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**Book Clubs Are *HOT!***

The Book Club at Essex Library meets at 10:30 a.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month. The Union Library is starting a book discussion group in January that will run on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

There are many online book groups. Questions for moderators to use as guidelines, book and media reviews, excerpts, cover art and interactive links to online bookstores are some of the features you can find. An exception, [www.deareader.com](http://www.deareader.com) links to library catalogs. It emails free book excerpts funded through friends groups or local donations.

Children can participate in book reviewing at the RI Children's Book Award site: [www.ricba.org](http://www.ricba.org) Teens can review books at the RI Teen Book Award site [www.yourlibrary.ws/ya\\_webpage/ritba/ritbaindex](http://www.yourlibrary.ws/ya_webpage/ritba/ritbaindex)

People dealing with vision problems may be particularly interested in online groups because users can set their browsers for easy reading. They may want to check with the RI Office of Library and Information Services at [www.lori.ri.gov](http://www.lori.ri.gov) for free services. Even homebound patrons are served. Contact the library to make arrangements.

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*Thanks To*

- \* *Tiverton Garden Club for donating the wreath for the front library door*
- \* *Hilltop Tree Farm for the donation of our beautiful tree.*
- \* *The anonymous elf who maintains the planters!*



**GET READY...  
GET SET...  
*LEAP!***

A variety of LeapFrog SchoolHouse products, funded by a \$2,500 Champlin grant, is now available for circulation and in-house use at the Essex Library. These kits offer a multi-sensory approach towards learning.

These portable interactive devices are fun to use, making them both motivational and instructional. They are also great for increasing literacy among fluent or struggling readers, preschool through Grade 5, as well as being a great tool for all English language learners.

LeapPad kits are available for Pre-K, K, Grade 1 and Grade 2. Quantum Pads are available for Grades 3, 4 and 5. Loaner kits, contained in either a backpack or carry case, include the LeapPad or Quantum Pad, three interactive spiral-bound books with matching mini-cassettes, headphones and power adapter.

There is also a selection of individual LeapFrog books as well as the All Around Me Storybook series, the Character Development series and the Phonemic Awareness series that can be used with the library's LeapFrog loaner kits or with your personally owned LeapPads or Quantum Pads. All these circulate for a 3-week loan period.

For more information call or visit the library's Children's Room for a demonstration of the LeapFrog products. The manufacturer's web site is at [www.leapfrog.com](http://www.leapfrog.com).

**Update on the ACLU report on RI libraries** "inappropriately barring access" (Fall 2005 issue of *Friend to Friend*). The statewide library consortium has responded by revising its policies, but the ACLU is still concerned that individual libraries may be overblocking.

[Library Journal October 14, 2005.](http://www.libraryjournal.com)

## Meet the Author: Judith Porter

As part of the library's continuing series of programs for the community, local author and retired school librarian Judith Porter will be at the Tiverton Community Center on Judson St. on January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. to discuss her career and sign copies of her book, "Coco Twain Tells the Truth." This book is available in the Young Adults section of the library. Visit Judith's web site [www.jaykay100.com](http://www.jaykay100.com)

For more information on this program, the new genealogy series, wine & cheese tasting-and-program, *and other adult and children's programs* call the library at (401) 625-6796, or visit online at [www.tivertonlibrary.org](http://www.tivertonlibrary.org)



## What does the Assistant Director/Reference Librarian/Adult Services Librarian Do?

By Manny Leite

"I need some statistics concerning teenage pregnancy in Connecticut," "How much does the CEO of Home Depot make?" "How much tea is there in China?" Those are just some of the questions the Reference Librarian is asked in a week. Over 5,000 reference questions were asked last year, either in person, over the phone or via e-mail. Whether it's scouring the Internet or peering through a book, the Reference Librarian dons the hat of Sherlock Holmes and finds the answers to all those questions and more.

The Reference Librarian is also the Adult Services Librarian and the Assistant Director. In a small public library, many different hats are worn. Developing the collections of reference books, fiction and non-fiction titles as well as finding affordable computer programs, is done daily. Reading current library literature for book reviews, as well as suggestions from patrons help to guide our efforts. Planning programs of interest for adults such as the recent *Ghost Hunter* and *Numerologist* is also an important part of the job, however limited due to space constraints.

The Assistant Director helps the Library Director with the budget, implements policies, maintains statistics, deals with vendors and steps in when the Director is away from the building. All facets of this job require attendance at meetings and conferences to keep abreast with current trends and continuing education.

## ATTENTION:

### Parents & Grandparents !

Take advantage of these **museum passes** on school vacations, homeschool field trips, or out-of-town family visits

- ☀ [Roger Williams Zoo – Providence RI](#)
- ☀ [Blithewold Gardens – Bristol RI](#)
- ☀ [New Bedford Whaling Museum](#)
- ☀ [Providence Children's Museum](#)
- ☀ [RI Audubon Society Center – Bristol RI](#)

Check them out with your library card. Ask the library staff or visit the library web site for more information. **Museum passes are funded by the Friends of Tiverton Libraries.**

**Correction:** In the fall newsletter we erroneously referred to cooperation between the Recreation and Open Space Commissions. It was **Conservation** and **Open Space** who worked together.

### Staff Picks

Janet: *The Penultimate Peril: Book the Twelfth* by Lemony Snicket. (Children)

Manny: *Batman: Haunted Knight* (Graphic novel – Teens)

Dorrie: *The Wish List* by Eoin Colfer (Audio book – Teens)

Diana: *Black Juice* by Margo Lanagan (Short Stories - Teens) & *The Last Days of Dogtown* by Anita Diamant

Maureen: *The Awakening* by Kate Chopin

Maureen: *The Tea House on Mulberry Street* by Sharon Owens

Caroline: *Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything* by Steven D. Levitt & Stephen J. Dubner

Marian: *To Love Again* by Chris Botti (Music CD)

**Essex Book Group January Pick**  
*Stones for Ibarra* by Harriet Doerr



**Fundraisers That Don't Cost A Penny:**

- Save your **grocery receipts** from Grand Central, Lees Market, and Clements Market **and bring them to us**. Our volunteers will sort and submit them back to the stores for a percentage donation.
- Bring us your **ink jet printer/fax** cartridges. We have prepaid / pre-addressed mail-in bags. Recycle First gives us cash.
- Ask staff about our **vehicle donation** program. [Donation Line](#) takes your used car, truck, van, plane, commercial vehicle, jet ski, snow mobile.

**Fundraisers For Pennies:**

- The youngest patrons can help **save pennies** for youth programs in the marked jar at check-out.

**Special Gifts and Memories:**

- Our **canvas bags** and pocket-y **aprons** are available for purchase. Bags have the Essex logo, and aprons have the Friends logo. We also encourage **donations for books** for that special someone.

**New Fundraisers:**

- In December 2005, the **Friends partnered with CVS** in a special 2 day event during which CVS donated \$101.58 (10% of the receipts) to the Friends.
- Also in December, the Friends joined with Friends of the Library USA [www.folusa.org](http://www.folusa.org) in partnership with an Internet Shopping Mall, called **Shop For the Library**. This can be accessed at the library website, [www.tivertonlibrary.org](http://www.tivertonlibrary.org). **Shop For the Library** works with online merchants, like Target and Orvis, who donate up to 25% of sales to the library.

**Your continued generosity enables the Friends to help the Library defray the costs of special programs like the Summer Reading Program, Mother Goose Asks Why, Books For Babies, this newsletter, and museum passes for you and your family.**

**Thanks so much to you and our volunteers who make these things happen!**

*Did you know...* the RI Office of Library and Information Services supports half the cost of public library land acquisition and construction?

**Welcome New Board members**

- Karen Gabriel, Treasurer
- Hannah Sullivan, Secretary
- Jerika Ford, Historian

**The Friends of Tiverton Libraries are tax exempt.** We support the library through fundraising, advocacy and programming. Help through membership, a tax-deductible donation, or your time as a volunteer.

**New friends are welcome.**

Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday each month, Essex Library, at 2 pm.

**You can designate** your **United Way** gift to the Library or ask your employer about **matching gifts**.

Thanks from the Union Public Library Association to volunteers Grace and Philip Levesque and Family for repairing and restoring the Union Public Library parking sign.



**Join The Friends Of Tiverton Libraries**

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**From the Building Committee: A Field Trip**

Those of us who have been working on the committee have learned much from **visiting other libraries**. We would like to invite you to share the experience through your own computer or one at the library.

One of a number of libraries in Rhode Island to deal with inadequate space through building or renovation, **Johnston Public Library** has embarked on a building program. It was recently approved by the town. Information is available on their website: <http://web.provlib.org/JohLib/cost.htm> including architect's vision, readable graphs of cost projections, and history. The RI Office of Library and Information Services lists other RI library construction projects at [www.ori.ri.gov/construction/projects](http://www.ori.ri.gov/construction/projects)

See also **Peter B. Lord's article in Providence Journal** 8-24-05. "Carcieri moves state toward fuel efficiency" by requiring that any new or renovated public building must meet the standards developed by the United States Green Building Council. More on the standards and the thinking behind them is at <http://www.usgbc.org/>

At the national level, the **Seattle Public Library** in Washington is among those who have pioneered implementation of LEED [Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design] standards. LEED serves as a national benchmark maximizing operational efficiency while minimizing environmental impacts. Worried about landfill impacts and energy costs? For a fuller discussion, go to [https://www.usgbc.org/LEED/LEED\\_main.asp](https://www.usgbc.org/LEED/LEED_main.asp).

Concern for cost-effective library buildings is not new. Designed in 1983, before LEED standards, the **Vail Public Library**, Colorado unanimously won the highest award possible from architects and librarians: the biennial [AIA/ALA](http://snowdonhopkins.com/Vail.html) for best design. <http://snowdonhopkins.com/Vail.html>

**For a 360 virtual tour** of a library in a warmer climate, try the [Tempe Public Library](#) in Arizona. Or try Florida. [Largo FL's new public library](#) was awarded the [top prize](#) from the Florida branch of the International Interior Design Association. Ask at the library to see the December 2005 Annual Architectural Issue of **Library Journal**. *ENJOY!*

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238 Highland Road, Tiverton RI 02878  
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**Hours**

Monday to Thursday 10am to 8pm  
Friday 10am to 5pm ~ Saturday 10am to 4pm

**Union Library**

3832 Main Road, Tiverton RI 02878  
(401) 625-6799

**Hours**

Tuesday 10am to 5pm  
Saturday 10am to 1pm

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