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Staff Transitions and Changes

Elizabeth Keenan (Betty), head reference librarian, is retiring as of July 1st. During her 10 years serving Easton patrons, Betty has developed an outstanding reference collection, among many other important achievements. She has been a stalwart in promoting cooperation between our staff and the media center personnel at the Easton schools.

Betty has had a long career in librarianship, having been in reader services at Wheaton College and the library director at Regis College in Weston, MA before joining us. She received the Ida and George Eliot Award for Excellence in Medical Librarianship while employed by the American Dental Association.

Betty also epitomizes two key attributes we all expect in a librarian -- the desire to serve the general public and a love of knowledge. We have been extremely fortunate to learn from her and will miss her.

She is looking forward to devoting more time to reading, quilting, knitting, and pursuing her musical instruments.

You may have noticed some new faces among our staff and missed some others.

We welcome Lorraine Rubinacci and Kathy Korona, our newest library technical assistants, and Cathy Coyne, our new children's librarian, who is starting June 4th. Recent departures include Donna Costa, who has left to get her master's degree in library science, and Karen Gabbert-Armand, who is currently on maternity leave.

Summer Reading Program

Sign-Up Begins June 25th

Recycle Your Books

The Library is not having a booksale this year, and we are currently not accepting donations of books or other materials. If you would like to donate books, here are some options to help lighten up those shelves and make room for new titles to read:

- Go to the Saturday, June 9th Book Swap at **Easton's Natural Resources Trust** from 10am-1pm at Sheep's Pasture, 307 Main Street. The Book Swap is a novel idea - you can bring a bagful of books, but you must take away a bagful. All items are free. Bring only books in good condition and ones you think someone else might enjoy.
- If you have more than a bagful or two, take your books to the book drop at the **Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School**, 250 Foundry Street, in Easton. They will be picked up by [Hands Across the Water](#), and sent to other countries.

Please do not leave donations at either Main or Branch libraries. As much as we would like to consider adding donated items, we do not have the space. We are actually in the process of weeding the collection to make sure out-of-date titles are removed before we move into a temporary location during building renovations.

New Nonfiction

Interesting Additions to the Collection

Newest additions of fiction and nonfiction titles are always on display near the circulation desk. Here

Attend the Kickoff party on June 25th for both the Children's and Teen program. Click [here](#) for full details.

Once again the library offers an exciting Summer Reading Program to entertain and delight elementary school age children during school vacation each year. The 2006 Summer Program was a big success with hundreds of visitors in attendance. If you missed all the fun last year, don't worry. You can join us this summer!

DVDs

Helping to Make the Most of Your Movie Night...

Here are some highlights of new DVDs added to the Main Library collection.

You can find these DVDs in the library now, but for high demand items, please feel free to place a hold. Click the title to link to the online catalog entry and the "Place Hold" button.

Click on "review" to get a summary from [Common Sense Media](#), a website dedicated to "improving the media and entertainment lives of kids and families."

[A Man For All Seasons](#) ([review](#))

[All In The Family - The Complete First Season](#) ([review](#))

[Babel](#) ([review](#))

[Casino Royale](#) ([review](#))

[Children Of Men](#) ([review](#))

[Cinderella III. A Twist In Time](#) ([review](#))

[Deja Vu](#) ([review](#))

[Dreamgirls](#) ([review](#))

[Fast Food Nation](#) ([review](#))

[Flags Of Our Fathers](#) ([review](#))

[Flushed Away](#) ([review](#))

[For Your Consideration](#) ([review](#))

[Freedom Writers](#) ([review](#))

[Gandhi](#) ([review](#))

[Half Nelson](#) ([review](#))

[Little Children](#) ([review](#))

[Marie Antoinette](#) ([review](#))

[Notes On A Scandal](#) ([review](#))

[Off The Black](#) ([review](#))

[Peter Pan](#) ([review](#))

are a few nonfiction books available for checkout now.

[The Art of Aging: A Doctor's Prescription for Well-being](#), by Sherwin B. Nuland, seeks to radically change the American viewpoint that aging is a disease. **305.26 NULA 2007**

[Cape Wind: Money, Celebrity, Class, Politics, and the Battle for our Energy Future on Nantucket Sound](#), by Wendy Williams and Robert Whitcomb. Cape Wind is proposing America's first offshore wind farm on Horseshoe Shoal in Nantucket Sound. Potentially providing three quarters of the Cape and Islands electricity needs, the politics of how this project plays out makes for fascinating reading. **333.920916 WILL 2007**

[Firing Back: How Great Leaders Rebound After Career Disasters](#), by Jeffrey Sonnenfeld, and Andrew Ward, offers a clear plan for anyone who needs to recover from a career setback and reclaim lost prestige and reputation. **658.4092 SONN 2007**

[Generation MySpace: Helping Your Teen Survive Online Adolescence](#), by Candice M. Kelsey. Drawing on personal interviews with hundreds of teens, this book helps parents assess what they should-and shouldn't-be worried about when it comes to technology. **305.235028567 KELS 2007**

[The Grid: A Journey Through the Heart of Our Electrified World](#), by Phillip F. Schewe. You can't always see it, but the electrical grid is everywhere. This invisible network powers nearly every facet of our daily lives. Yet, as recent outages demonstrate, this intricate electrical system is increasingly vulnerable to widespread failure which would affect hundreds of millions of people around the globe. **333.7932 SCHE 2007**

[An Inconvenient Truth: The Crisis of Global Warming](#), by Al Gore. This edition is adapted for young readers by Jane O'Connor. It will change the way young people understand global warming and hopefully inspire them to help change the course of history. **363.73874 GORE 2007**

[The Milk Memos: How Real Moms Learned to Mix Business With Babies- And How You Can Too](#), by Cate Colburn-Smith and Andrea Serrette, is based on actual journals kept by a group of IBM moms juggling work and a newborn baby. **306.874 COLB 2007**

[Remembrances Of Times Past: A Nostalgic Collection of Personal Stories and Photographs Recalling the Way Life Was in the Early Part of the Twentieth Century](#), by Marta Hiatt. Ever wonder what it used to be like? Wondered how your grandparents lived? Told in stories and hundreds of pictures, the book helps recapture the day-to-day experiences of the past. **973.91 HIATT 2006**

[Rodale's Vegetable Garden Problem Solver: The Best and Latest Advice for Beating Pests, Diseases, and Weeds and Staying a Step Ahead of Trouble in the Garden](#), by Fern Marshall Bradley. Includes safe and natural solutions **635.049**

[Stranger Than Fiction](#) ([review](#))

[The Departed](#) ([review](#))

[The Good Shepherd](#) ([review](#))

[The Illusionist](#) ([review](#))

[The Prestige](#) ([review](#))

[The Pursuit Of Happiness](#) ([review](#))

[The Queen](#) ([review](#))

[Volver](#) ([review](#))

BRAD 2006

[Saving Energy, Growing Jobs: How Environmental Protection Promotes Economic Growth, Profitability, Innovation, and Competition](#), by David B. Goldstein. The idea that we must choose between a healthy environment and a healthy economy is a myth, says David Goldstein. According to this book, environmental regulations create more jobs, and in the long run they contribute to more efficient designs and less expensive products. **333.79160973 GOLD 2007.**

[Tchaikovsky: The Man and His Music](#), by David Brown. guides the reader through Tchaikovsky's music within the context of his life, and the result is a book that will be of particular interest to those who, knowing little or nothing of classic music, might wish to become acquainted with some of the greatest music ever composed. David Brown, professor of musicology at Southampton University, is an international authority on both Russian and nineteenth-century music. **780.92 TCHAIKOVSKY BROWN 2007**

[Watching Baseball Smarter: A Professional Fan's Guide for Beginners, Semi-experts, and Deeply Serious Geeks](#), by Zack Hample. In this smart and funny fan's guide Hample explains the ins and outs of pitching, hitting, running, and fielding, while offering insider trivia and anecdotes that will surprise even the most informed viewers of our national pastime. **796.357 HAMP 2007**

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