



## **The Cornwall Library Newsletter • April 2009**

### **Holiday Schedule**

The Library will be closed for Good Friday, April 10.

### **Food Glorious Food 2009**

Master Chef and author Madhur Jaffrey will headline this event! The annual Library festival is slated for Saturday, June 20. In preparation for this exciting event, the Library is seeking cookbooks in new or excellent shape, as well as high-end kitchen and barware, and dining items for the Silent Auction.

### **Norman Dorsen to Speak**

On Saturday, April 18 at 4 pm, Norman Dorsen, past president of the ACLU and noted lawyer, author and scholar, will speak at the Library. His talk will suggest the effects President Obama will have on the US Supreme Court. A resident of Cornwall, Mr. Dorsen is the 2000 recipient of the Eleanor Roosevelt Medal for contributions to human rights. He was awarded the first triennial award for "lifetime contributions to the law and to legal education" by the Association of American Law Schools in 2007.

### **Saturday Playgroup**

Starting Saturday, April 18th from 10:30 to noon, the Library will host a playgroup for children ages 3-6 with a parent. Call Ania Hubbard at 672-8421.

### **Picturing Books**

A program for grades 3-5 will begin Wednesday, April 15 and run for four weeks from 3-4:30 pm. We'll share a snack, read a picture book and then create artworks inspired by the book. Registration forms will be available at CCS and students can take the bus from the school. Class size is limited to ten.

### **Children's Book Sale**

This year the Friends of the Library will hold a book sale for children and young adults during Memorial Day weekend. Our regular book sale for adults will take place on Columbus Day weekend. Both times the Friends will have great bargains in gently used and new books, compact discs, videos and tapes. They also will provide baked goods to take home and enjoy.

For now, please search through your bookshelves and storage containers and collect any books, etc. that are in good shape and bring them to the Library. If you know of someone who has access to new children's books, please let us know. The Library is counting on the success of this sale to support the children's program. Thank you so much!

### **Notes from the Book Selection Committee**

From time to time, the Book Selection

Committee likes to go into a book-induced trance. This agreeable condition is not quite an out-of-body experience, nor does it have all the marks of ecstasy (his flashing eyes! his floating hair!), but what a satisfying rapture it is. The most direct way to achieve it is to spend a lot of time reading cookbooks. To do so is both an acknowledgment of real life and a flight from it, to that higher sphere where the foodies dwell.

You may not be aware that there's a substantial cookbook section in the stacks, as well as a table full of especially appetizing volumes. Here are just a few. Suzanne Goin: *Sunday Suppers at Lucques*. Chef Goin was trained by the legendary Alice Waters of Chez Panisse and is now the proprietor of the celebrated Los Angeles restaurant Lucques. This could be daunting, but her "seasonal recipes

from market to table" are both clearly presented and respectful of garden ingredients.

Mark Bittman: *How to Cook Everything Vegetarian*. Mark Bittman may be the most trusted public figure in America since Walter Cronkite retired. From "Simplest Asparagus Gratin" to "Zucchini Pesto Pancakes," this majestic volume is a source of comfort and inspiration.

Madhur Jaffrey: *Climbing the Mango Trees*. This memoir of the author's childhood in India also includes some appealing family recipes. Ms. Jaffrey, a woman of many artistic gifts, has done more than any other chef to explain her country's cuisine to the rest of the world. How fortunate we are that she will be taking part in the Food Glorious Food festival right here in Cornwall.

## EXHIBITS, PROGRAMS & EVENTS

### **Art & Art Talk**

From April 7–May 7 the Historical Society will exhibit works of James Henry Moser at the Library. On Saturday, April 11 at 3 pm, Moser's grandson Ralph Fetherolf and great-grandson Jim Longwell will give a talk about the artist's life.

### **Earthships**

On Saturday, April 4 at 11 am, Katherine Freygang will present a program on solar design lessons learned from New Mexico.

### **Obama and the Supreme Court**

On Saturday, April 18 at 4 pm Norman

Dorsen will speak on the effect President Obama will have on the Supreme Court.

### **Picturing Books and Saturday Playgroup**

Two new children's programs start this month. Please see articles above.

### **Story Hour**

On April 17 and 24 at 1:15 pm Story Hour will resume for preschoolers and kindergarteners.

### **Meeting Schedule**

The Board of Trustees will meet on Friday, April 17 at 3 pm.