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## A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

*In July of 1998 I began my career at the Manchester City Library when I was hired as the Head of Technical Services. In that capacity it was my job to make sure that we had the newest materials and resources and to make sure that these materials were accessible to our users both on the shelves and via our online catalog. The goal of the library staff has always been to provide quality resources in all formats for you to utilize whether it is for research or entertainment.*

*As your new Library Director I have taken on a different role and now my focus is on leading our talented library staff as we continue to improve the services, resources, and programming that we provide at both of our library buildings. Most of all we want to spread the word about what the library provides to the community we serve.*

*We have already begun to change the way we handle programming and have begun to offer new resources such as downloadable audiobooks. Our programming is focused on what the community is telling us they want—educational and informational workshops besides entertainment for all ages. Downloadable audiobooks are being well-used by Manchester residents and it has us thinking about other resources that we can add to make our website the "other branch."*

*I feel very honored to have been chosen to lead the Manchester City Library as we face the challenges of new technologies and resources. I look forward to meeting our users so please feel free to stop in at the Main Library and introduce yourself if we haven't already met.*

Denise van Zanten  
Director

## CONSTRUCTION!

The Main Library at 405 Pine Street is finally getting a facelift for our Children's Room entranceway. Work began on November 6th under the watchful eyes of the city's Facilities Division, CMK Architects, and Hutter Construction. The staff parking lot and the entrance to the children's room will be closed while construction is underway. This entrance off of Concord Street has needed repairs for many years. As part of this project we are getting a new walkway, entrance area, drains, and handicap accessible doors. We ask that you bear with us as this project continues. The Amherst Street door is open for handicap access—you'll need to cut through our Winchell Room to get to the downstairs hallway which will lead you to the Children's Room or the elevator. We are sorry for the inconvenience but the end product will be well worth the wait.



## DOWNLOADABLE VIDEOS AVAILABLE IN JANUARY



Something new for Manchester City Library cardholders to preview! Starting in January, the Manchester City Library will participate in a six-month trial subscription to **MyLibraryTV**. With **MyLibraryTV**, you can download videos through the library's website to watch on your PC. The trial subscription includes classic movies, author interviews, how-to videos, documentaries, and programs on topics such as cooking, health, and travel. You'll be able to download up to ten programs to be viewed within seven days. This service requires broadband cable, DSL, or a wireless connection to the Internet.

## MANCHESTER GARDEN CLUB

Did you know that the Manchester Garden Club has always been a valued friend to the Manchester City Library? Back in 1989 they took on the challenge of raising funds to re-landscape the lawn of the main library building so that we have the beautiful grounds you see today. There is a plaque in our Rotunda acknowledging all those who assisted in this beautification project. The Garden Club continues to help the library by weeding our flowerbeds and by planting flowers as the season changes. The library staff is very grateful for all that the Garden Club has done and continues to do to make our library stand out.



## SAVE THE DATE - MAY 16TH 2007!

The **Manchester City Library Foundation** will be hosting their 5th Annual Spring Fundraiser on Wednesday May 16th at the Main Library. The guest author will be Linda Barnes who has written mystery novels, award-winning plays, and short stories. Be sure to join us as we eat our way throughout the library courtesy of many of Manchester's fine restaurants.

## WINTER PROGRAMS

### **The Nutcracker Suite: The Music and the Story**

Thursday, December 7th at 6:30 PM - Auditorium

A performance by Alfred Watson, Classical Pianist and Composer. Mr. Watson, a Juilliard graduate and seasoned performer, has created a unique presentation, a magical lecture, and performance built around the music of *The Nutcracker*, as well as the story and life of its composer, Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky. Mr. Watson will perform selections from the music of the Nutcracker ballet and tell the story. For more information, contact Mary Gallant at 624-6550 ext. 311.

### **Holiday Music featuring Harpist Lisa Washington Calvo**

Friday, December 22 at 1:30 PM - Rotunda

Ms. Calvo returns to the Main Library. Come listen to the beautiful holiday music in the Library's Rotunda. For more information, contact Mary Gallant at 624-6550 ext. 311.



## BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

2nd Thursday of the Month at 7:00 PM - Hunt Room

The Book Discussion Group is on hiatus for the month of December, but will pick up again on January 11th with *The World is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-First Century* by

Thomas L. Friedman. The title for the February 8th discussion is *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult.

## BUYING AND SELLING ON EBAY

Feb. 5th at 6:30 - Auditorium

Learn the ins and outs of using Ebay to make money selling unwanted items or to find the antique or collectible you've always wanted. Registration is not required. For more information contact Sarah Basbas at 624-6550 ext. 601.

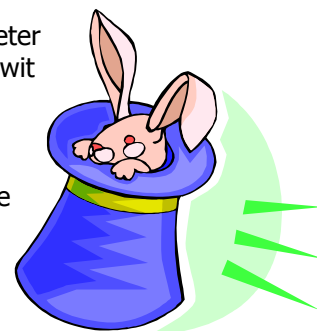
## BROWN BAG BOOK CLUB

In January 2007, the Manchester City Library will launch the Brown Bag Book Club. Set aside one lunch hour a month to come to the library and explore the world of books while you eat your lunch. This informal discussion group will include books of fiction and nonfiction, including biographies.

Interested? Call Arlene Letourneau at 624-6550 for more information.

## GET WISE! GET CARDED! WRAP-UP

On October 30th, a host of Halloween Trick-or-Treaters joined us to celebrate the final day of our 2006 Get Wise! Get Carded! campaign at the main library. Blitz, the mascot of the Manchester Wolves, was on-hand to dance the kids around and through the library to the beat of the Adams Family theme song. Before leaving the evening's festivities, Blitz drew the winners for our door prizes, which were 2 sets of Manchester Wolves tickets. Following the Halloween parade, Peter Boie regaled the audience with his wit and clever magic tricks. Peter involved the audience both young and old in his magic capers, which kept everyone laughing. At end the evening, Chris Zoulias and Diane Brown from the Friends of the Library group had the audience participate in drawing the winners of raffle items the Friends had generously provided for our Get Wise! Get Carded! program. The prizes were an MP3 player, a bevy of books-on-CD suitable for a variety of ages, and a Lightwedge for reading after lights are supposed to be out.



Throughout the month of October, Get Wise! Get Carded! activities at both the Main Library and the West Branch provided lots of opportunities for the community of Manchester to visit our libraries. We especially want to thank the Manchester Wolves, Dobles Chevrolet, the Manchester City Library Foundation, Library Board of Trustees for helping to make this program such a success.

## COMPUTER CLASSES AT THE LIBRARY

A full complement of free computer classes has been scheduled at the library from January to May of 2007. With a maximum of 8 students per class, the atmosphere is relaxed with the opportunity for one-on-one help. We offer classes in the mornings, afternoons, and evenings, to meet your schedule.

These are single-session, hands-on classes that last 1 ½ to 2 hours. Call the library at 624-6550 ext. 319 on or after December 15th, 2006, to sign up for a class. You'll amaze your friends with your computer skills!

- Introduction to the Computer, with Mouseaerobics!
- Introduction to the Internet
- Intermediate Internet
- Using the Library's Online Catalog
- Using Online Databases for Research and Fun
- Microsoft Word: Level I
- Microsoft Word: Level II
- Microsoft Excel: Level I
- Microsoft Excel: Level II
- Microsoft PowerPoint: Creating a Presentation (New class!)

## GENEALOGY DATABASES - HERITAGEQUEST AND ANCESTRY LIBRARY EDITION

The New Hampshire State Library purchases two genealogy databases for all public library cardholders: **Ancestry Library Edition** and **HeritageQuest Genealogy Online**.

**Ancestry Library Edition** can only be used within the library, from any Internet-accessible PC.

This database contains United States Census information from 1790 through 1930 and United Kingdom Census information from 1841 through 1901.

It also includes a wealth of birth, marriage and death records; immigration information; access to military records; biography and history; periodicals and newspapers; court, land, and probate information; and much more. **Ancestry Library Edition** is well worth a trip to the library!



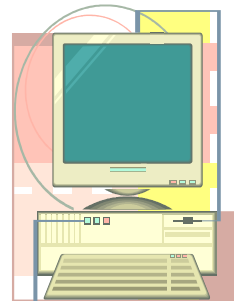
Cardholders can access **HeritageQuest Genealogy Online** from their home PCs through the library's web page, [www.manchester.lib.nh.us](http://www.manchester.lib.nh.us). Click on the Online Databases link located in the blue navigation bar on the left side of the page. Next, click on **HeritageQuest Genealogy Online** and enter all 14 digits of your library card number, with no spaces. In addition to United States Census information from 1790 through 1930, **HeritageQuest Genealogy Online** provides more than 20,000 full-text family and local histories; an index to nearly two million articles in genealogy periodicals; selected records from Revolutionary War Era Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Applications; and records from the Freedman's Bank (1865-1874), which was founded to serve African Americans.

## MANCHESTER CITY LIBRARY'S ONLINE BRANCH

*Available Anywhere, Anytime, from any PC*

24 x 7 x 365, the Manchester City Library's web page is available to all cardholders. Just type [www.manchester.lib.nh.us](http://www.manchester.lib.nh.us) in your web browser's address bar. Then you can:

- Download an audiobook or video
- Search the many online databases for articles from newspapers, magazines, and reference books; business data for marketing and investing; accurate health information; biographies; genealogical data; or suggestions of fiction books to read
- Reserve a museum pass
- Reserve a room in the library where your organization can meet
- Search the online catalog to see what the library owns, place a request, or renew items that are checked out to you
- View the library's calendar to find a program or class you want to attend
- Register to receive this quarterly *MCL Notes Newsletter* automatically via email
- Visit the Teen Scene, designed especially for thirteen to nineteen years olds
- Explore the Children's Services that are available at the library



*Even at 2:00 am, your library is working for you!*

## LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO READ?

If you are a fan of light mysteries and enjoy quirky characters that make you laugh out loud, pick up *Murder with Peacocks* by Donna Andrews. It's the first book in the Meg Langslow mystery series. The story is great for a relaxing read after a busy day. The whole series is good and will keep you chuckling throughout.



To submit a book recommendation, send the title, author, and why you recommend it to Amy Graves at [agraves@manchesternh.gov](mailto:agraves@manchesternh.gov), or you may bring it by the reference desk. For more information contact Amy at the above address or call 624-6550 ext. 612.

## HOW YOUR LIBRARY WORKS – THE REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

The librarians at the reference desk are very good at helping you find what you need. They can place a hold for you or search the catalog for a book on that certain subject that you are looking for. If the information you require is not found in-house, a search can be done for interlibrary loans, or you might be referred to a database that would be helpful.

Reference folk are good at everyday questions such as “Who is my Alderman?”; “Where do I go to register my new business?”; or even “What’s a good place to eat downtown?”

Sometimes questions require some digging for an answer, things like “What was the population of Manchester in 1923?”; “How has this country’s oil imports changed over the years?”; or “When did Pine Island Park close down?”



Staff members in the Reference Department are each assigned sections of our collection of books. They are responsible for choosing new materials to update that section. This is called “collection development.” Once titles are selected, the orders are given to technical services to be placed.

Along with adding new materials, old materials must be “weeded out.” Weeding involves pulling items from the shelves and deciding whether to keep or discard it. Items could be outdated, in poor condition, or not circulating. Weeding makes room for new materials to keep the collection up to date.

Several members of the Reference Staff are on the Programming Committee, and they help to plan programs for you to attend. Each has a favorite subject.

So if you have a question, go see the folks under the skylights. They will do what they can to help find an answer for you. All questions, no matter how small or large—even “Where can I find the closest slice of pizza?”

Next issue: Children’s Department

## YOUR HOLIDAY SURVIVAL GUIDE

It may be the most wonderful time of the year, but it can also be the most stressful. The Manchester City Library is here for you. Here are ten potential holiday dilemmas paired with books that may help you get through them.\*

### Dilemma 1:

Everyone’s coming to your house this year. Down to earth: *Keeping Entertaining Simple* by Martha Storey.  
Swank: *InStyle Parties: The Complete Guide to Easy, Elegant Entertaining* by Jennifer Tung.

### Dilemma 2:

All your family does when they get together is argue. Be prepared: *Since Strangling Isn’t an Option: Dealing with Difficult People* by Sandra A. Crowe.

### Dilemma 3:

You’re five pounds away from fitting into your best holiday attire.

The latest diets: *The Flavor Point Diet: The Breakthrough Plan to Turn Off Your Hunger and Lose the Weight for Good* by David L. Katz, MD; or *The Fat Smash Diet: The Last Diet You’ll Ever Need* by Ian Smith.



### Dilemma 4:

You’re tired of being upstaged by your sister and her coveted baked goods. Try *Big, Soft, Chewy Cookies: More than 75 Recipes for the Best Cookies in the World* by Jill Van Cleave; or *The Christmas Cookie Book* by Judy Knipe and Barbara Marks.

### Dilemma 5:

You can’t afford to buy gifts for your score(s) of nieces and nephews. Try browsing in the art room in 745 and 746 for crafts and fiber arts ideas. Or, if woodworking is your thing, try *Beautiful Wooden Gifts You Can Make in a Weekend* by Alan & Gill Bridgewater.

### Dilemma 6:

You made the mistake of wrapping presents on the floor. Try *The Total Back Book* by Jenny Sutcliffe; or *Reflexology for Back Pain* by Ann Gillanders.

### Dilemma 7:

You have to travel. In the car. For hours. With the kids. Stay sane: *Traveling with Children and Enjoying It* by Arlene Kay Butler; or *Miles of Smiles: 101 Great Car Games and Activities* by Carole Terwilliger Meyers.

### Dilemma 8:

Aunt Mabel and her vermilion lipstick are headed your way. Learn from the best: *The Master Book of Escapes* by Donald McCormick.  
Too late? *The Super Stain Remover Book* by Jack Cassimatis.



### Dilemma 9:

Uncle Larry will not stop talking...and he has you cornered. See “Politely Squelching Boors” in *Emily Post’s Etiquette* by Peggy Post.

### Dilemma 10:

You need a good laugh. If Christmas is your holiday, read *Skipping Christmas* by John Grisham.

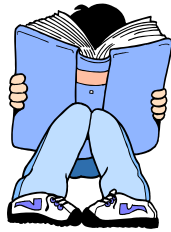
\*Actual results may vary.

## IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

### Read-Around-the-Circle

Thursday, December 28th at 2:00 PM  
Winchell Room

Second and third graders are invited to read aloud to a real live dog! Molly will be the special listener while children read Cynthia Rylant's book, "Henry and Mudge and the Wild Goose Chase." Molly belongs to Diane Frost, Humane Education Consultant with the Animal Rescue League. She will talk about taking care of your pets and the League's service in the area.



Following the read-aloud, participants and their families can make a craft to take home, and they get to keep the books, donated by the Manchester City Library Trustees. Registration is required. For more information please call the Children's Department, 624-6550 ext. 328.

## WINTER STORYTIMES

Winter storytimes will begin in February and run through the month of March. Registration is not required for these weekly sessions that are a free service for children and families in the Manchester area.

Three- to five-year-olds have a special Preschool Storytime on Tuesdays at 9:30 AM, starting February 6th. These story sessions almost always include a craft, especially created by Beverly Perreault, Assistant Librarian in the Children's Room.

Children under three years old and their parents can enjoy a Tiny Tots Storytime, which includes singing, finger plays, and games, as well as having fun with the wonderful picture books for this age. This storytime will be held on Wednesdays at 9:30 AM, starting February 7th. Kathy Urie, Children's Librarian, leads these sessions.

A Mother Goose story time also led by Kathy Urie will be held on Fridays at 9:30 AM, starting February 9th. This activity for children 12-months and younger and their parents includes singing, rhythm chanting, and whole body movements, with an emphasis on early books and an introduction to nursery rhymes.

And don't forget the Saturday Storytimes for the whole family. Held at 9:30 AM, they begin on January 20th and run through the month of March.

## FAMILY MOVIES

The Children's Department will be showing family movies on the following dates this winter:

Wednesday, December 27th at 10:00 AM  
Saturday, January 13th at 2:30 PM  
Wednesday, February 28th at 2:30 PM

Titles will be announced at a later date. Movies are free and open to the public. For more information contact the Children's Department at 624-6550 ext. 328.

## PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

The next **Teen Book Discussion** will be held on Saturday, December 2nd at 3:30 PM in the Hunt Room. The winter book discussion titles are:

December: *Capt. Hook* by J.V. Hart

January: *Son of the Mob* by Gordon Korman

February: *Storky: How I Lost My Nickname and Won the Girl* by D. L. Garfinkle

The next **Teen Movie Matinee** will be held on Saturday, December 16th at 3:30 PM in the Auditorium. The upcoming winter movie titles are:

December: *Scary Movie 4*

January: *When A Stranger Calls*

February: *Hoot*

See our Teen Scene page for more details:

[www.manchester.lib.nh.us/teen/](http://www.manchester.lib.nh.us/teen/). Or contact Assistant Librarian Kirsten Rundquist by email at [krundqui@manchesternh.gov](mailto:krundqui@manchesternh.gov) or by phone at 624-6550, ext. 609.

**Local Bands Needed!**

**The Manchester City Library is interested in hosting local bands to perform.**

Interested? Contact Kirsten Rundquist by email at [krundqui@manchesternh.gov](mailto:krundqui@manchesternh.gov) or by phone at 624-6550, ext. 609 for details.

**Sign up online for MCLNotes @  
[www.manchester.lib.nh.us](http://www.manchester.lib.nh.us)**

## NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE MANCHESTER CITY LIBRARY

*As we enter the Holiday season I reflect on how lucky we are to have such a wonderful library and a great staff who work so hard for us. The Friends of the Manchester City Library always strive to work closely with the staff to assure that the funds that we expend are going to the best places. Recently we were able to give over \$300.00 to the Get Wise Get Carded Program for prize items.*

*The Friends' Booksale in October netted \$1029.80. This allowed the Friends to give the Learn to Read program the full \$2,000.00 for this year's commitment. We were not able to fulfill this commitment last year due to the renovations.*

*The Friends are happy to report that from January 2004 through October 2006 we have given \$12,322.85 back to the Library and \$5,737.79 to the Learn to Read Program. The money is used in many ways including museum passes, expansion of materials for many departments, and special projects within the Library.*

*We hope that the public and the current Friends members will join our efforts in securing the continuation of support to the Library. The Friends Board of Directors is always looking for new ideas and energy to ensure this goal.*

*Happy Holidays,*

Christine Zoulias  
President, Friends of the Manchester City Library



## January Booksale

The Friends of the Manchester City Library will be having a bag booksale on Saturday, January 27th 2007. The cost is \$7.00 per bag. The Friends will provide the brown paper grocery bags. Doors open at 9:30 AM for Friends members, and 10:00 AM for the general public. Membership forms will be available at the door of the sale, and can also be found on the library website, [www.manchester.lib.nh.us](http://www.manchester.lib.nh.us). The cost of membership is \$10.00 for individuals, \$5.00 for seniors (65+).

## HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Monday, December 25th  
Tuesday, December 26th - West  
Monday, January 1st  
Monday, January 15th  
Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

## WEST MANCHESTER COMMUNITY LIBRARY SPECIAL EVENTS

The Polar Express returns! It will arrive on Wednesday, December 6th @ 6:30 PM for our version of Chris Van Allsburg's Polar Express will be held at the West Community Library.

Tickets will be available from November 7th. There is no charge, but there will be limited "seating on the train." For more information contact Mary Bognaski, Children's Librarian, or library staff at 624-6560. February 3rd from 12:00 to 2:00 PM



### Souper Bowl Saturday

No, that is not a typo, we are just planning to have some fun on Souper Bowl Saturday, before the Super Bowl XL Sunday! Our staff is the best soup-makers (we've been doing this for years), so join us for lunch and watch some football bloopers and highlights.

P.S. WinterFest Plans have been made. On March 1st, Marcus Gale will visit both the West Community Library @ 10:00 AM and the City Library @ 2:00 PM. He is a great entertainer for all ages.

### On-going Programs

Preschool Story times will continue to meet on Thursday mornings @ 10:00 AM. Stories, activities and fun!

### Winter Schedule for Friday Matinees

@ 3:00 PM each week:

December 1st – *Over the Hedge*  
December 8th – *Home Alone 1*  
December 15th – *Home Alone 2*  
December 22nd – *Home Alone 3*  
December 29th – *Nacho Libre*

January 5th – *Ant Bully*  
January 12th – *Ice Age 2*  
January 19th – *Barnyard*  
January 26th – *Invincible*

Family Stories on the first Saturday of the month @ 10:00 AM

*"Which did you like best – the book or the movie?"*

Our Family Book Discussion will meet on the second Saturday of each month @ 1:00 PM.

We have the books and the movies, all ages and families welcome.

January 13th – "Hoot"  
February 12th – "How to Eat Fried Worms"

Craft Tuesday @ 3:30 PM

December 5th – Making Greeting Cards.  
December 12th – Holiday Crafts & Presents  
December 19th – Frost Christmas Cookies  
February 8th - Make-it and Take-It Valentines

"A circulating library in a town is as an evergreen tree of diabolical knowledge! It blossoms through the year!" - Richard Brainsley Sheridan

## SHOP AT THE LIBRARY!

Don't forget to get that library lover a 2007 calendar or maybe a book bag for the holidays!



## BOOK SUGGESTIONS FROM LIBRARIAN SARAH BASBAS

Be sure to catch Sarah's column on Mondays in the *Manchester Daily Express*.

### NONFICTION

Anyone who watches the nightly news knows there's a lot to fear in our world. There's tainted food, medical mistakes, identity theft, and countless other threats that can produce anxiety and worry. The best solution is to find reliable information to help avoid these problems. The following books from the Manchester City Library can help. If you need assistance finding these or any other books at the Library, just stop at the Information Desk and we'll be glad to help.

- ***What Your Doctor Hasn't Told You and the Health Store Clerk Doesn't Know: The Truth About Alternative Treatments and What Works* by Edward L. Schneider, M.D.**

With so many alternative medicine claims on the Internet and on television infomercials, it isn't easy to separate fact from fiction. Many doctors simply dismiss these treatments, and people selling them have little training or could be compromised by profit motivations. "What Your Doctor Hasn't Told You and the Health Store Clerk Doesn't Know" is a reliable source for information on alternative health treatments. The author is one of the nation's leading experts on aging and is currently dean emeritus of gerontology at USC in Los Angeles, as well as a practicing clinician. In this book he has used the latest scientific research and clinical studies to evaluate alternative medicine treatments. He tackles glucosamine and chondroitin for arthritis, melatonin for sleep disorders, Saint John's Wort for depression, garlic and other supplements to lower cholesterol and blood pressure, herbals for menopause symptoms, cancer prevention and treatment measures, and other alternative medicine treatments.

What Dr. Schneider does that isn't found elsewhere is give dosage guidelines that will make these alternative treatments effective. He also tells what therapies should not be used because they are ineffective, unsafe, or both. The final chapter "The Longevity Top Ten," provides a guide to the supplements and therapies most likely to lead to a long and healthy life.

- ***What to Eat* by Marion Nestle**

Are eggs bad? Is caffeine dangerous? Should fish be avoided due to mercury contamination? And just what are trans fats? Every day there are new health claims made about food, which make going to the grocery store horribly complicated. In "What to Eat" Marion Nestle cuts through the confusion and gives a guided tour of the supermarket, with advice on how to feed ourselves and our families wisely and well. In this aisle-by-aisle guide, Nestle uses humor and expertise to analyze dairy foods, meat, seafood, frozen foods, produce, bread products, snacks, and soft drinks. She answers questions like: Can drinking milk really improve weight loss like advertisers claim; Is aspartame in soft drinks really bad for you; and Is it really worth it to spend more for organic vegetables?

- ***50 Ways to Protect Your Identity and Your Credit* by Steve Weisman**

Identity theft, credit card repair scams, and the fine print on credit card offers are just three of the important subjects covered in this book. The author gives guidelines on what you can do to avoid identity theft, such as calling the Opt Out Request Line (1-888-567-8688) to stop receiving credit card pre-approval letters that can be used by identity thieves to establish credit in your name. Weisman also explains the dangers of using unscrupulous credit counseling services. As anyone who watches television knows, there are many so-called nonprofit agencies that want to help people get out of debt, and not all of them really want to help anyone other than themselves. Weisman tells what to watch out for so that you can be sure you're dealing with a reputable firm and will really get the services you need.

### FICTION

- ***The Last Town on Earth* by Thomas Mullen**

In this historical novel, it's 1918, the U.S. has entered World War I, and the influenza epidemic grips the nation. A small logging town in Washington State deals with the flu hysteria by enacting a strict quarantine. The town's action leads to a crisis when an unknown soldier tries to enter the town. Mullen has written a gripping novel that is a good way to learn about the anti-war sentiments felt by some in 1918 and the helplessness so many felt as influenza devastated many communities. There are a lot of parallels to the bird flu fears and post 9/11 restrictions of our own times.

# LOOK WHAT WE CAUGHT



## RECONSTRUCTION OF THE CONCORD STREET ENTRANCE



## GET WISE! GET CARDED! FINALE & CELEBRATION