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## From the Director

Friends are a necessity of life and the Newport Public Library is very lucky to have a dedicated and hard working group of Friends. The Friends of the Newport Public Library are a group of individuals who believe in what the library is about and are willing to work hard for it.

The Friends Bookstore in our lower level lobby offers used books, magazines, DVDs, CDs and jigsaw puzzles for bargain prices. Most of the items on sale are donated by the community and are gently used. The store is open for some hours each day the library is open and completely staffed by volunteers. There are even volunteers who sell on eBay books that would not sell in the store.

This group makes a significant donation to the library each year which is used to support our reference collection and programs for children. Besides this donation they also do a number of other things that often go unrecognized. Take this newsletter for example. The Friends pay for its printing and postage and have a committee that prepares the copies for mailing. The refrigerator in the Program Room kitchen was a gift from the Friends as were the benches near the bus stop on Spring Street and one in the park where people sit using our wireless network. They also pay for our membership in the Chamber of Commerce and share a table with us at the Chamber's Expo. They very often purchase the prizes for the adult summer reading club as when we ask them for something we need, they are ready to provide it.

So, a big "Thank You" to the Friends of the Newport Public Library. They are very important to us. 🌿

— Regina Slezak

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## Big Read Newport MARCH 2010

**THE BIG READ NEWPORT**, a cooperative project of the Preservation Society of Newport County and the Newport Public Library, continues its programming in March 2010 with more book discussions, a jazz concert, a dance contest, and another screening of the 1974 movie *The Great Gatsby*, starring Robert Redford and Mia Farrow. This community-wide reading initiative which has encouraged reading of the masterpiece *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald, was funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Institute of Museum and Library Services with BankNewport as the local corporate sponsor.

There is still time for local book groups to read the book in March. Book groups can borrow Gatsby book kits available from the Newport Public Library to supply their club members. There are also plans for a closing reception on Sunday, March 28 at 2 p.m. at the Newport Public Library. All readers, participants, and locals who remember when the movie was filmed here in Newport are invited to come and celebrate and reminisce. Others are welcome to share memories of those times in Newport when a big film production was a welcome event. Come talk about your experience in reading or re-reading Fitzgerald's masterpiece, or just share your enthusiasm for the Big Read Newport project.



## Big Read EVENTS

- March 2 at 3 p.m.** Book discussion of *The Great Gatsby* and *Jake Reinvented* at the Martin Luther King Community Center.
- March 4 at 3 p.m.** Book discussion of *The Great Gatsby* and *Jake Reinvented* at the Newport Public Library for teens.
- March 4 at 6 p.m.** Jazz Concert at the Preservation Society's Rosecliff Mansion. Reservations required. Call 847-1000 ext. 154.
- March 11 at 7 p.m.** Book discussion of *The Great Gatsby* for adult individual or book group readers at the Newport Public Library.
- March 18 at 3 p.m.** Intergenerational book discussion for seniors, teens, and in between, of *The Great Gatsby* or *Jake Reinvented*, at the Edward King Senior Center.
- March 21 at 2 p.m.** Film screening of *The Great Gatsby* at the Newport Public Library. Reservations required. Call 847-8720 ext. 208.
- March 26 at 6 p.m.** Dance Contest for teens at the Boys and Girls Club of Newport County. Public invited to attend. Call 847-4592.
- March 28 at 2 p.m.** Final Reception for Big Read Newport at Newport Public Library. Local community members, readers and participants are invited to share their impressions of the Big Read project and memories of the filming of the Gatsby movie in Newport in the 1970s.

All programs are free and open to the public. Some reservations required as noted.





