

**Reading Bi-Weekly Update
September 24, 2015**

**RCASA Joins with Regional Partners to
Celebrate National Recovery Month**

**United for Recovery
Sharing the Light of Hope Rally**

September 24th, 2015

Time: 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Wakefield at Lake Quannapowitt

Lower Common, Bandstand

**Come because you care;
Come because you have survived the struggle;
Come because you need to be around a supportive community;**

**Come to share the Light of Hope,
Mystic Valley United for Recovery**



National Recovery Month is an annual observance celebrated each September since 1989. It aims to spread the message that: behavioral health is essential to overall health; prevention works; treatment is effective; and people recover. This event is hosted by the Mystic Valley Public Health Coalition, a partnership of the towns and cities of Malden, Medford, Melrose, Stoneham, Reading and Wakefield. For more information contact: Penelope Funaiole: 781-393-2449 or Pbruce@medford.org

The Mystic Valley Public Health Coalition, representing Reading, Stoneham, Wakefield, Winchester, Melrose, Medford and Malden will host ‘UNITED FOR RECOVERY: SHARING THE LIGHT OF HOPE RALLY’ on September 24, 2015 in Wakefield at Lake Quannapowitt (Lower Common, Bandstand) from 6:30-7:30 p.m. There will be speakers, a candlelight vigil and short walk. Come because you care, come because you have survived the struggle, come because you need to be around a supportive community, come to share the light of hope with Mystic Valley United for Recovery.



RCASA Film Showing on Opioid Use

“IF ONLY”

Special RCASA Event

September 30 ~ 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Jordan’s Furniture/Sunbrella IMAX Theatre

The Reading Coalition Against Substance Abuse, Mystic Valley Opioid Abuse Prevention Collaborative of Massachusetts, and their supporters will be presenting a Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation, Millennium Health, and WAHL St. production of “IF ONLY”, *free of charge*. Co-written by James Wahlberg and Michael Yebba and filmed in Tewksbury, including local residents, with production assistance from Marc Ginsberg of the Tewksbury Country Club. The short movie follows the story of two teenage boys who experiment with and become addicted to opioids. The intent of the creators is to educate young people on how quickly drug use can spiral into addiction. Appropriate for ages 12 and up. Join us, guest speakers, and a Q+A panel of professionals during National Recovery Month, **September 30th**, at Jordan’s Furniture/Sunbrella IMAX, 7-9pm. Because of seating capacity, reservations are necessary at <http://bit.ly/rcasa> or call RCASA at 781-942-6756.



DPW Fall Recycle Day



Saturday ~ September 26
DPW Garage ~ 75 New Crossing Road
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

➤ **Paper Shredding**

One box limit per household

➤ **Rigid Plastics**

Plastic toys, chairs, containers, etc.

➤ **Electronics** - Anything with a plug!
No TV's, CRT's or major Appliances

➤ **Mission of Deeds - Donation collection**
See webpage for more information

➤ **Styrofoam** - #6 Styrofoam will be collected.
Please remove all tape, labels & food particles.

Residents Only - No Businesses

For more info: www.readingma.gov

Or call 781-942-6671



Reading Public Library Survey

Dear Reading Friends and Neighbors,

Have you seen the Library site at 64 Middlesex Avenue lately? We're watching the steady progress and holding our breath until the renovation is finished - it's about halfway to completion. When the new Reading Public Library opens next summer, we hope you'll find a world of surprises! We hope it will be an important place in your life, and become once again Reading's "living room" - a central place in the heart of this community. This gift of a beautiful new Library that you are giving to the future belongs to all of us - and we'd like to hear from you about your hopes for the new Library.

As construction progresses, the Library Trustees, staff, and Town leaders are working with library planners to develop a new Plan of Service. We hope we can match your expectations for the new Library with outstanding services, programs, and collections. We're looking for your help to make this new Plan of Service meet YOUR needs - and we're asking you to take a few minutes please and complete the survey that follows.

We'd also like to hear from you in person and invite you to join your neighbors in several focus group sessions in late September and October. Please give us a call anytime, or check the Library website - www.readingpl.org - for details.

On behalf of the Library Trustees and staff, I thank you for taking the survey, supporting the Library, and welcome your ideas and thoughts in our efforts to make the Reading Public Library the best it can be!

Ruth Urell, Director

Please complete this survey by September 30, 2015. All answers are confidential.

1. Do you use the Reading Public Library?

- Yes *Skip to question 3.*
- No *Skip to question 2.*

2. If No, tell us why:

Please skip to question 6.

3. How often do you go to the Library?

Mark only one.

- More than once a week
- More than once a month
- A few times a year
- Rarely

4. How often do you use the Library website?

Mark only one.

- More than once a week
- More than once a month
- A few times a year
- Never

5. Please tell us if you use the Library for any of the following reasons.

For General Services

Check all that apply.

- to browse and borrow books, DVDs and other things
- to read newspapers and magazines
- as a place to go to, to sit quietly and read
- to borrow passes to museums and local attractions
- to make a copy, send a fax, get a tax form, get something notarized, etc.
- to meet and connect with people
- to use the Library's meeting rooms

7. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?

8. How do you learn about Reading events and Town services?

Check all that apply.

- Email
- Flyers and signs around town
- U.S. Mail
- "Your Community Connection"
- Library website or newsletter
- Word of mouth

9. Would you like to provide your email address for information about:

Check all that apply.

- The Friends of the Library?
- Library Foundation?
- Updates about the Library?

Your email address

If you wish, please tell us some things about yourself:

10. My age range is

- 20-30
- 31-40
- 41-55
- 56-70
- Over 70

11. I have lived in Reading less than 5 years

- Yes
- No

Thank you for your participation in helping make the new Reading Public Library a resource for the whole community.

Please drop off your survey or mail to:

Reading Public Library
80 General Way
Reading, MA 01867

Fall in New England

By James W. Spain



The temperature chills, early morning starts to fog,
Hot, sleepless nights, now cool and crisp,
Maple and oak trees, tinged with vibrant colors,
Late afternoons, blanketed with nightfall a bit sooner,
Our gardens have grown tired, pumpkins and cornstalks abound,
Hayfields have gone from green to brown, morning frost has provided that first kiss,
The country store, boast a fresh supply of apple cider,
As locals cut wood, for winters heat,
With great anticipation, for the winter we are soon to meet...



Questions: If you have any questions about all the activity going on around town ...just ask and we will find you the answer!

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