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Why Use the James Library?

Some of the most frequent users of the library are members of local book clubs who use The James to get ideas for their next book or to avoid long wait lists at area libraries for new releases.

The staff finds that many patrons enjoy the quiet calm of the library and the old fashioned card catalog which, in spite of its vintage, continues to be a useful way to locate books in our collection.

The library is also popular with students waiting for their music lessons and patrons with laptops using our wireless service. Our “regulars” are loyal users who come to visit, catch up on local news and pick up one of the bestsellers we have just purchased.

Story times, monthly poetry nights, and the *Bookworms* book group also draw people from across the South Shore. We offer something everyone can appreciate- a welcoming atmosphere - and it's hard to leave without a great book in hand.



Annual Appeal Update

Keeping The James in good physical condition while providing affordable concerts, lectures, art shows and music lessons requires a community of caretakers.

Support from the community also keeps The James on secure financial footing. The Trustees and staff take the stewardship of our historic building as seriously as do our supporters.



Spring in Norwell Center. Photo by Joe Parksy

As you are part of this community of supporters, please respond to the annual appeal as generously as you can. Every donation- regardless of size- *does* make a difference. This fiscal year, which ends in June, is particularly challenging, and we depend on individual donations to meet our budget. ***If you have already sent your donation we thank you for your generosity.***

NORTH RIVER SCENES Benefit Party

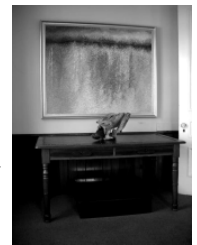
Friday, May 8 ~ 6 - 9 p.m.
\$25

Music, Art and Light Fare
The accompanying art show will be on view May 8- 30

Community Sponsorship by Hub International, New England LLC

Celebrate the beauty of the North River and join us at the 3rd bi-annual benefit party *Scenes of the North River* on May 8. This festive evening will kick off the exhibition of works by thirty invited artists, celebrating the North River. Tickets for the opening party are \$25.

“Many people are interested in purchasing original art depicting this South Shore landmark”, said Lisa Flynn, party organizer and Art Gallery director. “This party is a great way to introduce friends to The James, view the artwork, make a purchase while meeting the artist, and have fun while supporting the James.”



Some of the participating artists are Donna Rossetti-Bailey, Sergio Roffo, Jody Reagan, Liz Hause, Dorit Flowers, Page Railsback, Nancy Colella, Lilly Cleveland and Dianna Miller.

The first *North River Scenes* event in 2005 was such a financial and artistic success that it is now held every other year as a fundraiser for The James. Look for your invitation in the mail this spring and join us at the party.

Visit www.jameslibrary.org for full calendar of events

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The 2009 Annual Appeal

Donations to the Annual Appeal enable us to staff the library five days a week, purchase new books and keep our historic building in good repair. Your donation also helps us to keep event tickets affordable and to offer more free programs to the community. Thank you for your support.

Wait Till Next Year

Norwell Reads is a town-wide project sponsored by the Norwell Public Library with support from The James Library. This annual event is part of a nation-wide program designed to foster reading and community through the shared experience of reading the same book.

The 2009 selection is *Wait Till Next Year* by Doris Kearns Goodwin. The book celebrates the author's love of baseball and her childhood in Long Island in the 1950s.

Stop by the James to pick up your copy of the book and attend some of the programs in April and May.

Events in the works include a baseball memorabilia exhibit at the Norwell Public Library, an essay contest and a luncheon at the Council on Aging with Mary Pratt, who was a pitcher for the Rockford Peaches.

A highlight of the month-long *Norwell Reads* program will be a baseball game with the Old Time Baseball League of the South Shore. The James will host a sports-themed story time for children on Tuesday, April 24th at 10 a.m.



The 2009 book selection

Play ball!

Interested in receiving our news by email?

Please send an email to Caroline Chapin at jameslibrary@verizon.net. We will not share your email address and will only send monthly updates.

Did You Know?

The most popular books checked out this past winter at the James Library were *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and the paperback edition of *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson. What was the best book *you* read this winter?

John Flaherty of Longfellow Benefits is a new Business Sponsor. His donation sponsored the Art Rosenbaum folk music concert in early March. Welcome and thank you John.

The Stewards of the Steinway program, which is building a fund for the continued maintenance of the James' piano, is 80% towards meeting its FY 2009 goal.

We have a new piano instructor at the James. **Dona Maher** teaches her adult students at the James on Fridays and Sundays. Welcome Dona.

The James can be rented for music recitals. The Victorian room is a wonderful venue, and many student musicians enjoying performing in this elegant space and holding their receptions in our Art Gallery.

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Spring Events

Celtic Music Concert

Sunday, March 15 at 3 p.m.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with fiddle champion Sheila Falls Keohane and friends. Seating is limited. Call to reserve tickets. \$20/\$18 senior/\$10 student. *Sponsored by Hub International and Scituate Federal Savings Bank.*

What's Inside our Piano?

Friday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Paul Rattigan takes us inside a grand piano to explain the mysteries of what makes a piano sound like it does. Why do individual pianos have their own distinctive sound? A Stewards of the Steinway event. Donations welcomed.

Chamber Music Concert

Sunday, April 5 at 3 pm

Boston Symphony Orchestra violinists Jason Horowitz and Julianne Lee join Larry Wolfe for an afternoon of chamber music. \$20/\$18/\$10 student. *Sponsored by Andrew G. Gordon Insurance.*

Pottery- "Antiques Road Show" style

Friday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Specialists from Crones Collectibles present a "road show" about the highly collectible Saturday Evening Girls and Paul Revere pottery which were active in Boston in the early 20th century. Bring a sample of your art pottery for appraisal. Free will donations will be accepted at the door.

Rebecca Atkinson Anderson

Friday, April 17 at 7:30 p.m.

The geologist and Norwell native will speak about climate change and her experiences in the South Pole, the Baffin Islands and the Arctic. A free program for all ages. Join us!

Classical Tangent in Concert

Sunday, April 26 at 3 p.m.

BSO violinist Bonnie Bewick and friends play traditional music from around the world as they create a DVD in our recital hall. Seating is limited. Call to reserve your ticket. \$25/\$20 senior/\$10 student.

North River Scenes

Friday, May 8 from 6 – 9 p.m.

Invitational art show celebrating the North River. View the art show, enjoy live music and meet the artists. This is a benefit evening for the James Library. All artwork will be available for purchase. Tickets \$25. *Sponsored by Hub International New England, LLC.*

VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE

www.jameslibrary.org

Thanks to the generosity and talent of Debi Meddaugh of Meddaugh Advertising in Hanover, our website has been redesigned and is now easier to use. The site offers a quicker way to see what events are coming up. Check it out .



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Art Gallery Schedule

APRIL

Pastels by Liz Hause & Christine Bodnar

Opening reception on April 3 from 6-8 p.m.

MAY

North River Scenes Invitational Exhibition

May 8 - 30

Gala party Friday, May 8 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tickets \$25.

Views of the North River by thirty artists. The benefit opening will feature music, light fare, and a chance to meet the artists. All artwork will be available for purchase. A benefit evening for the James Art Gallery.

JUNE

Collage Group.

June 5 - 30

Opening reception on June 5 from 6 - 8 p.m.

Meet the Artists. Everyone is welcome at the free opening receptions. Call to confirm times. The Gallery features work by local artists in a variety of media at affordable prices.

Gallery Hours: Tuesday - Friday 1- 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 -1 p.m.

Gallery Director: Lisa Flynn