

About town

Library's annual summer book sale underway

The annual book sale at the Jamestown library is brimming with books of all sorts for island readers young and old. It continues during regular library hours until July 22 at 2 p.m.

Prices are \$2 for hardcover books, \$1 for paperbacks, \$1 for children's hardcover books, and 50 cents for children's paperback books. There are specially priced books available, including a table of Jamestown and Rhode Island history.

Call the library at 423-7280 for more information.

Sunday concert series begins with Pendragon

Summer Music in Jamestown kicks off its 2006 season with one of New England's best-known Celtic bands bringing its unique style to the East Ferry Memorial Square on Sunday evening, July 9, at 6:30 p.m.

The group Pendragon has embraced New England's rich tradition of Celtic-inspired music and created a timeless sound of its own, performing traditional roots music with an unmistakable contemporary edge.

Pendragon seamlessly blends lively jigs and reels with singer Mary Lee Partington's original songs depicting the experiences of the immigrants who settled here and their role in the mill and textile traditions of New England. The band also features Bob Drouin on bouzouki, fiddle, and tenor banjo; Russell Gusetti on guitar, concertinas, and five-string banjo; Josh Kane on flute and whistles; Ken Lyon on vocals, guitar and bass; and step dancer and percussionist Kevin Doyle, a U.S. champion dancer.

Their performance elaborates on the cultural and historical context of the music while creating a humorous and relaxed stage presence.

The concert is free of charge and is sponsored by the East Ferry Market and Deli and the Jamestown Press. In the event of rain, the concert will be held in the Community Center.

Organic farm stand opens at East Ferry

The Stearns Farms Organic Produce farm stand will begin its third season at East Ferry this Saturday, July 8.

Islanders will be able to purchase a variety of island-grown, certified-organic produce until the end of October. The farm stand will be open on Saturdays from 9 to 1 p.m. and Wednesdays from 3 to 6 p.m. The stand is located across from the Bay View Condominiums. For more information, call Jennifer Talancy at 423-0729.

Give blood at the PAC Club on July 24

The Jamestown Emergency Medical Services will sponsor a blood drive on Monday, July 24, from 2:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Portuguese American Citizens' Club.

To be eligible to give blood, donors must be at least 17 years old, in general good health, and weigh at least 110 pounds.

Donors are asked to bring a photo ID to the drive.

For more information on being

a blood donor, call the Rhode Island Blood Center at 800-283-8385.

Library cruise filling up fast

On Thursday, July 13, at 5 p.m., the Viking Queen will dock at East Ferry for a two-hour fundraising cruise to support the library.

Tickets, costing \$20 each, include hors d'oeuvres and music. Buy them at the library or call Sue Fay at 423-3027.

Book group reads Amy Tan

The Afternoon Book Discussion at the Jamestown library continues on Tuesday, July 11, the second Tuesday of the month, from 1 to 2 p.m. with the book "The Bonesetter's Daughter" by Amy Tan.

This novel is about the com-

plex relationships between Chinese mothers and their American-born daughters.

On Tuesday, Aug. 8, the group will discuss "Shadow Divers: The True Adventure of Two Americans Who Risked Everything to Solve One of the Last Mysteries of World War II" by Robert Kurson.

The Tuesday group will be choosing its book selections for the next six months, so participants are invited to bring along suggestions.

These books can be obtained through the Jamestown library by placing holds on one of the many copies in the state available through the Cooperating Libraries Automated Network, also known as CLAN. The discussions are free and open to the public.

For more information, call the library at 423-7280.

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Early Learning Center receives national accreditation

After a year-long, four-step process, the Jamestown Early Learning Center has earned accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children or the NAEYC.

Of the 418 licensed centers in Rhode Island, only 72 are accredited.

Centers applying for this national honor must complete an extensive application process, a highly trained program assessor visits the program to determine that it is meeting the NAEYC standards, and then the results are reviewed by a national panel in Washington DC. The NAEYC has developed 10 standards for high-quality early childhood education.

Programs that meet these standards provide a safe and healthy environment for children, have teachers that are well trained, have access to excellent teaching materials, and work with a curriculum that is appropriately challenging and developmentally sound.

In Jamestown, the Jamestown Early Learning Center is the only preschool or childcare program that is nationally accredited. By earning accreditation, the Jamestown Early Learning Center has become a leader in a national effort to raise the quality of early childhood education, and to give all children a better start.

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