



# A Glance @ Guernsey

## Guernsey Memorial Library

### Holiday Open House...by Sarah Wiggins



Guernsey Library is again looking forward to its annual Holiday Open House scheduled for Friday, December 4, 2009 from 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm. This year's activities will include a performance by Joe Lombardi, kids crafts, fantastic refreshments followed by a concert by American Idol contestant Mr. Ian Holmes.

Mr. Holmes tried out for American Idol in 2005 and made it to the top 44 of the 100,000 hopefuls.

He has been a professional musician for over 15 years and has directed multi-nation choirs and his music has traveled to Puerto Rico, Kenya, Israel and the Middle East.

He describes his music as a fusion of pop, jazz, neo-soul, gospel, and rock.

Since his appearance on American Idol he has been recording, touring and making personal appearances. Ian has also been seen on Fox Television, BET, and The Reality Network.

His latest cd entitled "Changes" was released in February 2009.



### From the Director's Desk...by Sarah Wiggins

As part of the library's programming, Guernsey has obtained a one year movie licensing agreement. This license permits Guernsey Library to show approved feature films from our collection to the public for free.

Our first feature film, "Coraline", is scheduled for December 18, 2009 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the Library Meeting Room. This screening is open to everyone.

Our goal is to schedule a feature film viewing at least once a month.

Movies will be selected from our collection of DVD's based on staff choices, themes, and ties to other programs. Library patrons may also suggest a movie for viewing by sending e-mail to [Guernsey@4cls.org](mailto:Guernsey@4cls.org) or just telling a staff member at the Circulation Desk. Movie selections will vary from kid's films to family films to classics in an effort to reach all constituents of the community. Guernsey Library will be serving free popcorn at each viewing.

### A Walk Through Guernsey Park...by Brian Doliver



Of the many parks in the city of Norwich, one is cared for by Guernsey Memorial Library. Guernsey Park has many interesting features such as: a playground, flower beds, a "living book" made from willow, and the city's only 9/11 memorial. One of the things I'm most proud of is

caring for Guernsey Park. Through the years there have been many experiences and many challenges, but it is all worth it when someone walks by and comments on how nice our park is. This wouldn't be possible without the assistance I get.

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#### Staff Picks:

#### Books To Curl Up With...

1. *Homer's Odyssey* Gwen Cooper
2. *A Big Little Life* Dean Koontz
3. *Dewey* Vicki Myron
4. *The Daily Coyote* Shreve Stackton
5. *Cat Vs. Cat* Pam Johnson-Barrett
6. *Autobiography of Santa Claus* Jeff Guinn
7. *Christmas Letters* Debbie Macomber
8. *On Strike For Christmas* Sheila Roberts
9. *The Christmas Train* David Baldacci
10. *The Christmas Pearl* Dorothea B. Frank

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## Do You Accept Donations?.....by Sue Morehead

Almost every day someone calls the library or stops by the circulation desk to ask the above question. Guernsey Memorial Library is very happy to accept donations, and we receive hundreds of items monthly. When we sort the donations, we set aside books, audios or DVDs that we can use in our collection, and the remaining items are either packed up

to sell at one of three book sales that the library holds every year or offered for sale in a bin inside the library near the circulation desk.

As stated above, we accept books, audios, or DVDs in any category. Items should be in a clean and useable condition. We do not accept dusty, moldy or "falling apart" items, as they cannot be sold or used on our shelves.

We also do not accept donations of old encyclopedias, Reader's Digest condensed books, old textbooks, or magazines.

That being said, we really appreciate the donations we receive each year, and we wish to thank those in the community who bring them to the library.



## Staff Spotlight on Scott Goodman...by Kate Lee

Scott Goodman is one of Guernsey Memorial Library's "man-behind-the-scenes". Originally from Amityville, New York, Scott has been Guernsey's Account Clerk for nine years. Scott acquired the clerk position through a temp agency while looking for a job to hone his accounting and computer skills. A temporary six month job became exactly what Scott was looking for in a career. Formerly a tractor trailer driver for Willow Run Foods, delivering Carvel ice cream to Long Island, Scott was looking for a job that would allow him to see his family

more than a few times a week. For his tractor trailer training, Scott had traveled cross-country and says, "There are less than a dozen states I haven't been to."

Guernsey's Account Clerk position gave him many opportunities, not only to see his family on a regular basis, but also a chance to work at what he loves. On any given day Scott can be found ordering office materials, paying bills, and recording staff attendance. He also assists in book and DVD ordering.

Although Scott had no formal training

when he first started at Guernsey, he has since earned his A.A.S. in accounting and is a prominent member of NYSLAA.

When he is not helping to run Guernsey, Scott assists members of his congregation. He has a working knowledge of American Sign Language and says that his primary focus is to aid the deaf members of his Jehovah's Witness community.

Though he foresees many more productive years at Guernsey, Scott would love to travel via RV to other congregations in need. He says many smaller congregations require assistance with preaching and organization, especially those with hearing-impaired members.

## Reviews by Sue..The Doomsday Key by James Rollins

**Publication Date:** 2009

**Number of Pages:** 431 pages

**Setting:** Africa, U.S., Europe

**Series:** Sigma Force series

**Plot Summary:** three murders on three continents all seem to be connected-a scientist at Princeton University, a Vatican priest, and a senator's son in Africa. All three victims have had a pagan cross burned into their flesh.

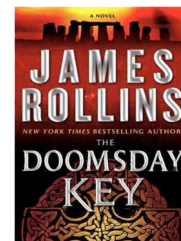
Commander Gray Pierce of Sigma Force is drawn into a race against time to both solve the murders and find a mysterious object known as the Doomsday Key. The fate of the world's food supply hangs in the balance, as well as the life of former lover and friend Rachel Verona.

**Similar Authors:** Steve Berry

**Subject Headings:** Mystery, Suspense

**Appeal/Special Features:**

Rollins combines science, history and non-stop suspense to create stories that keep you coming back for more.



## Children's Corner...Winter Story Time Begins Jan 5th...by Kim Hazen

Young children and their families are invited to join us for the winter story time session that begins January 5th and runs through March 12th. Each week children will explore a different theme through stories, interactive songs, rhymes, feltboard activities, crafts, and games. Story times are designed to engage young children in the love of reading and books through a highly interactive story time designed for their age group.

Preschoolers and their families will meet for story time on Tuesdays from 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. There will be a special story time for babies and toddlers on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. No registration is required and you do

not need to attend all the sessions in order to participate. Story times will be held in the library meeting room. We would love to have you join us!



## A History Of Early Women's Journals...by Kathy Barton

Journals for women have been around for quite sometime appearing well before revolutionary times. These journals were created by women which provided an outlet for female writers and editors. Their content addressed specific women's topics that were not addressed in other journals. They were expensive, because they had little or no advertising and only the elite class of readers could afford them.

After the Civil War there were new innovations in print technology. This advancement allowed hundreds of copies of magazines to be published in a shorter period of time. There were also advancements in road construction, railroads and affordable postal service that provided a means for publishers to have a larger cliental and reliable distribution of their journals. Publishers aggressively sought advertising which enabled them to lower journal prices. Not surprisingly, women's magazines led the industry.

By the end of the nineteenth century there were six titles that would make it to the top circulation charts in the first half of the twentieth century. They were, The

Delineator, McCall's, Ladies Home Journal, Women's Home Companion, Good Housekeeping and Pictorial Review. These six magazines led in circulation and in attracting large advertising dollars.

The Otis A. Thompson Local History Room has a few early women's journals and they are as follows: Godey's Lady's Book, Graham's Magazine, and Peterson's Magazine. Godey's appeared to be a model for later women's publications. It cost about three dollars and some issues had around 100 pages. Graham's Magazine was a competitor of Godey's up until the end of the Civil War when the Peterson's Magazine had fashion plates that were just as attractive as Godey's. The editor and publisher learned the art of what would be pleasing to women and eventually out did their rival. Peterson's sold for \$2.00 and most of these journals contained literary work, poetry, book reviews, sewing, knitting, crochet, tatting, beading and embroidery patterns and instructions, music, parlor games, cooking, gardening and more.

Many of us can remember when our mothers cut out the paper dolls that would be in some issues of McCall's and Ladies Home Journal. The hours of fun they provided will never be forgotten. It taught us to be gentle and to use care with these fragile items. Gail Merian, who works in local history, has a paper doll collection which will feature in our local history room display case in December. If you have any memories or remember other women's magazines that contained paper dolls, please stop in and share them.

The Guernsey Library carries a number of magazines on various topics. Stop in and take advantage of reading them. If you would like to see a different magazine feel free to write down the title and it will be considered for a possible future subscription.

## Cont.' ....A Walk Through Guernsey Park...by Brian Doliver

Norwich City Schools' employees, co-workers, garden clubs, and volunteers all have helped to make Guernsey Park one of the most beautiful parks in Norwich. The park is a gathering place for many community groups, from employees taking an afternoon stroll to families bringing their children to play on the park's playground. The next time you visit Guernsey Memorial Library, take a walk through the park. There is always something to see and do in every season.

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### Library Hours

Monday	9:00 am—8:30 pm
Tuesday	9:00 am—8:30 pm
Wednesday	9:00 am—8:30 pm
Thursday	9:00 am—8:30 pm
Friday	9:00 am—6:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am—4:00 pm
Sunday	1:00 pm—4:00 pm

*The Guernsey Memorial Library will close  
at Noon on December 24 and will be closed  
all day on December 25.*