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LITERATURE TO LIFE

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LITERATURE TO LIFE, The American Place Theatre's performance-based literacy program, presents professionally staged verbatim adaptations of significant American literary works. This educational program aims to provide a new form of access to literature by bringing to life the world of books with performances that create an atmosphere of discovery and spark the imagination.

Sponsored by the SBM Charitable Foundation, Inc and the Bushnell Theatre's educational program, the library has hosted several of these performances with one more presentation scheduled in April. The previous shows, "Teacher Man" adapted from

Frank McCourt's memoir and "The Secret Life of Bees" based on Sue Monk Kidd's best-selling novel, were an acclaimed success with the Manchester audience.

The next staging will be Monday, April 20, 2009 at 7:00pm. A professional actor from the American Place Theatre will perform selections from Melba Pattillo Beals' "Warriors Don't Cry: a searing memoir of the battle to integrate Little Rock's Central High." In 1957, at the age of 15, Beals was one of nine black students in Arkansas chosen to enforce the passage of Brown v. Board of Education which declared state laws that established separate public



Teacher Man
 American Place Theatre

schools by race were unconstitutional.

The program will be in the Howroyd Room at the Mary Cheney Library, 586 Main Street, Manchester, CT.

*Seating is limited to 50 so please come early.

For further information, call Barbara Pettijohn at 860-645-0821.

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Announcing downloadable MP3 Audiobooks!

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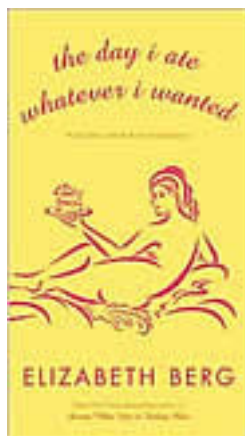
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BOOK REVIEW *THE DAY I ATE WHATEVER I WANTED*

by Lynn Jacobs

How does Elizabeth Berg know my friends...and daughter...and husband...and dog? Wait, I don't have a dog, but if I did, she would know her too!

I have just finished Elizabeth's (I'm sure we're on a first name basis) book of short stories, *The Day I Ate Whatever I Wanted: and other small acts of liberation* and each of the thirteen stories had some weird connection to my life. I don't even like short stories and I'm

raving about this book.

Take the story "Over the Hill and Into the Woods". Here's the first line: "Seventy five year old Helen Donnelly is kneeling beside a box in the upstairs storage closet, hiding from her children."

Does that not grab your attention? Granted, it's not something one might admit to doing, much less be proud of, but haven't we all considered it? Elizabeth talks about dogs who are treated as children and chil-

dren who, at age 12, are already learning the realities of life when one is not perfect. Old boyfriends show up, as well as friends at weight watchers meetings.

Shopping, vacations, parties and apple pies all make appearances in ways familiar to all...and yet different for each of us.

Read Elizabeth Berg.

Time spent with her is like spending time with an old friend who knows all your secrets...and that is always a happy occasion!

February 2009

Special Events

Children's Department

FREE

No Registration required

Saturday, February 14

Valentine's Storytime
10:30am Cheney

R.E.A.D. to the Dogs

2:00pm Cheney

Tuesday, February 17

All Ages DDR
10:00am Cheney

Craft Explosion

2:00pm Whiton

Wednesday, February 18

Nzinga's Daughters
performance

10:00am Cheney
2:00pm Whiton

Thursday, February 19

Craft Explosion
10:00am Cheney

Storytime & Craft

2:00pm Whiton

Saturday, February 21

DB Magic &
Bogus the Clown
10:30am Cheney
2:30pm Whiton

CHILDREN'S CORNER

by Pam Cowan

The Children's Department at your library has been very busy, despite the terrible weather!

The holidays began with the annual Gingerbread House/cookie decorating extravaganza with Miss Hong. December Vacation Week activities kicked off with our annual Reading Luau and included "Mona's Magnificent Crafts," a "Something From Nothing" storytime and craft program, preschool playgroups and family games, and ended with a performance by Sparky's Puppets.

Family Game Night, held in conjunction with Manchester Schools' Literacy Facilitators, was a big success with over one hundred participants. The Library also took part, with Manchester Schools' Media Specialists, in the annual Nutmeg at Night program, held at Verplanck School. Our Reading Assistance and

Education Dogs paid us a visit as well.

For Miss Hong's annual Chinese New Year Party, over fifty brave souls made it through the ice storm to celebrate the Year of the Ox. Attendees heard Miss Hong and Miss Krystle tell a tandem story in English and Chinese, with lots of audience participation! Those who attended also learned about the Chinese Zodiac and made a New Year's craft.



Miss Krystle and
Miss Hong



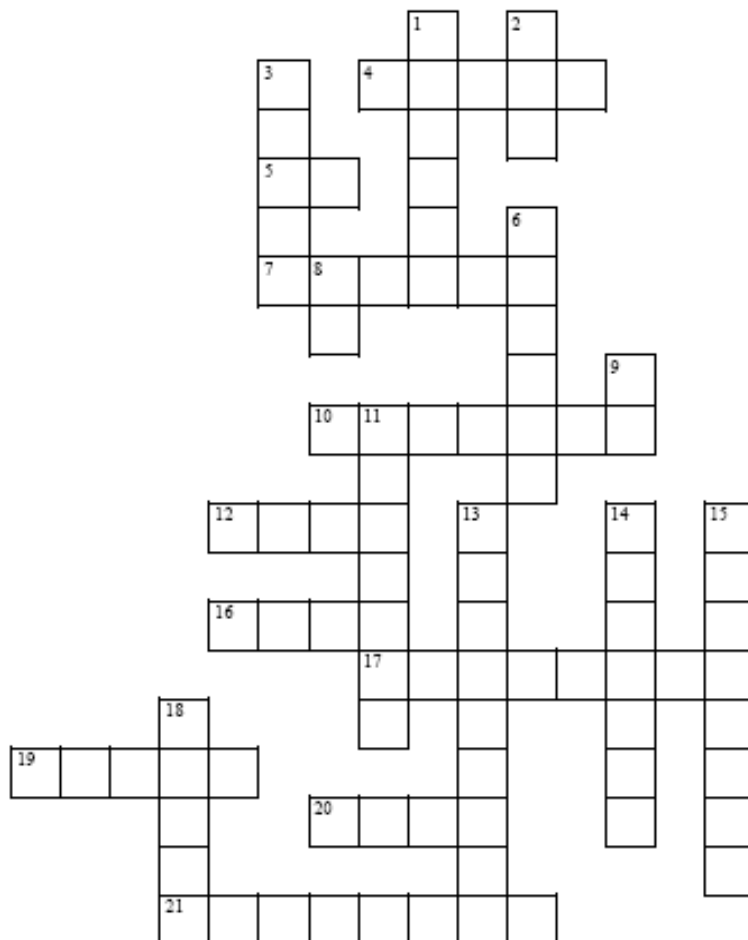
What's coming up? Miss Mona will be having a special Valentine Family Storytime on Saturday, February 14th, where you'll be able to read, sing and dance with your families, and even make a Valentine craft, and there will be some great February Vacation Week programs including Black History Month performances by Nzinga's Daughters and magic shows with "DB Magic" and "Bogus the Clown."

We'll be celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday with a *Seusstacular* Birthday Bash on Saturday, February 28th, where we'll be fishing in McElligot's Pool, helping Horton find his tail, and Hop & Popping, among other fun activities. (see back page for more info)

As for this summer, be on the lookout for dinosaurs to be invading the library and reading in all kinds of crazy places!

More on that in the next newsletter.

Literary Library



ACROSS

- 4 Beckett's "Waiting for _____"
- 5 Ego's companion
- 7 She wore a scarlet letter
- 10 Potter creator
- 12 Bronte governess
- 16 Scarlett's home
- 17 Alice's cat
- 19 Mother and daughter mystery writers
- 20 Popular author Roberts
- 21 Dashiell's detective

DOWN

- 1 Agatha's detective
- 2 Nickname for Arthur Radley
- 3 HMS Bounty leader
- 6 A musketeer
- 8 Chicago's famous mass transit
- 9 Mr Well's initials
- 11 Exaggerate
- 13 Peter Pan's home
- 14 Newspaper known for book reviews
- 15 "Dispatches from the edge" author Cooper
- 18 Patterson policeman

New Year - New You !

A selection of self-improvement titles available at the library

Changing your course
158 Blanchard *New*

Organize your life
650.11 Eisenberg

Personal efficiency program
CD Book 650.11 Gleeson

Fast and fit: eating well for today's busy lifestyle
641.5 Haas *New*

Making a change for good
170.44 Huber

One year to an organized life
658.8 Leeds *New*

Helping me help myself
818.5409 Lisick

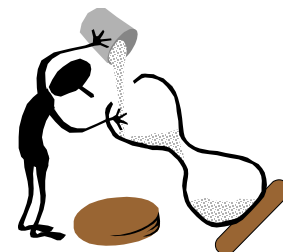
Stress free for good
155.9 Luskin

Organizing plain and simple
640 Smallin

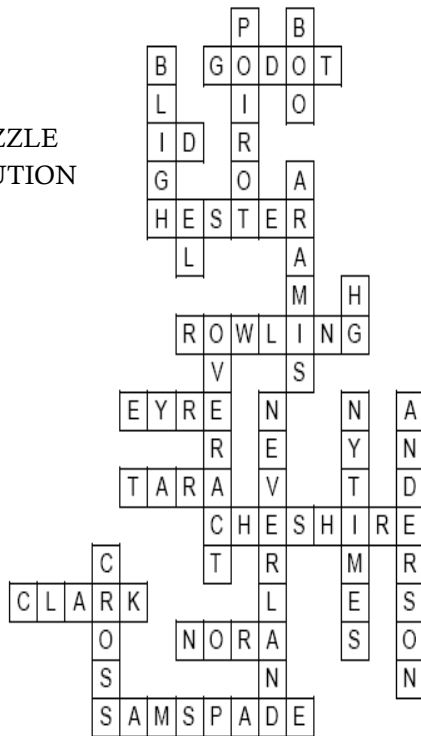
Become who you were born to be
158.1 Souza (also CD Book)

Perfect balance: create time and space for all parts of your life
158 Wilson

Yoga to the rescue: feel good From head to toe
DVD 613.7046 Yoga



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in search of jobs?



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applications?

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Microsoft Word Documents
and
Internet Searching

Schedule a time with
Reference Librarian Tom
by calling
645-0821



*SPOTLIGHT ON A NEW
INFORMATION DATABASE:*

ISSUES AND CONTROVERSIES

by Barbara Pettijohn

Manchester Public Library's most recent database, *Issues and Controversies*, is available to all patrons using the library and to all Manchester Library cardholders using the library from home. More than 900 In-depth articles are offered on a variety of hot topics in politics, government, business, education, and popular culture.

To find *Issues and Controversies* using the Manchester Public Library catalog, go to the home page, and under "References Services" click on "Need Information?"

Issues and Controversies appears at the bottom of the right column. If you are accessing this from home (<http://library.townofmanchester.org>) a Manchester Library barcode number will be required.

Once you have found the database a keyword search or a subject index can be used to pinpoint the area of interest with pros and cons listed, editorial cartoons, newspaper editorials, discussion questions and activities. An encyclopedia and an almanac are also available for use.

There are additional links to photos, source documents, and National High School debate topics.

Issues and Controversies is updated weekly, with a 13-year backfile.



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
DR. SEUSS!

Come one, come all to a
Dr. Seuss Birthday celebration

Saturday
February 28, 2009
10:30 a.m.

Mary Cheney Building

There will be cake, fun games,
Seuss-ical activities and
even some silly stories too!

