



Manchester Library Friends Newsletter

Winter Sale Issue: February 1, 2012

FOML Current Events Calendar

Feb 18th	Winter Book Sale, 9 - 3
Feb 22nd	FOML Board Meeting, 7 pm
April 28 th	Plant & Book Sale, 9 am - 1 pm
June 17 th	Salmon Bake & Book Sale

LIBRARY EVENTS THIS MONTH:

Movie Matinee: *The Philadelphia Story*

Wednesday, February 1st at 1:30 pm

Book Worms Book Group: *The Golden Spruce* by John Vaillant

Tuesday, February 21st at 7 pm

Also check "Programs & Events" at www.KRL.org

President's Letter

As we start another year supporting our gem of a library, I would like to thank all of those Friends who have gone before us, giving of their time and resources to make sure the library not only survives, but is in good shape for moving forward into a future of constantly changing demands on library resources.

We need to concentrate our efforts this year on finding new Friends who are willing to provide the time and energy it takes to continue our massive fund raising efforts. Those efforts are needed every year to provide funding for the operation and maintenance of our building and the additional library program funds that the Friends provide.

Last year we started an Endowment Fund for the Friends, which sometime in the future will provide needed funds to augment and eventually replace most of the fund raising efforts we now must continue. If you have not had an opportunity to contribute to the Endowment Fund, please consider a substantial donation and/or provide for a donation through the various estate planning options that are available.

Our library building is, *once again*, in great shape for the near future, because of the support from our community in recovering from a disastrous water damage event - and our recent flood. But we must also look to the future and continue our planning efforts with regard to much needed additional space and the changing technology environment.

Thanks for all you do to support our Community Gem.

-- Ron Rada, President FoML



**Winter
Book Sale &
Silent Auction
Saturday,
February 18th
9 am to 3 pm**

This February's FOML Book Sale will also feature a silent auction of some very special items. The silent auction will include such things as a dinner for six, one cake/pie every three months for a year, special breads, a pair of vases and other unique valuable gifts, collections of wine, a wine & cheese basket, etc. Come see the book sale and the special items we have for auction on Saturday February 18th !

For information on the auction, or to donate items, please contact John Winslow (206-524-0176) or Carol Campbell (360-871-7820).

AND FOR THE KIDS:

Build It!

Saturday, February 11, 1-3 pm.

Drop in to free-play with Legos, Connects, Duplos & more! A Lego train set will be running. There will also be Lego games, and Lego candy. This program is for kids, tweens and teens. Fun for all!

Winter Story-times for Little Ones & Fun :

10:30 am Tuesdays in February.

Come share stories, rhymes & songs... Stay for music & crafts.

Pardon Our Outage

As some of you know, there was some water damage at the Manchester Library on Saturday morning. Several of the friends were able to gather and "shop-vac" the water out and shut-off the leaking irrigation pipe. Service Master was called to come out. They brought multiple fans and dehumidifiers. Additionally, they pulled the baseboard off, drilled holes and forced air in at the bottom of the walls that were wet.

Service Master reported on Monday that some outside walls (west side) and a few inside walls (in Dee's office) that would likely not dry without opening the wall. They recommended that they cut off 1' of sheetrock on a few walls Tuesday.

Wednesday found the walls remarkably dry with only a few openings required. We started dry-walling Thursday morning and returning the library to its original configuration.

The library was back in business on Friday at 1 PM ! Whew !

Thank you for your patience and support!

Lord Byron led such a hectic life that he was an old man by the time he died of a fever in Missolonghi at the age of 36. His outrageous conduct stood out even in England's licentious Regency society. Possessing some obvious character flaws – vindictiveness, a massive ego, a quickness to take offense, a tendency toward histrionics – he went through life like a party crasher in an exclusive nightclub. A narcissist with an insatiable need to be loved, he would carry out his most violent impulses then follow them up with sincerely contrite behavior. Prone toward homosexuality (not that there's anything wrong with that), he was also a pederast. For years he carried on an illicit love affair with his half-sister, Augusta Leigh. Together, they entered into a *ménage à trois* with his wife, Teresa Guiccioli, until Byron left England for one final fling in Greece.

Although the 18th century Byrons were a profligate lot, the family descended from heroic lineage. (The original Byrons were the two de Burun brothers who fought with William the Conqueror at Hastings.) Lord Byron's father, Jack Byron, a complete wastrel, was related by blood or marriage to many of England's finest families. (Like his son, Jack, too, had the good sense to die young.)

George Gordon Lord Byron was born in 1788 with a malformed right foot that plagued him all his life. His mother, Catherine Gordon Byron, was a Scottish harridan who alternated between lovingly clasping her handsome son to her ample bosom, or shouting that he was 'a damn lamed brat' – or worse, 'a genetically stained Byron.' When 10, little Geordie became the sixth Baron Byron of Rochdale. He accompanied his mother on her trip from Aberdeen to their new digs within the granite walls of Newstead Abbey, 12 miles south of Nottingham. He retained fond memories of his youth, but throughout his life feared that trace elements of his early years in Scotland might preclude his acceptance as a gentleman in England.

His voluntary exile and premature death placed him squarely at the core of the Romantic Movement. But quite frankly, he was a bit of a wing nut who couldn't be entrusted with a goldfish. And while never the darling of the Anglican Church establishment (in fact many of them viewed him as if he'd just emerged from a pornographic cinema), he was a lyricist of nonpareil ability. His achievements as a poet are matched only by his aberrant behavior. Given his proclivities, one half expects his poems to be naughty; instead, they're conduits for profound emotions difficult to articulate, and cause a minimum of collateral damage. His brief poems, such as *She Walks in Beauty* and *So, we'll go no more a roving*, are truly works of art, as are his lengthier writings, such as *Childe Harold's Pilgrimage* – based on his sojourn through the Mediterranean at the age of 21 – and *Don Juan*. Reading them is akin to appreciating the rich colors of a Velasquez painting, or the fine contours of a Bernini sculpture.

Essay by Bill Lounsbury

Q. I received a *Barnes & Noble NOOK* for Christmas and I want to use it to read eBooks from the library. It is easy to tell what format I'd use for a Kindle but what format do I use for my NOOK?

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