



BOOKS AND CULTURAL IDENTITY

A COMMUNITY READING PROGRAM IN SANDWICH

JANUARY 9 - MARCH 14, 2009

Sandwich Reads Together 2009, inspired by Geraldine Brooks' novel *People of the Book*, explores the power of books and stories to connect people across cultures and through time. We encourage residents of all ages and from all walks of life to discover the delight, enjoyment and community of reading the same books at the same time.

All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. Some require registration (*Register).

Visit our website www.SandwichReadsTogether.org to register.

FEATURED AUTHORS

Geraldine Brooks - *People of the Book*

Jan. 31, 2:00pm - Sandwich High School

Geraldine Brooks, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *March*, talks about the writing of her most recent novel, *People of the Book*. The story traces the journey of the Sarajevo Haggadah from 15th century Spain to the ruins of Sarajevo in the 1990's.

Allen Say - *Erika-San*

Feb. 28, 2:00pm - Sandwich High School

Caldecott Medal-winning author/illustrator Allen Say shares the background story of his latest picture book *Erika-San*. The story relates an American girl's life-long fascination with Japan and its culture. Discussion moderated by Mindy Todd, host of "The Point" on WCAI, the Cape and Islands NPR station.

Books available for purchase & signing at all author events.

THEME-RELATED TALKS & DISCUSSIONS

People of the Book Discussion Groups Around Town

Jan. 9, 1:00pm - Sandwich Public Library

Jan. 20, 7:00pm - Titcomb's Bookshop

Mar. 5, 1:00pm - Sandwich Council on Aging

Facilitated by Henry Callan, historian, former librarian and rare manuscript collector.

Abrahamic Religions Discussion Panel

Jan. 25, 2:00pm - Quaker Meeting House, E. Sandwich

Fr. Bouchard, Rabbi Silverman, Rev. Dharmapalan, Mohammad Rafiq and Gary Linehan discuss the common threads connecting the Abrahamic religions, as explored in *People of the Book*. Moderated by Stephen Prothero, author of *Religious Literacy*.

History of Sarajevo with Don Franke

Jan. 28, 6:30pm - Sandwich Public Library

SHS International Studies teacher will enhance readers' understanding of the contemporary setting of *People of the Book* by exploring the roots of the 1990's Bosnian conflict.

Anita Silvey and the American Picture Book

Feb. 7, 2:00pm - Sandwich Hollows Club House, E. Sandwich

An entertaining, informative talk by Anita Silvey, children's and young adult book expert and author of *100 Best Books for Children*. This history of the American picture book provides background on Allen Say's unique contribution to the genre.

Book Discussion on Allen Say

Feb. 13, 1:00pm - Sandwich Public Library

Discussion of Allen Say's autobiographical novel, *The Ink-Keeper's Apprentice* led by Adult Services Librarian Lauren Robinson.

Nicholas Basbanes - *Adventures Among the Gently Mad - Twenty Years on the Book Beat*

Feb. 15, 2:00pm - Sandwich Public Library

A talk about books and book collectors by this award-winning author who interviewed the librarian who saved the Sarajevo Haggadah. Basbanes is the author of *Every Book Its Reader: The Power of the Printed Word to Stir the World* and other titles on book culture.

Mother-Daughter Book Chat with Author Mitali Perkins

Feb. 25, 6:00pm - Sandwich Public Library

Mothers and daughters meet the author of *Rickshaw Girl* and *Secret Keeper*. Join a discussion with Mitali led by Dr. Karol Maybury and enjoy a taste of Indian food. (Grade 5 and up). (*Register)

BOOK SIGNING EVENTS

In addition to our Featured Author events with Geraldine Brooks and Allen Say, the following authors and illustrators will visit the Sandwich Public Schools courtesy of the Sandwich Kiwanis Club, Levreault Trust Grant. Everyone is invited to meet them and have copies of their books signed. Books featured in school presentations and reception times:

Elizabeth Wellburn & Deryk Houston - *Echoes from the Square*

Jan. 27, 4:00pm – 5:00pm Sandwich Public Library

Yin & Chris Soentpiet - *Coolies and Brothers*

Feb. 6, 4:00pm – 5:00pm Sandwich Public Library

Mitali Perkins - *Rickshaw Girl* and *Secret Keeper*

Feb. 25, 4:00pm - 5:00pm Titcomb's Bookshop

Alice Hoffman - *Incantation* and *Third Angel*

Mar. 3, 2:30pm – 3:30pm Titcomb's Bookshop

~ Books for purchase provided courtesy of Titcomb's Bookshop. ~

HANDS ON ACTIVITIES FOR ALL

What's In Your Book Bag?

Jan. 16, 10:00am-2:00pm - Sandwich Public Library

Get into the reading spirit by decorating a book bag at this drop-in program. Bring your own bag or pay \$2 per muslin bag. Decorating supplies provided.

Family Pictures Tell Your Story - Scrapbooking Project

Jan. 29 & Feb. 5, 6:30pm - Sandwich Public Library

Two-part workshop led by Sara Beth Gall. \$15 materials fee. (*Register at the Reference Desk)

A Book in Hand: Book Making Project

Feb. 17 & 18, 1:00pm - Sandwich Public Library

In a two-day project, adults and children (Grade 5 and up) construct a one-of-a-kind personalized book. Led by freelance artist Christine Anderson. (*Register)

A Taste of Japanese Food & Culture

Feb. 22, 2:00pm - Sandwich Public Library

Our presenter, Erika Young Angeliq, is known as Young Eri in Sandwich. In her homeland of Japan, she was called Erika-san. She will share her Japanese traditions and offer participants a sampling of Japanese food.

ESPECIALLY FOR KIDS

Everybody Likes Norah! Multicultural Stories

Jan. 10, 10:00am - Sandwich Public Library

A great family storytelling event suitable for all ages. Norah Dooley's work conveys the theme of commonality within diversity as shown in her popular series of "Everybody" picture books.

Sponsored by the Sandwich Community Partnership for Children with a Kiwanis Levreault Trust grant. (*Register)

My First Book Club for Preschoolers

Jan. 17, Jan. 31, Feb. 14, Feb 28, 10:30am - Sandwich Library

Book sharing and art class lead by Early Childhood Specialist Betsy Nordman. Each preschooler takes home a book .

Jan. 17 - *All the Colors of the Earth* by Sheila Hamanaka

Jan. 31 - *Can You Say Peace?* by Karen Katz

Feb. 14 & Feb 28 - Ezra Jack Keats author studies

CPC grant from Target. (*Register ~ 508-888-0625 ext 9)

Dad, Donuts & Me: Multicultural Stories with Mr. Parsons

Jan. 31 & Feb. 28, 10:00am - Sandwich Public Library

With a spin of the globe, boys and girls and their dads, granddads, uncles or brothers (or any special guy in their life) will explore many cultures through the magic of well-told stories. (*Register)

Little Red Riding Hood Puppet Show

Feb. 7, 10:30am & 11:45am - Sandwich Public Library

A classic folk tale and versions from other cultures will be retold for Valentine's Day. Program includes Valentine craft. (*Register)

Art Fun with Illustrator Michele Noiset

Feb. 20, 10:30am - Sandwich Public Library

Elementary school students will work on an art project with Michele Noiset, contributor to *Hip Hop Speaks To Children: A Celebration of Poetry with a Beat*. (*Register)

MULTICULTURAL DINING IN SANDWICH

The Bee-Hive Tavern and the Dan'l Webster Inn

Enjoy special menu selections from countries represented in *People of the Book* and *Erika-San*, including Japan, Morocco, Spain, Italy and Austria at the **Bee-Hive** Jan-Feb. (833-1184); Moroccan specialities in Jan. and Japanese in Feb. at **Dan'l Webster** (888-3622). Wonderful book club meeting idea!

Special thanks to the **Community Bank** for their *People of the Book* bookmarks, to **Patty Dysart Creative** for logo and banner design, **Owen Hill** for his tech support of our SHS events and to **Sandwich Mom's Club** pot-luck food for our Closing Celebration.

FUN FOR ALL

Drop Everything And Read Day!

Jan. 22, All Day - All Over Sandwich

Drop whatever you are doing, pick up a book and read for 20 minutes. Get caught reading! Photographers in the schools and around town will take pictures for our website and newspapers. Email us your pictures at info@SandwichReadsTogether.org.

Trip to the Boston Public Library Medieval Manuscript and Rare Book Room

Feb. 19, 9:30am - 7:30pm.

Join us for a day trip to the Boston Public Library for a guided tour, plus lunch at Novel, the library's restaurant. \$20 fee covers bus trip - participants will pay for their own lunch. (*Register Reference Desk)

Illuminated Manuscript Display at Sandwich Public Library

In January, see a display of framed pages of illuminated medieval manuscripts courtesy of Henry Callan Fine Antiques.

Cape Cod Comm. College 9th Annual Multicultural Festival

Mar. 7, 10:00am - 4:00pm Cape Cod Community College

Joyful celebration of cultural diversity with music, food, and dancing. Visit the Sandwich Public Library table in the exhibit area.

Sandwich Reads 2009 Closing Celebration for Everybody!

Mar. 14, 2:00pm - Sandwich Public Library

Celebrate the end of eight great weeks of community reading! International folk dancing taught by Marilyn Weisman and pot-luck meal of food inspired by Norah Dooley's *Everybody Cooks Rice*, *Everybody Brings Noodles* and *Everybody Serves Soup*.

SPONSORS

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