

ABOUT TOWN

Book groups announce spring, summer reading

The next session of the Evening Book Group will be on Monday, April 14, at 7 p.m. to discuss "The Widow's War" by Sally Gunning.

The evening group meets on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. The Afternoon Book Discussion Group meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. Both groups are facilitated by library director, Judy Bell.

Meetings and titles for future discussions include: Monday, May 12, and Tuesday, May 13, reading "Dinner at the Home-sick Restaurant," by Anne Tyler. On June 9 and 10, the book will be "Suite Francaise" by Irene Némirovsky. The July sessions will be on Monday, July 14, and Tuesday, July 8, reading "A Snug Life Somewhere," by Jan Shapin.

The groups are open to the public and new participants are always welcome.

For more information, call the library at 423-7280. These books may be obtained through the Jamestown Library by placing holds on one of the many copies

in the state available through the Ocean State Libraries.

Play softball this spring

The Jamestown Parks and Recreation Department is now accepting registrations for the 2008 Girls Softball League.

The league is open to girls in grades 1 to 8 and costs \$35 for the first child and \$25 for each additional child, with a maximum fee of \$60 per family. Opening Day will be Saturday, May 3, with games and practices on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. Volunteer coaches are still needed and high school students are encouraged to volunteer for community service hours. Registrations are available at the recreation office, 41 Conanicus Ave. or online at www.jamestownri.net.

Kennedy assassination topic of lecture, book

The Friends of the Jamestown Library and the Jamestown Historical Society present Jamestown resident, David Kaiser, a history professor at the Naval War College, on Thursday, April 17, at 7 p.m.

Kaiser is the author of "American

Tragedy: Kennedy, Johnson, and the Origins of the Vietnam War" among other works. His most recent book, "The Road to Dallas: The Assassination of John F. Kennedy" will be the subject of this talk.

In a starred review in Library Journal, reviewer Karl Helicher says: "A scrupulously researched account, which may be one of the best books yet on the assassination... Kaiser posits that Lee Harvey Oswald was the lone gunman although he did not act alone: the murder plot was hatched by Mafia bosses Santo Trafficante, John Roselli, and Sam Giancana as revenge for Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy's relentless pursuit of the mob and for the vast sums of money they lost when Castro closed Cuba's mob-controlled casinos. Other startling revelations are that Oswald might have been a CIA agent, even though he was promised a large sum of money by the mob to kill Kennedy, and that Jack Ruby killed Oswald on orders from the Mafia, to which Ruby was connected. This detailed, often chilling account stands out among the overwhelming number of assassination books."

The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, call the library at 423-7820.

Recreation Center has extended vacation hours

The Recreation Center will be open for extended hours during spring vacation week, April 14 through 18.

The Open Rec. program will run Monday through Friday from noon to 2 p.m. for students in grades 3 through 6, and the Teen Center will be open Monday through Thursday from 2 to 7 p.m. and Friday 2 to 9 p.m. for students in grade 7 and up.

For more information, call Melissa at 423-7261 e-mail jamestownteens@yahoo.com.

Learn about life cycles of animals at library

During school vacation week, the Audubon Society of Rhode Island will present a program for children in kindergarten through grade 2. "Life Cycles 1" will take place on Wednesday, April 16, from 11 a.m. to noon. Children will learn about and investigate the life cycles of insects, amphibians and egg bearing animals through the use of bio-facts and station activities.

"Life Cycles 2" will be for children in grades 3 to 5. This program will also take place on Wednesday, April 16, and run from 1 to 2 p.m. The lesson provides older students with an in-depth look at the life cycles of insects, amphibians and egg bearing animals.

For more information, visit the library at 26 North Main Rd., call 423-7280, or e-mail rowenadunlap@gmail.com. The programs are sponsored by the Friends of Jamestown Library.

Apply for Holy Ghost Society scholarship

The Holy Ghost Society will award two scholarships to graduating high school students who live in Jamestown, to be applied to tuition, books or related course fees.

Students must be of Portuguese heritage.

Scholarship applications may be obtained at the Jamestown Philomenian Library, 26 North Main Rd. Applications must be completed and returned unfolded in a large envelope postmarked no later than May 15.

Island company receives Microsoft recognition

Lush Group Inc. of Jamestown announced this week that it has been named a Microsoft Gold Certified Partner, which recognizes the company's expertise and impact in the technology marketplace.

The Lush Group has been developing custom software solutions in Jamestown for over 20 years. Solutions have focused on business process optimization and have included two products for the Tablet PC. The company has recently developed a web-based patient registration system for the healthcare industry. With a solid history in client and web-based custom solutions they now offer SharePoint development services and optimized business process solutions. By implementing a business management solution that works like and with the Microsoft Office system, business process capabilities can be integrated across the organization, increasing user productivity.

"We are extremely pleased to be recognized with Gold Certified Partner status in the Microsoft Partner Program," said Lush Group President Nancy Lush. "Gold Certification recognizes our expertise and provides additional support for our development teams. Our Gold Certified Partner status will allow us to continue enhancing the offerings that we provide our customers."

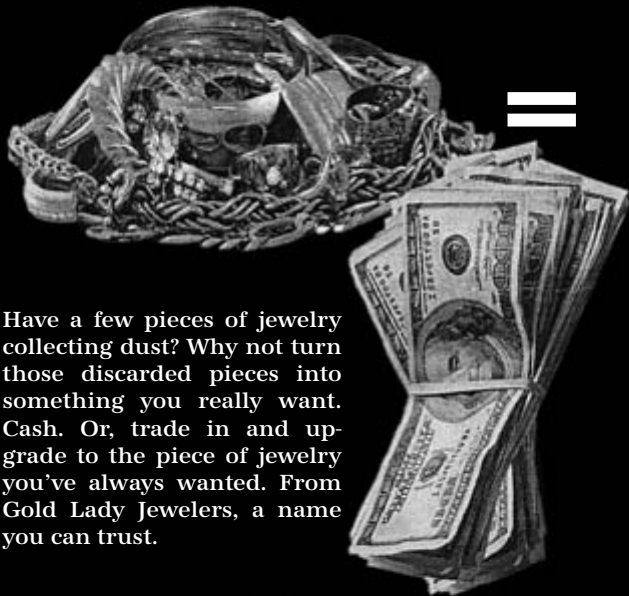
Scholarship offered for advertising students

Rhode Island residents who are full-time college students, at the sophomore level or above, and who are pursuing a career in advertising are invited to apply for the J.D. Edsal Scholarship/Women's Advertising Club Scholarship at the Rhode Island Foundation. One \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded to a student studying advertising, public relations, marketing, graphic design, interactive film, video, television, or broadcast production. Applicants must also demonstrate financial need. This year's application deadline is April 30.

Visit the Web site at www.rifoundation.org or contact Libby Monahan, at 274-4564 or libbym@rifoundation.org for more information. A full list of the nearly 150 scholarships offered through the RIF is available on the Web site.

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