



Kingston Public Library

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Fall 2011

From the Director

After a busy summer, I'm enjoying the different pace of autumn. It is just as busy, but with a different energy as families settle in to the new school year, adults take on new projects, and all of us embark on the next season of reading, listening, watching, and learning.

One of the projects I'm especially excited about is a new season of [South Shore Locavores programs](#). This has been my particular project, in collaboration with the publishers of edible South Shore magazine, for the last year and a half. Over the summer we conducted a survey of "local food" lovers to see what topics interested them most, and on the basis of that we've come up with an exciting new roster of programs. Check it out on our [Events and Programs](#) page. This year we're adding several new features, including lists of resources developed by our reference librarian, to help people get the most out of each session. We'd love to see you at any of them!

We've also started surveying our building and services to see where we're doing a good job and where there's room for improvement. Expect to hear more from us on that subject in the coming year. And please feel free to send us your feedback at any time. You can [email](#), call (781-585-0517), write (6 Green St. Kingston MA 02364) or [stop by](#); we'd love to hear from you!



Borrower's Services

Did you know that you can receive text messages when a book you've ordered is ready for pick up? The texts are in addition to the regular notification call or email you already get.

To sign up, [log in to your OCLN account](#), select "Set Text Message Alerts," and follow the directions.



Children's Services

September brings a whole new slate of programs in the Children's Room. Drop-in storytimes began on September 19 at 6:30 p.m. with our popular PJ Storytime for children of all ages. On September 20 at 10:30 a.m. our lively Story and Craft for children ages 2 and up resumed. The Baby Playgroup for children 24 months and younger started up on September 22 at 10:30 a.m. We also introduced a brand new storytime on September 21 for children ages 4 and 5.

Big Ryan will be appearing in Kingston on October 26th at 6:30 p.m. Because of this show's popularity, we are holding it at the Kingston Recreation Center. Please RSVP by calling the Children's Room at 781-585-0517 x111 or [online](#).

Book groups for children in grades 2, 3, 4 and 5 continue in October, so please check the [Children's page](#) or contact Mrs. Legg for more information.

And finally, for all you Wii gamers, don't forget to stop by the Children's Activity Room at 2:00 p.m. on October 15th for an afternoon of Wii GaMeS. No sign up needed!



Teen Services

Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meetings are scheduled for September 30 and October 29 (both at 5:00 p.m.). The dates and times for the November and December meetings will be posted on the [Teen page](#).

The 6th Annual Pet Show will be held on October 15. This [annual event](#) is hosted by the Teen Advisory Board with proceeds to benefit the Kingston Animal Shelter. Reserve your space [online](#), then register at the Library

Get ready for Teen Read Week "Picture it!" October 16-22. Read all week long, just for the fun of it! And at the same time, raise funds for [Wednesday's Child](#), a non-profit organization dedicated to helping youths in Massachusetts find loving adoptive homes. Find friends and family to sponsor your reading, and you'll be doing a wonderful thing! Register in person on October 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room.

To find out more about these events, TAB or Teen Services, contact Hannele Minsk at 781-585-0517 x114 or by [email](#).



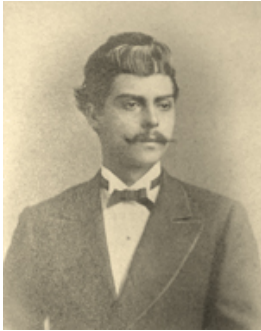
Reference and Adult Services

You'll find many excellent databases on the Library's [Reference page](#). We subscribe to these resources to provide you with access to information not available for free on the internet. Take a look and if you want help, just ask us. We'd love to show you how these databases work and find the information you need.

For students and general research, we offer [World Book Online](#). This multimedia encyclopedia includes World Book Kids, World Book Online Reference Center and World Book Online Info Finder. You can use World Book Online both in the Library and

from home (click the link and enter the barcode from your Kingston library card number).

Don't miss [our fall programs and art exhibits!](#) Get some great tips for holiday baking, plus local sources for your holiday turkey, at our [October 25th South Shore Locavores program.](#)



Local History Room

We've got a a blog called [Pique of the Week](#). Every week, you'll see new entry, a photograph or a document with a story to tell. We've been posting since [August 2008](#) but we never know what will pop up next. Past posts have covered topics like [dogs](#), [elections](#), [elephants](#), [hermits](#), [holidays](#), [more holidays](#), [even more holidays](#) (okay, yes, we love holidays!), [ice cream](#), [police](#), [trolleys](#), [trains](#), [shellfish](#), and so much more.

The blog also announces new local history exhibits in the Library lobby - like this one on Kingston benefactor [Ichabod Washburn](#) and this one about [dogs](#) - and showcases new additions to the collections, like this [wonderful early photograph](#) of the second building of the First Parish Church and this "[Certificate of Proficiency in Typewriting.](#)"

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