



# Edgartown Public Library NEWSLETTER

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*Welcome to the first issue of the Edgartown Library newsletter.*

2014 promises to be an exciting year. Last year more than 4,000 people took part in 261 library programs, 25% more than the previous year. As our library programming continues to grow, we are anxiously awaiting our new library's community room, which will have room for more than 100 people.

Construction on our new library begins soon. In the next few months, we will be deciding whether to upgrade our interior options to include hardwood flooring and high-grade acoustical materials for key areas. If you would like to be a part of funding these upgrades, please [contact me directly](#). Checks may be made out to the Edgartown Public Library and mailed to PO Box 5249, Edgartown, MA 02539. Donations to the [Friends of the Edgartown Library](#) are also welcome. Please make a note if you would like your donation to go specifically towards the new building project.

This is a pivotal moment in our project and we invite your participation.

Happy reading,  
Jill Dugas Hughes, director





## Contractor Is Chosen To Build New Library

The Edgartown selectmen, on the recommendation of the library building committee, voted Monday, Jan. 6, to enter into a contract with Maron Construction of Providence, R.I., to build the new Edgartown Public Library.

It's anticipated that the contract, for \$7.33 million, will be made final in the next few weeks, and that we'll begin to see activity at the building site, next to the Edgartown Elementary School, by the end of February.



### Winter Film Series Opens Tuesday, Jan. 14



On eight Tuesdays at 7 p.m., the Edgartown Library will present a series of films about musical artists -- from comedies to dramas, all of them award-winners and all of them filled with music.

The series opened Jan. 14 with "Thirty-Two Short Films About Glenn Gould," a portrait of the brilliant and reclusive pianist. Remaining films in the series are as follows:

Jan. 21: *The Sapphires*  
Inspired by a true story, and with a winning Motown soundtrack, the

film follows four young and talented Australian Aboriginal girls from their remote home in the outback to Vietnam 1968, where they entertain U.S. troops; directed by Wayne Blair (Australia, 2012).

Jan. 28: *A Late Quartet*

With superb acting from all the principals (and superb music from Beethoven), the film unknots the personal drama in the lives of the members of a world-renowned string quartet; directed by Yaron Zilberman (US, 2012).

Feb. 4: *La Vie en Rose*

Marion Cotillard deservedly won the Academy Award for Best Actress for her portrayal of famed French songstress, Edith Piaf. Directed by Olivier Dahan (France, 2007).

Feb. 11: *Impromptu*

This romantic romp among the artists of 1830s France -- Chopin, Liszt, de Musset, Delacroix, and Sand -- has a witty screenplay, lively performances and lush soundtrack. Directed by James Lapine (UK and France, 1991).

Feb. 18: *Cadillac Records*

This film documents the story of Chess Records, Chicago home to Blues immortals Muddy Waters, Howlin' Wolf and Etta James (portrayed in a knockout performance by Beyonce Knowles). Directed by Darnell Martin (US, 2008).

Feb. 25: *Look at Me*

An observant examination of friendship, ambition and betrayal in the French literary milieu, the story of a gifted young singer and her egocentric artist father is a bittersweet comedy with Chekhovian overtones; directed by Agnès Jaoui (France, 2004).

March 4: *Shine*

The story of Australian piano prodigy, David Helfgott, and his triumph over mental illness is told without cliché or sentimentality. Starring Geoffrey Rush in an Oscar-winning performance, and directed by Scott Hicks (Australia, 1996).

*Please note: This film series is for adults. Refreshments will be served.*



## **An Invitation: Try Freegal, Our Free Music Service**



The Edgartown Library has subscribed, on our patrons' behalf, to a new service called Freegal. Here, by logging in with your Edgartown library card number and PIN, you can download three songs each week from the Sony Music archives of legendary recording artists. You can also stream three hours of music from Freegal every day. The MP3 music files you download from this service are yours to keep and enjoy.

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## **Food for Fines: Amnesty Program Supports Island Food Pantry**

This January and February, the Edgartown Library invites patrons to clear their slate of overdue fines by bringing a contribution of food for the Island Food Pantry to the library. This program applies only to late fees -- not to lost or damaged library items.

The Food Pantry fills an essential Island need, so we hope you'll be generous.



[Download a list of Food Pantry items](#)

**STORY HOURS, CRAFTS PROGRAMS, MOVIES --  
OUR CHILDREN'S ROOM HAS IT ALL**



Our Children's Room is busy with activities in these winter months. One of the favorite new crafts activities is making rainbow loom bracelets and necklaces, and we've got plenty of materials to keep young crafters busy.

For a look at all our children's activities in January and February, visit [this link to our web page.](#)

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