

# WINTHROP PUBLIC LIBRARY & MUSEUM NEWS & NOTES

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## New Catalog PC

We have added an additional online catalog PC in the upper stacks next to the study carrels for your convenience.

## Children's Room Hours

Sun.—Mon.: CLOSED

Tues: 1 p.m.—7 p.m.

Wed.: 1 p.m.—6 p.m.

Thurs.: 1 p.m.—6 p.m.

Fri: 1:30 p.m.—6 p.m.

Sat.: 10 a.m.—5 p.m.

## Story Hours

Story hours are held each Friday in the Children's Room:

10:30—Toddlers

11:15—Ages 3-5 years

Call (617) 846-0616 for more information.

## Florence & Bernie Basch Room

### Circulation Room renovations nearing completion

After more than two years of stripping, cleaning and refinishing, renovations in the Library's circulation room should be completed by the end of the month.

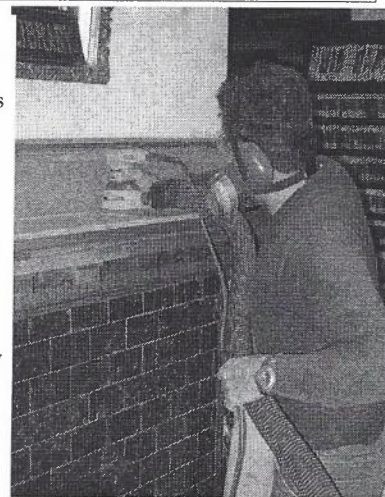
The complete woodwork restoration, funded by a generous donation from Winthrop native Bernard W. Basch, is being performed by Richard Lombardi Studios. Once complete, the room will be christened the Florence & Bernie Basch Room, in memory of Mr. Basch's parents, longtime and prominent residents of Winthrop.

The renovation/restoration has been extensive and painstaking. Over the years, the woodwork was, at times, improperly refinished and damaged. Additionally, all of the woodwork was painted

blue years ago, masking its original beauty. The room's intricate, denticulated trim has made the task even more complex. Many portions of the woodwork were damaged beyond simple repair. A portion of the room's bookcases had to be rebuilt and sections of trim replaced.

The restored details will closely mirror the original appearance of the woodwork from the facility's dedication in 1899. Additionally, Mr. Lombardi has donated extra time and materials such as adding gold leaf to the fireplace's interior details, cleaning up the brick hearth and repainting radiator covers. He has also refinished some furniture and donated a handsome clock for the room.

The Basch Room will be formally dedicated in early spring.



Rich Lombardi sands the fireplace mantel in the Library's circulation room. Rich has generously donated time and materials beyond the project's original scope to enhance the details of the entire room, to be renamed the Florence & Bernie Basch Room, which will be formally dedicated in early spring.

## Focus on Services

### Winthrop newspapers on microfilm

The Library carries microfilm of Winthrop newspapers including the Visitor, Sun, Review, Transcript and Sun Transcript spanning the period 1882-1999. Access is enhanced by a partial index put together by the late War-

ren Davis. The Library has an ST200X Digital Film Viewer connected to a PC, allowing users to save page images to a file or to print them out. It's a great asset for historians and citizens doing research on matters related to local history. For more information call us at (617) 846-1703.

### INCOME TAX FORMS

The WPL&M has Federal and State Income forms available in the main lobby. Please remember: Librarians are not qualified to provide income tax advice.

### Main Library Hours

Sun.—Mon. CLOSED

Tues. 12 p.m.—8 p.m.

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## Florence & Bernie Basch Room Dedicated

The WPL&M held a special celebration on January 27th to formally dedicate the *Florence & Bernie Basch Room*. The room, where our adult circulation desk is located, also serves as a reading room and browsing area for new books.

The room, whose woodwork was restored to its 1899 appearance, was made possible by a generous gift from Bernard "Buzzy" Basch, a great son of Winthrop and the President of *Basch Subscriptions* in Concord, NH. The room is named after his late parents, who were prominent citizens of Winthrop.

Woodwork restoration and other detail appointments in the room were performed by Rich Lombardi Studios of Hyde Park.

Honored guests at the ceremony included Buzzy and Judy Basch as well as other members of the Basch family; Town Councilors Jeffrey Turco, Linda Calla and Paul Varone;

the Library's Board of Trustees; and members of the Friends of the Winthrop Public Library.

Remarks were delivered by Jeffrey Turco, James Matarazzo, John Cronin, Rich Lombardi and Buzzy Basch. After the formal dedication, attendees enjoyed light refreshments, tours of the Library and mingled in the newly-dedicated Basch Room.



Clockwise from top, Bernard "Buzzy" and Judy Basch cut the ribbon. Prosing in front of the newly-named *Florence & Bernie Basch Room* are (l-r) Jeff Turco, John Cronin, Alan Thibeault, Bernard "Buzzy" Basch, Judy Basch, James Matarazzo and Paul Varone. Rich Lombardi speaks at the dedication of the room. PHOTOS BY RICHARD ALLEN



Bernard Basch and his wife Florence Basch, namesakes of the new room at the WPL&M.

## Focus on Services: E-Books

Our staff has been fielding a lot of questions about e-books and e-book readers. The WPL&M offers e-books through the North of Boston Library Exchange (NOBLE). These offerings are available for borrowing via a link on the WPL&M's Web site ([noblenet.org/winthrop](http://noblenet.org/winthrop)). Patrons can click on the *OverDrive* logo on the page to access available titles. You can also find lists of supported devices and

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