



**SOMERVILLE  
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

## ROSALITA'S PUPPETS IN THE ENCHANTED FOREST



Join us at the Central Library on Saturday July 17th at 11:00 am as we welcome back Library favorite Charlotte Dore and Rosalita's Puppets for a performance of *The Enchanted Forest*! King Leopold protects the fabulous creatures of the forest from the imp and his two knights Hanz and Franz. The imp and the knights want to take over and cut down the trees. Who will save the day...?

This free show is recommended for families and kids of all ages. It is funded by the Friends of the Library and all are invited.



# Summer 2010

## MARK TWAIN'S LAST STAND



On Thursday, July 15th, at 7:00 pm, you're invited to the Central Library for a special performance by Mark Twain interpreter Alan Kitty.

2010 will mark the 100th anniversary of Mark Twain's death. But all around the US, people are already beginning to report sightings - some claiming to have had actual contact with the spirit of the great humorist himself. This is not a séance. And it is unlike any staged Mark Twain performance anywhere in the world. Alan Kitty is emerging as one of the premiere Mark Twain interpreters of our times - because his Mark Twain tells stories that may have happened as recently as last week; that might have been ripped from today's headlines, and that are relevant in any century.

This free performance is funded by the Friends of the Library and all are welcome to attend. Don't miss it!



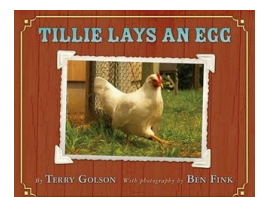
## SUMMER READING CLUB

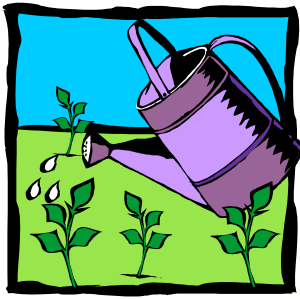
Terry Golson has always loved animals and animals have always loved her. When she was five, she was given a guinea pig. When she was ten, a dog adopted her, and about a year later a cat jumped out of the woods and followed her home. For a while, Terry rode horses for a living. But she didn't get her first chicken until about 15 years ago when a neighbor gave her a little hen named Buk-Buk. Terry has had a flock of hens ever since.

This year's Summer Reading Club, *Go Green at Your Library*, kicks off on Monday, June 28th at 11:00 am with a visit from Terry, who will read her book, *Tillie Lays an Egg*, talk about chickens, and bring a chicken for you to meet. After the show, don't forget to register for the Summer Reading Club and a summer's worth of fun!

This free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. It is recommended for children of all ages and their families.

"Gogreen at your library" is funded by your local library, the Mass. Regional Library Systems, the Boston Bruins, and the Mass. Board of Library Commissioners.





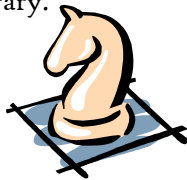
## GARDEN CLUB

Join us at the Central Library for a six-week garden club that will introduce you to the natural world right here in Somerville! Learn how to plant flowers and vegetables, play with creepy-crawly worms and other decomposers, discover the reasons for flowers, investigate the animal and plant neighbors in our urban habitat, cook delicious Somerville-grown snacks, and play garden-themed games. Each week's activities will revolve around a different garden theme and related books will be available in the children's room to take home after each meeting. The club will meet at 11:00 am on 6 Tuesdays:

July 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th  
and August 3rd & 10th

The Garden Club is facilitated by volunteers from Groundwork Somerville. It is recommended for children five years of age and older and is limited to 12 participants on a first come, first served basis each week. This program is funded by the Friends of the Library.

## CHESS NIGHT



Players of all ages and abilities are invited to Chess Night at the Central Library one Monday evening per month from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Players should be familiar with the game, though some limited instruction may be available. We hope you can come!

June 7th  
July 12th  
August 2nd

## JUNGLE JIM AT WEST BRANCH



On Wednesday, June 30th at 11:00 am, this year's Summer Reading Club, *Go Green at Your Library*, kicks off at the West Branch with a visit from Jungle Jim, Boston's favorite Balloon Safari Adventurer! Jim will make elaborate balloon sculptures in a show that includes music, stories, magic, and comedy. Get ready for lots of fun and lots of audience participation, and after the show, don't forget to register for the Summer Reading Club and a summer's worth of fun!

This free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. We hope to see you there!

## SING ALONG WITH STEVE MAYONE



Come join us at the Central Library for music and fun as Somerville resident and musician Steve Mayone hosts sing alongs on Mondays in July. Steve performs in and around Somerville regularly with the band Treat Her Right, and musician Tim Gearan, among others. He was a featured performer at Henry Bear's Park in Porter Square this spring.

3 Mondays at 11:00 am:  
July 12th, 19th, and 26th

This program is recommended for young children and families. It is funded by the Friends of the Library and all are welcome to attend.

## SUMMER READING CLUB EAST BRANCH

This year's Summer Reading Club, *Go Green at Your Library*, kicks off at the East Branch with an afternoon of fun on Thursday, July 1st at 3 pm. Sign up to get your reading log and pencil, make a cool bookmark, and have some refreshments! Enjoy reading and fun programs all summer, and don't forget to come for the final party and awards ceremony on August 19th!

This free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



## ESL CLASSES

Classes are free, and registration is not required. There is no waiting list - just come!

Mondays, 6 & 7:15 pm, East Branch  
Tuesdays, 6 pm, Central Library  
Thursdays, 6 & 7:15 pm West Branch  
**ESL will take a break in August.**

### Last classes

East Branch: Monday, July 26th  
Central Library: Tuesday, July 27th  
West Branch: Thursday, July 29th

### Classes resume

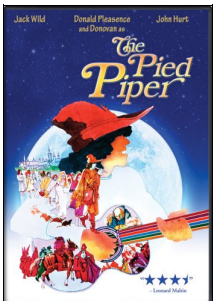
East Branch: Monday, Sept. 13th  
Central Library: Tuesday, Sept. 14th  
West Branch: Thursday, Sept. 16th



## SELDOM SEEN: FORGOTTEN GEMS OF THE SILVER SCREEN

Join us at the Central Library for a year-long celebration of Forgotten Gems of the Silver Screen.

June 3rd at 6:30 pm – *The Pied Piper* starring Donovan, Donald Pleasence, Jack Wild, and John Hurt



July 1st at 6:30 pm – *Ball of Fire* starring Gary Cooper and Barbara Stanwyck



August 5th at 6:30 pm – *Stairway to Heaven* starring David Niven, Kim Hunter, and Raymond Massey



This free film series is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. All are welcome to attend.



## JAY MANKITA & THE LEAN GREEN CLEANUP MACHINE

Come to the East Branch on Thursday, July 8th at 2:00 pm for a musical show that's all about reducing, reusing, and recycling, with a strong emphasis on anti-littering and community pride.

Jay Mankita, an American songwriter, guitarist, and recording artist, was inspired to develop this fun and interactive concert by the hard working folks at New Jersey Clean Communities. He tours in a veggie oil-powered van and brings music to children and adults.

This free show is funded by the Friends of the Library - we hope you can come!

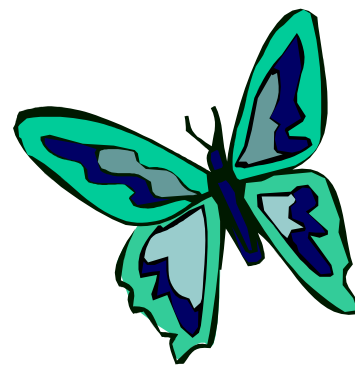
## SPL BLOG

Do you ever read the Library's blog? You should take a look! Recent posts include tips on how to get the most out of Google, a calculator for figuring out how much money your library use saves you each year, a list of new titles available in French, and an annotated list of favorite books by author Natalie Babbitt. You'll also find reminders about upcoming programs for kids and adults, and maybe a poem, or a laugh, or something interesting to think about...

[www.somervillepubliclibrary.org/blog](http://www.somervillepubliclibrary.org/blog)

## FAIRY HOUSES & BUTTERFLY BOOKS

On Thursday, July 22nd at 3 pm, local artist Laura Marshall will teach kids how to make fairy houses and butterfly books at West Branch. There will be lots of stamping, and all materials will be provided for everyone to enjoy an afternoon of crafting! This program is free and is recommended for school-aged children. We hope you can come!



## MYSTERY BOOK CLUB...

*Mystery* is in the air...at the Central Library's Mystery Book Club! New members are always welcome to read and discuss all types of mysteries and to help choose books for upcoming discussions. All meetings are at 7:00 pm.

June 2nd at 7:00 pm – *Enquiry* by Dick Francis

July 7th at 7:00 pm – *Whom the Gods Love* by Kate Ross

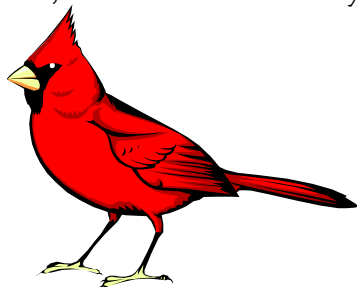
August 4th at 7:00 pm – *The Torso* by Helene Turnsten

Also, the Mystery Book Club now has a website, thanks to the hard work of one of our long-time members! The website will document all of the books the club has read. You'll also find short synopses of upcoming book selections, and (soon) a list of resources for readers who love mysteries. Check it out at <http://snipurl.com/smbclub>

## URBAN BIRDING

Celebrate Urban Birds at the Central Library on Sunday, June 6th at 2:30 pm! Join Paula Jordan to find out more about the birds that make our city their home. Play a migration game, make a nest, and listen to bird sounds. We will also read a book and visit with a live bird. If we have time we will walk outside and see who and what we hear in our neighborhood. Limited to 25 children ages 6-10, with their parents/caregivers.

This free program is funded by the Somerville Children's Network, an all volunteer, parent-run, 501c3 non-profit organization. The Somerville Children's Network works in collaboration with schools, city, community, and civic organizations to provide enrichment opportunities and support Somerville Public Schools, to nurture Somerville families, and to build community.



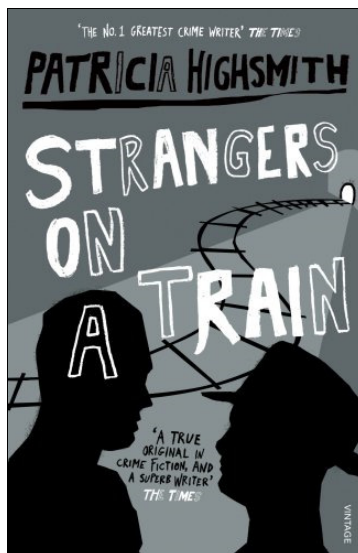
## GROUNDWORKS SOMERVILLE

On Thursday, July 15th at 3 pm, Tai Dinnan and the staff of Groundworks Somerville will be at the West Branch to lead kids in activities that promote exploration of urban natural areas, planting and harvesting food, and learning to make sensible choices for their own health and the health of the planet. Kids will help to plant flowers and vegetables in the flower boxes located behind the library, and are invited to taste peas grown right here!

This free program is funded by the Friends of the Library and is recommended for kids 3 and older.

## BOOKS INTO MOVIES: STRANGERS ON A TRAIN

Join us at the West Branch for a Books Into Movies discussion group! Whether you've read the book, seen the movie, or both, you're invited to come and take part in a lively discussion.



On Monday, June 21st at 7:30 pm we'll talk about *Strangers on a Train* by Patricia Highsmith, which Alfred Hitchcock made into film starring Farley Granger, Ruth Roman, Robert Walker, and Leo G. Carroll. Guy Haines, a tennis star who hates his wife, is approached on a train by a stranger, Bruno Anthony, who hates his father. Anthony offers a plan: each could kill the other's victim. No motive, no clue would link the two murders save the casual meeting of strangers on a train. Haines doesn't take the plan seriously, however, until his wife is suddenly murdered, and Anthony appears to demand that Haines keep his part of the bargain.

Group meetings are free and new members are always welcome, as are suggestions for what to read (or watch) and talk about next. For more information, or to share your ideas, call Karen Kramer at (617) 623-5000 x2975.



## SUMMER READING CLUB AWARDS CEREMONY

The Summer Reading Club wraps up on Thursday, August 12th at 6:00 pm with a cooking demonstration by Ellen and Walter Jacobs. Ellen and Walt will offer different suggestions for foods families can make together. The emphasis will be on eating locally and the ingredients will include veggies harvested from the Ellen and Walt's garden or purchased at a Somerville Farmers' Market. Recipes will be provided, as well as photos of the garden, and tips for incorporating cooking and shopping healthfully into the schedule of a busy family. And after the show, our great summer readers will get their award certificates! This program is funded by the Friends of the Library - we hope you can come!

## SUMMER FUN AT THE EAST BRANCH

### Good CRAFTernoon!

Thursday, July 15th at 3 pm  
Dress for a mess and join us for a crafty afternoon!

### Bingo

Tuesday, July 20th at 3 pm  
Kids of all ages are invited to play - join us!

## WEEKLY KIDS' PROGRAMS

There's always something fun going on for kids at the Library! Besides books, music, puzzles, and movies, our children's librarians offer the following weekly programs:

### Central Library

Thursdays, 10:30 am

- Storytime for 3 to 5 year olds

Fridays, 10:30 am

- Storytime for 2 year olds

[Note: Central Library storytimes will be on break Aug. 16th - Sep. 6]

### West Branch

Tuesdays, 11 am

- Storytime (ages 2-4)

Wednesdays, 11 am (Jun 16 - Aug 18)

- Babygarden (birth - 18 mo.)

### East Branch

Wednesdays, 11 am

- Storytime for All Ages

## GO CELTS!

As of this writing, it's too soon to tell if the Celtics will go all the way. But however things turns out this year, you can always relive the glory of previous championship years with books and movies like these.

*Boston Celtics 2007-2008*

*NBA Champions*

DVD 796.323 BOSTON

*Wicked Good Year: How the Red Sox, Patriots, & Celtics Turned the Hub of the Universe into the Capital of Sports* by Steve Buckley 796.09744 BU



## BABYGARTEN

This educational program for caregivers and their babies from birth to 18 months is returning to the West Branch for a summer session. The classes involve songs and rhymes that help babies with language acquisition and pre-literacy skills, and provide an environment that nurtures and stimulates children with a wide variety of experiences:

Classes will meet on Wednesdays at 11 am from June 16th to August 18.

No registration is needed - just come! Babygarden is free, and is brought to you by the Friends of the Library.

## IN THE MOOD FOR A LITTLE-SHIVER...?



Here are a few ghost stories, both new and classic, that you might want to try.

*Beloved* by Toni Morrison

*A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens

*The Green Man* by Kingsley Amis

*Haunted New England: Classic Tales of the Strange and Supernatural*

*Haunting Bombay* by Shilpa Agarwal

*Heart-Shaped Box* by Joe Hill

*Her Fearful Symmetry* by Audrey Niffenegger

*Hotel World* by Ali Smith

*In The Country of the Young* by Lisa Carey

*The Little Stranger* by Sarah Waters

*The Night Country* by Stewart O'Nan

*The Oxford Book of English Ghost Stories*

*The Séance* by John Harwood

*The Turn of the Screw* by Henry James

*Victorian Ghost Stories: An Oxford Anthology*

*A Winter Haunting* by Dan Simmons

## HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

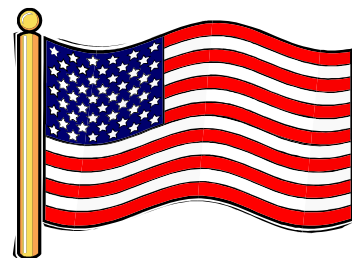
The Libraries will be closed on:

Bunker Hill Day

- Thursday, June 17th

Independence Day

- Monday, July 5th



## HOURS AND LOCATIONS

### CENTRAL LIBRARY

79 Highland Avenue

Mon. - Thu. 9 am - 9 pm

Friday 9 am - 6 pm

Saturday 9 am - 5 pm

Sunday 1 pm - 5 pm

### EAST BRANCH

115 Broadway

Monday 10 am - 9 pm

Tuesday 2 pm - 6 pm

Wednesday 10 am - 6 pm

Thursday 10 am - 9 pm

Friday 10 am - 6 pm

### WEST BRANCH

40 College Avenue

Monday 10 am - 9 pm

Tuesday 10 am - 6 pm

Wednesday 10 am - 6 pm

Thursday 10 am - 9 pm

Friday 2 pm - 6 pm

Reach all locations at

(617) 623-5000 or on the web at

[www.somervillepubliclibrary.org](http://www.somervillepubliclibrary.org)