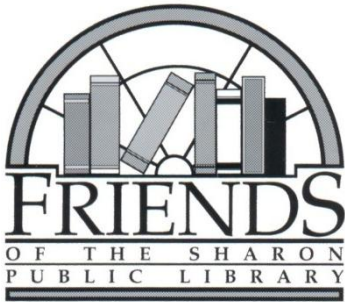


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From the President's Desk

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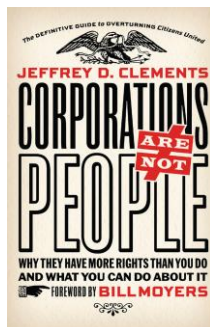
Population Changes

All of my other Letters from the President were written with my dog Jackson curled up at my knees. As I write now, he is snuggled next to my left leg and our new dog, Little Jill, is tucked into my right. With the addition of the new dog, the population of my house has changed in a significant way. While there have been shifts in behaviors and habits it still feels more the same than different since our values, priorities and goals have not changed.

The membership of the Board of The Friends has changed since our last Newsletter as two deeply appreciated Friends have stepped down. Notice the Newsletter has a different feel to it? We have a new Editor but our mission continues. It is one of my goals as President to expand the membership of The Friends and the Board to better reflect the demographics of Library patrons and specifically the

beneficiaries of the programs that we fund. At the same time I want to increase the active, creative involvement of the general members of The Friends into our ongoing projects. Our Book Sale sorting volunteers and bakers are deeply appreciated and are essential for the success of the Book Sale - our largest fund-raiser of the year. With the Book Sale just around the corner I want to ask in what other projects can members of The Friends give of their minds and hands and energy to enrich and expand the ways in which we fulfill our mission?

Our monthly Board meetings are open to all to attend, your suggestions and ideas always welcome. The Board actively invites your involvement in ways big and little, regular and periodic. Shifting populations is what makes it all interesting; just ask my kids and our ever-growing zoo!



In this presidential-election year, it is impossible not to be interested in politics. Have you heard the candidates argue over negative ads and Super PACs and wondered

what happened to campaign finance reform? Come to a presentation and book signing by Jeffrey Clements, author of Corporations are Not People, and learn how corporations are influencing our elections and what we can do about it. This informative and timely presentation will be held on **Tuesday, April 3 at 7pm** in the Cynthia B. Fox Community Room, Sharon Library and is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Sharon Public Library and the Sharon-Stoughton League of Women Voters. For more info contact jblatte@gmail.com

The Friends of the Sharon Public Library

Annual Fund Raising Event: The Used Book Sale at the Library, May 17th to May 20th 2012

Please consider donating your gently used books, CDs, DVDs, and cassette tapes and volunteering your time.

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Don't forget to renew your membership and take advantage of The Friends of the Sharon Public Library Membership Benefits all year long. Membership begins when you join and is renewable annually in May.

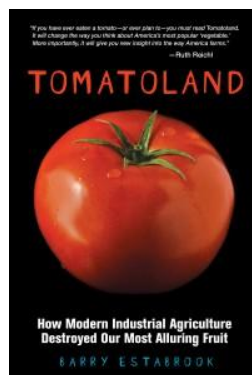
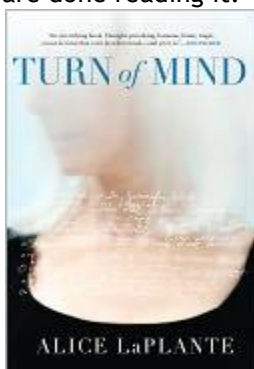
New Feature: Book Reviews!

This issue of the Newsletter features the first in a series of book reviews written by lovers of literature, avid readers, and all-around fans of the SPL!

Turn of Mind by Alice LaPlante

Shyamala Vithiananthan.

Having read Alice La Plante's debut novel Turn of Mind, I am wondering what category best fits this brilliantly written book. Turn of Mind is narrated mainly from the point of view of a recently widowed, newly retired orthopedic surgeon, Jessica White. As the story unfolds Dr. White is the prime suspect in the murder of her long-time friend and neighbor Amanda, who was found killed and four of her fingers surgically removed. Unfortunately for Dr. White and everyone involved, the prime suspect is also in the throes of dementia and does not know if she committed the crime or not. The novel explores the complexities of relationships - friendships, marriage, family, trust and betrayal, all the while taking the reader through the reality of Dr. White's world, and the various prisms through which she views it. The reader is made to see that everything is not as it seems to be. The characters have pasts they want to hide and motives that are murky. Told through the fractured mind of a person suffering from Alzheimer's, and the notebook in which Dr. White and the people who come to visit her write down their thoughts and messages, the novel is at once startling and poignant. The moments of clarity and confusion are stark and sad, and do not fail to touch the reader on many levels. Alice LaPlante's literary thriller Turn of Mind is a book to curl up with, and quite hard to put down until you are done reading it.



Interested in a tote to carry all those fabulous books you borrow from the library? Mail your check for \$10 (no cash) payable to Friends of the Sharon Public Library. For more info go to <http://friendsofsharonpubliclibrary.org/>



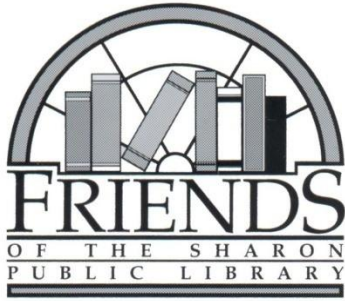
Tomatoland by Barry Estabrook

Connie Mayo.

2012 will be my fourth year as an heirloom tomato gardener, so I don't need to be convinced of the benefits of growing the tastiest vegetable ever. And yet, reading Tomatoland by Barry Estabrook galvanized my gardening feelings - and then some. Many people know that on the east coast, Florida is where many grocery store tomatoes are grown - in fact, Florida grows one third of all US tomatoes. But what astounded me in reading Tomatoland was what a completely inhospitable place Florida is to grow a tomato - and the horrifying chemical lengths to which growers have to go in order to produce their crop. Spring is a perfect time to read Tomatoland, and to make plans for your own tomato garden. Whether you start from seeds under grow lights in your house (mid to late March here in New England), or buy plants at the garden center in late May, choose your sunniest spot in the garden and dedicate it to the humble tomato. For other fun tomato reading, try The \$64 Tomato by William Alexander, the story of a man who got a little - well, more than a little - carried away with his vegetable gardening. And for pictures that will make your mouth water, take a look at The Heirloom Tomato by Amy Goldman - the most beautiful pictures of produce I've ever seen. Happy Gardening!

Rented any good books from the library? Enjoyed a story time or an adult program at the library? Visited a museum with a museum pass? Shopped at the Annual Used Book Sale? Ever wonder who makes these great events and programs happen? Friends like you, who volunteered to be on the Board or help the Friends of the Library in so many ways. As they say, you can never have enough friends. Please consider getting more involved in the Friends. Contact Jessica Pisano, info@friendsofsharonlibrary.org to find out how you can help your Friends of the Sharon Public Library.

Gift Certificates for the Annual Used Book Sale are now available!



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(Sorry, but Reader's Digest condensed books, encyclopedias, textbooks, magazines, computer instruction books, and software will not be accepted).

If you are interested in volunteering please contact jblatte@gmail.com

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