

# Niles Newsletter



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## Library Director Visits South Africa



At Boulder's Beach in Capetown, South Africa...with another member of the Library Science Delegation, Monika.

Last autumn I ventured all the way to South Africa to be part of a delegation of librarians as part of the People to People Citizen Ambassador Program. The trip included a mixture of visiting libraries, cultural experiences, and sightseeing.

John Berry, past president of the American Library Association was the delegation leader. ALA president elect,

Roberta Stevens was also part of the delegation. Librarians from all over the U.S. and one woman from Iraq made up this delegation.

I learned a great deal on this trip, but more than anything it reinforced things that I already knew about literacy in South Africa. I found that information is not available to all people equally. Libraries are most often present in urban centers. One can of course expect to see libraries in cities like Johannesburg and Cape Town; they are less prevalent in small towns. Universities have libraries, but schools very rarely do. 80% of state run schools have no library. Although great strides have been made,

access to information is still split down racial lines. Indeed these disparities are likely part of the legacy of apartheid

This Autumn I will be running some programs on South Africa here at the library. One of the events to be held at the library is a slide show of my trip. I will introduce you to the places I visited and some of the people I met along the way. In the meantime, if you would like to see some of the pictures, go to the library website and click on Blog. There you will find many images from my adventures. Watch the website for more information and a list of events.

## Parents! Bring Your Kids to Sign up for the Summer Reading Program

This year our theme for the Summer Reading Program for the younger kids is : **Reading through Time**. The kick-off for the children's summer reading program will be a special author visit with children's author and illustrator Chris Van Dusen on June 14th at 6:30 p.m. (refer to pg.3 FMI)  
The focus of the Summer

Reading Program will be on history. Children's Librarian, Priscilla Pineau, will be running this program and has a number of history-focused programs planned. She will focus on a different time period every week including: Pioneer Days, the Civil War, World War II to the Present, Colonial Days, the 1800s, and Victorians Days. There

will be a reading and an activity/craft for every week of the program to go along with the theme. Initial sign-up will take place on June 14th from 3-6:15 and continue until July 9th. We can't wait to see you all!

### Special points of interest:

- LIBRARY DIRECTOR VISITS SOUTH AFRICA
- SUMMER READING PROGRAMS
- AUTHOR VISITS.
- BOOK/MOVIE DISCUSSION GROUP

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## Book and Movie Discussion Group



ONE WEEK WE  
WATCH THE FILM.  
THE FOLLOWING  
WEEK WE  
DISCUSS THE  
BOOK AND THE  
FILM TOGETHER.

**Background:** In May of 2009 we started at Book and Movie Discussion Group here at the library. It has been very successful. In fact, it has been so successful that we have decided to run it for another year.

**How it works:** Most folks try to pick up the book about 4 or 5 weeks in advance of the actual discussion. Persons who are interested come and get the book at the library. We have 10 copies of each. They are on loan for 2 weeks, but may be renewed. One week we watch the film. The following week we discuss the book and the film together. Each of these events starts at 6p.m.

We started this new series with the book and film Julie and Julia. We watched the film on April 14<sup>th</sup>. On the 21<sup>st</sup> we had a terrific discussion comparing the book and the movie. We discussed criticism of the book and film as well as accolades. We snacked on a baguette and brie...and drank sparkling cider. Along with comparing and contrasting the book and movie we also discussed the book: My Life in France, by Julia Child ( a book that we didn't get a chance to read for the group), but was also part of the basis for the movie. We went online

and looked at the Smithsonian Institute Julia Child site. And viewed segments of Julia Child's television show: The French Chef.

The remainder of the schedule is as follows:

**Book:** Chocolat  
**Author:** Joanne Harris

**Film:** Chocolat  
**June 23, 2010**  
6p.m.

**Book and Film Discussion-**  
**June 30, 2010**  
6p.m.

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**Book:** The Pianist  
**Author:** Wladyslaw Szpilman

**Film:** The Pianist  
**July 28, 2010**  
6p.m.

**Book and Film Discussion-**  
**August 4, 2010**  
6p.m.

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**Book:** Girl with a Pearl Earring  
**Author:** Tracy Chevalier

**Film:** Girl with a Pearl Earring  
**September 1, 2010**  
6p.m.

**Book and Film Discussion-**  
**September 8, 2010**  
6p.m.

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**Book:** Frankenstein  
**Author:** Mary Shelley

**Film:** Frankenstein  
**October 6, 2010**  
6p.m.

**Book and Film Discussion-**  
**October 13, 2010**  
6p.m.

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**Book:** Snow Falling on Cedars

**Author:** David Guterson

**Film:** Snow Falling on Cedars  
**November 10, 2010**  
6p.m.

**Book and Film Discussion-**  
**November 17, 2010**  
6p.m.

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**Book:** Cider House Rules  
**Author:** John Irving

**Film:** Cider House Rules  
**December 29, 2010**  
6p.m.

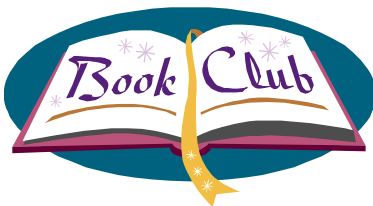
**Book and Film Discussion-**  
**January 5, 2011**  
6p.m.

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**Book:** Ethan Frome  
**Author:** Edith Wharton

**Film:** Ethan Frome  
**February 2, 2011**  
6p.m.

**Book and Film Discussion-**  
**February 9, 2010**  
6p.m.



## Teens! Get Your Green on @ Jay-Niles this Summer

Taking books out at your library is recycling! Why buy new and read once when you can borrow?

Come to the library this summer to enjoy activities around the environment and enjoying the natural world.

We will kick off the Teen Summer Reading Program on June 15th at 6:30 p.m. with a concert/workshop with Jennifer Armstrong. Her program is called **Green and Growing**

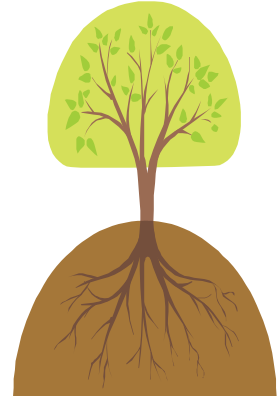
and reminds us that Every Day is Earth Day. Jennifer will talk about Julia Butterfly Hill and her "Green Kit" as well as share songs and stories.

Activities that we are doing this summer include: an origami workshop, a common reading of a book and viewing of a film and discussion, a nature walk, nature prints, making recycled paper, a visit from the author Anne

Sibley O'Brien (More info below), and a disco dance party.

When you sign up you will be given a reusable tote bag. Every time you bring in your tote bag to take out more books and/or return them your name will be put in a drawing for a prize.

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## Visit from Author Anne Sibley O'Brien

On July 19th we will have a visit from children's and young adult author Anne Sibley O'Brien as part of the Teen Summer Reading Program. O'Brien lives on an island off the coast of Maine. She has illustrated 25 picture books, a number of which have been part of a collaboration with other authors such as Margy Burns Knight. (Talking Walls; Who Belongs Here? An American Story; Welcoming Babies; Talking

Walls: The Stories Continue; and Africa is Not a Country.) She has also worked with Juanita Havill on Jamaica's Find and six other Jamaica books.

O'Brien has also illustrated a number of her own books including two retellings of Korean tales: The Princess and the Beggar and The Legend of Hong Kil Dong: The Robin Hood of Korea (graphic novel). Her visit to

Jay-Niles Memorial Library will focus on her new young adult book: After Gandhi: One Hundred Years of Non-violent Resistance, a collaboration with her son Perry Edmond O'Brien. This book contains 15 highly readable portraits of social activists. The author visit will focus in part on Wangari Maathai and the Greenbelt Movement, but also on social and environmental activism in general.

THE AUTHOR VISIT WILL FOCUS IN PART ON WANGARI MAATHAI AND THE GREENBELT MOVEMENT, BUT ALSO ON SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVISM IN GENERAL.

## A Visit from Chris Van Dusen

On June 14th, Maine Children's book author and illustrator, Chris Van Dusen will be doing a special program at 6:30p.m. for our Summer Reading Program participants.

Van Dusen is the author and illustrator of the Mr. Magee series. The titles in this series are: Down to the Sea with Mr. Magee(2003 Lupine

Award Honor Book) , and A Camping Spree with Mr. Magee. There will be another title in this series released in October of 2010 called: Learn to Ski with Mr. Magee! He also wrote and illustrated If I Built a Car and Circus Ship (2009 Lupine Award Winner). He is also well-known for the illustrations in the Mercy Watson

series written by Kate DiCamillo. His illustrations have also appeared in Nickelodeon, Family Fun, and Disney Adventures.

Chris Van Dusen lives in Camden, Maine with his wife, Lori children, Tucker and Ethan, and dog, Pearl.



Chris near his home in Maine.

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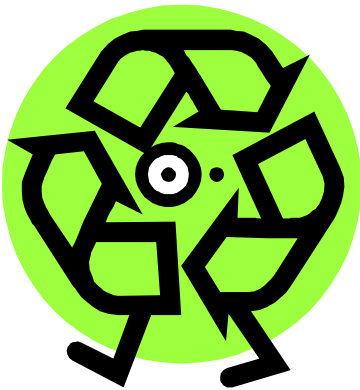
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### **Get Your Green On! (Continued from page 3)**



For every hour read, the librarian will add items to our nature mural. Bring in your reading log and report how much you have read. Books are great, but remember that magazines, comic books, newspapers, and graphic novels also count for reading!

Bring in photos throughout the summer to put on display. For inspiration look at the work of famous nature photographers such as Ansel Adams, Bill Curtsinger, and Frans Lanting.

Event calendars will be available soon. Please

come and get one. I will also make one available for printing out from the library website.

We had 32 young people sign up last year. We read a total of 645 hours. We hope to have many more this year. We look forward to smashing that record this summer! See you soon!

### **FACEBOOK PAGE**

**Facebook~** Jay-Niles Memorial Library now has a Facebook page. Become a friend of Jay-Niles Memorial Library today! The webpage and our Facebook page are the best ways to stay current on what is going on at the library. Whether is getting information about what event is happening for the Summer Reading Program, the Book/Film discussion group dates, author visits, preschool story time, lapsit, etc. you can find the information here.