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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK:

March is Women's History Month. In celebration, the Athenaeum will present actress Kate Carney, portraying Bethenia Owens-Adair, M.D., "The First Woman Doctor in the West". She will be appearing on Tuesday, March 18, 2003 at 7:00 PM in the Lang Auditorium. There is no charge for this program.

Ms. Carney, as the respectable rebel doctor, will tell stories about going west on the Oregon Trail, and growing up at the frontier, then returning East at age 40 to get her medical degree. She will interact with the audience as if they were meeting her in 1895. Those attending will get a first-hand view of the frontier in a time of westbound expansion and see how every day people survived. Please join us for this program that is sure to be both informative and entertaining.

Donald G. Buckley, Jr., Acting Director

CHRISTOPHER J. LINDQUIST has been appointed the new Director of the Athenaeum and will come on board on Monday, March 10. Chris will introduce himself to all of you in the April Newsletter. He has been the Director of the Sturgis Library in Barnstable for the past six years.

FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE

ATHENAEUM: The Annual Book Sale will be held Thursday, April 10 through Saturday, April 12. More information will be available shortly. The Friends put a lot of time and effort into planning this fundraiser – all of us would appreciate your support!

Attention college students, renters, homeowners and artists! For the first time at the Friends Book Sale discarded framed art reproductions will be sold. It's a great, inexpensive way to add to your art collection or re-use the frames for your own artwork. Come early for the best selection.

REMINDER: The Adult Book Discussion Group will be held Thursday, March 6 at 1:00 PM in the Elizabeth Reed Reading Room. The book, Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee by Dee Brown will be discussed.

The New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians tells us "the love-song is the predominant class of folksong in the Gaeltacht (Irish-speaking districts) of Ireland." And, the Irish love song is more lyrical than narrative, although many a singer relates the story behind the despair or hope of love. The Grove Dictionary notes that "the best of them have an intensity of feeling expressed in poetry using vowel assonance, set to

music untrammelled by adherence to a rigid temp, which has an irresistible impact on the listener. Men's songs are most numerous and some are the most beautiful in the language." Interestingly, Grove Dictionary says that the Irish have many songs (airs) that are mainly to please the ear, but only a dozen or so Irish work songs exist in written form. The Athenaeum has both the Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians and the Grove Dictionary of Art to answer any intriguing questions that pass your way.

Some Irish Limericks:

A mouse in her room woke Miss Doud
Who was frightened and screamed very
loud
Then a happy thought hit her
To scare off the critter
She sat up in bed and just meowed

There was a young man of Fort Worth
Who was born on the day of his birth.
He was married, some say,
On his wife's wedding day,
And he died when he quitted the earth.

There once was a lady, Ilene,
Who lived on distilled kerosene,
But she started absorbin"
A new hydrocarbon
And since then she'd never benzene.

There once was a young man of Trinity
Who found y^e root infinity
But y^e digits
Gave him infinite fidgets
So he dropped math and took up
divinity.

A Blessing from Saint Patrick:

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rain fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His
hand.

**NEW MYSTERIES AT THE
ATHENAEUM:**

Murder in the Hearse Degree by Tim
Cockey

She's Not There by Mary-Ann Tirone
Smith

A Hot and Sultry Night for Crime by
Jeffrey Deaver

Desert Winter by Michael Craft
Everybody's Somebody's Fool by
Ed Gorman

Killer Dust by Sarah Andrews
Crouching Buzzard, Leaping Moon by
Donna Andrews

The Dogfather by Susan Conant
The Stingray Shuffle by Tim Dorsey

JASPER RAND ART MUSEUM is
featuring the work of artist, Bruce
Guindon and can be viewed during
regular library hours.

DID YOU KNOW ...The Athenaeum
has every issue of "Life" Magazine from
its debut in 1918. So, if you are putting
together a birthday collage or need
original sources, look in the bound
volumes of "Life" near the internet
computers. We also have old bound
volumes of "Ladies Home Journal" and
"Nation" for a walk down memory lane.

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MARCH PROGRAMS IN THE BOYS AND GIRLS LIBRARY:

Baby Time for ages 6-18 months will be held on Thursday, March 6 From 10-10:30 AM. Registration is required.

All Day Craft Table – Saturday, March 15. Come into the library and make a craft for St. Patrick's Day. Supplies will be available at the desk.

2's Too for 24-35 months will be from 10-10:45 AM on Thursday, March 20. Registration is required.

Story Time Plus for ages 3-5 will Be on Tuesday, March 25 from 10-10:45 AM. Registration is required.



2003 Award Winning Children's Books:

Winners of the Caldecott Award for outstanding illustration of a book published in the United States:

Award medal: My Friend Rabbit by Eric Rohmann

Honor Medals: The Spider and the Fly by Mary Howitt, illustrated by Tony DiTerlizzi; Hondo and Fabian by Peter McCarty; Noah's Ark by Jerry Pinkney.

Newbery Award Winners for outstanding writing of a children's book published in the United States:

Award Medal: Crispin: The Cross of Lead by Avi

Honor Medals: The House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer; Pictures of Hollis Woods by Patricia Giff; Hoot by Carl Hiaasen; A Corner of the Universe by Ann M. Martin.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!!



LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM-8:00 PM
Friday & Saturday 8:30 AM-5:00 PM

LIBRARY TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

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

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