

Library News

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From the President

As fall approaches I celebrate my first year as president of the Friends. A lot has transpired over the course of a year! After a decrease in renewals at the end of December, we are finally back to around 300 individual and family memberships. Programs we funded had an excellent attendance rate and our spring book sale was one of the highest grossing sales of all time. As our revenues increased, we kept true to our mission and increased our funding of more library programs and purchased lighter weight tables for the Brooks Room and more CDs and DVDs.

It is important for us to remember that our contributions of time and money are essential if the library is to continue as a backbone of our community. I've wondered lately what our library would look like without the Friends organization. There would be NO CDs, DVDs or VHS tapes available for loan. The vast majority of programming for children and adults would be wiped out. There would be NO March Arts Reception, NO Over the Mountain series, NO Film Movement, NO Tuesday Night Tempos or special appearances by authors such as Michael Tougias. There would be NO Summer Reading Program for kids and no puppets. All of these things are funded by the members of the Friends. We should take great PRIDE in the fact that we are vital to the well-being of our library and everyone in Wilbraham is able to benefit from our good will without the use of tax dollars.

Please take a few minutes to examine our budget which I've included as an insert in this newsletter and give yourself a gigantic pat on the back. FOL groups in much larger communities don't fund as much as we do.

To celebrate the contributions that our organization has made to the library, we will be observing National Friends of the Libraries Week October 22-28th. Review our bulletin board in front of the circulation desk for any associated activities.

Our fall book sale is scheduled for October 13th-17th. Friends only day is the 13th with the public invited to buy on the 14th. The 16th will be ½ price day followed by \$3 a bag day on the 17th. We will be calling for volunteers and if there is anyone who can help sort books that have already been donated, please call me ASAP. Let's make this our best book sale ever!

Have a terrific fall!
Ron Haislip-Hansberry

(NOTE: The programs mentioned above are sometimes partially funded through outside grants.)

Check www.wilbrahamlibrary.org for details on these programs:

- Local History Open House and Walking Tour* - 9/30, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Wild Edible Plants of Massachusetts* - Presented by Naturalist John Root - 10/4, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Brooks Room Art Exhibits:*
 - September - Janet Vitkus - Reception 9/23, 10:00 a.m.-noon
 - October - Carol Adamski - Reception 10/5, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
 - November - Karen Dalecki-Boisvert - Reception 11/4, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Kate Pritchard Joins Staff



Kate Pritchard joined the library staff in May as the Assistant Reference Librarian—Young Adult Specialist.

She will be focusing on developing library services to meet the needs of high school age students at Minnechaug Regional High School and the Wilbraham & Monson Academy.

Kate hails from Northampton, Massachusetts and is a graduate of Wesleyan University holding a B.A. in Music. She is currently enrolled at Simmons College in the Masters of Library Science program where she is concentrating in Young Adult and School Library Media Specialist courses.

"I am passionate about libraries and especially about bringing teenagers into the library and encouraging, expanding, and nourishing their minds—as well as entertaining them," says Kate. "I'm eager to put my abilities and ideas to use at the Wilbraham Public Library."



"Get Active @ Your Library"
October 15-21

Book Sale Future Uncertain

Because of space constraints in the library, we will no longer be able to use the basement as sort and storage space for our semi-annual community book sales. There are a few options available to us.

Option 1: We can go to a two week donation period immediately preceding a sale. Donors would only be allowed to donate at that time with no drop-offs accepted at any other time of the year. We would have access to a sectioned-off portion of the Brooks Room where books could be sorted and stored until sale day. We would potentially lose many donors who will not and cannot wait for this two week period. We could also lose booksellers who would not be as likely to come to our sales if there are more library discards than donations available and donations would be lost to other charities. We would also need an immense amount of volunteers to sort during those two weeks and then set-up and staff the sale the following week.

Option 2: We can use an outside storage facility. Donations would still come into the library but volunteers would have to pick-up the books a few times a week, take them to storage and sort there. When it is time for the book sale, all the boxes would then have to be trucked back over to the library and unloaded. This would require a lot of volunteers who are able and willing to lift heavy boxes on a frequent basis.

Option 3: We can stop donations all together until space constraints become a non-issue. We would still have a book sale but only library discards would be available. Because we do not have a full-time volunteer coordinator or enough volunteers, I believe we should go with option three. This saddens me because historically this has been our primary fundraiser that brings us in touch with our community. I also believe that our revenues will decrease which will result in decreased funding for library programs.

In order for options 1 or 2 to be viable, I need someone who is willing to be a full-time volunteer coordinator and enough volunteers to get the job done. Unless this occurs, option 3 will go into effect October 11th.

World War I Years A Film and Discussion Series

The WWI Years examines the American Experience in the Great War, the first global conflict. The events of WWI transformed America into a world power and continue to inform the most important aspects of our lives today, nearly nine decades later. The series will be held on Saturday afternoons from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Brooks Room of the Library. During each session, an award-winning documentary, or excerpts of films, will be viewed. Following the films, **Professor Joyce Berkman** of UMASS will facilitate a group discussion. Free admission. Please register by calling the library at 596-6141.



Introductory Film - Saturday, September 16, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
(This session will NOT have a scholar-led discussion, but will serve as supplementary material for the participants.)
Woodrow Wilson, Part II: The Redemption of the World

Session One – September 23, 2:00- 4:00 p.m.
The Great War - 1918

Session Two – October 28, 2:00- 4:00 p.m.
1914-1918: Shell Shock (from The Century)
Men of Bronze: The Black American Heroes of World War I

Session Three – December 2, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Up South: African American Migration in the Era of the Great War
One Woman, One Vote

Session Four – December 9, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Return to Isolationism (from Between the Wars)
Lost Peace: Ideals for a United World Fail (from The People's Century)

The WWI Years is a project of National Video Resources in partnership with the American Library Association. Major funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Any views, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed in this program do not necessarily reflect those of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Local funding is provided by the Wilbraham Friends of the Library.

Film Movement Series of Award-winning International and Independent Films Continues

Saturday, September 9, 4:00 p.m.
Drifters (China— Mandarin with English subtitles, 120 min.)

Saturday, October 7, 4:00 p.m.
Aaltra (Belgium, French with English subtitles, 90 min.)

Saturday, November 4, 4:00 p.m.
Spare Parts (Slovenia—Slovenian with English subtitles, 84 min.)

These films have not been rated by the MPAA and are intended for a mature audience. Admission is free and popcorn and soda are served. (Please see wilbrahamlibrary.org for film descriptions.)

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Programs and News from the Children's Department

Storytimes

The Fall Storytime session will meet over a period of eight weeks, from September 11 through November 17, and will accommodate over 80 children. The following times are offered:

Ages 2-3½

(with an adult)

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

Fridays at 9:30 a.m.

Ages 3 ½ - 5

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Tremendous Toddler Two Step

will be held for children 12 - 24 months old on Mondays at 10:00 a.m. **Tremendous Toddlers** is 20 minutes of nursery rhymes, singing and music for toddlers and their parents or caregivers. It will be an **especially active** (marching, movement and dancing), fun-filled program that develops appreciation of language and understanding of symbols that prepare children for reading and a lifelong love for their library.

Registration for this program, as well as all storytimes, begins in the Brooks Room at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, August 28 for Wilbraham residents. Phone registration will be on Wednesday, August 30. Non-residents may sign up on September 5, 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:

In The Year of The Boar and Jackie Robinson by Betty Bao Lord on September 12, **The Phantom Tollbooth** by Norton Juster on October 10, and **Running Out of Time** by Margaret Peterson Haddix on November 14. Please address any questions to Cindy Rusczyk in the Children's Department.

There will be a change in the meeting days for students in grades 6, 7, and

8. They will meet also at 7:00 p.m., but mostly on Wednesdays, unlike the Thursdays of the past years. Dates and titles are: **The Glory Field** by Walter Dean Myers on Wednesday, September 13, **Under the Baseball Moon** by John H. Ritter on Wednesday, October 18, and **Montmorency: Thief, Liar, Gentleman?** by Eleanor Updale on Thursday, November 9. Contact Susan Kent with any questions.

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.

Music and Movement
for Children
Newborn-Kindergarten-
and the Adults
Who Love Them!



Music Together

On Tuesday, September 5, parents and young children can experience **Music Together with Sondra Lewis**. **Music Together**, a music and movement program, is nationally known, research-based and applies the premise that children have the same capacity to learn music as they do to learn language. This is a great opportunity to spend interactive, quality time with your children and support their musical development as well as encourage the joy of music throughout your entire family. This 45-minute fun-filled program is for infants through 5-year-olds, accompanied by a parent, and will start at 1:00 p.m. Space is limited and registration will begin on August 29.

YogaKids

On Monday, September 18, the Wilbraham Public Library will hold 2 free demonstrations of **YogaKids** in the Brooks Room. Children ages 5 - 7 will attend at 3:30, while children

ages 8 - 11 will have a class at 5:00. Laura Mushenko invites children during this 45-minute class to play and learn, stretch and relax, and enjoy the benefits of yoga in fun and playful ways. Registration begins on September 11, and space is limited. Please call the Children's Department at 596-6141 with any questions.

Start U Reading

MEFA is sponsoring a Start U Reading program to promote early childhood literacy on Tuesday, October 10 at 1:00 for children and parents. We will talk about the importance of reading, then will share several books and have a surprise visitor. Families will have an opportunity to register for many prizes. MEFA — the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority — is a non-profit state organization that serves students and families in Massachusetts. They offer a number of resources on literacy and to later help make paying for college possible, such as savings plans, loan programs, financial seminars, and advice. Registration begins on October 3.

National Endowment for the Humanities Grant Recipient

The Wilbraham Public Library has been selected to receive the 2006 "We The People Bookshelf", a collection of 18 books on the theme of "Becoming American"—15 titles are in English and 3 are also in Spanish. 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 15 donated titles in English are:

Autobiography of Benjamin

Franklin by Benjamin Franklin

Barrio Boy with Connections

by Ernesto Galarza

Death Comes for the Archbishop

by Willa Cather

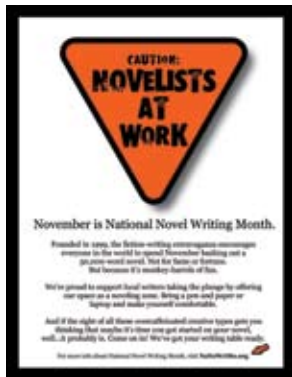
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Special writing activities will be held in November for teens and adults! Check the library for updates!

We the People Bookshelf continued...

Dragonwings by Laurence Yep

Giants in the Earth

by O.E. Rolvaag

The Glory Field

by Walter Dean Myers

Grandfather's Journey

by Allen Say

Immigrant Kids by Russell Friedman

In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson by Betty Bao Lord

Lotus Seed by Sherry Garland

The People Could Fly by Virginia Hamilton

Rifles for Watie by Harold Keith

Rip Van Winkle by Washington Irving

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith

Watch the Stars Come Out by Riki Levinson

Also included are the following titles in Spanish:

Rip Van Winkle y Leyenda De Sleepy Hollow by Washington Irving

La Muerte Llama al Arzobispo by Willa Cather

Mira Como Salen Las Estrellas by Riki Levinson

These grant books have been on display in the children's area. ***In The Year of The Boar and Jackie Robinson*** will be the featured book in the September Cover-to-Cover book discussion group for children in grades 4 – 6, while ***The Glory Field*** is the book for September's book discussion group for young adults. ***Grandfather's Journey***, a story about immigrating to America by boat, will be the focus of one storytime in September.

Over 1,400 Downloadable Audiobooks from Recorded Books now Available!

The library is pleased to announce the latest service for its patrons – downloadable eaudiobooks from Recorded Books and NetLibrary. We now offer hundreds of digital audiobook titles, including bestsellers such as David McCullough's *1776* and Alexander McCall Smith's *The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency*, classics such as Twain's *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* and Bronte's *Wuthering Heights*, and the award-winning Pimsleur language series. More titles are added monthly.

Patrons may access this collection directly through www.netlibrary.com/recordedbooks.

A link from the library website will be added this fall. Patrons may use their existing NetLibrary accounts

or can contact the Reference Desk about creating a new account.

This service of downloadable audiobooks complements the Digital Library collection of C/W MARS, which uses the OverDrive product, and the Wilbraham Public Library's iPod Shuffle project. Please see the Reference Desk if you would like to learn more about downloadable audiobooks and compatible devices.

