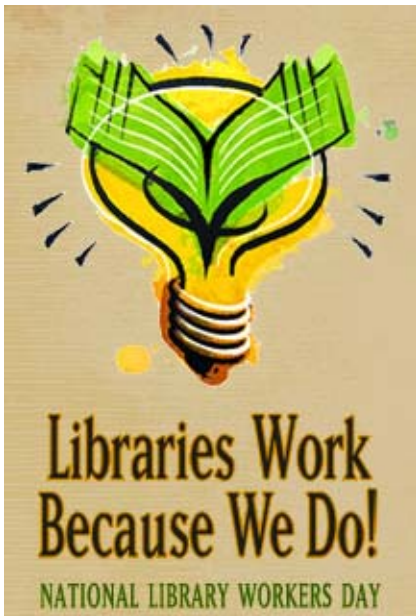




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On Tuesday, April 17, 2007, during National Library Week, communities across the country will celebrate the second National Library Workers Day and the valuable contributions of our librarians and library support staff.

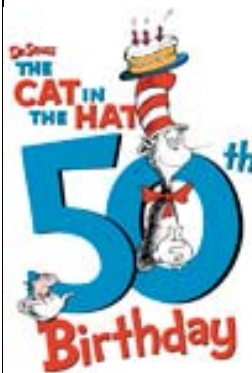
Americans value their libraries, and they show that appreciation by using their libraries in large numbers and by supporting library funding. The library is seen, quite correctly, as both a benign and benevolent pillar of the community and is one of the very few places you can go and be provided with educational, recreational, and/or useful materials for free. You can walk out the door of a public library with hundreds of dollars worth of your tax money all because you have a library card!

In these challenging economic times, libraries are being used

more than ever, and with less financial backing. Therefore, the same amount of library staff, almost all with fewer resources, are providing more services such as story hours, reference and outreach.

Libraries are part of the American dream – places for opportunity, education, lifelong learning and free and equal access to a world of resources no matter your age, income or background -- but that dream would not exist if it were not for the people who work in libraries.

I encourage everyone to take a moment on April 17th to thank our library workers for the services they provide and to remind our public officials that libraries [and library workers] provide vital services each and every day. Roxbury Township Public Library works because library workers do!



What better way to celebrate a birthday than a pajama party?

Join us on Thursday March 1st.

There will be music, stories by Dr. Seuss, take-home crafts, goodie-bags and door prizes to enjoy. The program is being under-written by the **Friends**, organized by the Teen Advisory Group and

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the Youth Services Department. For more information contact Diane Sebastian at (973) 584-2400.

The Read Across America nationwide reading celebration takes place each year around the birthday of the beloved children's author Dr. Seuss, who epitomizes a love of learning. This ongoing program is underwritten by the Friends. **Hope to see you there and don't forget to wear your pajamas!!!**

Did you know that Dr. Seuss used only 236 different words to write THE CAT IN THE HAT?

Collect those Books for the Spring Book Sale

We will begin accepting books Thursday April 26th and continue until May 15th

If you are interested in volunteering or involved with an organization interested in collecting our left over books, please contact us at

FriendRoxburyLib@aol.com



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That's what Friends are for...

Ever wonder what the Friends do? Our constitution says we shall "stimulate community awareness and use of the Free Public Library of the Township of Roxbury... and to support the Library in developing its facilities."

If you would like more information about donating your time or money to the library, visit our website at www.roxburylibrary.org.

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Suckasunny Fall Book Sale

The September Book Sale held over Suckasunny Day weekend was a success. Funds raised as a result of the sale surpassed the previous year's sale. The Friends thank the volunteers for their participation in the book sale and their efforts throughout the year. We also thank the book donors who continue to donate books for our sale and the members of the Friends. And we cannot forget the support of Mary Romance and all the dedicated folks on the staff of the Roxbury Twp Library. **Thank you one & all.**

Friends Annual Meeting

The Friends of the Roxbury Twp Public Library will hold their annual meeting on May 21st at 6pm in the large meeting room at the library. The meeting will be open to all Friends members.

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By
Mary Romance



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Roxbury Roundtable

Reviewed by Leslie Treloar

How long did I sit on the stairs after reading the letter? I don't know. For I was spellbound. There is something about words. In expert hands, manipulated deftly, they take you prisoner. Wind themselves around your limbs like spider silk, and when you are so enthralled you cannot move, they pierce your skin, enter your blood, numb your thoughts. Inside you they work their magic. When I at last woke up to myself, I could only guess what had been going on in the darkness of my unconsciousness. What had the letter done to me?

The Thirteenth Tale by Diane Setterfield

The Thirteenth Tale is the story of Margaret Lea, a biographer of 19th century obscure literary figures. She lives and works in her father's antiquarian bookshop and spends 6 hours a day reading her beloved books. She is haunted by a family secret that she discovered as a child but of which she refuses to speak.

Margaret's life changes quite dramatically when she receives a letter from Vida Winter, Miss Winter had published 56 books in 56 years. Margaret is not convinced that Miss Winter is capable of telling the truth and declines her offer. As she begins to walk out of the Victorian library she is frozen in place as Miss Winter utters the word "twin". Thus begins the ghostly tale of the Angelfields.

This is a story about Charlie Angelfield and his obsessive love for his sister, Isabelle. We are introduced to Isabelle's out of control red hair; green-eyed, twin daughters Adeline and Emmeline; and Missus and John the Dig who care for them. We are told about Hester, the governess, and Dr. Maudsley's cruel separation of the twins for an experiment. We learn about the mystery of the gentle giant Aurelius and the ghostly woman in white. While relating the tale, Miss Winter finally tells the complete truth about her life at Angelfield.

The Thirteenth Tale was written for the book lover in all of us. You don't want to put it down but you find yourself reading sentences over and over again because they are so beautiful and haunting. You can't wait to find out how it all ends but feel a sense of loss at leaving these characters behind. This is definitely a book worth reading.

We would like the Friends to send in a personal review. Please e-mail us at FriendRoxburyLib@aol.com.

National Library Week

...is a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries, librarians and library workers in schools, campuses and communities nationwide and the perfect time for our community to come together @ your library.

Everyday, libraries in big cities and small towns, colleges and universities, in schools and in businesses help transform their communities. At our library, people of all backgrounds can come together for community meetings, lectures and programs, to do research with the assistance of a trained professional, to get a job or to find homework help.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries across the country. For more information about National Library Week, visit the library's Web site at www.RoxburyLibrary.org.





Starting in February the ROXBURY LIBRARY will offer DOWNLOADABLE AUDIOBOOKS via the INTERNET

See the Director's Corner for more information.

SAVE THAT DATE Upcoming Events	
Read Across America March 1 7pm	Adult Summer Reading Kickoff Concert May 19 6-30-7:30pm
National Library Workers Day April 17	Spring Book Sale May 19 10am – 4pm
Spring Book Collection April 26- May 15	Book Sale Bag Day May 20 12-3pm
Friends Preview Sale May 17 6-9pm	Annual Friends Meeting May 21 6:00pm
Spring Book Sale May 18 5-8pm	Volunteer Appreciation May 21 7:00pm

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