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South Hadley Public Library News—August 2011

Library Receives \$4,841,312 Construction Grant



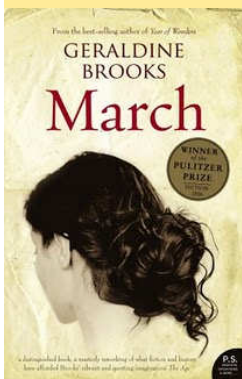
The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners recently named South Hadley as one of eight communities to receive a Public Library Construction Grant. In this highly competitive funding period, South Hadley's library project was recognized for its innovative design, ability to expand public services, and commitment to community development. This grant, together with previously expended funds, accounts for just over 55% of the total project cost. The library has until January 31, 2012 to

raise the balance of the funding. The Library Trustees, Library Building Committee, and Friends of the Library have begun a targeted campaign to solicit tax-deductible donations for this purpose. Large corporations and foundations have been approached for donations. There will eventually be a town-wide appeal for gifts. Finally, the Library Trustees will approach the fall Special Town Meeting for the balance of the funding. Through gifts and donations, we plan to ask for the least amount possible to make this important project—identified in the town Master Plan—a reality. If you have any questions about our plans, please ask to speak with Library Director Joe Rodio at your convenience. Special thanks go to everyone involved in this project, from dedicated volunteers, to frequent well-wishers, and also to some early benefactors who have given gifts towards the new library. To keep track of the latest developments, please visit the website for this project at www.facebook.com/newSHPL for pictures, site plans, and even a 5-minute movie!

August Book Group Book:

March by Geraldine Brooks

Wednesday, August 17th @ 6:30



In a story inspired by the father character in *Little Women* and drawn from the journals and letters of Louisa May Alcott's father Bronson, a man leaves behind his family to serve in

the Civil War and finds his marriage and beliefs are profoundly challenged by his experiences. Copies are available at the library.

Author Caitlin Horrocks

Talk, Reading, & Book Signing: Monday, August 22 @ 6:30



Thirteen women confront dramas both every-day and outlandish in Caitlin Horrocks' new book *This Is Not Your City*. In stories as darkly comic as they are unflinching, people isolated by geography, emotion, or circumstance cut

imperfect paths to peace—they have no other choice. Join us in welcoming a rising literary voice to South Hadley. Copies of her book will be available for purchase.

Dollar Scholar Program:

It's Back to School Time! Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic: How Dollars Add Up and Make Sense

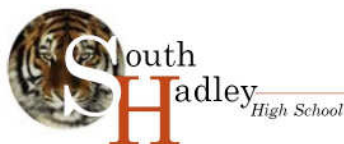
Wednesday, August 24th @ 6:00

Dollar Scholar, Susan Nimchick will teach you that the best Financial Planner is YOU!



School Reading Lists Get Your Books Now!

Copies of books for the high school and middle school required reading lists are available at the library or through inter-library loan. Don't wait until the last week—stop by soon to get your books and take notes for your first-week requirements. Books are kept behind the circulation desk, just tell us your grade and we'll be happy to show you the titles available. Most books are available in print and audio versions. You may take out one book at a time in order to keep copies available for as many students as possible.



PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME *Meet Your Teachers*

Our pre-school story time continues to be presented throughout the summer on Thursday mornings at 10:30 with guest readers from Plains Elementary School. All children are welcome. The schedule is as follows:

- August 4th : Brook Beaulieu, Kindergarten teacher
- August 11th : Nancy Jessup & Ruby, Behavior Therapist
- August 18th : Dee McWilliams, First grade teacher
- August 25th : Kristene Schwantner, Kindergarten teacher



American Red Cross Blood Drive



Currently there is a critical blood shortage in the United States which means that there is a need for donations of ALL blood types. Please consider making a blood donation when the American Red Cross conducts a drive here at the library on Monday, August 15th from 12:00 to 6:00. Drop ins are always welcome but scheduling an appointment will reduce any potential wait time. To make an appointment you can either call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit www.givelife.org. All presenting donors will receive a promotional gift.



Quest for the Eastern Cougar with Robert Tougias Tuesday, August 30 at 6:30

The eastern cougar (puma concolor cougar, a.k.a. puma, panther, catamount, painter or mountain lion) was official declared extinct by the federal government in March. The last *known* record of the eastern puma in Massachusetts was from Hampshire County about 1858. Join naturalist and western Massachusetts native Robert Tougias for a discussion of this lost creature.

