

## Book Column - May 2010

What's happening at Brockville Public Library? A lot! Our Library is so much more than books and information. We are a community centre, a gathering place, a place where people get to know one another. Our library is fully accessible and has received the top five-star rating from Education for Quality Accessibility.

Do you love to knit or want to get started with this traditional and creative craft? We are calling all knitters –men and women- to our new Kniterary Club. On Tuesday May 11, we started hosting a regular bi-monthly knitting circle in our meeting room from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Knitters of all skill levels are welcome to bring their projects to work on at our informal, social meetings.

Get ready to celebrate Father's Day or a birthday by signing up for our sixth paper craft class on Wednesday, May 26 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Learn how to create gift card holders and two cards using stamping, embossing, folding and punch art techniques. The cost is \$6.00 per person. Please pre-register at the circulation desk or phone 613-342-3936.

We're gearing up for our second annual golf tournament at Sunnidell Golf Course on Sunday July 11. This year the focus is on purchasing equipment to support library programs and improving collections and space for our "tween" customers, age 8 to 12. We need golf cart and tee sponsors, prizes, and of course, players. It was great fun last year. Come out and play - rain or shine! For details contact Laura Julien at 613-342-3936.

Turning to the topic of reading, BPL is improving its collections of CD talking-books. On current topics of interest you can listen to *The male brain: a breakthrough understanding of how men and boys think* by Louann Brizendine; *Change your brain change your body: use your brain to get and keep the body you have always wanted* by Daniel G. Amen; and *Every day in Tuscany: seasons of an Italian life* by Frances Mayes. We also have a good selection of fiction on CD, with titles too numerous to mention here. Remember, you can also download talking books free of charge. You need a BPL card and a PIN number. Staff will be happy to get you started.

Large print books are popular too. Among our new non-fiction titles is *Made for goodness: and why this makes all the difference* by Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Nobel prize winner and leader of the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa. This book answers the question: "Why am I so sure that goodness will triumph in the end?" Mariana Pasternak describes her friendship with domestic goddess Martha Stewart in her book, *The best of friends, Martha and me*. Set in a world of luxury and power, this is the story of two remarkable women and a friendship that changed both their lives forever. New large print fiction titles include *Blood ties* by Kay Hooper, *The first rule* by Robert Crais, *The red door* by Charles Todd, *Money to burn* by James Grippando, *The bone thief* by Jefferson Bass, and *Not my daughter* by Barbara Delinsky.

New fiction in regular print is also arriving daily. Lawrence Hill's award-winning novel *The Book of Negroes* is now available in an illustrated edition with over 150 photos, maps and illustrations that inspired the author to create his wonderful characters and to tell their stories. New titles by other popular authors include *House rules* by Jodi Picoult; *The double comfort safari club* by Alexander McCall Smith; *Solar* by Ian McEwan; *Beatrice and Virgil* by Yann Martel; *This body of death* by Elizabeth George; *The first rule* by Robert Crais; *Deception* by Jonathan Kellerman; *Brava, Valentina* by Adriana Trigiani; and *Death of a valentine* by M.C. Beaton. You can reserve any of these titles from your home or office computer. Ask us how!

It's Spring and garden centres are sprouting up around the city. Get inspired with these new titles: *The small garden: making the most of a small garden* by David Squire; *The gardener's color palette : paint your garden with 100 extraordinary flower choices* by Thomas Fischer; *Succulent container gardens : design eye-catching displays with 350 easy-care plants* by Debra Lee Baldwin; *The gin & tonic gardener: confessions of a reformed compulsive gardener* by Janice Wells; and *The vegetable gardener's book of building projects: raised beds, cold frames, compost bins, planters, plant support, trellises, harvesting and storage aids* from Storey Publications. After creating your garden, build a deck using one of these handy guides: *Deck designs: great ideas from top deck designers* by Steve Cory; *The complete guide to decks*; and *Dream porches and sunrooms: designing the perfect retreat* by Michael Snow. Then it's time to relax and enjoy your favourite tippie with friends and family or get lost in a great book.

Keep an eye on our website at [www.brockvillelibrary.ca](http://www.brockvillelibrary.ca) for the latest programs, exhibits, and events @your library™. The library website is also the best place to start for all your information needs. Any questions? Phone 613-342-3936 or visit us at 23 Buell Street (opposite the post office). You'll find a warm welcome!