

## **The Friends of the Reuben Hoar Library Spring 2008 Newsletter**

**Visit our website** – The Friends have a website to make it easier for everyone to find out how they can help the Library. Check on it periodically and see what is going on, and what the Friends have done. We appreciate your input. Visit our website <http://www.friendsofthereubenhoarlibrary.org>

**Love Your Library Month candy contest** – Congratulations to the winners who guessed the amount of candy in the jar during February! Adult winner Kathy Provost won tickets to Taste of Nashoba Valley food tasting and youth winner Morgan Pichel won a \$25 Willow Books gift certificate and the jar containing 231 pieces of candy. \_

**7<sup>th</sup> annual Taste of Nashoba Valley – A Culinary Experience** – The Friends partnered with Nashoba Valley Chamber of Commerce in presenting Taste of Nashoba Valley on March 25<sup>th</sup> at Lawrence Academy in Groton. The Friends sold 100 tickets netting \$500 in support of the library. Thanks to all who purchased tickets! Watch for information next year and mark your calendar for the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Taste to be held Tuesday, March 24, 2009!

**Can and Bottle Fundraiser** – Volunteers sorted and transported deposit cans and bottles during the month of April and helped to raise \$786.80 for the library. Thank you!

**Spring Book Sale** - Thursday, May 15, 2 – 8 p.m., Friday, May 16, 4 – 8 p.m., Saturday, May 17, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. (\$5/bag all day – bag provided by Friends), Vincent Couper Room. Paperback and hardcover books, CDs, tapes and videos will be on sale

If you can help with set up for the sale on Monday, May 12 at 9 a.m., call Judy at 978-486-1090.

To help during sale hours, call Jane at 978-486-3436.

Volunteers are needed to help pack up books at 3 p.m. on Saturday and to load the boxes of books onto a truck Monday morning, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. Please call 978-486-3436 to help.

We will again be charging a \$10 entrance fee for the first hour for everyone except current Friends of the Reuben Hoar Library. Bring the enclosed coupon for free admission during the first hour.

Stop by to find great bargains on a wide range of reading material for all the family!

**Check out the new ‘Tweens & Teens Area at the Library** – An exciting new look designed by the teens! The renovations were made possible by a federal grant administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and by funding from the Friends.

**Summer Reading Program** – Wild Reads at the Reuben Hoar Library

**Children's Program** – Visit the Children's Room to see wild decorations!

Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> is the first day to sign up for the summer reading program.

Friends' sponsored programs include:

- Summer Reading Program begins June 27
- Steve Blunt musical concert, Thursday July 17
- Penguin Lady, Dyan deNapoli, Thursday July 24
- Dog Sled Team from Alaska presentation, Thursday August 14
- Check the library calendar and watch Reuben's Notes for details about Goo Newman's Toddler Story Times, details about craft sessions, "Moms Read" and "Dads Read" events, and movie nights.

**Teen Program** – Again this year, teens are designing their summer reading program and choosing prizes. Adult chaperones are needed. Contact Linda Schreiber if you can help.

**Adult Program** – Adults will read at least two books that they can justify as a "wild read" and keep a list of books read to qualify for a gift certificate to a local restaurant.

**Recent Fundraising Efforts** – Already this calendar year, the Friends have raised over \$1,200 in two fund raising efforts.

- As a partner of the Nashoba Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Friends sold 100 discounted tickets to the Taste of Nashoba Valley and raised \$500. The Taste is a wonderful opportunity to sample the offerings of area restaurants, caterers, and other food merchants. The Friends will participate again next year, so watch for information and posters in February 2009.
- In April, the Friends collected, sorted, and transported 15,736 deposit cans and bottles to raise \$786.80 for the Library.

Thank you to all who helped in these fundraising efforts!

Be sure to visit the library this summer to learn more about our wildlife photo fundraiser!

**What the Friends of the Library have done lately** – Thanks to our generous membership donors and hard work at fundraising, the Friends have recently:

- Sent staff librarians to the Massachusetts Library Association Conference
- Bought museum passes for Peabody Essex Museum, Fitchburg Art Museum, and The Sports Museum, and a Massachusetts State Parks Pass. The full list of museum passes is available at the Library and online.
- Subscribed to the EBSCO Publishing Database Next Reads service that provides up to date information about new acquisitions that the Library has made. Pick what genre(s) you want to be notified about in a monthly email.
- Purchased bookshelves
- Funded summer reading program "Wild Reads" at your Library
- Hosted an appreciation luncheon "Springtime in Paris" for library staff

Don't forget the many passes for museums and local attractions purchased by the Friends as you plan your spring and summer outings! Sign up for passes on-line at [www.littletonlibrary.org](http://www.littletonlibrary.org) and click on Museums.