

## 2012 Ashland Summer Reading Program Update

### Ashland School Committee Meeting Thursday, December 6, 2012

- # 312 students entering grades 1 – 6 participated this year (out of approximately 1300 eligible students). Number down from 369 students in 2011.
- # Breakdown by grade:
  - o 1<sup>st</sup> grade: 61                      2<sup>nd</sup> grade: 63                      3<sup>rd</sup> grade: 58
  - o 4<sup>th</sup> grade: 55                      5<sup>th</sup> grade: 55                      6<sup>th</sup> grade: 20
- # On line tracking component was used by approximately 125 students in 2012.
- # Almost \$3200 in donations towards the purchase of new books/audio tapes/e-books for the children's section of the Ashland Public Library.
- # More than \$1000 in donations towards the purchase of lottery prizes for the students.
- # \$325 in donations towards the purchase of supplies (paper, toner, stamps, envelopes, and more).
- # Received a \$3500 grant in November from Staples Foundation to be used for library books and supplies.
- # Grand total collected for 2012 is \$8067 – a new record!
- # The co-sponsorship and collaboration with the Ashland Public Library and the FAPL was invaluable.
- # Many volunteers and support throughout the process (including Lois McAuliffe and the staff at the Ashland Public Library, Bill Browne, Rosemary Fedorchak, Alan Esenther, office staff at Warren, Mindess and Middle Schools, and dozens of parent volunteers).
- # Ashland Summer Reading Program web site (<http://AshlandSummerReadingProgram.org>) was fully supported by Alan Esenther.
- # 61 Ashland merchants participated, either making monetary donations towards lottery prizes or library books, or offering level prizes based on number of books/chapters or hours/minutes read. Fewer merchants made monetary donations this year, due to the overlap of the Rediscover Ashland event, but those who could donate were very generous.
- # 56 Ashland families participated, mostly making monetary donations towards lottery prizes or library books. More families participated this year than last year.
- # 11 corporate sponsors made donations of items (BOSE SoundDock, an electric toothbrush, Bruins items, Worcester Sharks posters, stuffed toys), many gift certificates and passes.
- # One special donation to note was the 150 PMC tee shirts donated by 2 PMC Challenge volunteers and Ashland residents. These tee shirts were used as prizes in the library over the summer.
- # Visit over the summer from Blades (Bruins mascot) – Boston Bruins are one of the sponsors of the state summer reading program.
- # Additional support from the Ashland K-12 PTO, the staff and administration of the Ashland Public Schools.
- # Article on the program in the October edition of *Ashland Directions*.
- # Article on the program in the September 14 edition of the *Ashland Tab*.
- # Top 10 readers from each grade received Top Reader blue ribbons from NEC Trophies and their names appeared in the papers.
- # Top 2 readers from each grade received *Dream Big – READ!* (national library theme logo) tee-shirts.
- # Presented results to the Friends of the Ashland Public Library board in September 2012.
- # Planning to allocate some funds next year to the teen reading program, so that they can offer bigger prizes, more incentives for readers.

## Top 10 Readers by Grade

The top 10 readers in first grade are: Luca Gerber, Matthew Kukowski, Matthew Kulaga, Evan Lewis, Dean Reap, Grant Reap, Abbie Silberzweig, Giana Simankov, Emily Umholtz, Emma Whitham.

The top 10 readers in second grade are: Sam Bier, Olivia Cote, Kathryn English, Sophia Gonzales, Keira Joshi, Kyzar Joshi, Rowan Perry, Isabella Scalora, Clara Werkema, Olivia Werkema.

The top 10 readers in third grade are: Emilia Agostinelli, Michael Celatka, Zachary Dickinson, Olivia Gleason, Cici Govan, Jayson Kukowski, Bennett Lewis, Bella Raso, Srihari Srivatsa, Sneha Yadav.

The top 10 readers in fourth grade are: Victoria Ball, Adam Cooper, Madison English, Travis Fuellhart, Sean Harding, Izzie Gerber, Brooke Kulaga, Matthew Long, Nolan Perry, Trisha Peswani.

The top 10 readers in fifth grade are: Rachel Bier, Sam Govan, Aaron Greenstein, Catherine Gustofson, Erin Hurley, Elizabeth Jack, Claire Liu, Lorna Saied, Laasya Thatavarthy, Lauren Umholtz.

The top 10 readers in sixth grade are: David Celatka, Neeharika Chanda, Brianna Doucette, Swathi Gorantla, Maddie Norfolk, Annabelle Rutherford, Neha Shabeer, Pavitra Sriram, Arpitha Sundararajan, Eesha Yadav.

## 2012 Participating Ashland Merchants

126 Self Storage	Andrea Novakowski - Business & Personal Coach	
Annemarie's Dance Centre	Anthony's Barber Shop	Anytime Fitness Ashland
Ashland Animal Hospital	Ashland Emergency Fund	Ashland Farmers Market
Ashland Lions Club	Ashland Pizza Palace	Ashland Police Department
Backstage Dance Center	Bodacious Bagel	Classic Pizza
Crossfit Synergistics	Domino's Pizza/Dufficey Ent.	Dairy Queen
Dr. John Zarrella DMD	Dunkin Donuts	E-Z Convenience Store
Fitzzy's Car Wash	Greater Ashland Lions Club	Honey Dew Donuts
HALO Corp./Andrea Whitham	Il Forno Restaurant	Impressions Printing
K&D Landscape and Design	Jae H. Kim Taekwondo Institute	Learning Quest Education
Melanie Lewis/Silpada Jewelry	Linda's Encore/The Red Dress	Lucky Farm Market
Lunkers Outfitters	Main Street Wine and Spirits	McDonalds
Metrowest Sports Center	Middlesex Savings Bank	Mike's Collision
Modelville Hobby Shop	Moody Optical	Mothers Helpers
NEC Trophies	Nello's Café	Nick's Pizza
Pizza Mine & NY Deli	Practice of Family & Cosmetic Dentistry	
Power Tune	Premier Image Gallery	Prevention with Purpose
Purple Ink Insurance Agency	Reach Preschool	Starting Line Studio
Sunnyside Café and Caterers	Tasty Treat	The Homes Connection
The Embroidery Place	The Water Hazard Mini Golf	TJ's Spirits
Tobi Collage	Tom's Auto Body	Umholtz Plumbing
Vericode		

Ashland Families

The Apke, Bechard, Boulanger, Carleton, Costagliola-Ramones, Ciolino, Colson, Govan, Greenstein, Gun, Horan, Latessa, Lydon, McSweeney, Morgan, Norfolk, Pena/Ramos, Pepper, Pierson, Pickett, Olsen, Russell, Siegmann/King, Troutman, Werkema, Yakonich Families

Independence Lane Families: the Shifman/Klepper, Fertig, Herrera, Jain, Kourtelidis, Padmanabhan, Rosoff, Sheridan, and Siet Families

Cookingham Greene Families: the Lowe, Auslander/Goldman, Breen, Buddy, Clattenburg, Cummings, Everett, Kaplan, Kampner, Kolodny, Malagari, McLennan, Monaco, Moscato, Murphy, Savary, Schmutz, Shapiro, Smith, and Sonsino Families

Additional support from:

Larry Gillis/Poland Springs, George Clattenburg and David Rabinovitz, Pan Mass Challenge Volunteers, Al Porter and Ashland *Directions*, Ashland *TAB*

Supporting Corporate Sponsors

AMC Theatres

Davis Farmland & Mega Maze

PINZ Bowling

Southwick's Zoo

Bose Corporation

Jordan's Furniture/IMAX

Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park

Worcester Sharks

The Boston Bruins

New England Aquarium

Six Flags New England

Staples Foundation

Volunteers and Additional Support

Rosemary Fedorchak, Lois McAuliffe, Paula Bonetti, Ellen Silver, and the staff of the Ashland Public Library, Bill Browne and the Friends of the Ashland Public Library, Sara Apke, Diane Bechard, Cheri Boulanger, Tarryn Colson, Erin Cote, Alan Esenther for all web support, Kerry Fuellhart, Elizabeth Long, Linda Lowe, Tracey Lydon, Tricia McSweeney, Lisa Mihnos, Beth Null, Ronda Palin, Amaris Peña Ramos, Emily Reilly, Meredith Rosoff, Mynette Shifman, Jamie Silberzweig, Rachel Werkema, Amanda Williams, Molly Zodikoff, the Ashland School Committee, the Ashland K-12 PTO, the staff and administration of the Ashland Public Schools including Jacky Clifford, Rose Deliago, Theresa Grasse, Betsy Bakstran, and Cathy Stickney.