

Library News

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Invitation from the Director

The Wilbraham Friends of the Library and I need your help. After one-and-a-half years of hard work and introducing several new and successful initiatives, Ron Haislip-Hansberry resigned as the Friends President in April. However, this regretful departure does offer an opportunity to review the structure of the Friends organization and lay plans to actively involve more members of the library community in the functions and activities of the Friends. For a long time we have needed to restructure the Friends organization and recruit more Friends members to become actively involved in the organization. Ron worked very hard in these areas and made some progress, but there is still much work to be done.

In order to share the Friends' workload more equitably and move the organization forward, I propose that we form a Board of Directors with broad responsibilities such as determining the goals and objectives for the Friends, conducting its general business and developing several committees with specific but un-burdensome duties.

As well as determining the strategic direction of the organization, we need people to work on specific tasks such as building membership, publicity, events, bus trips, finances, newsletter, webpage, book and promotional sales, support for special projects and other activities associated with a strong Friends organization.

As a first step in reorganizing the Friends, I mailed a letter out to eighty prospective board or committee members. About 40% responded favorably to my request for their active involvement and over twenty attended a reorganization meeting in May. At the Friends' annual meeting on Thursday, June 14 at 7:00 p.m., members of the Friends will be asked to vote for an interim president and board of directors and an interim budget for FY2008. We will also be discussing the next step for the Friends, that is to hold a planning meeting during the summer to determine the future shape, leadership, and direction of the organization.

A Friends organization is one of the underpinnings for strong library services. Without the Friends we would have no programs for children, teens, and adults such as the popular preschool story time, book discussion groups, TNT series, and Annual Friends Art Show. We would have no DVDs or music on CD for our patrons to borrow and enjoy. We would have no funds for special purchases such as our Ellison die machine and laminator that we use to make signs, badges, and decorations for the children's department or tables and chairs and the room divider for the Brooks Room. We would have no museum passes or bus trips for Friends members and much more.

I ask you to please seriously consider what you could and will do to help the Friends and the library. As a first step consider attending the Friends annual meeting. The Friends are planning a **Spring Soiree** for this occasion with entertainment and refreshments. It will be a great opportunity for you to mingle with fellow library supporters, hear about what the Friends are doing, and take the opportunity to consider how you might be able to help.

I hope to see you there!
Christine Bergquist, Library Director



Spring Soiree - June 14, 7:00 p.m.

2007 ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM

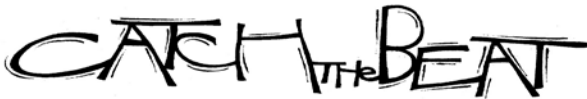
It's Easy! It's Fun!

- Complete Sign-up Card and submit to the Reference Desk
- Read three music-related titles (Fiction or Non-Fiction) by August 31st and complete Comment Cards. (Audiobooks also count!)
- Participants will be entered into a drawing for some great prizes!

To find titles in the C/W MARS Catalog, try using the following phrases in a SUBJECT Search, or ask the Reference Librarian for assistance. *Music - Fiction, Jazz Music - Fiction, Opera - Fiction, Rock Music - Fiction, Country Music - Fiction, etc.*

The ***NovelList*** database, available on the library website is also a great resource to locate titles with musicians as characters, or with music-related themes.

Sign-up cards and Comment cards are available at the library, or at the Adult Events section of the library website, www.wilbrahamlibrary.org.



BOCCE WORKSHOP RE-SCHEDULED

The "Learn to Play Bocce" workshop that was rained out last fall has been rescheduled for Sunday, July 8, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Rico Daniele, author of *Bocce: A Sport for Everyone* and the forthcoming *BocceBella* book and movie, co-written with Laurie Coughlin, will lead the event. This workshop is open to all ages and will be held at the Bocce Court adjacent to the library, owned by LDH, Inc. Sneakers must be worn on the court. Please register by calling the Wilbraham Public Library at 596-6141. To learn more about Rico Daniele and his work with bocce, check out www.playbocce.com. This event is sponsored by the Wilbraham Friends of the Library and was originally a part of the *Over the Mountain* "It's a Sporting Life" series, held jointly with the Monson Free Library.

HOW CAN I LEARN ABOUT NEW BOOKS?

The Wilbraham Public Library has enhanced the Book Nook section of the website to include recently added books in the following categories:

Fiction:

General Fiction & Poetry, Mystery, Romance, Historical Fiction & Western, SF and Fantasy

Nonfiction:

Art and Music, Biography, Business and Money, Cooking, Food and Wine, Crafts and Hobbies, Diet and Health, History, Home and Garden, Parenting and Family, Politics and Government, Religion and Philosophy, Science, Nature and Pets, Self-Improvement, Social Sciences, Sports and Entertainment, Travel, True Crime

Patrons may "click" on the appropriate links to get full descriptions, including cover art and reviews, of newly purchased books. By following the link to the online catalog, patrons may also request items to be held for them.

In addition to seeing this information on the library website, patrons may also sign up to receive regular newsletter via email on specific genres, or subscribe to the RSS feeds using Bloglines or other feed readers. Direct links to the sign-up page are listed below. If you have any questions, please contact the Reference Department at 596-6141.

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PLEASE WELCOME THE LIBRARY'S NEWEST STAFF MEMBER!

Malynda Dalton began work in May as an Assistant Reference Librarian. Malynda is from Belchertown, is a graduate of Vassar College, and holds an MLIS from Long Island University. Malynda worked for the New York Public Library from 2001-2006 and at the Springfield City Library previously. We are thrilled that Malynda has joined our staff.

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SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

Summer Reading Club:

Catch the beat @ your library is the theme for the summer reading program at the Wilbraham Public Library. Children ages 6 and up are invited to participate in the program which will transform the children's department into Hard Rockin' and Readin' Cafe. Younger children may participate with a reading partner. This year children will be asked to sign a contract to read for 21 days during the summer. As children work towards their goal, they will receive incentives along the way. Each child who completes his or her contract will be invited to a private rollerskating party in August.



The child will also receive a certificate of completion, a free prize plus a free paperback book. A variety of special events will be offered throughout the summer, such as storytimes, **Toe Jam Puppet Jam**, **DJ Dance/Wilbraham Idol**, **Bubblemania**, **Dance Dance Revolution**, and a program on sound.

Children going into grades 6 and up will join the Young Adult portion of the summer reading club, "catch the beat @ your library" and will have their own programs, such as Tapas and Tunes and Pop Dance Session. Registration for the reading club will start on Saturday, June 24. To help kick off this celebration, accomplished musician Tony Vacca will hold a workshop at 9:30 a.m., for ages 6 and up, then will present a concert, **World Rhythms**, on Saturday, June 23, at 10:00 a.m. All summer programs are supported by the Friends of the Library and the Massachusetts Regional Library Systems.

Tony Vacca's "World Rhythms" will be held for families on Saturday, June 23 to kick off the summer reading club, "catch the beat @ your library". A workshop for a limited number of students will start at 9:30 a.m. so they can prepare to participate in the following free concert which will be held at 11:00 a.m. Students must be at least 6 years old.



Tony Vacca is an American-born percussionist who plays West African balafon, djembe, talking drum, an orchestra of gongs, and a one-of-a-kind percussion unit. Registration for this loud and exciting event will begin on June 8th. Registration for this entertaining and lively event will begin on June 9. This program is partially supported by a grant from the Wilbraham Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Toe Jam Puppet Band will be here to entertain all in a rousing, very active dance-along performance. Join us on Thursday, July 19 at 10:00 a.m. for original songs, shadow puppetry and storytelling. From dance songs like "Conga Line" and "Barb Dance" to interactive songs such as "Car Wash" and the wacky "Bubbles Machine", everyone won't be able to resist moving with the music. Registration for this Friends-sponsored experience begins on July 12.



On Thursday, July 26, children ages 6 and up are invited to participate in the **DJ Dance/Wilbraham Idol** evening. Starting at 6:00 p.m., there will be the DJ Dance segment, followed by Wilbraham Idol (karaoke) from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Children must register one week before and must be prepared to sign up for a particular song. Participants and parents must sign a waiver form. Space is limited, so sign up on July 19. This is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Children of all ages are invited to attend **Bubblemania with Casey Carle** on Friday, July 27 at 10:00 a.m. Comedic bubble artist Casey Carle is an international performer, award-winning artist, Bubble Book author and a consultant to Cirque du Soleil and will keep the audience enthralled for 45 minutes. Registration for this Friends-sponsored event will begin on July 20.

Special Storytime:

"I'm Going to School!" Storytimes will be held on Monday, August 20 for Wilbraham children going

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into kindergarten. There will be one class at 10:00 a.m. then again at 1:00 p.m. This storytime includes picture books, a simple craft and information about safely riding a school bus. Space is limited. Registration begins on August 13.

COVER-TO-COVER

Cover to Cover, the book discussion groups for students, are on-going, meeting once a month. Students in grades 4, 5, and 6 will be meeting Tuesdays from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Titles are as follows:

June 12 – ***A Single Shard*** by Linda Sue Park

July 10 – ***Fairest*** by Gail Carson Levine

August 14 – ***Becoming Felix*** by Nancy Hope Wilson

Please address any questions to Cindy Rusczek in the Children's Department.

Students in grades 6, 7, and 8 will meet at 7:00 p.m. Titles are as follows:

June 13 (Wednesday) – any book about pirates

July 19 (Thursday) – ***Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie*** by Jordan Sonnenblick

August 16 (Thursday) – ***Fearless*** by Francine Pascal

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. Please address any questions about the Young Adults group to Susan Kent.

Summer
Saturday
Hours

9:00 a.m. -
1:00 p.m.

June 23 -
August 25