

# BOOK AGAIN

## NEWSLETTER

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### Sheryl's News

Happy New Year! Hopefully 2007 will be a wonderful year for all of us, and here at **Book Again** we hope it will continue to be full of friendship and good reading!

In order to better achieve this goal, *I am looking for another Book Again Helper.* We are now four early-retired women – each of us serving you two days a week at the store (six hour days) and enjoying lots of flexibility to pursue our other interests. We have enjoyed our contacts and friendships with you as well as with each other and we all agree that it suits us to have a little bit of structured productivity to balance the play time of retirement.

Have I piqued your interest? I certainly hope so because I know that you are out there and if you like Book Again now, I guarantee that you will love it if you join us as a Helper!

—Sheryl

### TWO FOR ONE SALE!

Buy one book and get the second (same or lesser value) absolutely free!

Friday, Saturday and Sunday

January 19, 20, 21 • January 26, 27, 28

*This is our most popular sale—don't miss out!*

### Layered Green Salad

In a 9 x 13, layer the following ingredients in order shown:

½ head (or more) iceberg lettuce, cut up	½-Cup diced green onions
½-Cup diced celery	½-Cup green peas (or blanched fresh green beans)
¼-Cup diced green bell pepper	½-can sliced water chestnuts

**Spread** 1 Cup mayo over top; pressing slightly (*calls for 1 Cup, but I use more – can't seem to get that amount spread properly*). **Top** with cheddar cheese. **Sprinkle** with Schilling/McCormick Salad Supreme

**Refrigerate** overnight **Set Out** about 1/2 hour before serving

**Variation:** *Parmesan cheese and sliced cooked eggs on top (leaves out the peas)*

### TIME FOR A CLASSIC

By Arly

Let's be honest. Did you really read every page of Herman Melville's classic novel *Moby Dick* when it was on your assigned reading list? I admit that I didn't. I might have skimmed through Charles Dickens' *A Tale of Two Cities* and a few of William Shakespeare's plays as well, but no more! It's a New Year, and reading the classics has been added to my list of resolutions. I suggest that you add it to yours also. You know that you've always been meaning to read them, so why not start now?

The classics feature adventure, science fiction, mystery, romance...all the genres that we love. Try reading about the adventures of Phileas Fogg in Jules Verne's *Around the World in Eighty Days* or experience time travel in H.G. Wells' *The Time Machine*. Ray Bradbury

continues to excite us with his science fiction stories, and you can't beat Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes for mystery. There's romance in Jane Austen's *Sense & Sensibility*, D.H. Lawrence's *Women in Love* and F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*.

All of these books are currently available in our classics section. Pick one up and start 2007 in classic style.

### BOOKS WANTED:

- ✓ *Book Again will pay top price for recent popular paperbacks (within 6 months of publication and in good condition)!*

*"A room without books is like a body without a soul."*—Cicero

# Folklore

by Joe Nolte

## THE MORE THINGS CHANGE...

Oh goodness – 2007 already? Time no longer flies, it roars at the speed of light! When I was born, my grandmother was exactly as old as I am now. It cannot help but give one pause.

And so, another in our occasional looks at Things Past, as we see just how much the way we live has changed through the years . . .

150 years ago, we were as likely to live on a Family Farm as anywhere else.

For general entertainment, we would be dependent on the occasional circus, or travelling road show. For music, there would presumably be a piano in the parlor.

And we read books.

100 years ago, we could now order items from catalogs. For general entertainment, there was something called “moving pictures”, though city dwellers would be more likely to hit the Vaudeville Houses. For music, the piano in the parlor would quite possibly be a player piano by now, and we would probably have little wax cylinders which could actually reproduce music – even voices!

And we read books.

80 years ago we were probably living in a City, and almost certainly driving a car. We could now visit Sears and other department stores in person, and we were going to the movies constantly. For music, we had tossed all those cylinders in favor of the more up to date 78 discs – and we had probably just

purchased our first radio within the last couple of years.

And we read books.

50 years ago we had moved to the “suburbs”. We would still go to the city to visit the big department stores and see movies, though we would spend more time watching television. 78s were being replaced by 45s and 33 1/3 rpm LPs, and something called “FM radio” was beginning.

And we read books.

40 years ago department stores and supermarkets were everywhere, and the city began to fade in memory. Television was now in color, and everyone was buying LPs which were now in stereo, as was FM.

And we read books.

30 years ago shopping malls were everywhere, and the old downtowns were sliding into disrepair. We visited the malls for everything, a pattern we would actually continue almost to the present day. Old movie palaces were being replaced by multi screen cineplexes. And you could now watch movies uncut on something called “cable”. For music, we were listening to 8 track and cassette tapes in our cars.

And we read books.

20 years ago cable had taken over, and there were now dozens (and more!) of new channels available to the average viewer. We also rented videos more often than we went to the theaters, and we were beginning to buy CD's instead of LP's.

And we read books.

10 years ago CD's were the only way we bought music, and DVD's were about to bury video tapes. We still shopped the same old malls, but something had just begun which looked to change a whole lot of things in the not-too-distant future.

They called it the “internet”.

But we still read books.

Nowadays, we can download video and music directly from the net, and we are doing more and more of the rest of our purchasing online as well.

And we read books.

I trust the obvious common denominator manifested itself long ago to most of you – the point is, the traditional book, which was with us before we'd figured out what to do with electricity, remains with us, essentially unchanged. We can of course find stories and even novels on the internet, but in decades and even centuries past there were magazines, etc. that offered alternative modes of reading to past generations.

The good old book, however, is with us still, and looks to remain for many years to come.

*(A final note: this column was originally going to be the usual length, but completely got away from me – check out the online version ([www.bookagain.com](http://www.bookagain.com)) for the full story.)*

**Happy New Year!**

Joe Nolte