novelist Nathaniel Philbrick has donated much of his collection on the American West.

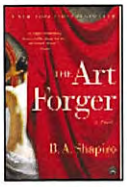
You'll find hardbacks for $1 or $2, quality paperbacks for $2 and regular paperbacks for $1 or 50¢. New hardbacks, collectibles, antique and other unusual volumes are specially priced. New this year, credit cards welcome.

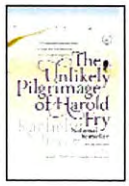
Throughout the sale, a friendly crowd of all ages mingles on the library lawn. We restock the book tables every day so come often. You may see someone you know. The sale also makes a great grandchild/grandparent activity. Some readers have come to every sale since the first one in 1992. Start your own tradition this July.

We need volunteers for the Book Sale!
Please help. Call Christy Couch at
774-763-2921 or c3couch@icloud.com

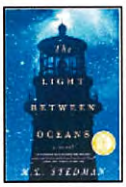
COMING SOON

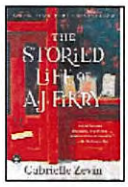
Friends to Fund Book Club Bags for the Library



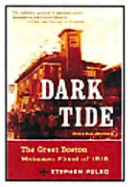


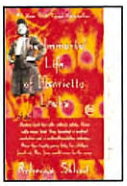
The Friends of the Falmouth Public Library are funding an interesting new project to support the Falmouth area book clubs. Book Club Bags will contain ten paperback copies of a title, a large print or audio book when available, and discussion group questions. The bags will be loaned for six weeks to a member of the book club who will assume responsibility for returning the bag complete with all the contents. The program is being launched with six fiction and four non-fiction titles but already one local book club has decided to support the program by donating ten copies of a book of their choosing! The Book Club Bags should be ready for circulation by July 1st with one bag for each of the following titles:





- The Art Forger - *Shapiro*
- The Light Between Oceans - *Stedman*
- The Sparrow - *Russell*
- The Storied Life of A J Fikry - *Zevin*
- The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry - *Joyce*
- We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves - *Fowler*
- The Dark Tide - *Puleo*
- Blink - *Gladwell*
- The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks - *Skloot*
- Double Cross - *Macintyre*





~ Linda Collins

Thoughts from the President

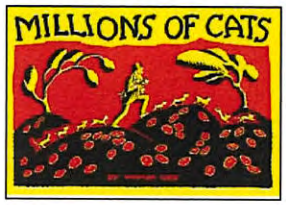
Another Summer Book Sale is quickly approaching. Our Super Team Members - Mary Barry, Christie Couch, Willie Lochhead and Bob O' Toole have been working year round to make this the best one ever. Based on our workers' debriefing notes from August of last year a new plan was set in place. So far every phase has been working correctly. Our many new volunteers have the same dedication as our experienced staff and are helping to move the books from donation to sales quickly and efficiently. Now the outcome is up to the buyers and the weather. I'm sure mistakes will happen but we're hoping for success to be measured in happy faces, friendly chatting, renewed acquaintances, wonderful memories, great finds and, of course, many sales. **Happy Shopping!** ~ *Nancy English*

MEA CULPA

On the mailing labels of this year's renewal letter, the asterisks indicating Lifetime membership were inadvertently left off. For that we apologize. So that everyone who is a Lifetime member be informed of such, the asterisks have been put on mailing labels for this newsletter.

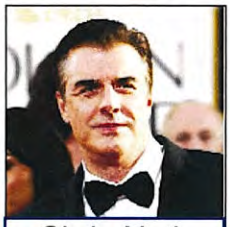
~ Bill English, Membership Director

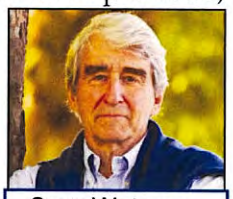
Here and There with Books, Theater and Art



I was leafing through a magazine the other day and I stopped when an ad caught my eye. There was a very old friend staring up at me. The ad was for an auction at the Swann Galleries in New York. On June 17th, from 10 to 12, they will take bids on a first edition of ***Millions of Cats*** by Wanda Gag. The estimate is $1,800 to $2,500. There is money in children's books if you are smart enough to save first editions

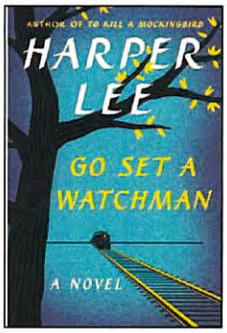
Remember Mr. Big? You couldn't very well forget him if you watched the amazingly popular TV show **Sex in the City**. In previews now in New York, Chris Noth stars in *Doctor Faustus*, Christopher Marlowe's tale of a man who sells his soul to the devil. Sounds appropriate, doesn't it? Also in previews, Sam Waterson stars as the sorcerer Prospero in *The Tempest*, the first free Shakespeare in the Park production of the season. That guy is everywhere isn't he? And is there anything he can't do?


Chris Noth

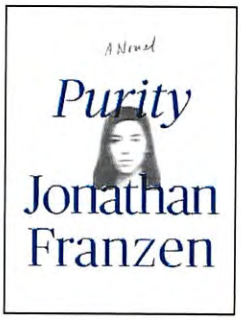

Sam Waterson

If you like the big splashy art shows with the big name artists (who doesn't?), get in line at the Metropolitan Museum to see *Van Gogh: Irises and Roses*. Or try *Yoko Ono: One Woman Show, 1960-1971* currently at the Museum of Modern Art for the summer. Closer to home, the Clark Art Institute in Williamstown is having a lovely summer exhibit of *Van Gogh and Nature*.

On July 14th, an alleged sequel (as described by the publisher) to ***To Kill A Mockingbird*** will be published. The book is ***Go Set a Watchman***, and it was written by Harper Lee before ***To Kill a Mockingbird***, which came out in 1960. Lee is 89 and is confined to a wheelchair in an assisted-living facility in Alabama. Her late father was a small town lawyer who has commonly been taken as the model for Atticus Finch. I have always believed that Atticus was like nobody else in the entire world. Gregory Peck certainly had something to do with that. If there were ever another perfect match, like Peck for Atticus, I cannot imagine who it would be. Could that be why no other actor has attempted to bring Atticus to the screen again? I think that many viewers have carried a very special place in their hearts for Atticus, a longing to have someone close who is always there to make you feel secure. His scenes with his small daughter Scout are memorable. Remember the scene when she asks him if hurting the retarded Boo next door would be like killing a mockingbird?



Coming out this fall is Jonathan Franzen's fifth novel, ***Purity***. I cannot comment as I have not followed his books since ***Corrections***, which came out to a great hullabaloo. He got into some kind of altercation with the Oprah show because he cancelled his appearance, claiming the show was not high-toned enough for him and his literary talent. Oh well, if you don't blow your own horn, who will?



What am I reading now? An excellent Hermione Lee biography of Penelope Fitzgerald, while at the same time reading eight novels by Fitzgerald. Some of her novels are thought to be autobiographical. ***Offshore***, which won the distinguished Booker prize, is considered to be most like the author's life. Even she said so. It is not an easy book to read, as it has violence in it and a good deal about people who have considerable trouble making do, both emotionally and financially. I was shocked to learn that such a brilliant woman lived for years with her two young daughters in poverty even though she had a fairly steady job teaching, had a distinguished literary family, and a First in English at Oxford. It is a sad book although ultimately, after she began writing steadily and getting published in her sixties, things improved considerably. Fitzgerald had one of the most complex characters of any woman, living or dead, I have ever read about, including George Eliot. She is also one of the most brilliant. More about her and her novels in the fall newsletter.

What makes so many British women writers so incredibly intelligent? I think that living so close to so many other countries and cultures gives them a broader view of the world. Americans have a difficult time not being provincial.

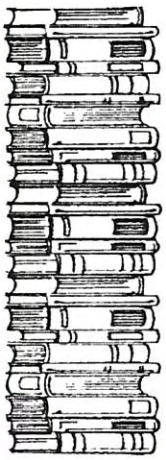
~ Marilyn Sanborn

Under The Big Top

What could be nicer on a summer day?

Combine that old relaxed feeling that the time of year gives us for free with your love of books.

Join us under all those great tents filled with about every category there is.
Here they are in case you have forgotten.



NONFICTION ~ CHILDREN'S

COOKBOOKS ~ HISTORY ~ BIOGRAPHY ~ SPECIALS

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BOOKS ON TAPE ~ VINTAGE CHILDREN'S BOOKS LIKE "UNCLE WIGGELY" AND EARLY GOLDEN BOOKS

NATHANIEL PHILBRICK'S, COLLECTION ON THE AMERICAN WEST

Remember Last Winter?

Did you buy enough books to last the winter? Maybe Not!

That was one looooong Winter.

Be sure to make up for it NOW.

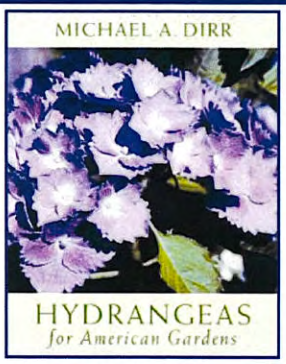
ONE OF THE GREATEST THINGS ABOUT THIS BOOK SALE IS THE MORE THAN REASONABLE PRICE OF THE BOOKS.

EVEN KIDS CAN AFFORD THEM.

WHERE ELSE CAN YOU GET SUCH BARGAINS?

10 AM SHARP ON THE LIBRARY LAWN.

Gardening



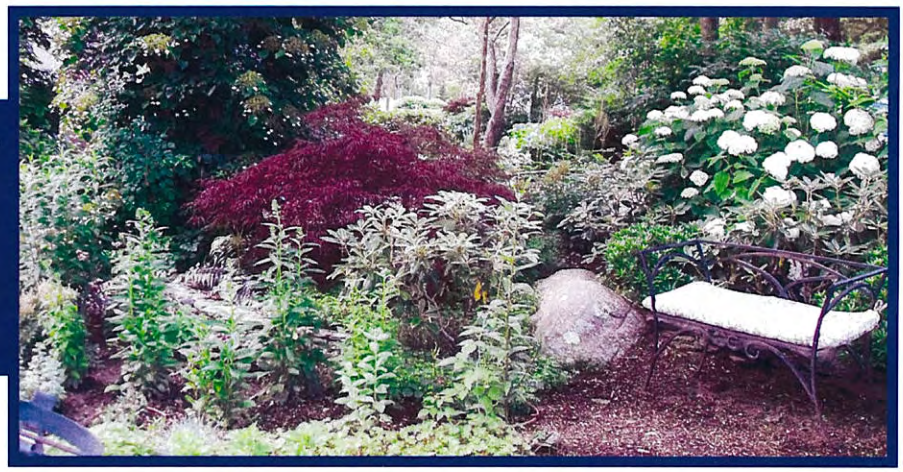
The Dewey Decimal number for Gardening in the library is 635, and that is where I found what I was looking for. Many years after growing beautiful hydrangeas, I was finally trying to sort them out at least superficially. You must narrow it down as there are so many different kinds. The book I found was simply called *Hydrangeas* and had more than enough information to answer my questions.

Below, I have taken pictures from my own collection of the different hydrangeas I have grown in my garden through the years. I think you could describe them as the most common that are grown here on Cape Cod.

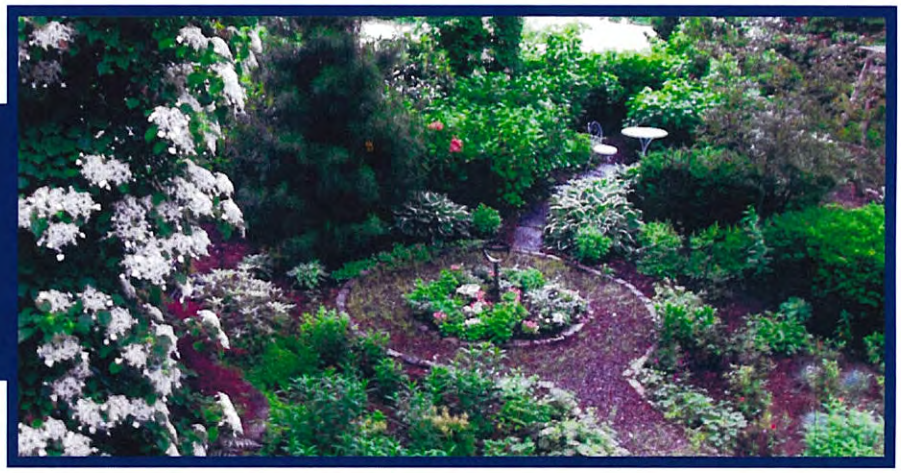
The only problem I have ever found with them is their size. Be forewarned. They have to be allowed a great deal of room because they need it. Woe to any beginner who tries to crowd them.

Hydrangea Arborecens
Annabelle
Accenting a bench

Hydrangea Arborecens
Annabelle
Accenting another bench



Hydrangea Petiolaris
Climbing Hydrangea
Climbing up an Oak tree



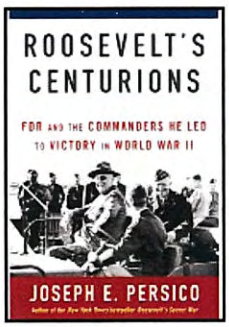
Hydrangea Quercifolia
Oakleaf Hydrangea
Bordering the road

Hydrangea Macrophylla
Big Leaf Hydrangea
Bordering a path

Hydrangea Aspera
Blue Lace
Bordering the road

Hydrangeas
Annabelle and
Nikko Blue

Roosevelt's Centurions ~ Book Review



Marshall, Eisenhower, Bradley, King, Nimitz, Arnold, MacArthur and Patton are all names and leaders associated with World War II but the commander-in-chief was Franklin D. Roosevelt.

I just finished reading *Roosevelt's Centurions* by Joseph E. Persico and found the book fascinating. The book is subtitled "FDR and the Commanders He Led to Victory in World War II." It explains how it was always Roosevelt in charge and why these specific men were chosen for their particular roles. Roosevelt understood their strengths and weaknesses enabling him to use such leaders for the good of the country.

Also discussed is Roosevelt as a strategist and politician at home and abroad with Churchill and Stalin. I found the approach of studying the personalities of leadership during this time gave me a better understanding of all that ensued during World War II.

While I have always enjoyed studying history, I became much more interested knowing more about World War I and World War II after attending Joy of Learning classes taught by Michael McNaught. I recommend ***Roosevelt's Centurions*** and any class taught by Michael McNaught and sponsored by the Friends of the Falmouth Public Library. ~Kathleen H. Murray

Can you name this plant?

Joe-Pye weed
(Eutrochium - a genus of herbaceous flowering plants native to Eastern North America that have non-dissected foliage and purple flowers.)

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