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## DILMAN DOLAND

### Forbes Library and the Friends of Forbes Lose a Good Friend

Both Forbes Library and the Friends of Forbes Library lost a great friend and generous benefactor with the recent passing of Dilman Doland. A retired professor at Smith College, he was “DJ” to his friends and members of the Friends of Forbes Library board, where he served with distinction for a number of years.

When his night vision diminished, DJ accepted an invitation to join the Finance Committee of the Friends to help guide and invest the Endowment Fund that has grown many times over since its establishment in 2001. In fact, he made a generous gift to the Endowment Fund annually. Despite eschewing public credit for his deeds, the Friends board named one of the funds in the endowment the Dilman Doland Fund over his objections.

DJ was also a generous patron of the library, donating funds to renovate the Reference Room, which was subsequently named in memory of his late wife, Kathleen.

He was a faithful attendee of the monthly Finance Committee lunch meetings at the Bluebonnet, where he shared his astute and insightful investment observations with other committee members. He ignored modern technology, having no computer or email or even an answering machine until the final months of his life. To deal with DJ, you had to call him on the phone or send a letter.

Dilman never forgot his roots in Iowa and would often return there for local events to catch up with former neighbors. He also loved the opera and made many trips to New York City to attend opera performances.

Those of us who were lucky enough to know and serve with

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*Sara Kanig volunteered for two years and is now a regular Saturday employee—a leader of our teen recruitment efforts.*

## LOOKING FOR TEENS to participate on Teen Advisory Board

Love your library? Want to make a difference? Need service credit?

Volunteer to become a community leader! We want YOU to help shape the future of Forbes Library teens. We're looking for enthusiastic young adult patrons (and their friends!) to join our team in planning programs and events. Help us to design a new and exciting Young Adult space scheduled to debut in 2010!

The Young Adult library staff plan to meet with our Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.) periodically to discuss your ideas for improving our young adult services. Volunteer credit available. Call 587-1010 to sign up today, or find us on FaceBook-Forbes Library Teens. Become a friend and sign up for T.A.B. online!

Whatever you do...just join!



**MEET OUR STAFF**  
Paula Elliott

**How long have you worked at the library?**

*I've worked at the library for 27 years.*

**What do you do at the library?**

*I'm the Head of the Technical Services Department. We are responsible for adding all the materials to the Public Access Catalog and processing them so that they may be used by the patrons. We are also responsible for maintaining the database for PAC. I also help select fiction, graphic novels, poetry and materials for the Spanish language collection.*

**Where is your favorite spot in the library?**

*My favorite spot in the library is the back of the Hampshire Room. The windows give a beautiful view of the mountain range and it's a wonderful spot to be when the sun streams in through the windows.*

**What are the changes you have seen in libraries?**

*The biggest changes I've seen in libraries since I started working here are the number of different types of materials we offer to the patrons and the advent of computers. Both changes I think have really improved how patrons are served by the library, by offering them more than just books and by allowing them to access materials and information at other libraries not just in Central and Western Mass., but around the world.*

**What are you reading now?**

*I am currently rereading Fletcher's End by D.E. Stevenson. D.E. Stevenson is an old favorite of mine, she writes about life in England and Scotland during the 1940's and 1950's, usually with a romance thrown in along the way.*

**HAND-HELD TRANSLATORS**  
Hola, Bonjour, Ni hao

Forbes Library is now circulating hand-held translators that convert 64,000 words and 4,000 useful phrases into Spanish, German, French, Italian, Chinese, Japanese, Korean or English. They also convert currency. They circulate with the rest of the language media and go out for three weeks. Check one out today!



**KEEPING UP-TO-DATE WITH EMAIL**

**Does your library record include an email address?**

We use your email to send you notifications about holds waiting for you, courtesy notices two days before items come due, and overdue notices.

Your email address is kept confidential and not shared with anyone or used for any other purposes. By giving us your email you save the library time and money and get quicker service.

Please give us your email address the next time you go to check out. Thank you!

*Some of the many*  
HOLIDAY DVD's at FORBES LIBRARY



**Jingle All The Way**

Arnold Schwarzenegger stars as a harried father who decides to dream the impossible dream, to get that year's hot toy for his son just before Christmas Day.



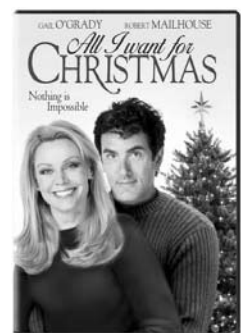
**Home Alone:  
The Complete Collection**

An eight year-old, who is accidentally left behind while his family flies to France for Christmas, has to defend his home against idiotic burglars, in the next movie he's in New York City with enough cash and credit cards to turn the Big Apple into his very own playground.



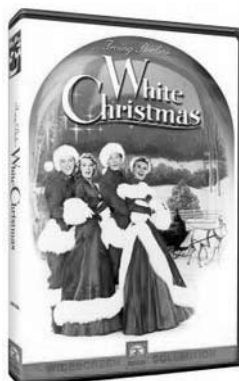
**A Christmas Carol**

An adaptation of the famous novel starring Patrick Stewart as Scrooge.



**All I Want for Christmas**

Ever since her husband died, Sarah Armstrong has divided her time between work and caring for her nine-year-old son, Jesse. When Jesse enters and wins a toy company holiday contest, his Christmas wish comes as no surprise - to get a new dad.



**White Christmas**

Two song-and-dance men (Bing Crosby & Danny Kaye) team up in show business after the war. Joining forces with a sister act, they trek to Vermont for a white Christmas.



**A Christmas Story**

A young boy must convince his parents that a toy rifle is the only Christmas gift that will make Christmas worthwhile. Not only do his parents face what many other parents do during that time of the year, but their actions fit in with the All-American Christmas.



**Adam Sandler's Eight Crazy Nights**

When a small-town, extremely disgruntled guy faces another holiday season in his New England hometown, he does what he always has - he messes up big time and lands in jail. But after a few surprises - Davey might just decide he has a reason or two to change his ways.



**Frank Capra's It's A Wonderful Life**

A man is saved from a suicide attempt by an angel and is then shown how important he is to the people who love him. A Christmas classic.

*(All synopses from IMDB and C/W MARS catalog)*



## 20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FORBES LIBRARY GIVING TREE

*Now through January 4<sup>th</sup>*

Gifts for children ages 0-16  
will benefit Hampshire County United Way Agencies.

Items should be NEW or in Excellent Condition.  
Please do not wrap gifts.

Drop off in the Children's Department  
Monday 9-6, Tuesday & Thursday 1-5  
Wednesday 9-7, Friday & Saturday 9-5

Contact Jude McGowan @ 587-1010 for more information.

Help us make our 20th year the best ever!

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## LIBRARY USAGE

*“Libraries will get you through times of no money  
better than money will get you through times of no libraries.”*

– Anne Herbert

Each year the library reports usage statistics to the state. Forbes Library has seen increases in many areas during this past year including attendance, meeting room use and public internet computer use.

### Circulation

362,157 items  
5% increase from FY08  
1,331 items per day  
155 items per hour

### Library Website Hits

5,118,961  
5% increase from FY08

### Inter Library Loan

60,421 items  
4% increase from FY08

### Public Internet Use in Library

53,196 users  
17% increase from FY08  
1,023 per week  
23 per hour

### Library Visits

222,662 people through the door  
36% increase from FY08  
819 per day  
95 per hour

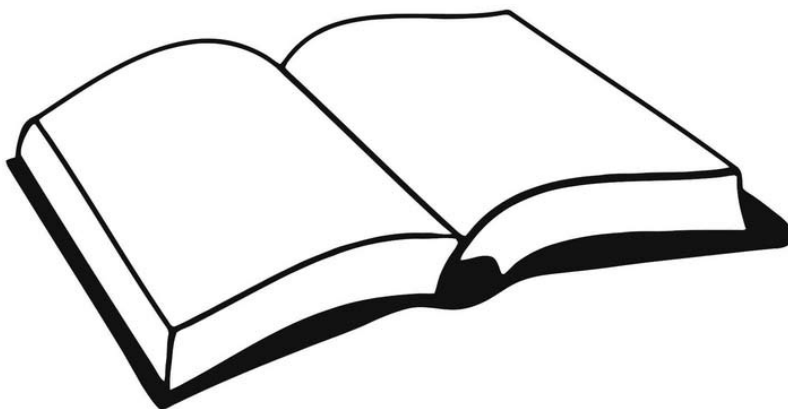
### Public Meeting Room Usage

666 times  
25% increase from FY08

## IMPORTANCE OF LIBRARIES

*Personally, libraries are incredibly important, and professionally, as an author, I've relied on libraries for research and as a place to work. The Forbes Library in Northampton, Mass. was my office when I was writing, "House."*

– Tracy Kidder, in a recent interview about the importance of libraries



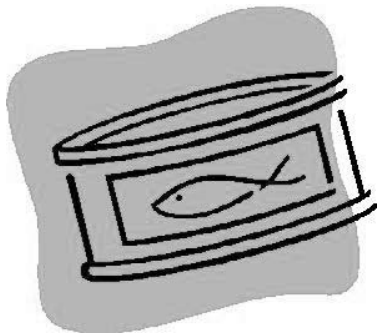
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MANDOLIN CONCERT  
celebrates Coolidge's mayoral anniversary



In celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Calvin Coolidge being elected as the Mayor of Northampton, the library held a mandolin concert by Mando Muchos. The evening's music included a selection of period pieces being played mostly on vintage mandolins as well as some patriotic and historical tunes. A traveling exhibit about Coolidge's tenure as Mayor is currently on display in the library's Calvin Coolidge Presidential Library and Museum on the second floor.



FORBES LIBRARY ANNUAL  
FOOD FOR FINES

Monday, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>

Support your local community, clear your library account and return our books to circulate to others!

During this time, patrons may pay overdue fines with canned goods (please check your expiration dates) or healthy non-perishable food items. This applies to late fines only and not to lost or damaged fees. All food collected will be given to the Northampton Survival Center for distribution to those in need in our community.

Suggested donation is one item for each \$1 waived in fines.

2<sup>nd</sup> MONDAY BOOK GROUP  
at Forbes Library

If you love reading and lively discussion, please join us at 6:30 p.m. in the Watson Room each 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month (1<sup>st</sup> Monday in October).

January 11

The Age of Innocence, by Edith Wharton

February 8

Persuasion, by Jane Austen

March 8

Beloved, by Toni Morrison

April 12

Peace Like A River, by Leif Enger

May 10

Prodigal Summer, by Barbara Kingsolver

June 14

A Passage to India, by E.M. Forster

July 12

On Chesil Beach, by Ian McEwan

August 9

A Handful of Dust, by Evelyn Waugh

September 13

The Blind Assassin, by Margaret Atwood

October 4

Fahrenheit 451, by Ray Bradbury

November 8

Out Stealing Horses, by Per Peterson

December 13

Regeneration, by Pat Barker

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Dilman Doland are saddened by the passing of this cordial, learned, friendly, and extremely generous man. Generations of Forbes Library patrons and users will benefit from his generosity to this esteemed institution.