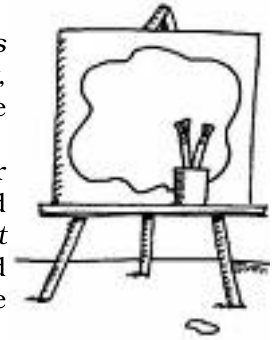


Artist Susan Tilton Pecora to give Demonstration at Library

Artist Susan Tilton Pecora, creator of the WGBY television program *Reflections Through Watercolor*, will give a painting demonstration at the library on Saturday, September 27 at 2:00 p.m. Ms. Pecora will recreate a scene from Wilbraham and the finished product will be used in a future library fundraiser.

Pecora teaches painting at the Museum of Fine Arts in Springfield as well as in her studio in Thorndike. Her works can be found in galleries across New England and two of her pieces were featured in the book *Splash 7: A Celebration of Light, the Best in Watercolor*, published by North Light Books. In 2002, Pecora was the featured artist for Willie Nelson's Farm Air Concert, with thirteen of her works used to create the Farm Aid Calendar for the benefit of small American farms.

This program is funded by the Wilbraham Cultural Council and the Wilbraham Friends of the Library, Inc. Admission is free for students and members of the Friends of the Library. The charge to the general public is \$3.00.



Help Us Reach Our Goal

The Wilbraham Public Library is embarking on an ambitious goal to renovate the existing library building, and we need your help. Our forty-year-old building needs health, safety, infrastructure, and space reallocation renovations to meet the current needs of Wilbraham residents. Our first priority is to expand and enhance our Teen Space by relocating it from the aisle adjacent to the Children's area to the east mezzanine.

During this phase we plan to renovate half of the mezzanine to include study and casual seating areas and a larger collection of library materials for teens and to add several computers for both adult and teen use. This will expand space from about 200 sq.ft. to about 900 sq.ft. to serve Wilbraham's 1,800 teens. Since 2002 when we hired Sue Kent as our Young Adult Specialist, teen use of the library has grown dramatically. In 2007 attendance at teen programs increased 74%!

Lighting, carpeting, furnishings, and wiring will be upgraded to achieve a welcoming up-to-date environment. The estimated cost is \$40,000. We hope to complete this project by September 2009. Future renovations will include the children's and adult areas on the main floor and the staff offices. All phases of renovations will be done within the existing structure and with no expansion to the footprint.

To this end the Library Board of Trustees have committed to conduct an annual campaign and established a 501(c)3 Corporation, Library Improvements For Tomorrow, Inc. (LIFT) for library renovations. Our public/private fundraising partnership includes town funding, a \$5,000 share of a federal grant, state funds, and private contributions from our citizens.

This project is a specific example of how private contributions can leverage our local and state tax dollars. While working closely with the Capital Planning Committee to prioritize required infrastructure renovations, they agreed to build new stairs at the rear of the main library room, providing more space on the first floor for a more efficient service desk and improved access to the mezzanine. Our plan will also utilize Library State Aid and The Public Libraries Fund which will provide approximately a 5% match of the amount raised by the local community.

During the past two years the trustees have been quietly fundraising among committed library supporters. In addition, the Wilbraham Masonic Lodge conducted a pancake breakfast raising \$500, and we received a generous gift of \$2,500 from the Wilbraham Garden Club. You can help by joining our supporters and making a tax deductible donation to LIFT. For more information about the project, please contact Christine Bergquist, Library Director at 596-6141 ext. 105 or email chris@wilbrahamlibrary.org, and for fundraising questions please contact one of our trustees: Jim Jurgens, Janet Shea, Llewellyn Merrick, Jean Canosa-Albano, Elyse Dunbar, or Bill Massidda. Thank you!

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2008-2009**

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**AMONG FRIENDS - NEWS FROM THE BOARD
BUS TRIPS, MEMBERSHIP DRIVES, BOOKSALES AND MORE!**

Dear Friends and Patrons,

September is upon us and with it the acceleration of activities sponsored by the Wilbraham Friends of the Library (WFL). Here is a brief overview of what the board and other volunteers will be doing this year.

First off, there is the trip to the Plimoth Plantation on October 8. This is a great complement to reading *Mayflower*, the spring's 'town wide' reading program. Tickets are \$75.00 for members and \$80.00 for nonmembers. Sign up at the library's circulation desk by September 23 for this educational and enjoyable trip.

A major source of the funds raised to support library activities is membership contributions. Knowing this, during October, members again will be asked to encourage non-members to join. This was very successful last year when some 50 new members were enrolled. Our strategic plan calls for enrolling 40 additional members this year, a challenge but doable. Please note that current members will continue to be asked to renew their memberships in the anniversary month in which they joined WFL.

November will feature a survey of members' attitudes about the Friends: why they join, what programs they would like to see implemented, how the organization can be improved. The results will help to chart future directions and programming.

Starting in January, and carrying through to the annual meeting in June 2009, the board and library staff will review patrons' participation in the programs currently offered. Then, coupled with the results of the survey, it will be determined which programs should be dropped, continued or newly implemented during FY 2010. The bylaws will also be reviewed to ascertain if any changes are required. The Friends web page will be updated as appropriate throughout the year.

The Friends Annual Spring Art Show will be held during March. The Book Sale will be expanded to two weeks in May - one week for collecting donations and one week for the sale (with exclusive days for Friends members). More about these programs as they draw closer. But save your spare books for the "call for delivery" in May. (None sooner, please.)

In addition, there will be many programs for adults, young adults and children, too many to list here. However, they will be posted on either or both of the library (www.wilbrahamlibrary.org) and/or the Friends' (www.wilbrahamfriends.com) web sites.

Members of the WFL board join me thanking you for your support. Without it many very worthwhile and enjoyable programs would have to be curtailed or eliminated. That is how important the Friends -- neighbors joining together -- is to our library community.

Cordially,

Roger J. Schifferli

President, Wilbraham Friends of the Library

**Enjoy Award-Winning Foreign and Independent Movies
with the Film Movement Series**

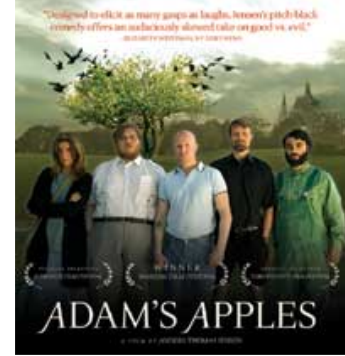
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9/15 at 7:00 p.m.



10/20 at 7:00 p.m.



11/17 at 7:00 p.m.

September 15 - The Way I Spent the End of the World (Romania, 106 minutes)

Bucharest 1989 – Last year of Ceausescu's dictatorship. Eva, 17, lives with her parents and her 7 year-old brother Lalalilu. One day at school, Eva and her boyfriend accidentally break a bust of Ceausescu. They are forced to confess their crime before a disciplinary committee. Eva is expelled from school and transferred to a reformatory establishment. There she meets Andrei and decides to escape Romania with him. Lalalilu is more and more convinced that Ceausescu is the main reason for Eva's decision to leave. So, with his friends from school, he devises a plan to kill the dictator.

October 20 - Fraulein (Switzerland, 81 minutes)

A story of the friendship among three women from Yugoslavia. Reza left Belgrade more than 30 years ago to seek a new life in Zurich. Now in her fifties, she has completely detached herself from the past. She owns a cafeteria and maintains an orderly, joyless existence. Mila, a waitress there, is a good-humored Croatian woman who also emigrated decades ago. But unlike Reza, Mila dreams of returning to a house on the Croatian coast. Both of them receive a jolt when Ana, a young, itinerant woman who has fled Sarajevo, breezes into the cafeteria looking for work. Reza hires her but is annoyed by Ana's impulsive and spirited efforts to inject life into the cafeteria. But the acrimony dissipates as Ana begins to thaw Reza's chill.

November 17 - Adam's Apples (Denmark, 94 minutes)

Ivan is an insanely optimistic preacher who takes in convicts to help around the remote, rural church he ministers to. His current charges are a psychotic Saudi immigrant addicted to robbing gas stations and an alcoholic tennis pro convicted of sexual assault. His newest "helper" is Adam, a vicious neo-Nazi anxiously biding his time before he can return to hell-raising. Asked to set a goal for his stay, Adam sarcastically answers that he'd like to bake a cake. Ivan cheerfully takes that statement at face value and puts him in charge of the parish's pride and joy: the only apple tree in the vicinity. Grasping the extent of Ivan's crazed, preternatural determination to look on the bright side of everything - Adam immediately decides to shake him out of his rose-colored stupor.

New DVD additions to the library's collection

The library's DVD collection is funded by the Friends of the Library. We strongly encourage you to place requests for these titles through our library catalog. If there is no one from Wilbraham who has been put on the "queue", then the title may be sent away to fulfill another library's request. If you would like to learn more about requesting materials through our catalog, please contact the Reference Desk and the librarian will be happy to instruct you.

Feature Films: *21, 27 Dresses, 10,000 B.C., Atonement, The Bank Job, Be Kind, Rewind, The Bucket List, Charlie Wilson's War, Dan in Real Life, Definitely, Maybe, The Diving Bell and the Butterfly, Drillbit Taylor, Fool's Gold, The Great Debaters, In Bruges, Jumper, Juno, The Kite Runner, Lars and the Real Girl, Mad Money, Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day, National Treasure 2, The Orphanage, Other Boleyn Girl, Penelope, Persepolis, The Savages, Stop-Less, Tyler Perry's Meet the Browns, Under the Same Moon, Vantage Point*

Documentaries: *Prehistoric Earth, Shine a Light, Sister Wendy - The Complete Collection*

**Congratulations to Roger Schifferli for being named
the Friends of the Library Volunteer of the Year!
Thank you to Roger for his dedication to the organization -
and best wishes for a successful term as President!**

Michael Tougias returns to WPL with Fatal Forecast

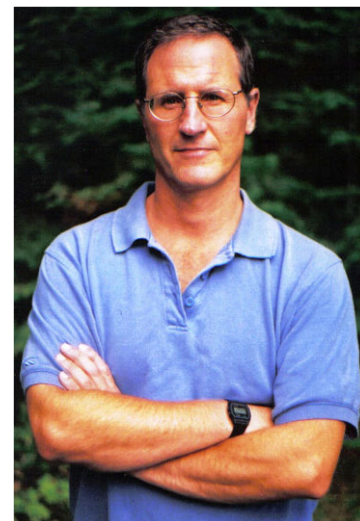
What happens when a 90-foot wave hits two 50-foot boats 200 miles out to sea in November? *Fatal Forecast* chronicles one of the most incredible survival stories ever told. Using slides from the actual storm and rescue, award-winning author Michael Tougias tells the story based on his new book, *Fatal Forecast: An Incredible True Tale of Disaster and Survival at Sea*, on Wednesday, October 1, at 7:00 p.m.

Ambushed by the storm at Georges Bank off the New England coast, the crews of the *Sea Fever* and *Fair Wind* battled 80 and 90-foot waves and hurricane force winds. Captain Peter Brown on the *Sea Fever* (his father owned the *Andrea Gail* chronicled in *The Perfect Storm*) did his best to ride out the storm, but monstrous seas first blew out the pilothouse windows and later knocked the vessel completely on its side.

On board the second boat, the *Fair Wind*, Captain Billy Garnos, first mate Ernie Hazard, and two crew members were also struggling to stay afloat in the rampaging seas. An enormous wave came at the boat, and Garnos gave the vessel full power to climb the 90-foot monster. The *Fair Wind*, however, was no match for the wall of water, and the vessel was spun around like a toy, careening bow first down the face of the wave. *Fatal Forecast* gives a riveting hour-by-hour account of how one crewman fought to stay alive in the freezing, rampaging ocean for the next two days.

Tougias also discusses how the accidents resulted in court action against the National Weather Service. A book signing will follow the presentation.

This program is sponsored by the Wilbraham Friends of the Library, Inc. The program is free for students and members of the Friends. The charge to the general public is \$3.00. Due to the popularity of Michael Tougias's slideshows, registration will be required. People can register by calling the Reference Desk at 596-6141.



Great Decisions Group to Form

Interested in world affairs? The Friends of the Library are hoping to start a *Great Decisions* discussion group to begin in January. *Great Decision Groups* meet all over the country – in private homes, libraries, and other venues to discuss selected topics in the area of current affairs. Participants have the ability to have their opinions tallied in a *National Opinion Poll*, which then gets sent to Congress. This is a wonderful program to learn more about what is happening in the world and to have your voice heard by people who make the decisions. Informational "Open House" sessions will be held on Wednesday, October 15 and Wednesday, December 10 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the Brooks Room for the public to learn more about the series, watch clips from the television series, and meet others who share an interest in world affairs. To learn more about the series, check out www.greatdecisions.org or stop by the Reference Desk.

On the Same Page Committee to Plan Next Year's Series

Would you like to help choose the book for next year's "On the Same Page" community reading program? Contact Adult Services Librarian Karen Demers at 596-6141, ext. 127 or kdemers@cwmar.org to join the committee. The committee will produce a list of six finalists that will be presented to the community as a whole to vote on. Last year's selection, "*Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community, and War*," by Nathaniel Philbrick, won over the second place title "*Water for Elephants*," by Sara Gruen, by just five votes – so every vote counts! The committee will meet on Thursday, October 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Brooks Room of the library. Please come and share your ideas for making next year's project a great success. To learn about how cities and towns throughout the country produce similar "One Book" programs, check out the Library of Congress website, www.loc.gov/loc/cfbook.

Museum Visits Great for the Fall

This fall, why not combine your fall foliage tours with a trip to one of the great attractions in our area? The Friends have several passes for free or reduced admission available for their members. This is a great time of year to visit the Norman Rockwell Museum, the Hancock Shaker Village, Historic Deerfield, or one of the MA State Parks. Call the Reference Desk for details on borrowing the passes.

Activities for Children

Storytimes

The *Fall Storytime* session will meet over a period of eight weeks, from September 18 through November 7, and will accommodate over 50 children. The times offered are 9:30 a.m. on Thursdays and Fridays for ages 2 - 3 ½ (with a parent) and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. for ages 3 ½ - 5.

Tremendous Toddler Two Step will be held for children 12 - 24 months old on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. Tremendous Toddlers is 20 minutes of nursery rhymes, singing and music for toddlers and their parents or caregivers. Registration for these storytimes begins in the Brooks Room at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 2 for Wilbraham residents. Phone registration will be on Wednesday, September 3. Non-residents may sign up on September 8, as space allows.

Cover-to-Cover

The *Cover-to-Cover* book discussion groups for students are on-going, meeting once a month. Students in grades 4, 5, and 6 will meet Tuesdays from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Dates and titles are as follows:

The Fairy Tale Detectives, by Michael Buckley on September 9, *Abduction!* by Peg Kehret on October 14, and *Pink and Say*, by Patricia Polacco on November 11. Please address any questions to Heidi Kane in the Children's Department. The monthly book should be read before the meeting, in which opinions and questions will be posed, and refreshments will be served. Copies of each month's books will be available upon registration at the Children's Desk.

Self-Defense Using Taekwondo

On Saturday, September 13th, there will be a demonstration and mini-lesson for children in the ancient art of Taekwondo. This session, for children at least 6 years old, will start at 10:00 a.m., and will be led by Grand Master Han, from Olympic Taekwondo and Karate in East Longmeadow. Grand Master Han is a World Champion affiliated with World Taekwondo Federation and will demonstrate how taekwondo can help with self-defense, respect, self-confidence, discipline and confidence.

Here They Come!

David Hyde Costello is the popular author and illustrator of *Here They Come*, a story about two young monsters at their first Halloween party. He will bring his fun to the Wilbraham Public Library

on Thursday, October 23 at 4:00 p.m.. His background in theater contributes to this unique one-man variety show. With ukulele accompaniment, Mr. Costello opens with an original song. He gives a spirited reading of his book and then draws a new monster on the spot, created entirely by taking ideas from the audience. He also introduces a young hobgoblin to answer kids' questions in the Hobgoblin language. Registration for this Friends-sponsored show begins on October 16. Children must be at least 4 years of age.

National Endowment for the Humanities Grant Recipient

The Wilbraham Public Library has been selected to receive the 2008 *We The People Bookshelf*, a collection of 20 items on the theme of "Created Equal"—17 titles in English, 4 in Spanish and one bonus kit. This program, presented by the National Endowment for the Humanities, in cooperation with the American Library Association, encourages young people to read and understand great literature while exploring themes in American history. The 17 donated titles are:

Aesop's Fables, *Abigail Adams: Witness to a Revolution* by Natalie S. Bober, *Abraham Lincoln the Writer: A Treasury of His Greatest Speeches and Letters*, *Amistad* by David Pesci, *Breaking Through* by Francisco Jimenez*, *Elijah of Buxton* by Christopher Paul Curtis, *Flowers for Algernon* by Daniel Keyes*, *Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott* by Russell Freedman, *Gettysburg Address* by Abraham Lincoln, *Give Me Liberty! The Story of the Declaration of Independence* by Russell Freedman, *Lincoln: a Photobiography* by Russell Freedman, *Lincoln's Virtues* by William Lee Miller, *Lyddie* by Katherine Paterson*, *Many Thousand Gone* by Virginia Hamilton, *Pink and Say* by Patricia Polacco*, *Saturnalia* by Paul Fleischman, *That All People May Be One People*, *Send Rain to Wash the Face of the Earth* by Nez Perce Chief Joseph, *The Ugly Duckling* by Hans Christian Andersen. The bonus kit is *History in a Box on Abraham Lincoln*. (Note: * = included in English and Spanish translation)

These grant books have been on display in the children's area. *Pink and Say* will be the book selected for the November Cover-to-Cover book discussion group for children in grades 4 - 6. *The Ugly Duckling* will be featured in a storytime in October.

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Genealogy Lecture scheduled for November

Have you ever wanted to research your family tree? Come to the library on Saturday, November 15 to learn about the experiences of amateur genealogist Sara Barz, along with the archivist of the National Archives in Pittsfield, Jean Nudd, and the Wilbraham Library reference staff.

Ms. Barz, a recent college graduate, began researching her family tree after hearing stories of her family's immigration from older family members. Her research brought her to the resources at the National Archives, and eventually abroad where she was able to visit the areas in Germany where her family emigrated from. Ms. Barz will share her experiences tracking down family records and provide tips for the beginning researcher.

Archivist Jean Nudd will provide information about the collections and services provided at the National Archives in Pittsfield.

Wilbraham Library staff will also provide information about the resources that are available in our own collection, as well as online.

This program is funded by the Wilbraham Cultural Council and the Wilbraham Friends of the Library. The time of the program had not been determined by the newsletter deadline, so please call the library for further details or check the library website at www.wilbrahamlibrary.org for updates.

Teens have been busy at the WPL

The Teen Summer Reading Program was a great success this year, with over 120 teens in grades 6-12 who signed up to read books, attend events, volunteer at the library, and receive prizes. Over 50 teens completed the program and received free books and gift certificates to Friendly's, Fenway Golf, Rice's, Louis and Clark, Dunkin Donuts and Wilbraham Pizza.

Fall programs for teens will include a writing workshop, events for Teen Read Week (this year's theme is "Books With Bite!"), and other programs to be announced. Meanwhile, the Anime Club (ages 13+) meets every Monday from 3-5 in the Brooks Room. The 6th -8th grade teens' group (T.O.W.L.) starts Tues. Sep 9, 4-5 p.m. For more information, go to

<http://www.wilbrahamlibrary.org/teens/programs/programs.html>.

iPod-Compatible Audiobooks Now Available

Downloadable audiobooks for the iPod are now available through the C/W MARS Digital Catalog! Nearly 150 Overdrive MP3 titles were launched last month, with more to come! Check out the Media Nook at www.wilbrahamlibrary.org to learn more.