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One Question Answered

There's a buzz around town about the new library. Cars can be seen slowing down as they pass the entrance to Cemetery Road as it cuts off from Route 7A. They are checking out the proposed site of the new library building.

One question that is being asked is "Why move?" The MSL board members asked themselves that question and searched for the answer. It took time, and the help of qualified professionals, but

they are now comfortable they made the right decision.

Two architectural analyses of the current property, one by Keefe and Wesner and a second, more recent study by Johnson Roberts Assoc., have shown that the cost of building is higher than moving and the end result of staying is much less favorable for a number of reasons. The Board has shared their thinking with us:

- Historical constraints limit renovation options and in-

crease construction costs.

* The current site, reconstructed, would still have higher operating and maintenance costs.

*Renovation would require demolition of the 1960's building addition (on the front of the building).


* Renovating the current library would mean it would have to close for a period of time and temporary facilities would mean reduced services.

New Library

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Kids: Get Stamped @ MSL!

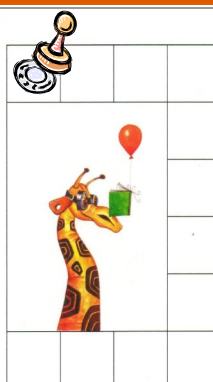
Mark Skinner Library
 Summer Reading Program
 2011



One World, Many Stories

Earn stamps for every book (or for every 50 pages) that you read this summer!

For every full stamp card you return to the library, you will receive a small prize and a chance to win the grand prize, an iPod Nano, at our Closing Celebration on August 11.



Name: Eager Reader

Phone #: 362-2607

Stamp cards should be turned in to the library by Wednesday, August 10, 2011. The drawing for the grand prize, an iPod Nano, will be held on August 11 at 10:30AM at the library. You need not be present to win.



Cemetery Rd. Proposed Site

Land Parcel Looking Towards
Rt. 7A

One Question Answered

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- * Additional land would need to be purchased for parking and expansion.
- * The resulting renovation would still lack green space and still have limited parking.

- * There are increased security and staff costs in a multi-story building such as the current site would require.
- * Lengthy renovation would be disruptive to businesses, homes and traffic on Route 7A.

Since 2008 the Board has evaluated 17 properties in Manchester. They feel fortunate they were able to find one that meets the needs of the library and will give Manchester a library to serve the community well for the next 100 years.

Technology Takes Over?

Adult Services Librarian Susan Swasta recently spoke about how the work and the image of librarians are changing. "The core skills and the principles of librarianship - to organize and provide access to information- are constant," stated Susan. "The tools and forms of information are changing, but the mission remains the same."

One major change is the new importance of technology. Libraries are now more customer



Adult Services Librarian
Susan Swasta

-driven and must keep ahead of the curve to ensure they meet the needs and interests of their customers. This leads to a recurring series of balancing acts. Should the library spend money on staff or books, on books or digital media, on e-readers or tablets, on programs or training? The number, variety and popularity of digital formats changes very quickly. E-readers such as Kindle and the Nook are in and suddenly, they're being replaced by Smartphones and tablets such as the iPad. The library tries to predict these changes and balance funding among different information formats. It's a constantly shifting challenge to provide something for everyone.

One way the MSL faces these challenges is by ensuring that every member of the staff works at the front desk some time during the week. Being "out front" helps staff members keep abreast of customers' needs and interests and develops familiarity with the library's collections. Susan noted that Assistant Director Cheryl Stillson orders the bulk of the library collection but that the entire staff participates in choosing books and media for the library. In addition, MSL shares resources with other libraries through the Green Mountain Consortium* and through the

Department of Libraries interlibrary loan system. Working at the front desk also allows library staff the opportunity to inform the public about library programs, services, needs, and plans.

MSL's presence on the web has drastically increased in the last six months. The library website recently went through a complete overhaul. "It is truly the 24/7 branch of the library with more and more online services," stated Susan, who serves as MSL's webmaster. The staff also produces a monthly e-newsletter and a reader's blog. You can "like" MSL on Facebook, check out the library's photostream on flickr, and watch MSL videos on YouTube.

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Susan mentioned how the proposed new library will help improve library services. A fiber optic connection will increase the speed of connections and will allow for distance learning. Small and large group spaces will provide areas for more individual and small group trainings. In addition, it will be possible for MSL to host programs like the popular First Wednesdays humanities lecture series on-site.

When asked to name the biggest challenges the library faces, Susan was quick to say "money and staff." There are so many additional services, programs and materials that could be offered to the citizens of the Manchester area if funds were available.

When asked how she sees the future of libraries and technology, Susan stated that libraries are morphing into community hubs. From online classes, to registration and instruction for government programs, to wii games and tourna-

ments, to distance learning, the library can meet the needs and fit the skills of a wide variety of community members. Throughout the changes, organizing and providing access to information will remain the goal and the mission of libraries everywhere.

*The Green Mountain Library Consortium has over 125 members from public, school, academic, and special libraries. The mission of the Green Mountain Library Consortium is to provide Vermont's libraries with access to goods and services otherwise unattainable, through the power of partnerships and collective purchasing.



Basket Raffle Winners Announced

The 2011 Basket Raffle is a wrap! Congratulations to the lucky winners:

Jennifer Amatruto
Jackie Barella
Andrea Berumen
Barbara Booth
Nancy Brown
Cynthia Bush
Pattie Chamberlain
Vicki Cole
Mary Doolin
Helen Doxsee
Ann D'Olivo
Barbara & Jeff Finder
Hilary French
Grace Fuller
Heather Gardner
Susi Garvin
May Jo Gourd
June Gutbier
Antonia Harkins

Regina Hosey
Tessa Hughes
Andrea Kaplan
Jaime Lane
Glenn Lemke
Doreen Mach
Brian Marthage
Sophie Miles
Anna Mundigo
Kim Murphy
Liz Novak
Kathie Peltz
Joyce Phillips
Margi Putney
Nancy Revo
Mike Ryan
David Simon
Alexia Smith
Judy Steron
Patty Toth
Mary Van Vleck
Courtney Weir
Liza Young
Marie Zoufaly

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The Mark Skinner Library: Manchester's Public Library is committed to serving the life-long journey of learning by providing information and opportunities for personal enrichment and enjoyment to people of all ages in our community.



Getaway Film Series Presents...



Thank heaven for Gigi! Get away to "gay Paris" with the last of the great Hollywood musicals! Home, motorcar, servants, the latest fashions: man-about-town Gaston (Louis Jourdan) offers them all to Gigi

(Leslie Caron). But this courtesan-in-training, who's gone from girlish gawkiness to cultured glamour, yearns for something money can't buy. The film **won all 9 Academy Awards** that it was

nominated for, more than any other film at that point in Oscar history. Join us for this bit of charming entertainment on **Wednesday, August 3 @ 6:30**

Book Sale Update

Michele Post (Chair) reports that the book sale schedule will be: Preview Night: Friday, September 16, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm; Saturday, September 17, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm; and Bag Sale: Sunday,

September 18, 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm.

Donations have been coming in steadily with one storage unit at Northstar Self-Storage already filled. Northstar is generously donating the use of

their storage units.

Many volunteers are needed to make this fundraiser a success. Please call Michele Post at 362-2177 or sign up at the circulation desk to volunteer your assistance.