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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK:

As many of you know, Patricia Thompson Cramer retired July 31, 2002 after 16 years as Director of the Athenaeum. The Board of Directors is hosting a reception for Mrs. Cramer on Friday, August 9, 2002 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. and would like to invite all of you to stop in and wish her good luck.

Effective August 1, the Board of Directors has appointed Donald G. Buckley, Jr. Acting Director. Mr. Buckley, a lifelong resident of Westfield, started work at the Athenaeum in the summer of 1971 doing special projects. He has been Bookmobile Librarian, Branch Librarian and Assistant Director. We wish him the best of luck in his new position.

New Magazine Policy. Did you ever start devouring an article in a new magazine and want to take it home? Our magazine policy has changed to make all magazines (new and old) available for one week borrowing with the option of renewing them for a second week. This change from three weeks borrowing will give more patrons timelier access to the magazines.

Rental Copies Explained. A copy of a popular bestseller is often found in the rental copy display to allow readers who don't mind a minimal cost quick access to the latest novel. These extra copies help the voracious reader enjoy the newest fiction without the wait. Although we always have a regular copy of new novels, some writers of novels are so popular that the waiting list to borrow a copy is quite long. With rental books there is no reserving a copy, filling out a hold card, or waiting for the books to arrive. Some of the rentals available are: Janet Evanovich's "Hard Eight", Robert Morgan's "This Rock", Carol Shields' "Unless", and Robert Ludlum's "Sigma Protocol."

Puzzler: Where will you find an atlas or a map?

Reverend John Ballantine's Journal Available. Through the generosity of George H. Ballentine, the Athenaeum now has a copy of Rev. Ballantine's journal on compact disc. This CD-ROM spans the years 1734-1774 providing a facsimile copy of each handwritten page of the journal next to George Ballentine's typed translation which makes the journal easier to read. The great feature about this CD is its ability to find any

word or name in the entire journal with the easy click on the find button. Since Rev. Ballantine was intimately involved in the daily life of

Westfield, this CD is a great source for those doing genealogy. You can get your own copy through Heritage Books Online store or use our copy in the library – just ask at the Reference Desk.

Databases. The Internet provides an abundance of information, some of it reliable, some not. Your library card, however, gives you access to the more credible and reliable resources of various databases. 24/7 you can use the **NewsBank** that has full text articles from the Boston Globe, Boston Herald, Springfield Union-News and the Worcester Telegram & Gazette – completely indexed. You also have access to the databases inside **InfoTrac:** Business & Company Resource Center, Contemporary Authors & Contemporary Literary Criticism, Expanded Academic ASAP, General Reference, Health & Wellness Resource Center and Health Reference Center Academic, InfoTrac Kids, junior and senior editions, Onefile, Prompt, and Net Library. These can all be found at www.wmrls.org/services/HomeAccess.html.

Through the Massachusetts Library & Information Network, you can access **InfoTrac, Wilson Biographies Plus** and **eBooks** from **netLibrary** at www.mlin.org. Just remember your library card number and you'll find reliable information even in your PJs!

FYI – Atlases are located in the 912 sections of the adult and Boys & Girls library. Across from the reference desk, a wide variety of New England and world maps are readily available while historical atlases are located in the reference department. Ever ponder what the world looked like in the 1950s or what Westfield encompassed in the 1830s? Ask at the reference desk.

You'll also find various maps along the walls in the reference room.

AUGUST PROGRAMS AT THE BOYS & GIRLS LIBRARY:

Tuesday, August 6: Mad Science workshops for Children. 9-9:30 AM for Pre-K, limited to 15 children; 9:45-10:45 AM for K-2nd grade, limited to 25; and, 11:00-12:00 AM for 3rd-5th grade, limited to 25. Signups began July 30.

Wednesday, August 7: **11:00-12:00 AM**, Origami Workshop, grades 3 through adult. Registration begins July 31. **4:00-5:00 PM**, Young Adult Advisory Board Meeting, ages 12 and up. This board meets every other Wednesday at 4:00 PM in the Boys & Girls Library. **7:00-7:30 PM**, Story Time on the Lawn. Bring a blanket and enjoy family Story Time on the Lawn. In the event of bad weather, story time will be held inside. Advance registration is required.

Thursday, August 8: Authors Workshop Part 2, for ages 12 through 16. YA writers Dorsel and Frank Tempone will continue the Workshop. The first one was held July 18.

Wednesday, August 14: **9:00-9:30; 9:45-10:45 and 11:00-12:00**, Mad Science Workshops for Children. **4:00-5:00 PM**, Book Discussion: "Janitor's Boy" by Andrew

Clements for ages 9-12. Copies will be available for purchase from the library or by request through interlibrary loan. **7:00-7:30 PM**, Story Time on the Lawn. Bring a blanket and the family for story Time on the Lawn. Advance registration is required.

Wednesday, August 21: 4:00-5:00 PM, Young Adult Advisory Board Meeting. This group meets every other Wednesday in the Boys & Girls Library.

Wednesday, August 21: 7:00-7:30 PM, Story Time on the Lawn. This is a family Story Time to be held on the lawn. Advance registration is required.

Thursday, August 22: 9:00-12:00, Mad Science Workshops for Children in three different age groups.

Wednesday, August 28: YA Short Story Contest Submissions Due. Whether part of the Young Authors Workshop or on your own, submissions are open to all young adults ages 11-14 and 15-18. Guidelines were available beginning July 1.



LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM – 8:00 PM
Friday 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM
Closed Saturdays in July & August

LIBRARY TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Adult Library 568-7833
Reference Dept. 562-0716
Boys & Girls Library 562-6158

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