

# T H E A D V O C A T E

MANCHESTER CITY LIBRARY FOUNDATION

FALL/WINTER 2005

## Spenser: For Hire Author Robert B. Parker to Speak at May 17th Library Foundation Fundraiser

Save the date! Wednesday, May 17, 2006. That's when Manchester City Library Foundation will host Robert B. Parker, the dean of American crime fiction, for its fourth annual author reception / spring fundraiser. Parker's wise-cracking, street-smart Boston private-eye, Spenser, has been featured in crime novels since 1971 including national bestseller **Hugger Mugger (2000)**, the ABC-TV series **Spenser: For Hire** and A&E network films for TV based on Spenser novels, **Small Vices** and **Thin Air**.



Of Parker and character Spenser, the New York Times said, "We are witnessing one of the great series in the history of the American detective story" Parker also completed **Poodle Springs** from an unfinished manuscript by Raymond Chandler, and **Perchance To Dream**, the sequel to Chandler's **The Big Sleep**. Born and raised in Massachusetts, Parker attended Colby College in Maine, served with the Army in Korea, and then completed a Ph.D. in English at Boston University. He married his wife Joan in 1956; they raised sons David and Daniel. Pearl Productions is the Parkers' independent film company named after their short-haired pointer, Pearl.

### Silent Auction

New Hampshire artist Sally Shea will donate one of her fine paintings to Manchester City Library Foundation for a silent auction at the May 17 Parker reception. Sally Shea studied under John Hatch at University of New Hampshire. In Massachusetts, she studied oils at the Rockport Art Association with Don Stone and Charles Movali. She studied oriental watercolor, Sumi-e, in Minnesota. In the 90's she concentrated on pastels and now studies with Linda Obremski.

"I love pastels," she says, "because of the pure color. The manner in which the sanded paper grasps the color crystals and reflects them is exciting."

She has three grown daughters & resides in Bedford with her husband Tim.

### A Successful 2005 Author Reception

Author Chris Bohjalian, whose #1 New York Times best-seller "Midwives" was an Oprah Book Club pick and a Lifetime Television movie starring Cissy Spacek, was the shining star of the Manchester City Library Foundation's Third Annual author reception / spring fundraiser on May 18, 2005. Chris was a crowd pleaser not only in the library auditorium with his official (moving, poignant and often hilarious) remarks but in making his way around the reception in the library's

historic Rotunda – where a dozen area restaurants and beverage providers contributed to the cause and the gala atmosphere. Bohjalian has an incredible capacity to befriend, to listen and respond to people's personal stories and to answer their questions. He was also a passionate supporter and admirer of Manchester City Library.

Manchester City Library Foundation would like to thank Karin Hovey, our 3rd Annual Spring Fundraiser Silent Auction artist. Her donated watercolor to the Bohjalian event: "Uncanoonuc Sunset" incorporated her love of the outdoors with an inspiration of the beauty she sees in her surroundings. The Foundation is most appreciative of her gift and so was top bidder, Kathy George, who had some spirited competition from Attorney Karen Heller before she walked away as top bidder. You can find Karin's work displayed at East Colony Fine Art on South Commercial Street in Manchester.



Spring Fundraiser 2005 from Left to Right :  
Chris Bohjalian, John Brisbin, Selma Naccach-Hoff & Rebecca Boynton

## Judith McDonough Bisett Remembered By Gifts to MCL Foundation

Sadly, teacher Judith McDonough Bisett died June 30 in a tragic auto accident leaving behind her devoted husband, Tom, and children Matthew and Anna. Friends, family and colleagues have remembered her with donations to Manchester City Library Foundation of over \$5,200. As approved by Dr. Bisett and family, and confirmed by Foundation vote in September, custom designed shelving and display furniture for Manchester City Library's Children's Room hallway will be purchased with those funds. Manchester City Library's Head of Children's Services, Kathy Urie, designed the furniture along with her staff and Tucker Library Interiors' Cori McGrath. It will display new children's books and also the **Mary Sullivan Parenting Collection**, a perpetual memorial for that dynamic mother of four dynamic daughters. Mary was a long-time Manchester City Library Trustee, a NH State Representative and an inspiring lifelong volunteer.

Donors may continue to send Judith McDonough Bisett checks to Manchester City Library Foundation for the purchase of books (or AV items) in her favorite subject areas, birds, nature, and fine arts.

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## Where Have the 2004-5 Foundation Dollars Gone?

We're glad to thank you again for taking the best library in New Hampshire "the extra mile." In short, this has been a banner year.

### **\$12,000 for computer training room which was matched with \$10,000 from Ann DiNicola Trust and the Arthur Getz Trust.**

Following the completion of the dazzling \$3 million bonded HVAC, Repairs and Renovation project at the main library on December 23, 2005 the Manchester City Library will offer free computer training classes. The new laptop-based computer training room (the front portion of the main library Winchell Room) will accommodate eight students per class. Automation Librarian Susan Deschenes will teach

*Introduction to the Computer*

*How to use the Library's online catalog*

*How to use the Library's online databases*

*An Introduction to the Internet*

*Microsoft Word – Level one*

*Microsoft Excel – Level one*

This is something that library staff, Trustees and patrons have dreamed of but not been able to fund for five years. A sure sign that the Foundation is getting stronger is that it can accept challenges like this and receive matching grant funds to help out as well!

\$4,000 for Teen Area which was matched by a \$3000 grant from the Parker Nelson Trust, a \$1,000 donation from Wal-Mart on South Willow St. and another \$850 gift from library patron Ara Tamzarian.

This is another realized dream made possible by the Foundation: a safe, comfortable, after school place for Manchester teens. Teen Librarians Tenaya Bannon and Kirsten Rundquist plus Head of Circulation Claudia Mayer and our very active Teen Advisory Board have all designed this comfortable and inviting first floor area.

### **\$16,000 for four new roadside book drops**

Nothing makes a library goer more upset than finding the roadside book drop too full to accept his or her due books. The two book drops Manchester City Library had were small, old, banged up and rusted. The Foundation funded four large capacity all stainless steel custom made book drops and internal carts. Grateful thanks to Macy Industries of Manchester for working with Head of Circulation Claudia Mayer on this perfect solution and for contributing a portion of the cost of fabrication and installation to the Foundation

### **\$7,000 for color copier**

New State of the Art Canon/NECS 3200 copier allows library to do color flyers and brochures in house, a big savings in money and time.

### **\$2,500 for Learn to Read Adult Literacy Program**

Nearly one in five English speaking Manchester adults can not read and write well enough to get a driver's license, fill out a job application or understand the dosage on their child's medicine. For a dozen years Manchester City Library has the only Pro-Literacy Affiliate in the state of NH giving these adults real power over their lives for the very first time. Foundation dollars are there to help them!

### **\$12,500 for West Branch Library Furniture**

The Foundation never forgets that it helps TWO libraries, the main branch at 405 Pine Street and the West Branch at 76 No. Main St. After all, one fifth of Manchester citizens live on the West Side of the Merrimack. While it gave the Computer Training Area, the Teen Area and four brand new book drops to the main library, it gave \$12,500 to West Branch for furniture, shelving and computers for the branch as it now occupies the whole King Fire Station.

### **\$150.00 for Books for former members**

The Foundation honored departing Board members Adele Baker, John Hession and Elizabeth Childs by purchasing children's books for the library in their name.



*Foundation donor Vartkes Tamzarian greets author Chris Bohjalian*

## Book Plates Available

Honor a loved one, even your newborns, by donating funds for a book. It's a wonderful way to commemorate someone special. A bookplate indicating that individual's name and (if desired) donor's name will be affixed to the inside cover of this specially selected book (or AV item). More elaborate memorial plates can be affixed to donors of more costly library wish list items. Send checks to Manchester City Library Foundation, c/o Mary Gallant at 405 Pine St., Manchester, NH 03104.

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## Help Manchester City Library with a Gift Annuity

Charitable gift annuities are a good option for Manchester City Library Foundation donors who want guaranteed income while giving significantly to their library over time. One donor (who wishes to remain anonymous) gave one to the Foundation in 2005 and more are certainly welcome.

Charitable gift annuities are simple contracts whereby an organization, in exchange for a gift such as stock, cash, or real property, will promise to make income payments for the lifetime of the beneficiaries designated by the donor (up to a maximum of two). Most often the income beneficiary is also the donor and/or a spouse; however, annuities can be used to provide for others such as parents, siblings, or even children.

How much can the donor expect to as payment? Most organizations follow the American Council on Gift Annuities rates. Payout rates are a function of the number and ages of the beneficiaries. For example, Age 65 6.0% / Age 75 7.1% / Age 85 9.5% / Age 90+ 11.0%  
And, for two lives

Age 65 5.6 % / Age 75 6.3% / Age 85 7.9% / Age 90+ 9.3%

For more, contact Manchester City Library Foundation Chair Monique Brown via Library Office Assistant Mary Gallant at 624-6550 x-311 or [mgallant@manchesternh.gov](mailto:mgallant@manchesternh.gov).

*Do your givin' while you're livin'...  
then you'll be knowin' where it's goin'.* Ann Landers

## Remembering Manchester City Library in your Will

*What is the use of living if it be not to strive for noble causes  
and to make this muddled world a better place for those  
who will live in it after we are gone?* Winston Churchill

As a Manchester City Library Foundation donor, you've already given thought as to how you can make your part of the world better. We thank you most sincerely. As you modify your will and consider a charitable giving component, we ask you again to keep Manchester City Library in mind. You have the power to help MANY Manchester generations benefit from the values—education, culture, success, imagination—which you have held close throughout your life. To modify your will, seek the guidance of qualified counsel. Use the services of someone well-qualified in the area of estate taxes. For more information contact Manchester City Library Foundation Chair Monique Brown via Library Office Assistant Mary Gallant at 624-6550 x-311 or [mgallant@manchesternh.gov](mailto:mgallant@manchesternh.gov).



John & Susan Howe & friend

*A library is an arsenal of liberty.*  
Unknown

*I have always imagined that Paradise will be a kind of library.*  
Jorge Luis Borges (1899 - 1986)

*I find television very educational. The minute somebody turns it  
on, I go to the library and read a good book.*  
Groucho Marx (1890 - 1977)

## From The Foundation Chair Monique T. Brown



It is with pleasure that I have served on the Manchester City Library Foundation Board for almost three years. This past June, I was elected Chairperson. I am very excited about chairing the Board and look forward to serving in such a capacity. I live in Manchester with my husband, Ken and twin sons, Alex and Douglas. Our sons are Seniors at Memorial High School. Professionally, I am a Wealth Advisor for TD Banknorth in Concord.

Literacy is so important which is one of the primary reasons why I, as well as the entire Board, work hard to raise funds for the library. Our goal is to continue to keep the library current. For the last three years, the Foundation has hosted at the main library an Author/Reception in the Spring, which is our major fundraiser. Our authors have been fabulous in their presentations to our donors and guests—Maine adventurer Linda Greenlaw, Ciao Italia Chef Mary Ann Esposito with children's book author/illustrator Tomie DePaola, and Oprah pick author ("Midwives) Chris Bohjalian. On May 17, 2006, "Spenser: For Hire" crime novelist Robert B. Parker will be our VIP guest author. So please mark your calendar. We hope that you will continue to support the Foundation. We could not continue to do all that we do for the library without you. On behalf of the Manchester City Library Foundation Board, our sincere thanks!

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committed to providing supplemental support to the Manchester City Library.*

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organizations and foundations in order to enhance library services to our community.*

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