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***Having the Courage to Remember***

The New Year is a time of resolutions, of contemplation and reflection. *How will we teach what must never be forgotten- in a world that wants to forget?*

The internationally acclaimed exhibit of Holocaust education, "The Courage to Remember," will open on Wednesday, January 4 at 5:00 pm at the Mark Skinner Library. It is a testament to the persecution and extermination of European Jews by Nazi Germany from 1933 – 1945.

*The Courage to Remember* is a creation of the Museum of Tolerance, a division of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, which was established in 1977 as an international Jewish human rights organization.

The exhibit has travelled throughout North America and in over 15 countries on six continents, including Australia, South Africa, Germany, Mexico, Norway, Czechoslovakia, Spain, France and South Korea. It was the first exhibit on the Holocaust produced by a Jewish institution to be officially shown in the Soviet Union and in China. In Japan, over 2 million citizens

viewed the exhibit nationwide.

The entire collection comprises 40 posters. Due to space limitations, 26 panels will be displayed at MSL.

Speaking at the opening reception at MSL will be Professor Paul Vincent, Chair of the Holocaust and Genocide Studies Department at Keene State College and Rabbi David Novak from the Beth Israel Congregation of Manchester. Dr. Vincent will present his talk "Life in Prewar Nazi Germany," at 7:00 pm at the First Congregational Church following the exhibit opening at MSL.

The exhibit is free to the public. Sponsored by the Mark Skinner Library and Israel Congregation of

Manchester, it is on loan from Brooks Memorial Library in Brattleboro. Christine de Vallet, a member of the Fine Arts Committee of Brooks Memorial Library, notes that the poster series was donated by Dr. and Mrs. Jacob Fagelman. The exhibit will remain on display at Mark Skinner Library until January 20.

"The timeless message of 'never forget' provides a link between generations, using history to empower each generation to resist ignorance and stand up for what is right," stated Rodney Wilson, a member of The Museum of Tolerance's Board.

To attend the opening reception on January 4 at 5:00 pm, RSVP to 802.362.2607 or email [mkskinnerlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:mkskinnerlibrary@gmail.com).



**First Wednesdays Presents:**  
***Daily Life in Prewar Nazi Germany***  
**January 4 at 7:00 pm**  
**First Congregational Church**

## Turning the Pages

Our growing awareness of green issues has led to changes in our life styles. One of those changes is the way we deal with magazines and periodicals. Some people have reduced the number of publications to which they subscribe; others have canceled all their personal subscriptions and are using the library as their source of magazines.

Reduced funds have also influenced the library's own magazine policies. At this time, the library's budget allows for the purchase of only 12 subscriptions.

Anna Mundigo, a MSL volunteer, began her work as a keeper of the magazines more than ten years ago. She continues to keep the magazines in

good order and to move older publications to storage. In the past, magazines were kept indefinitely; now, with so much information on line and with events occurring so rapidly, the library only keeps two years of each subscription magazine.

The Mark Skinner Library was ahead of its time in offering "lightly used" magazines to its patrons. Kathie Peltz, another MSL volunteer, joined Anna a few years later. She suggested that the library accept used magazines and allow library users to take them without going through the check out procedures. She mounted a campaign to encourage people to donate and they did. A large display shelf near the back door offers a selection of publica-

tions. The two women now work together on new and used magazines and find it takes them an average of one to

two hours a week to keep both collections in good order. They can tell you that among the most popular magazines are Bon Appétit, Eating Well, Organic Gardening, People, More, and Real Simple. Other publications, such as Car and Driver, Field and Stream, and Sports Illustrated are among the magazines that circulate the least. (Subscriptions to the latter magazines, purchased originally with library funds, will not be renewed.)

Whether its new subscriptions or gently used publications, Anna and Kathie will continue their commitment to the job they do so well. They are developing new ways to encourage people to donate both subscriptions and gently used magazines and are already thinking about better ways to display magazines and periodicals in the new library.

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Anna and Kathie Take on Mags



## Board Bytes

December's well-attended board meeting began with staff reports presented by Interim Executive Director Betsy Bleakie. First on the list of achievements was the completion of the Department of Libraries **survey** and Betsy gave credit to librarians Susan and Cheryl for their excellent work.

Betsy also spoke of

The Campaign for America's Libraries. It is the American Library Association's public awareness campaign that promotes the value of libraries and librarians. Thousands of libraries of all types – across the country and around the globe – use the Campaign's @ your library® brand. Listed below are two articles from

the campaign: you can find them on the ALA's website.

Children's author **Pam Muñoz Ryan** speaks out about improving literacy through school libraries. Read her op-ed in *The San Diego Union Tribune*.

Best-selling author **Scott Turow** writes

about the value of libraries and the threats they face. Read his op-ed in *The Huffington Post*.

Board members and community guests were reminded that the library is selling calendars; they are available at the library. Pat Bennett announced that Annual Fund letters are in the mail.

## How You Can Help

You can join Anna and Kathie in growing and shaping the Mark Skinner Library's magazine and periodical collection. Here are some ways you can help:

1. Consider purchasing a subscription for the library. There is a list of needed subscriptions at the front desk; you can talk to the librarian about the cost of each subscription. You can make the gift in memory of or in honor of an individual or group; the library will acknowledge your

gift for tax purposes.

2. Watch for magazine "deals." Sometimes magazines companies will offer buy-one, get-one offers. Airlines will allow you to use miles, that might be going to waste, to purchase magazines and periodicals. Check with the librarians before you purchase any subscriptions; they know what the library's patrons want and need.
3. Keep the staff aware of your own magazine interests. As with book and media selections, the

staff uses input from library users to determine purchases. Participate in the selection process by filling in one of the magazine choice forms that can be found at the front desk.

4. Share your gently used magazines with the library, but please don't use the library to dump years of old magazines. Some magazines, dealing with art, antiques, decorating, architecture, literature, etc., have long shelf lives; they are always welcome. Magazines like *Time* and *People* have very short shelf lives; only drop off these

magazines if they are less than a month old.

5. Make use of the used magazines. When you have finished with them, you can return them to the display area table, pass them on to another reader, or dispose of them in your recycling bins.



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.



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## Holiday Happenings @ MSL



### Roger Tincknell

Parents Choice Award Winner  
**Children's Songs & Singing Games**  
Presents

Wednesday, December 28 @ 10:30 AM  
Preschool & up. Children must be accompanied

### The Vermont Public Library 2012 Calendar Is Here!

Ease your  
holiday shopping experience.  
*Buy calendars for everyone  
on your shopping list!*

On sale @ Mark Skinner Library

Proceeds Benefit MSL:  
Manchester's Public Library  
(the April pinup)

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for your support!



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TUESDAY AND THURSDAY: 10-6 WEDNESDAY: 10-8 FRIDAY AND SATURDAY: 10-4



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