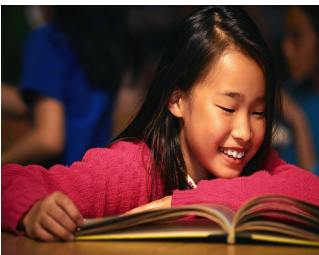




Friend to Friend

For more information, or to read this newsletter online, go to www.tivertonlibrary.org and click the **Friends** link

Back to School: We can help



The school year is upon us once again. Help with assignments, research or articles from magazines is available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, from the privacy of your own home.

Tiverton Library Services' webpage has highlighted the **best homework help** sites for home-schoolers, teachers, elementary school students, middle schoolers, and upperclassmen as well.

If you don't own a computer, there are 16 high speed internet access computers with printing capabilities at the library.

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Typical reference questions:

- Where is the District Courthouse for Newport County?
- Do you have a listing of books that are set in the East Bay?
- I need a recent article on the status of women in Afghanistan.

Building Committee Update: St. James and the Search for a Site for Our New Library

In January 2005, when the Holy Union Sisters first made public their plans to sell the property known as St. James Convent, on the north end of Nanaquaket, a Task Force of concerned citizens, the Tiverton Land Trust, and representatives of the Tiverton Recreation and Open Space Commissions was formed to search for ways to best preserve the property for the benefit of the Town, and to provide a site for a new building to meet State standards.

While the Town proposal was well received, we were not able to meet funding requirements within the timeline needed by the Sisters, and thus we were out of the running.

The Library measures all sites proposed against the following criteria:

1. **Size:** the parcel must be approximately five acres to accommodate building, parking, septic, future space needs, etc.
2. **Location:** the site should be central, visible, accessible, and

convenient for all townspeople.

3. **Cost:** site must be affordable
4. **Terrain:** parcel must be suitable for building grade, subsoil, septic, etc.
5. **Setting:** site should harmonize with adjacent uses.
6. **Utilities:** parcel needs availability of water, power, sewer/septic, etc.
7. **Aesthetics**

The search continues.



SAVE THE DATE

Friends Annual Membership Meeting

Book-signing and Discussion

Janet Taylor Lisle

Award-winning local author

Sunday

September 25

2pm-4pm

Sakonnet Bay Manor

1214 Main Road

Refreshments will be provided

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month. Get your free card good throughout RI.

Summer Reading For Children And Teens

For the past few years Tiverton has had one of the *top five children's summer reading * programs* in Rhode Island with over 422 participants. Little over a decade ago, fewer than 100 children were served!

Your tax dollars, supplemented by money received through grants and donations from local merchants make this program a success. See sidebar)

Special thanks to the **Knights of Columbus** for donating use of their air-conditioned hall for more than 800 children and their caregivers who attended

summer reading program events!

With much help, this summer's **Teen Reading Program** attracted over 121 participants. This included several teen volunteers, Sarah and Sheri Costa, Sabrina Lydon, Keith Rinier, Marissa Donnelly, and Steve Rys, who assisted with registration, instruction, program coordination, certificates, and webpage maintenance.

Special thanks to teen **Most instructors** were paid through grant funding. Four were volunteers: Melissa Valero, Detec-

tive Lt. Patrick Jones, Officer Ken Cabral, David Clarke.

Without parents who brought their teen's friends, some would not have been able to participate. Thank you.

*See full report at tivertonlibrary.org



Fall Calendar @ the Library

August 2. Ready-Set-Go with Confidence, our 1st annual story-time event helped ease pre-kindergarten jitters.

Bi-monthly beginning in fall: "Toddler Tales and Tunes" for children 24 to 36 months.

Twice weekly beginning in fall: Preschool Storytimes.

Watch local media or check the web at www.tivertonlibrary.org

Coming Soon

Teen Advisory Council beginning this fall. To participate, contact staff.

Foreign Film Group to choose and view foreign films

A Union Library Reading Group is forming soon.

Staff Picks the Best

For Children and Teens:

Janet: *Dragonology: the Complete book of dragons*

Janet: *Egyptology: the Search for the Tomb of Osiris*

For Adults:

Dianna: *Memory of Running* and *Search for the Afghan Girl*

Sheila: *Mermaid's Chair*

Marion: *Hitch (DVD)* and *Fire Sale*

Cheryl: *Born into Brothels(DVD)*

Manny: *Don't Eat This Book,* and *Ultramarathon Man*

Caroline: *The Dalai Lama's How To Expand Love*

(Note: not all staff were present at the time of this survey.)

Director Speaks at National Conference

In June, Director Cheryl Aboudola was asked to speak at the **American Library Association Conference in Chicago.** She prepared these thoughts.

"National Dialogue on the Curriculum of Readiness for the 21st Century Library" was a full day program comprised of three panels; deans from distinguished universities, and li-

brarians from both academic and public libraries. I addressed diversity issues of social justice and societal change pertinent to our profession and the American Bill of Rights.

Each of the other public library speakers on the panel was a members of minority, serving their own constituencies. My turn came and I described my service to this lovely coastal

community of which I am in the minority. I proudly serve with dignity, committed to the library's highest standards of service.

The American Library Association is committed in its Code of Ethics to eight statements serving to guide the library profession. The ideals relating

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- Villages on Mount Hope Bay
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Thanks for supporting Summer Reading in Tiverton!

Staff in the News:

Children's Services Coordinator, **Janet Taylor-Kosinski** received the **2004-2005 Nana Papineau Regional HeadStart Award** for her six years of linking families with children's literature in math and science through the Mother Goose Family Literacy Series.

Volunteers Needed for Board Openings



The Friends of Tiverton Libraries is the support group for your library.

Our mission is:

- to promote literacy,
- to encourage use of the library,
- to expand services through supporting educational and cultural programming,
- to serve as the fundraising and donations conduit for the Tiverton libraries.

We are completely dependent on the generosity of volunteers to donate their time and talents

to accomplish this mission. At this time, with the critical need for a new building to fully support the needs of residents, we need you more than ever.

If you are joining for the first time, please consider becoming an active member and supporting ongoing activities, or developing new ones.

If you are renewing your membership, please use the envelope enclosed

Memberships are in effect from September to September. There is an annual meeting in September. Monthly meetings are on the 4th Wednesdays at

2pm. New friends are welcome! Tell a Friend....

The Friends of Tiverton Libraries have openings on the Board for the positions of :

- **Treasurer**
- **Secretary**
- **Archivist.**

Please contact the Library at 625-6796 if you are able to volunteer to fill one of these positions.

Volunteer Spotlight

We especially thank outgoing Board Members Marianne Noll, Jane Eyler and Jewel English, who were among those who helped restructure the Friends as an efficient tool for the expansion of Tiverton's library services. Maureen Iwanski deserves special mention for her years of service.

They have provided untold hours of assistance through filing for Friends 501(c)(3) status as a non-profit, fundraising, advocacy, program support, acquisition of museum passes, and other ways.

Thanks to All Who Helped with FFF

The **Friends Fabulous Finds and Library Street Fair** netted a record income of over \$1300 for Tiverton Libraries to provide summer youth programming and other support to supplement Tiverton's budget.

We didn't do it alone!

We received support from staff, donors of flea market items, and talented volunteers. The Senior Center's handicrafts were a big hit.

John Fitzgerald and Ed Noll

picked up and returned tables. The Iwanski family and John Riley helped with set up. Myron Simmons led the group from Old Stone Church, which was able to put our extra treasures to use in their bazaar.

New England Ice Company provided ice; Coastal Roasters assisted with coffee. Wishing Stone Farm provided herbs for sale, and samples from *Babette's Feast*. Volunteers from all around town provided a variety of delicious baked goods.

Tiverton Middle School singers, Ariel McCarthy, Sarah Costa, and Jenna Darkow entertained. Paul Bernard gave pony cart rides; Collette Bernard provided materials and assisted with crafts/face painting at the Children's Activity Table.

Rhode Island Storytellers in Concert donated storytelling.

We look forward to your continuing participation as we begin to work toward our goal of providing a new building to better serve Tiverton's needs!

For details on fundraising or other activities of the Friends, call the library at 625-6796, or check the web at tivertonlibrary.org

Donate Your Vehicle

Since its inception a little over a year ago, vehicle donations have been our top fundraiser, bringing in over \$3,500 in donations. Dozens of you have donated vehicles, mostly cars, to benefit the Library through the Friends. Your generosity

- removes vehicles from your yards and streets

- provides you a tax deduction (check with your tax advisor for details)
- helps improve library services

Telephone **Donation Line** at 888-448-3345 and designate **Friends Of Tiverton Libraries** as the beneficiary.



Thank you for your support!

Thanks For Saving Grocery Receipts

Thanks to support from local supermarkets, Grand Central Market, Lees Market and Clements Market, a percentage of purchase totals is donated to the Friends.

Grocery receipts earned over \$1000 last year.

Thank you for saving them and dropping them off at the library!

Friends of Tiverton Libraries Fall 2005

Essex Library

238 Highland Road, Tiverton RI 02878

(401) 625-6796

Hours

Monday through Thursday 10am to 8 pm

Friday 10 am to 5 pm

Saturday 10 to 4 pm

Union Library

3832 Main Road, Tiverton RI 02878

(401) 625-6799

Hours

Tuesday 10 am to 5 pm

Saturday 10 to 1 pm

“People still come to the library because it’s a fun place that is affordable. There’s probably no other cultural institution in a neighborhood that is for everybody.” David Valprin , Indianapolis
Star Herald, July 17, 2005

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to my speech are that librarians are to provide the highest level of service, equitable service policies, equitable access, and accurate, unbiased, and courteous responses to all requests. Other guidelines include the need to uphold the principals of intellectual freedom, and to distinguish between personal convictions and professional duties. Personal beliefs are not to interfere with fair representation or access to resources.

In April, 2005, the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) published an official report entitled *Reader's Block: Internet Censorship in Rhode Island Public Libraries*. The report pertains to the Supreme Court's CIPA (Child Internet Protection Act). In accordance with the First Amendment, the Supreme Court ruled deactivation to blocked sites be allowed when requested by an adult. [See link at tivertonlibrary.org]

For me, the most alarming portion of their findings was that when deactivation was requested individual librarians in Rhode Island reportedly posed embarrassing questions about the requested subject matter, subjected patrons to judgmental comments, and in some cases refused to disable filters for viewing.

When professional beacons dim, and personal prejudices enter into library service, our professional obligations are undermined. We damage our profession, the communities we serve, and ultimately, our country.

Each of us has values, opinions, and beliefs that define who we are and how we cope with the world around us. Illustrating the Code of Ethics, and the ACLU report, I urged the 300 in attendance to check these values, opinions, and beliefs at the doors of our institutions, remaining true to our professional obligations.



September is Membership Month

Please Join The Friends Of Tiverton Libraries

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