



# The Fine Print.

South Hadley Public Library News—September 2011



## Library Project Update & Plans

The Library Trustees, Building Committee, and Friends have been working hard to raise funds and identify potential donors to our library project. The state construction grant of just over \$4.8 million will cover about half the total project cost. It is the Trustees' goal to approach the town voters for the least amount possible and to do that we are engaged in several projects:

- Grant applications are being submitted to various foundations and companies.
- Targeted mailings have been sent to local businesses and residents requesting donations.
- A town-wide fund-raising mailing is planned for later this month (keep checking your mailbox!).
- Events are being planned over the next three months that will raise both awareness of the project and needed funds.

At some point in the next three months, the Library Trustees will approach the Selectboard about scheduling an election to raise the balance of funds needed to make this project happen. In order for the town to accept the grant, we need to have all funding secured or pledged by January 31, 2012.

Thank you very much for your support, insightful questions, helpful comments, and patience as we work towards our goal of a new South Hadley Public Library. As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask for Library Director Joe Rodio at the library or by telephone.

## Library Circulation Tops 200,000 for FY11!

Last year saw new levels of activity at your library as 202,349 items were checked out at our circulation desk. This represents a **3.7% increase** of activity since last year and a 28.4% increase since Fiscal Year 2007!

If you estimate the average value of a book, movie, or music CD at \$15 then our community borrowed \$3,035,235 worth of library materials with their library cards—not a bad deal!



## September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month

and it's a great time to either update your library card information with us, replace your lost or worn card, or finally sign-up for a new card. Everyone who updates their card or registers for a new one in September will be entered into a raffle for some terrific prizes at the end of the month. With so many cards in our wallets these days, sometimes the original library card is still you best bet for value and services!

## Home Emergency Preparedness Workshop Wednesday, September 14 at 6:30



Blizzards, tornadoes, earthquakes, floods, hurricanes—we've seen it all in Western MA this year! Is your family prepared for the next disaster or emergency? Town of South Hadley Emergency Management Director Forrest Price will review how local families can prepare themselves and their loved ones for natural disasters and the consequences we might face.



## For the Kids!



### AUTUMN CORN COLLAGE CRAFT FUN

Children of all ages will enjoy our autumn craft to be held on **Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:30PM**. We will be making 3-D corn collages using popcorn and other materials. It'll be hard not to eat all the popcorn but the kids will go home with an adorable craft they can show off to their families. Children can pre-register for this program by stopping by the Youth Room or the Circulation Desk.

### BIRDS OF PREY BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND




On **Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM** we'll again be hosting Wingmasters with Raptor Rehabilitator Julie Collier. Julie will be bringing several North American birds of prey including a hawk, falcon, golden eagle, two owls and a mystery guest bird. This program is always standing room only when we have it so come early to get a good parking place and seat!

Please be aware that this program is intended for ages 5 through adult only. Ms. Collier asks that children younger than 5 not be permitted.

### PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME

Our weekly pre-school story time continues each and every **Thursday morning at 10:30AM** with Youth Services Librarian Meg Clancy. On the 29<sup>th</sup> we're pleased to have our special guest Librarian presenter Jeanne Hebert. No pre-registration is necessary. Just come in and have a good time. Feel free to bring your child no matter how young. They can sit through one story or the entire 1/2 hour program – whatever they can handle.

**Wii Night—  
Wednesday,  
September 28  
at 6:00**

Bring your friends and bring your family for a fun night playing games on the big screen! Be the first to preview the library's newest game titles!

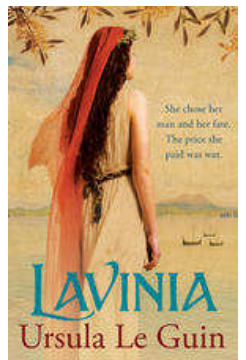
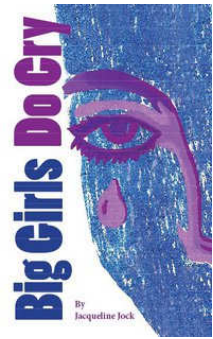


**Greek Bouzouki  
Concert  
Monday, Sept. 19  
@6:30**

Back by popular demand, come listen to traditional Greek music played on the bouzouki by South Hadley resident Savas.

**September Book  
Club Discussion:**

**Lavinia** by  
Ursula K. Le Guin  
Wednesday,  
September 21  
@6:30

**Author Talk:**  
Jacqueline Jock  
discusses  
**Big Girls Do Cry**  
A book about bullying  
issues & prevention  
**Tuesday,  
September 20 @6:30**



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