

Connections

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Hungry for a Taste of the Town?

Tickets are now on sale for the Taste of the Town on Thursday, Oct. 29, at the Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor. With help from exclusive Premier Sponsor Mutual Bank, this sixth annual event attended by more than 300 people will offer food from 20 area eateries, tastings of wines from around the world and an exciting silent auction.

As so many towns struggle to keep their libraries open, Plymouth has become the hub of library services in the region. The Library's ability to continue public computer access, children and adult enrichment programs, services to seniors and homebound, adult literacy and facility maintenance is because of contributions from the Plymouth Public Library Corporation, which is organizing this annual fundraiser.

Tickets for Taste of the Town are \$60 per person and are available at The Library's Main Branch and Pioppi's Package Store at 183 Court St. or by calling 508-830-4250. But hurry! Tickets have sold out for three years in a row! ■



Cooking up another delectable Taste of the Town are Dinah O'Brien (left) and Tom Gloster (third from right) of The Library with Mutual Bank's Theresa Bryant, Vice President/Retail Banking; Glen White, CEO; Dalia Cardoso, Plymouth Branch Manager; and Chris Dickinson, Business Development Officer.



Larry Bongiovanni discusses the new Music Room with Julie Vaitkus and Dinah O'Brien.

Library dedicates Ada and Angelo Bongiovanni Music Room

The Library is honored to announce the dedication of the Bongiovanni Collection. The former audio/visual room will now be known as the Ada and Angelo Bongiovanni Music Room. Through a very generous gift from their son Lawrence, this room will be updated and the audio/visual collection will be endowed.

Ada and Angelo Bongiovanni's story in many ways epitomizes the life of Plymouth's 20th century Pilgrims. At the turn of the century, Ada and Angelo's families immigrated to the United States from northern Italy. Shortly after coming to this country they met, married and made their humble home in North Plymouth. Working long, arduous hours at the

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Food for fines helps local food pantry

There's a new way to pay your library fines: with food! During the third week of each month, The Library will accept donations of nonperishable foods in lieu of fines. All food donations will be given to the Plymouth Food Pantry, serving local families in need. For details, contact Library Director Dinah O'Brien at 508-830-4250.



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Fall fun at the Manomet Branch

Fall is a great time to visit the Manomet Branch with the renewal of ongoing programs and the presentation of new and special events.

Do you have the great American novel percolating at the back of your mind? Do you have an amazing life story? Join the Manomet Writers' Group.

Participants in this group share their written work, as well as support and encouragement. Each month has a seed phrase for which each member prepares a short written piece to read aloud. Such pieces are in a many genres from memoirs and fiction, humor and horror and more.

Readers and history enthusiasts, come join the lively discussions with the History Book Group! Throughout history there are moments that change the course of human events that have long ranging effects that reverberate to our present and our future. This fall, the History Book Group will be reading four books that look at those moments in 20th century history: Versailles, the Atomic Bomb, Middle East Policy and the Cuban Missile Crisis. Selected titles are available at the Manomet Branch one month prior to the meeting.

Please join us, as well, for special programs and events on Saturdays. Day Trip and Travel Genealogy with Christine Cook is the next step in your genealogical research. Cook will speak on and give guidance in planning and preparing to visit libraries, repositories and more so that you get the most out of your genealogy travel.

Beverly Rye, author and director of the Center for Career and Business Development, will speak on managing your career at all levels.

The Branch will also host a literary discussion group and potluck lunch entitled "Eating in America". The group will explore the complex relationship that exists between people, individuals and food, the growing body of narratives, histories, essays and documentaries on eating and food.

For dates, writers' group prompts and additional information about any of the above programs, please contact Jessica Connelly at 508-830-4185 or jawinter@verizon.net.

Going online with genealogy

If you have a Library Card, you have online access to a variety of specialized genealogy databases!

With Heritage Quest, you have remote access from your home computer 24/7. To access this database, go to The Library's homepage at www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org and click on Research Databases.

Ancestry Library has more than 250,000 titles, making it America's largest genealogical provider. It is available on The Library's computers. On this

database, you can search U.S. Census Records, U.S. Immigration Records, Social Security Death Index and Family Trees.

New England Ancestors is available at www.newenglandancestors.org. This database, which has more than 110 million names, can also be accessed from The Library's computers.

Volunteer Christine Cook can assist you with the online genealogy databases at The Library on Tuesdays from 10 am to 12 pm. For more information, contact The Library at 508-830-4250.

Learning about Alzheimer's

Visit The Library for the 12th Annual Alzheimer's Awareness program on Wednesday, Nov. 4, from 6-8:30 pm. This event will include a film screening and discussion of HBO's documentary, *The Alzheimer's Project*, featuring community healthcare professionals as discussion facilitators. This program is held in connection with National Alzheimer's Awareness Month. For more information, contact Sharon LaRosa at 508-830-4250.

Job Hunting during tough times

Looking for work in these challenging times? Then you need to attend Job Hunting during Tough Economic Times at the Main Library. This free three-part program features advice and assistance by Ken Elliott of the Plymouth Career Center.

The first session on Monday, Oct. 5, at 7 pm will focus on writing resumes and cover letters that get you in the door. The second program on Tuesday, Nov. 3, at 7 pm will cover job-seeking strategies. The third and final event on Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 7 pm will review job-search databases and include presentations on the new Career Transitions database by a Gale Group representative.

The Library has a large collection of reference materials to help people looking for work. The Job Seeker Reference Book Inventory is an important resource for reviewing new career opportunities. Ask the Reference Desk for assistance with this collection.

For more information, contact Jennifer Harris or Sharon LaRosa at 508-830-4250.

Acclaimed opera singer to perform

Multifaceted mezzo-soprano Beth MacLeod will be accompanied on piano by John Kramer as part of the Dr. Richard M. Shiff Forum Presents concert series on Monday, Dec. 14, at 7 pm in the Main Library.

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The duo will present works by Mozart, Bizet, Rossini and more.

The public is invited to this free Dr. Richard M. Shiff Forum Presents. For more information, contact Jennifer Harris at 508-830-4250.

Yeats workshop to focus on celebrated poet

A five-part workshop on William Butler Yeats: the Poet and the Man will be held on Mondays in November at 7 pm at the Main Library. Chuck Harper will lead the program while Daniel Tobin of Emerson College will lead a discussion and poetry reading on the final evening.

Universally esteemed as one of the 20th century's greatest poets, Yeats was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1923. Seventy years after his death his poetry continues to be published in anthologies, taught in classrooms and quoted by multitudes who are drawn to its traditional cadences of rhyme and meter as well as its themes of longing and complaint, insight and wisdom.

Workshop members will discuss representative poems from Yeats' early period and at the time of his death. Participants will be encouraged to choose a favorite Yeats poem to discuss.

The workshop will be held at 7 pm on Mondays, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. The final session will



Jake Hill of the Merrymakers performs in the Concerts on the Lawn summer series at The Library.

feature Daniel Tobin, a widely recognized poet on the faculty of Emerson College in Boston, who will read selections from his own poetry as well as Yeats' poems. He will then talk to us about how Yeats has influenced his thinking and will take questions from the audience.

For more information or to register for the workshop, contact Jennifer Harris at 508-830-4250.

Taking a look at annuities

Get Smart about Annuities at a free seminar offered twice at the Main Library: Tuesday, Oct. 27, 10:30 am-12 pm, or Wednesday, Oct. 28, 7-8:30 pm.

With the recent decline in the value of pension funds and 401(k) accounts, soon-to-be retirees need to ask whether their nest egg will last their lifetime. An annuity might be the right vehicle to ensure a steady stream of retirement income.

The program's three speakers will discuss what to look – and look out for – in an annuity. Presenting this seminar will be William McCann of Wells Fargo Advisors, Chris Bergin of Nationwide Financial and Michel Manosh of Fidelity Investments.

For more information, contact Sharon LaRosa at 508-830-4250.

The Bongiovanni Collection:

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Cordage Company, Angelo went to the Knapp School at night to learn English, while Ada was self-taught. The Bongiovannis were determined that their only child Lawrence would receive a college education. Larry, who holds a masters degree from Boston University, had a long career of public service, working for the FBI, Plymouth Public Schools and the Massachusetts Department of Education.

Despite the hardships, Larry, who has lived in Plymouth most of his life, remembers a home full of wonderful culinary aromas and the sound of enchanting music in the air.

Affectionately referring to his parents as "Ma and Pa," Larry reminisces about their love of opera and fine Italian food.

After Ada and Angelo died, Larry wanted to honor his parents in a way that would preserve and share their love of music. More importantly, he wanted the Town of Plymouth to be the beneficiaries of the Ada and Angelo Bongiovanni Legacy. He wanted their story to serve as an inspiration to all families who are faced with challenges. Even through times of great economic duress, Ada and Angelo always made sure that Larry's boyhood emphasized the importance of family, education and cultural enrichment. It really wasn't a matter of money, but rather a commitment to the values that they as parents felt were essential to their son's personal development.

Larry still can't believe that he has been able to perpetuate his parents' memory with this library room naming opportunity. "When I think that I have been able to honor Ma and Pa in such a meaningful way that aligns with their lifelong commitment to literacy, education and enrichment through music, I feel such joy," he said.

Larry hopes that he can lead by example. He encourages people to consider remembering a loved one through an endowment to The Library.

Remember: September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

Taste of the Town lineup!

Get your tickets now for the 6th Annual Taste of the Town, proudly presented by the Plymouth Public Library Corporation with special thanks to Premier Sponsor Mutual Bank. This tasty event will feature food and wine from the region's best restaurants, caterers and shops. Tickets are \$60 per person for Taste of the Town, which will be held Thursday, Oct. 29, from 7-10 PM in the Grand Ballroom of the Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor. This year, food and wine are provided by:

- Pioppi's
- Belfry Inn & Bistro
- The Chocolate Bar
- Chez Ducrot
- Cuisine of Mark Connolly
- East Bay Grille
- Eclectic Catering by Chumley
- Guru Indian Grille
- Harbor Grille at the Radisson
- Martha's Stone Soup at the Tavern
- the market
- Panera
- RooBar
- Sabor
- Simply Divine Café & Catering
- Southers Marsh Golf Club
- Stoneforge
- 14 Union Street
- Wood's

As parents get their kids ready to go back to school, a Library Card is the most important school supply of all. At The Library, parents or guardians must come in with their child for the child to receive a card. Library Cards are free and borrowing privileges are granted immediately. Libraries play an important role in the education and development of children. Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who regularly use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifelong learning.

The Library offers books, magazines, audio CDs and DVDs for adults and children. For children and their families, The Library also offers a great selection of book and CD kits as well as lots of games and puzzles for learning – all to be checked out free with a library card. Parents also have access to a great collection of parenting books and DVDs to help with childcare issues. The Library staff is always available to help recommend materials suitable for various ages and interests.

The Library also offers a variety of programs for children. There are story time programs for the youngest child, as well as monthly book groups for older kids, a great summer reading program for all ages, plus so much more.

So parents, as you're buying new notebooks, pencils, lunchboxes and sneakers, don't forget to stop by The Library and get your child (and you) the most important school supply of all – a Library Card!

Drop In Story Time – The Youth Services Department will begin Drop In Story Time the week of Sept. 14 through Dec. 10. This 30-minute program is for children ages 3 1/2 to 5 years old who can sit and listen attentively independent of parent or caregiver. The program will be held Mondays at 9:30 am at the Manomet Branch, Tuesdays at 10:30 am and Thursdays at 2:15 pm at the Main Library. No registration necessary but children should come 15 minutes early to receive nametags and be seated. For more information, contact Youth Services at 508-830-4250 or the Manomet Branch at 508-830-4185.

Tots 'n' Tales – Beginning the week of Sept. 14, Tots 'n' Tales will resume at 11 am on Mondays at the Manomet Branch and 11 am on Wednesdays and Thursdays at the Main Library. This lap-sit story time is for children 3 and younger accompanied by a caregiver. Everyone is invited to arrive 15 minutes early to meet friends and settle in. Tots 'n' Tales is an opportunity for the youngest patrons to enjoy all that The Library has to offer: books, CDs, DVDs, puzzles, puppets, new friends and fun! The story time consists of age-

appropriate rhymes, stories, songs and other fun literacy-building activities. The program is free and no registration is necessary. For more information, contact Youth Services at 508-830-4250 or the Manomet Branch at 508-830-4185.

Mother Goose on the Loose – Mother Goose on the Loose resumes at the Manomet Branch at 10:15 am on Mondays and at the Main Library at 10:15 am on Wednesdays and Thursdays beginning the week of Sept. 14. This weekly 30-minute story time will run for 10 weeks until Nov. 19. It is for children 18 months and younger with a parent or caregiver. Registration begins Sept. 3 and is necessary as space is limited. For more information, contact Youth Services at 508-830-4250 or the Manomet Branch at 508-830-4185. Mother Goose on the Loose is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the state of Massachusetts.

Squiggles and Giggles – Squiggles and Giggles, a story and craft program for children ages 18 months to 3 years with a caregiver or parent, begins in September at the Main Library. Registration is necessary as space is limited and begins two weeks before each program: Fridays, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 13 and Dec. 11 at 10:30 am and Saturdays, Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 21 and Dec. 19 at 10:30 am. Squiggles and Giggles is part of Mother Goose on the Loose, which is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the state of Massachusetts. For more information, contact Youth Services at 508-830-4250.

Board Games – In this age of technology why play board games? They are a great way to learn basic counting and mathematic skills, word recognition, problem solving, color and shape recognition, writing and vocabulary, as well as persistence, team work and patience. All of these skills can aid with educational development. Children ages 6 to 12 are welcomed to the Children's Room at the Main Library on Saturdays, Oct. 24, Nov. 14 and Dec. 19 at 2:30 pm for an afternoon of board game fun. Play Pictureka, Scrabble or Checkers or one of the other many games in The Library's collection. Families are encouraged to bring a favorite game from home to play. The program is free and no registration is required. For details, call the Children's Room at 508-830-4250.

Storyteller David Mello – Join storyteller David Mello and his "Tales Best Told in the Dark" on

Thursday, Oct. 22, at 6:30 pm at the Main Library. Mello is a life-long lover/collector of spooky stories. He has been storytelling professionally for nine years and travels throughout Southeastern New England with his show "Tales Best Told in the Dark." This program is free and no registration is necessary. This program is best for children ages 8 and up. For more information, contact Youth Services at 508-830-4250.

Big Ryan's Scary Tall Tales – Children of all ages are invited to stop by for fun at Big Ryan's Scary (But Not Too Scary) Tall Tales on Friday, Oct. 2, at 11 am. Big Ryan's storytelling includes music and movement, puppets, interactive play and a whole lot of fun! The program is free and no registration is necessary. For more information, contact Youth Services at 508-830-4250.

Legos at The Library – Looking for something to do on a Saturday afternoon? The Youth Services Department at the Main Library will host a monthly Lego Club for ages 8-12 on Oct. 10, Nov. 21 and Dec. 19 at 2:30 pm. Legos will be provided but kids must bring their imagination. All completed work will be photographed and shared with the group before dismantling. This program is free. Registration is necessary. For more information, contact Youth Services at 508-830-4250.

Fantastic Tales Book Group – This monthly book group for children 6-8 will feature selections that kids will read and come to the Main Library to discuss and participate in a related activity. Copies of the books will be available in the Children's Room. Meetings are held at 4:30 pm on Tuesdays, Sept. 22, Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15. Registration is required. For more information, contact Youth Services at 508-830-4250.

Book Quest Book Group – Book Quest is a monthly book group for kids 9-12 at the Main Library. There will be a monthly book selection that kids will read and come to The Library to discuss and participate in a related activity. Copies of the selected titles will be available in the Children's Room. Meeting will be on half-school day Wednesdays at 2 pm on Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18 and Dec. 16. Registration is required. For more information, contact Youth Services at 508-830-4250.

These are just a few of the programs being offered at The Library this fall. For a full listing of programs, stop by the Children's Room and pick up a monthly calendar or check out The Library web site at www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org.



Children's Librarian Margaret McGrath displays some of the lunar items on display at The Library to mark the 40th anniversary of man on the moon.

Summer winds down with reading program celebration

The Library marked the end of the summer with the finale of the 13th annual Teens/Adult/Seniors summer reading program with an enthusiastic dance crowd at the finale concert with DJ Gib Gailius. This year's theme was Starship Adventure @ The Library! to celebrate the 50th anniversary of NASA.

During this year's summer program, 75 adults and seniors and 30 teens participated. A total of 83 Time 'n' Time Again log sheets and 82 Critic's Corners were submitted. This equals approximately 1,925 hours of reading books, viewing databases, listening to music and watching movies, plus 149 reviews of books, CDs and DVDs.

A very special thanks to the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Local 2824 of Plymouth for donating gift certificates for this year's raffle.

In the Youth Services department for Starship Adventures @ The Library!, there were 541 participants with 3,145 hours read. One of the highlights of the summer program was Plymouth Rocks the Moon: Lunar Rocks @ The Library! with lunar rock samples brought back from the Apollo mission and meteorites.

The theme for the 2010 summer program is the Environment! Call the Reference or Youth Services Department of The Library at 508-830-4250 if you have any questions.

Get the smartest card!

September is Library Card Sign-up Month, and the Main Library and Manomet Branch want to make sure that everyone in the Plymouth community has the smartest card of all!

A Library Card allows patrons to borrow books, music, movies and museum passes, use the internet and reserve materials. Also, patrons may download audio books and access magazine articles from home. The best part for both children and adults is that it's all free.

Getting a Library Card is easy. Just visit the Circulation Desk with proper identification. Children under 18 require a parent's signature.

For more information on how to sign up for a Library Card, please contact the Main Library at 508-830-4250 or Manomet Branch at 508-830-4185.

Library Calendar

September

23 – Meet the Maestro at 7 pm in the Main Library. Steven Karidoyanes, Musical Director of the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra, will discuss the 94th-season lineup. Visit with the Maestro at the reception immediately following the program. 508-830-4250.

30 – Wrestling with computers? Find out how to keep them safe and secure from the outside world at 7 pm in the Main Library with Wrestling Brewster of Brewster PC Solutions. 508-830-4250.

October

2 – Children of all ages are invited to stop by for fun at Big Ryan's Scary (But Not Too Scary) Tall Tales at 11 am. Free. Youth Services/508-830-4250.

3 – Learn why fifty is nifty at the Fun Over 55 Festival at Colony Place from 11 am-4:30 pm. Outreach/Senior Services Librarian Sharon LaRosa will host a display of senior services offered at The Library and give a short presentation. 508-830-4250.

5 – A three-part series on Job Searching during Tough Economic Times begins at 7 pm in the Main Library. Featuring Ken Elliott of the Plymouth Career Center, the program will cover writing resumes and cover letters that get you in the door. 508-830-4250.

19 – Hank Phillippi Ryan will speak following the Plymouth Public Library Corporation Annual Meeting at 7 pm in the Main Library. See article on page 8 for details. 508-830-4250.

22 – Listen to Tales Best Told in the Dark at 6:30 pm in the Main Library. Ghost teller David Mello will relate spooky tales to thrill and chill for those 8 and older. Youth Services/508-830-4250.

27 – Will your nest egg last a lifetime? Find out at this free seminar at 10:30 am in the Main Library. William McCann, Wells Fargo Advisors, Christopher Bergin, Nationwide Financial, and Michel Manosh, Fidelity Investments, will discuss annuities and other options. 508-830-4250.

28 – Find out if your nest egg will last a lifetime at this free seminar on at 7 pm in the Main Library. 508-830-4250.

November

2 – A four-week poetry workshop on William Butler Yeats begins at 7 pm in the Main Library. Facilitator Chuck Harper will lead the discussion. Seating is limited. 508-830-4250.

3 – Job Searching during Tough Economic Times continues at 7 pm in the Main Library. Featuring Ken Elliott of the Plymouth Career Center, the program will cover job-seeking strategies. 508-830-4250.

4 – The 12th Annual Alzheimer's Awareness Program will be held at 6 pm in the Main Library. It will include a screening and discussion of HBO's Alzheimer's Project, a documentary featuring community healthcare professionals. 508-830-4250.

9 – Poetry workshop on William Butler Yeats continues at 7 pm in the Main Library. Seating limited. 508-830-4250.

16 – The William Butler Yeats four-week poetry workshop continues at 7 pm in the Main Library. Facilitator Chuck Harper leads the discussion. Seating is limited. 508-830-4250.

23 – The four-week poetry workshop on William Butler Yeats concludes at 7 pm in the Main Library. Seating is limited. 508-830-4250.

30 – A poetry reading and discussion of William Butler Yeats will be held at 7 pm in the Main Library. Prof. Daniel Tobin of Emerson College will lead this session. Open to all. 508-830-4250.

programming and enhanced services at The Library. 508-830-4250.

Weekly

Drop-In Storytime – Stories for children ages 3 1/2 to 5 on Tuesdays at 10:30 am and Thursdays at 2:15 pm in the Main Library and Mondays at 9:30 am in the Manomet Branch. Youth Services/508-830-4250 or Manomet Branch/508-830-4185.

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Tots 'n' Tales – Story time features age-appropriate stories, songs and finger plays for children 3 and under with caregivers at 11 am on Mondays at the Manomet Branch and Wednesdays and Thursdays at the Main Library. Manomet Branch/508-830-4185 or Main Library/508-830-4250.

Monthly

Board Games – Children 6 to 12 are invited to play board games in the Children's Room at the Main Library at 2:30 pm on Saturdays, Oct. 24, Nov. 14 and Dec. 19. Free. Children's Room/508-830-4250.

Book Quest – This group for kids 9-12 meets at the Main Library at 2 pm on Wednesdays, Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18 and Dec. 16. Registration required. Youth Services/508-830-4250.

Fantastic Tales – Kids 6 to 8 can join monthly book club in the Main Library at 4:30 pm on Tuesdays, Sept. 22, Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15. Registration. Children's Room/508-830-4250.

Manomet Writers Group – Meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7 pm in the Manomet Branch. 508-830-4185.

Poetry Club – Meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 pm in the Main Library. 508-830-4250.

Squiggles and Giggles – Children 18 months to 3 years listen to stories and make age-appropriate crafts at 10:30 am on Fridays, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 13 and Dec. 11, and Saturdays, Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 21 and Dec. 19, at the Main Library. Registration. Children's Room/508-830-4250.

Library hours

Main Library: 508-830-4250

Monday	10 am-9 pm
Tuesday	10 am-9 pm
Wednesday	10 am-9 pm
Thursday	10 am-6 pm
Friday	10 am-5:30 pm
Saturday	10 am-5:30 pm
Sunday	closed

Manomet Branch: 508-830-4185

Monday	9 am-5 pm
Tuesday	closed
Wednesday	9 am-5 pm
Thursday	9 am-9 pm
Friday	closed
Saturday	9 am-5 pm
Sunday	closed

Remember these dates!
The Library is closed:

Columbus Day
Monday, October 12

Veteran's Day
Wednesday, November 11

Thanksgiving
Thursday, November 26
Friday, November 27

Christmas
Thursday, December 24
Friday, December 25

New Year's Day
Friday, January 1

Martin Luther King Jr.
Monday, January 18

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December

14 – The Dr. Richard M. Shiff Forum presents Beth MacLeod, Mezzo-soprano, and John Kramer, piano, at 7 pm in the Main Library. Tremble to the beautiful timbre of MacLeod's musical talent. 508-830-4250.

January

12 – Job Searching during Tough Economic Times continues at 7 pm in the Main Library. Featuring Ken Elliott of the Plymouth Career Center, this program will cover career and job-search databases. Snow date Jan. 13. 508-830-4250.

30 – Winterfest Book Sale 10 am-1 pm at the Main Library. Admission is free but pay \$10 for the preview from 8-10 am and check out the bargains in advance! All proceeds are used by the Plymouth Public Library Corporation to support

Introducing Mutual Bank's Dalia Cardoso

The Plymouth Public Library Corporation extends its utmost gratitude to Mutual Bank for once again being the Premier Sponsor of the Taste of the Town on Thursday, Oct. 29, at the Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor. In this issue of Connections, we introduce Dalia Cardoso, Branch Manager of Mutual Bank's new Plymouth office. Over the past year, Dalia and her colleagues have become wonderful neighbors and great friends.

Dalia is a career banker who also manages to find time to pursue many other interests. She's an avid reader, loves outdoor sports, movies, food and cooking (especially octopus stew), and speaks fluent Portuguese. Born in Portugal, Dalia emigrated with her family when she was 3 years old. Her parents eventually returned to Portugal, where Dalia visits them every year. She's especially looking forward to spending Christmas with them this year. After years with a large international bank, Dalia joined Mutual Bank, where she managed offices in Carver and Brockton before coming to Plymouth. Recently, we asked her a few questions about the bank and her varied interests.

Q: How has your first year in Plymouth been?

"It's been very good. We've had a steady stream of customers since the day we opened last December. They come to us looking for a better banking experience, and as a truly local community bank, that's what we deliver. I know firsthand that big banks can't do that. So our customers tell their friends. Personalized service, competitive products and extras like safe deposit boxes – and even our coin machine – keep people coming in. We've enjoyed becoming part of the Plymouth community with our sponsorship of things like The Library's Taste of the Town, and

Habitat for Humanity – and by just getting to know our customers."

Q: Read any good books lately?

"I read more in the winter than summer, because I love outdoor activities, and there's never enough time for everything. I'll try anything once; I recently hopped aboard a WaveRunner in New Hampshire and loved every minute. Currently, I'm re-reading Stephenie Meyers' *Twilight*. I started reading it and got impatient to finish, so I rented the movie. Turns out the movie left so much out, it made me more eager to get back to the book. When I was in Brockton, I volunteered in a third-grade literacy program, reading to 7- and 8-year-old kids. That was lots of fun."

Q: And one of your other passions is food?

"Definitely – and I like to eat, too. I cook with lots of olive oil, garlic and fresh fish. I think my love of fresh seafood comes from my Portuguese heritage. Octopus stew is a Portuguese favorite that tastes sort of like calamari but has a different texture. It's delicious. But I like all kinds of fish. That's one reason why I enjoy participating in the Taste of the Town so much. I'm looking forward to this year's event – although I don't know whether I'll find any octopus stew there."



O'Brien speaks in national webcast

Dinah L. O'Brien, Plymouth Director of Community Resources and Director of the Plymouth Public Library, was one of the panelists for the webcast summit in Washington, D.C., to discuss lifelong literacy. The panelists – librarians from public, school and academic libraries – discussed successful library literacy programs, innovative community partnerships and effective library advocacy. Literacy is a lifelong activity in which libraries play a crucial role by providing essential resources and expertise.

The Plymouth Public Library received a Lila Wallace grant for adult literacy services in 1998 and continues to receive Massachusetts Department of Education funding for its GED program. In 2000, Director O'Brien's responsibilities were expanded to include oversight of the Plymouth Council on Aging, Veterans Department and to serve as staff liaison to the Disabilities Commission.

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Novelist, newscaster to speak at Library

Boston newscaster and noted novelist Hank Phillippi Ryan will speak following the Plymouth Public Library Corporation Annual Meeting in the Main Library at 7 pm on Monday, Oct. 19. The public is invited to attend the meeting and hear Ryan discuss her career and books at 7:30 p.m.

The award-winning investigative reporter is on the air at Boston's NBC affiliate. Her work has resulted in new laws, people sent to prison, homes removed from foreclosure, and millions of dollars in restitution. Along with her 26 Emmys, Ryan has won dozens of other journalism honors. She's been a radio reporter, a legislative aide in the United States Senate and an editorial assistant at *Rolling Stone* Magazine.

Her debut novels, *Prime Time* (Agatha Winner, double Rita nominee and Daphne nominee) and *Face Time* (BookSense Notable Book), were best-sellers. Both are being re-issued as Mira Books. Her new book *Air Time* is coming in September from Mira while *Drive Time* will be published in April 2010.

Ryan will read from *Air Time* and will autograph copies afterwards. Patrons are invited to attend the business meeting and stay for the speaker. For more information, contact Julie Vaitkus at 508-830-4250.