This way to Fox Hall and a new Fall Program.

BUT

FIRST...

Come join us for the Annual Fall Convocation

Wednesday, September 17, 2008
10 a.m. to noon

MIL Conference Center
Suffolk Street
(in the Wannalancit Building)

Marty Meehan, Chancellor of UMass Lowell will be the guest speaker.

Hear about our Fall schedule and sign up for courses of your choice. Parking decals will be handed out (see inside for details). Surprise gifts for every LIRA member. Refreshments will be served.
Our Members at Work

The following is a list of all the members that make our organization run. I think they deserve a round of applause for all their hard work! They are always receptive to having new volunteers; please speak to any one of the members if you would like to be on a committee. Note that these are the committees as they stand as of September 2008. A big THANK YOU also, to those that served on committees last year but are not continuing this year.

Jeri Durant

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Kay Carroll, Member News

Hospitality Chair Needed

LIRA needs another Hospitality Chairperson; Kay Dunfey has done an outstanding job for almost 10 years. If any one is interested, please let Don Pattershall know.

Reminder for the Holiday Party

Community Teamwork Inc. of Lowell is looking forward to receiving our donation of books and hats and mittens. This is an annual activity in lieu of exchanging presents among the members.

Barbara Arnold

The Holiday Party is scheduled for Wednesday, December 10. More details about the party will appear in the next newsletter.
Annual Nature Walk and Picnic

The Sarah Doublet Forest in Littleton is nestled between an apple orchard and two lakes. Overcoming the difficulty of finding the somewhat obscure entry, nine LIRA members arrived at the parking area on July 2nd at the appointed time. The group set out on trails maintained by the Littleton Conservation Trust on a winding course through woodlands interspersed by typical New England stonewalls. Points of interest included an abandoned stone quarry, a vernal pool, and a fireplace and chimney at a former home site.

About half way through the walk, George Dana and Barbara Page joined the group. The two latecomers had fortuitously chosen a path that intersected ours just as we were passing. The hikers completed the tour with little difficulty, although there were mild complaints on the brief uphill segments. After returning to the starting point, several members of the group stayed to enjoy a picnic lunch. The weather remained favorable as severe thunderstorms held off until later in the afternoon.

Steve Sussman

Book Discussion Group Selections for 2008–2009

September - *Trinity* - Fiction by Leon Uris
October - *Luncheon of the Boating Party* - Fiction by Susan Vreeland
November - *In My Brother’s Image: Twin Brothers Separated by Faith After the Holocaust* - Non-fiction by Eugene L. Pogany
December - *The Year of Wonders* - Fiction by Geraldine Brooks
January - *The Post American World* - Non-fiction by Fareed Zakaria
February - *Suite Francaise* - Fiction by Irene Nemirovsky
March - *All the King’s Men* - Fiction by Robert Penn Warren
April - *Free Lunch: How the Wealthiest Americans Enrich Themselves at Government Expense (and Stick You With the Bill)* - Non-fiction by David Cay Johnston
May - *The Infidel* - Non-fiction by Aayan Hirsi Ali
June - *To Be Determined*

Canal Boat Outing

The Canal Boat ride was held on Wednesday July 16. Twenty four members participated in our Canal Boat ride at the Lowell National Park. The boat trip passed through the Concord to Merrimack River canal. This route was recently opened and it added 2 more locks. It was a beautiful day and our Ranger guide, Jonathan, informed the group of many interesting aspects of the canal's building, all dug out by hand, and the waves of different migrant workers that built and worked at the Lowell mills. It was a very enjoyable outing for LIRA members.

Jerry Gilmore
Remembering Terry Fuller

Terry Fuller was one of the first persons I met when I joined LIRA in 2001. We had many lively lunch hours in the Fox Hall cafeteria; she had an honesty and quick wit about her that entertained us all. She loved to discuss politics, especially Lowell politics. For at least seven years, she reproduced and mailed the newsletter without help. Sadly, in 2005 when she became too ill to continue, she had to give up that task. She had a good laugh when I told her it took 3 people to replace her! She will be missed.

A donation of $50.00 has been given to the Scholarship Fund in her name. Terry had been a member since 1990. For those that might have missed the obituary in the Lowell Sun, I have reprinted it below.

Jeri Durant

Terry Fuller was a tireless worker on the Board. She loved LIRA and served as Publicity Chairperson for many years. Terry was down to earth and always told it like it was. I always enjoyed her presence and remember her especially for her sense of humor and her candidness. She will be missed by many people.

Don Pattershall

Terry was such a dedicated member of LIRA who worked steadily to promote LIRA to the community through the press handling the Newsletter printing and mailing as well as helping me on the Scholarship Committee. She had a great sense of humor and a very hearty laugh.

Kay Carroll

Terry always was willing to type and duplicate for distribution, the Art and Music schedule before I got the computer, and before LIRA got its own duplicating machine. Faithfully each month for many years, she went to the university, typed the newsletter, and sent it to members. She was most informed about LIRA, and often was Mark Levine's resource person vis-à-vis the organization.

Connie Lanseigne-Case

I got to know Terry after Ed Croke resigned as one-man newsletter committee and was replaced by a committee of 10(!), including Terry for reproduction and distribution and me for layout. She came to pick up the copy every month, always with a smile as she walked up the driveway no matter how cold or wet the weather. Even after her poor health rendered her unable to continue at LIRA, she never dwelled on her problems but was always upbeat, enjoying her large extended family of sisters, nieces and nephews, who were devoted to her as she was to them.

Suzanne Knapp

From the Lowell Sun:

Teresa M. Fuller, 73, a lifelong Lowell resident, died May 18, after a long illness. She was a daughter of the late M. Ethel (Burke) Fuller and the late Gerald A. Fuller. Born October 20, 1934, in Lowell, she attended St. Peter's School, Keith Hall, and Northeastern University. She made her lifelong home in Lowell, most recently residing on Gorham Street, and she worked as an accountant with Martin Clothes until illness forced her retirement. She belonged to L.I.R.A. at UMass Lowell. Teresa was an avid reader, and will be sadly missed by her family and friends. Her survivors include her two sisters, Dolores Mullin of Lowell, and Geraldine McMichael and her husband, Richard, of Columbus, Ohio; her nieces and nephews, Larry Mullin and his wife, Nancy, Michael Mullin and his significant other, Julie Stripp, and John Mullin all of Lowell, Elizabeth Ruszczyk and her fiancé, Brad Saunders, of Danville, NH, Susan Bergeron and her significant other, Gary Friant, of Lowell, Gerald McMichael and Patricia Tuckosh of Columbus, Ohio, and Rick McMichael and his wife, Amanda, of Logan, Ohio; 20 great- nieces and nephews; and her dear friend, Helen Tevepaugh of Lowell. She was also the sister-in-law of the late Lawrence H. Mullin. AT TERESA'S REQUEST, HER FUNERAL AND BURIAL AT ST. PATRICK'S CEMETERY TOOK PLACE PRIVATELY.
Mosque Visit

On June 25, 42 LIRA members and guests visited the Anjuman-e-Ezzi Masjid (mosque) in North Billerica. The Mosque serves the Dawoodi Bohra Muslim community in Billerica and surrounding towns. The Mosque was dedicated in August 2004. Dawoodi Bohra Muslims - a world wide community of approximately one million worshipers, follow the 21st Imam sect of Shiite Islam. The mosque is an impressive structure, faithful to 10th to 12th century Fatimid dynasty architecture of Cairo. It is a gleaming white 3-story building flanked by double minarets. The foyer is carved marble with stone inlays covering the floor & walls. Through a set of glass doors is an enclosed court yard and prayer space, men on the 1st floor women in open galleries above. The Mosque is decorated with many hand made elements by artisans from Cairo & India. The mosque was designed by an architect from Cairo, expert in traditional Islamic architecture, and one from New England, for local building codes and modern materials. We were escorted by Mr. Moiz Bhindarwala who was very informative and made our visit very pleasant. It was a remarkable visit and all participants were very complimentary. Tour was led by Jerry Gilmore.

Jerry Gilmore

LIRA’S Scholarship Fund Annual Auction

We will hold our annual auction at the LIRA Holiday Party in December. The Committee has decided that the auction will be a Consumable Auction once again.

What is a Consumable Auction, you ask? It is an auction where all items donated would be consumed i.e., something you eat, drink, do, or use up. It will be run the same way as the Chinese Auction. The Scholarship Committee will sell tickets and you will decide what item(s) you want, and put your ticket(s) in the appropriate container(s). All donated items must be brought directly to the Holiday Party. We will not be collecting items beforehand.

ITEMS YOU MIGHT DONATE:
  Homemade cookies or breads
  Candy
  Baskets filled with teas, coffee, breads, soaps, movie snacks, etc.

A bottle of wine
Passes to a movie
Gift certificates of any kind
Sudoku or Crossword Puzzle Books

SERVICES YOU COULD DONATE:
If you like to bake you could give a certificate stating that you would make a homemade dessert or a plate of Christmas cookies; to be delivered to the winner at a future date.
If you like animals you might offer to feed, walk, or watch a dog or a cat.
If you like to drive you might offer to take someone to and pick-up from a doctor’s or hospital visit, within the Lowell area.
Knitting or crocheting lessons.

The Auction Committee
Carol Cannistraro and Pat Dion
LIRA Library Notes – New books in the library

**Three Bags Full: A Sheep Detective Story** – Leonie Swann
Melissa Pennell spoke about this original detective story in June. A flock of sheep investigate the murder of their beloved shepherd, George, who had treated his sheep like humans, even reading to them. Miss Maple, the smartest sheep in the whole area maybe even the whole world, leads the flock in their investigation of George’s murder.

**Women of the Silk** – Gail Tsukiyama. Fiction based on factual account of women in China in the 1920s and 1930s who were sold as children to work in the silk spinning factories.

**Learning Later, Living Greater** – Nancy Merz Nordstrom.
The secret for making the most of your after-50 years through life-long learning.

The LIRA library works on the honor system. Sign a book out, no time limit, but please remember to return the book when you have finished reading it.

Shirley Mitchell

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2008/2009 Dues Payable Now

A reminder that it is time for us to pay our LIRA dues for the upcoming year.

**REGULAR MEMBERSHIP:**
Amounts remain the same as for the current year: $100 for single membership and $150 for a couple per year.

Please make a note of the payment procedure. Make your check payable to

LIRA, Inc. and mail to:
Ann Dahlman
1959 H Middlesex St.
Lowell, MA 01851

Your dues must be paid in order to attend classes in September.

**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY**
Enteries in the annual directory are based on information received with dues; if there are any changes that should be made to your address, phone, email information or your name as you prefer it to be listed, please submit them with your dues check.

**FRIENDS OF LIRA**
By sending the amount of $15, a person becomes a Friend of LIRA and receives all mailings, including the LIRA Newsletter. This category is useful for those who are unable to attend study groups but wish to be kept informed. Summer and Winter Intersessions are, as always, open for participation at no cost, except for bus and admission fees, when applicable. Make your check payable to LIRA, Inc. and mail to Ann Dahlman at the address above. Membership may be upgraded to regular status at any time by paying the remainder of full dues. Questions? Call Ann at 978-454-7409 or send an email message to: ann.dahlman@gmail.com.

Ann Dahlman

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Notes for Opera Lovers

"The Met: Live in HD 2008-09 Season", starts in September with an Opening Night Gala on September 22. There will be 10 matinee performances in live HD satellite television, an increase over last year. The opera we will study this fall, Lucia di Lammermoor, by Donizetti, will be aired on February 7, 2009. The local theater list has been increased but has not been officially announced. Last year the operas were shown at theaters in the greater Boston area including Lowell. Tickets will be on sale to Opera Guild members on August 8th and will go on sale to the public on August 22. Contact by email as www.metoperafamily.org, then click on Metropolitan Opera and then the HD Live logo. You can also call 1-800-638-6737. Tickets sell out early!

Betty & Bob Jack

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Good News!

LIRA still has a place to meet for the fall semester! We will continue to meet in Fox Hall on the 4th floor for all our programs unless otherwise specified. The King Room will probably not be available to us during this time. Paul Marion will be working with Don to search for alternative sites for 2009.

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A round of applause should be given to the Curriculum Committee for a great summer intersession. As you can see from this month’s newsletter, we had excellent programs; they were varied and interesting! Thanks to all who made the arrangements.

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*It’s Our 20th Anniversary!*

LIRA members will be treated to surprise gifts in recognition of our 20th anniversary! If you cannot attend the convocation, please let Don Pattershall know so that he can set aside your gifts.
Turning back the pages of history, twenty two members of LIRA and their guests visited the JFK Library and Museum on July 23. Located in a spectacular setting overlooking the Boston Harbor and beside the campus of UMass Boston, the JFK Library, designed by architect I.M. Pei is an inspiring memorial to our 35th president.

The introductory film begins with the early family life of John Kennedy and ends with his nomination at the 1960 Democratic National Convention. From there, the self-guided tour starts with a re-creation of his campaign headquarters and continues with the realistic television studio where the Kennedy-Nixon debate took place, excerpts from election night results, then to his inauguration as the youngest elected president. The issues of the times, the economy and unrest around the world, are as relevant today as they were then. The political and social life of the Kennedy White House included exhibits of the Oval Office, the establishment of the Peace Corps, the space program, the Cold War in Berlin, the role of Robert Kennedy as Attorney General, Jacqueline Kennedy's influence in the arts and restoration of the White House and the tragic events of Kennedy's death. Selections from his live, televised press conferences, a film chronicling the events leading to the Cuban Missile crisis told in Kennedy's own words and a video on the integration of the University of Virginia give us an insight into the enormous work of the presidency.

The JFK Library and Museum, the only presidential library situated in New England, also houses the presidential papers of the Kennedy administration, hosts the annual Profiles in Courage award and holds many educational programs throughout the year to encourage a better understanding of American politics and history and inspire all of us.

Mary Willis

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From the Editor

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the newsletter this year. Suzanne Knapp, Jean Dettman, Shirley Mitchell and Sally Cady deserve many thanks for their help with the newsletter. As always, Suzanne is a big help with her many suggestions and her layouts continue to look very professional. I hope you have enjoyed the newsletter in the last year and if you have any comments, criticisms or new ideas, I welcome the suggestions. Thanks to Jean Dettman and Jerry Gilmore for providing the photos for this issue.

The next newsletter will be out on December 1; the deadline for news items is November 15th. Please remember that the coordinators are now responsible for getting someone to write an article about their program, if you want something to appear in the newsletter. Articles may be given to me at any time before the deadline.

Thanks again to everyone for their support.

Jeri Durant

Did You Know? The newsletter is also available on our website—and in full color! Just go to uml.edu/community/LIRA and click on Newsletters to see the wonderful photos taken by our members as they were meant to be seen! Depending on the speed of your connection it may take some time to download.
Moses Greeley Parker Lectures

The following is a calendar of events for the Parker lecture series held on the day, time and place noted. The lectures are free and open to the public.

SEPTEMBER 25 Pollard Library - 7pm THURSDAY
"The Right of Self-Defense: Its History and Meaning" by Whitley Kaufman
No right has seemed more sacred and inviolable to most people throughout history than the right to self defense. Yet a close consideration of this right's history and current status reveals surprising controversies and puzzles about this most cherished of rights.

SEPTEMBER 27 Pollard Library
2:00 pm SATURDAY
Angel Wagner and "Grupo Fantasia"
RESCHEDULED FROM LAST YEAR!
A day of Latin music from the Caribbean and South America! Come enjoy a colorful mix of music played primarily on original, handmade indigenous instruments.
DANCING IS RECOMMENDED, RUMBA ANYONE?

OCTOBER 4 National Park Visitor Center
2:00 pm SATURDAY
"50 Years of Jack Kerouac's Dharma Bums" by John Suiter
A discussion and slide talk of the significance of Kerouac's 2nd most famous novel, on the 50th anniversary of its publication. In partnership with Lowell Celebrates Kerouac! 2008.

OCTOBER 11 National Park Visitor Center
2 pm SATURDAY
"POLIS IS THIS: CHARLES OLSEN AND THE PERSISTENCE OF PLACE" by Henry Ferrini
A film by Henry Ferrini and Ken Riaf. Called a "beautifully composed homage to one of the few truly monumental American poets of our times," this film traces the journey of poet Charles Olsen. This film is presented in collaboration with the Massachusetts Poetry Festival.

OCTOBER 16 Pollard Library - 7:00 pm THURSDAY
"Weird Massachusetts: An Exploration of Local Legends and Haunting Happenings" by Jeff Belanger
Halloween is coming; don't be too scared to learn about some of Massachusetts' best kept secrets.

OCTOBER 19 National Park Visitor Center - 2:00 pm SUNDAY
"How History Inspires the Art of Today" by Carole Anne Meehan
Find out how history ignites the imagination of artists. Carol Anne Meehan, Curator, Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, shares her experiences developing innovative temporary works of public art for time-honored sites such as Paul Revere House, Bunker Hill Monument and Old South Meeting House.

OCTOBER 23 Pollard Library - 7:00 pm THURSDAY
"Konarka: Powering the Way" by Russel Gaudiana
Did you know that the global headquarters of a company that wants to power tomorrow's economic growth with the power of the sun is right here in Lowell. Please join us as we learn from Russell Gaudiana, Vice-President of Research, how bright our future will be.

OCTOBER 26 Lowell High School Auditorium - 2:00 pm SUNDAY
"Tamburitzans of Duquesne University"
The Tamburitzans are dedicated to preserving and perpetuating the culture of Eastern Europe and its neighbors through song, dance and music. Come and enjoy an afternoon of absolute wonder as the Tamburitzans are back with a completely new show, one that you will not want to miss.

NOVEMBER 2 National Park Visitor Center - 2 pm SUNDAY
"Living with Robots" by Holly Yanco
In this fascinating talk you will learn about how robots are being used today, how they will be used in the future, and how we're designing systems to better work with people.

NOVEMBER 6 Pollard Library - 7:00 pm THURSDAY
"The Foreclosure Crisis and the Registry of Deeds" by Richard P. Howe Jr.
Middlesex North Register of Deeds Richard P. Howe Jr. will offer his analysis of the current foreclosure crisis and will show how to use the registry's website. (www.lowelldeeds.com) to research current and historic land records.

NOVEMBER 9 National Park Visitor Center - 2:00 pm SUNDAY
"In the Days of the Poorhouse: Tewksbury 1854-1900" by David Wagner
Professor Wagner will speak about his new book "Ordinary People" which focuses on some of the lives of the 85,000 "inmates" who passed through the Massachusetts State Almshouse, one of the largest such institutions in America on grounds that now include the Tewksbury Hospital.

NOVEMBER 13 Pollard Library - 7:00 pm THURSDAY
FILM: "Theremin: An Electronic Odyssey" Through events seemingly lifted from modern-day espionage, this compelling film recounts the dramatic biography of Russian engineer Lev Termin (Leon Theremin), who pioneered the field of electronic music with his invention of the first electronic instrument in 1919: the Theremin. This film is presented in collaboration with the Lowell Music Film Series. A live Theremin performance by Somerville Thereminist Jon Bernhardt will follow the screening.

NOVEMBER 16 National Park Visitor Center - 2 pm SUNDAY
"The Lowellian painters of the Nineteenth Century" by Dr. Liana Cheney, UMASS Lowell
NOTICE – UML Parking Decals:

- The parking decals expire on August 31, 2009. You will need to get a new decal if you get another vehicle or change license plates.
- You may have only one decal on your vehicle at any time. Please be sure and remove all old decals. Failure to do so may result in a fine.
- The UML parking decal:
  - Must be permanently affixed to the lower right hand corner of the interior driver’s-side rear window (rear driver’s side window).
  - If you have no driver's side rear window or if your windows are tinted, place the decal on the driver's side of the windshield.
- The decal cannot be placed on a card or piece of plastic and moved from one vehicle to another. This will invalidate the permit and will result in a fine.
- Do not try to scrape off the decal and move it to another location. This will invalidate the permit.
- If you temporarily bring a loaned or rented vehicle to campus you must go to the Access Services Office, in advance if possible, to get a hang-tag. Any vehicle parked on campus without a permanent decal or temporary hang-tag is subject to a $15/day fine.
- If you sell your car be sure to remove the decal. You could be held responsible for tickets if the new owner parks at UML illegally.
- Handicap-Parking:
  If you have a valid handicap-parking placard issued by the Registry of Motor Vehicles, you must register with the UML Access Service Office and bring the HP placard, a photocopy or other documentation to have your LIRA photo ID card properly programmed for access to the UML parking lots. Your HP placard should hang from the rear-view mirror of your vehicle.
- For complete parking regulations, please go to parking.uml.edu and click on PARKING GUIDE, or stop by the Access Service in the South Campus Dining Hall for a printed guide.

Time for a Change

If you want to remain current with LIRA members, take pen or pencil in hand and make the following changes in your membership list.

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*Connie’s sketch of her new home

UMass Lowell Campus Recreation Center has membership for those 55 or older. Cost is $75 for 3 month, $125 for 6 month and $200 for 1 year membership. For other information call Justin Lawler at 978-934-2332.

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LEARNING IN RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION (LIRA)
UML Parking Permit Decal – Registration Form

LIRA MEMBER AND VEHICLE INFORMATION (Required): [Please Print]

_______________________________________________________________
Last Name MI First Name

Mailing Address: ____________________________________________________________
(Street, P.O. Box, City/Town, State, Zip Code)

VEHICLE INFORMATION:

Year: _____ Make: _______________ Model: ________________ Color: __________

State: _____________________ License Plate Number: ___________________________

UML PARKING PERMIT / DECAL NUMBER: ________________________
Effective September 2008 through August 2009

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