

## Mountainside Library Newsletter – September 2010

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### SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL LIBRARY CARDSIGN-UP MONTH

Library cards are amazing things. Can you think of another item that fits in your wallet but offers you so much? Your library card is your passport to access, and September is National Library Card Sign-up Month. Make sure everyone in your household has his or her own library card and, most important, make sure it is *used*. Whether for books, music, movies or for online access to great databases, your Mountainside Library Card delivers.



### In Memoriam



Mary Quinn, a long-time Mountainside Library staff member, passed away on August 6, 2010. Mary will always be remembered for her sharp wit, helpful spirit and warm smile. She will be missed by her many friends and co-workers.

### Back-to-School 2010

*All of us at the MPL wish all Mountainside students a very successful school year.*

*Remember, your library is a great place to turn for all your homework and research needs.*

*Your library card also gives you access to online resources, including newspaper & magazine articles, modern & historic maps, practice tests and more. Visit [www.mountainsidelibrary.org](http://www.mountainsidelibrary.org) to see a full list of our online databases. For assistance, please ask a librarian or call us at 908-233-0115. We'll be glad to help!*

**In August, the library had 6,993 checkouts. With an average value of \$22.88 per item, the month's total checkout value is \$160,000!**

### SEPTEMBER DISPLAY CASE

**Banned Books Week** is celebrated at the end of every September. This year it runs from September 26 – October 2. In honor of this event, the Mountainside Library has created an *intriguing* display of books that have been banned, burned or otherwise challenged, either here in the U.S. or abroad. Be sure to come in a take a peek at these “troublesome texts” ...and if you'd like to borrow one, just ask. *Remember: Free people read freely.*



## MEETING ROOM RENOVATION



The library meeting room will be temporarily closed for a top-to-bottom renovation. The project will include a new drop ceiling, more efficient lighting, smooth drywall and updated wall-to-wall carpeting. The room will have a more comfortable, less institutional feel when completed. The entire project is funded by bequest money received from Grace Shulman and Claire Tansey. *Not a single tax dollar will be spent on this renovation.* We are very grateful to these generous benefactors for remembering the Mountainside Library in their wills. Please look for the “ribbon cutting” announcement in the coming weeks.

## MOUNTAINSIDE LIBRARY RECEIVES TARGET GRANT



The Mountainside Library is excited to announce receipt of a \$2,000 grant from Target Department Stores. Target awards grants in several categories, including children’s early literacy development. Our application sought funding for children’s reading programs, including Story Time Theatre. Target grants are competitive so we are particularly glad to receive this award. Thank you, Target, for your support of the Mountainside Library!

## SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS

Our September schedule is going to appear a little lighter than usual, due to the meeting room renovation project, discussed above. We will still bring you the following:

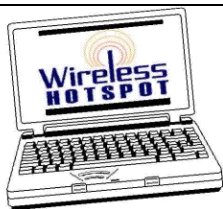
CHILDREN’S STORY TIMES --- Registration will begin on 9/8 and sessions will start at the end of September. Full details will be posted in the library and on our website:

Tuesdays: 10:30 – 11:00 --- Cuddles (12 months – 23 months)  
2:00 – 2:30 --- Three Year Olds

Thursdays: 10:30 – 11:00 --- Toddler Time (2 Year Olds)  
2:00 – 2:30 --- 4 & 5 Year Old Preschoolers

FOLK MUSIC CAFÉ --- Thurs 9/16 @ 7:00 p.m. Featuring renowned New Jersey folk & bluegrass duo Reckon So. Please join us for music, coffee and dessert. Admission is free, sponsored by a grant from the Watts Mountainside Community Foundation.

Brown Bag Movies, Wed Night Movies, Children’s Story Time Theatre, interesting lectures -- and more -- will resume after the meeting room project is completed. *Stay tuned!*



Remember, the Mountainside Library is a WIRELESS HOTSPOT, with free Internet access for your laptop, from wall to wall and corner to corner. Come in with your own wireless-ready laptop and connect!



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