

Your New Library

Library Supporters Please Read!

Did you know that?

- Because of inflation and delays, the Ames Free Library expansion plan is facing a budget shortfall?

If you are interested in supporting the expansion and renovation of the Ames Free Library, call the Town Administrators' Office (508-230-0510) to express your views. If you can, please attend the Selectmen's meeting on July 31, starting at 7:00 PM, at Town Hall.

A Brief History of the Library Expansion Project

More than ten years ago the critical need for expanding the library to serve Easton's rapidly growing population was recognized. A plan was put in place, voted on, and passed, for a 12,500 sq. ft. addition to be funded by \$5,000,000 in Town funds, less any State grant funds. Critics' environmental challenges caused legal proceedings and the delays. Now that all other issues have been decided in favor of the library, we are ready to build.

Because the project's costs have risen, the library's Board of Directors has agreed to tap our endowments to the maximum amount allowed by law. According to recent estimates, however, the budget from these three sources, the Town, the State, and the endowments will not cover the increased costs.

Further delays could mean the loss of State funding (\$1.9 M) and the collapse of all our plans to have an exciting modern environment for study, learning, and community enjoyment. We are very close to having a library that makes the most of our beautiful Richardson building while providing the accessibility and parking we need and the services and programs that will enrich our lives.

Interesting Facts about Library Support Nationwide*

- Americans spend more than three times as much on salty snacks as they do on public libraries?
- Americans check out an average of six books a year, but they spend about \$25, less than the cost of one bestseller, on taxes for public library support?
- Americans go to school, public and academic libraries three times as often as they go to movies.
- Reference librarians in the nation's public and academic libraries answer more than seven million questions weekly. Standing single file, the line of questioners would stretch from Boston to San Francisco.

*Source: "Quotable Facts about America's Libraries," American Library Association, Public Information Office, Chicago, IL, 2002.

Internet Workstations

Disruption of service

The Ames Free Library's Internet service provider (Comcast) is performing essential upgrade work during the week of:

Monday, July 31, - Friday, August 4

We hope that all the required upgrades to our service will be accomplished during this time, and we apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Summer Reading Program

NONFICTION

[Our Town: A Heartland Lynching, a Haunted Town, and the Hidden History of White America](#) by Cynthia Carr. An exploration of race in America that combines investigative journalism with an intensely personal family history.

[Killing the Messenger- Journalists at Risk in Modern Warfare](#), by Herbert N. Foerstel brings home the dangers facing today's war correspondents. The book describes the new dangers they face, and attempts to explain why correspondents are targeted.

[Vegetarians and Vegans in America Today](#) by Karen

Moving along...

The Summer Reading Program is running smoothly and successfully. Although our programs have reached full registration, join us for:

Friday, July 28, 2006

The Stand-up Chameleon

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Learn about insects, laugh, and be thoroughly entertained by Jackson Gillman.

Ages 5 and up.

Monday, August 7, 2006

FINALE! Summer Reading Program

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Our Summer Reading Program Finale. Celebrate with "Balloon Man," and let's twist again like we did last summer. Ages 6 to 9 years old.

2006 Circulation Grows

The staff is excited to report the increasing circulation rate at the library. For the year ending June 30 we saw an overall increase of 7% over FY 2005, or 108,767 items loaned.

Library circulation has been growing nationwide too, up 3.5 % in 2003, the last year for which statistics are available. Easton, we are happy to say, is more than keeping up with trends. What is the value of this trend to you? One way to validate this statistic, is to realize that about 13,000 library card holders are checking out an average 8 items a year each, and, at an average price of \$27.00 You are saving over \$200 a year on books, DVDs, CDs, and magazines.

On-Order Items

Below are just a few books and DVD's that are currently being processed. They will be available very soon.

REFERENCE

[The Writer's Market](#) is a resource for helping writers get published and get paid for what they write. It includes 600 new markets, which will allow writers to explore fresh opportunities.

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& Michael Iacobbo is a great read giving America insight into an ancient diet with modern relevance.

[The Sound of Stevie Wonder - His Words and Music](#) by James E. Perone. After revealing the social, cultural, and political context of Wonder's work, the book provides detailed analysis of his compositions and recordings, with a focus on both his well-known songs and those known only to his hardcore fans. The volume also contains discussions of cover versions of Wonder's compositions, a discography of his recordings, a song title index, an annotated bibliography, and a general index.

[No Child Left Different](#) by Sharna Olman takes a critical look at the promotion and overuse of psychoactive drugs in children.

TRAVEL BOOKS

[Fodor's- Mexico 2006](#)

Lonely Planet Guide - Edinburgh

[Lonely Planet Guide- New England](#)

[Lonely Planet Guide- New Orleans](#)

[Lonely Planet Guide- Portugal](#)

[Lonely Planet Guide- Rome](#)

Lonely Planet Guide - Switzerland

[Rough Guide- First-Time Asia](#)

Rough Guide- The Grand Canyon Guide

(some of the above travel books are available now...)

DVD's

The Legendary Victor Borge. Jewish humorist, entertainer and world-class pianist affectionately known as the Clown Prince of Denmark and the Great Dane. Fans will enjoy this video tremendously.

Best in Show. Following the same "mockumentary" format of *Spinal Tap* and *Waiting for Guffman*, this movie takes a comical look at the dog show world.

Walk the Line. Golden Globe winners Joaquin Phoenix and Reese Witherspoon star (and sing) as Johnny Cash and June Carter in this inspiring true story of one man's unwavering devotion to his sound, his message and the greatest love of his life.

Door to Door is an extremely sensitive portrayal of a disabled man's struggle to make it in the world. Based on the true story of Bill Porter, the movie stars William Macy.

Girl with A Pearl Earring. A young peasant maid working in the house of painter Johannes Vermeer

becomes his talented assistant and the model for one of his most famous works.

Cider House Rules. A compassionate young man, raised in an orphanage and trained to be a doctor there, decides to leave to see the world. A story about how far we must travel to find the place where we belong.

Thanks for reading our newsletter. If there are events or services you would like to see profiled in the future, email or stop by and let us know.

Sincerely,

Staff of the Library

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