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Library News

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Library Heating, Cooling and Ventilation Project

You may have noticed if you visited the library during October, contractors were working on the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system in main area of the library. The HVAC project is a $84,000 town capital project to replace the unit ventilators, air compressor, and blower units in the Brooks Room. All the old equipment was original and installed in 1968 when the building was erected. The new equipment will greatly improve the building's fresh air intake and provide better control of heat and cooling. The new system is a hybrid of the existing pneumatic system and a modern electronic system which can be controlled remotely.

Thank you for being patient during the construction period while the building was without heat, ventilation or air conditioning. We are grateful we have operable windows in the library which helped during the unusual hot spell in early October.

The HVAC is one of several capital improvements the library hopes to make to the building over the next few years to update its infrastructure and provide the best use of space to meet service demands.

Basketball Hall of Fame Discount for Friends

The Friends have recently added two passes to the *Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame* for members' use. Each passes will allow up to three adults and three children admission to the Hall of Fame upon payment of the reduced admission rates of $12 per adult and $8 per child. Regular admission is $16.99 for adults, $13.00 for seniors, $11.99 for children ages 5 to 15, and free for children under 5 years of age.

The Hall of Fame contains basketball memorabilia from the 115 year history of the game, the Honors Ring of 260 players who are enshrined, and interactive games for all ages. There is always something new and exciting to see. For upcoming events check the website at www.hoophall.com.

Friends members may borrow the passes for an overnight loan and may reserve them ahead by calling the library at 596-6141 and pressing 3 for the reference desk. Other museum passes offered by the Friends are for the *Springfield Quadrangle Museums, Holyoke Children's Museum, Hancock Shaker Village, Historic Deerfield, Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art, Norman Rockwell Museum,* and *The Mount Edith Wharton Home and Gardens.*

NoveList Game Returns in January

Following the success of last year's program, we have brought back the NoveList Game beginning January 2. Last year, players focused on the mystery genre – but this year we will expand the game to include adventure, fantasy, mystery romance, science fiction, thriller and suspense, and western genres.

Players will roll a die to move along the gameboard, landing on genre spaces along the way. After landing on a space, players will use the NoveList database to find suggested titles for a specific style of fiction. After reading a selection, players will get their gamecard punched and roll again.

"We received a lot of feedback from players last year," said Adult Services Librarian Karen Demers. "Part of the fun for players was discovering new authors. By including multiple genres this year, we hope that patrons will enjoy exploring styles outside their usual reading habits." There are 24 categories on the board, such as "About Time" which include time travel stories, "It's Getting Very Noir in Here" which covers noir crime novels, and "Romantic Suspense" which includes titles that will have your heart racing.

Players will have until March 31 to make their way around the board. Upon completion, players will be eligible to win a variety of reading-related prizes. NoveList is available on many of the computers in the library and online through the library's website at www.wilbrahamlibrary.org. To learn more about using NoveList, please stop by the Reference Desk the next time you visit the library.

Among Friends

Wilbraham Friends of the Library, Inc.
2007-2008

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President - *To be announced*
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Newsletter - *Pat Schifferli, Anita Smith-Christopher*
Publicity - *Edna Colcord, Linda Fuller, Eloise Genest*
Special Projects - *John Harrington, Judy Hoffman, Sue Magee*
Volunteer Coordinators - *Liz Jones, Caryl MacLeod, Jennifer Puhalski*
Web Page - To be announced

Membership Drive

As a result of October's membership drive, we can report that forty-two new members have joined the Friends. The forms are still coming in, so watch for a complete report in the next newsletter. All Friends were asked to enlist two new members and that remains an ongoing target. So, please continue your efforts and enlist new members whenever you can. Thank you to the many Friends who worked on this project, we couldn't have done it without you. Welcome aboard to the new members - we thank you for joining and hope that you will join us in our efforts to support our library.

Spring Book Sale May Be Possible

At our November meeting, the Board discussed the possibility of running a booksale in the spring. Many volunteers would be needed to make this happen - if you are available to help out, please contact Friends' Clerk Nancy Peck by email at ncpeck@charter.net. Once it is determined that there is enough interest to make this happen, details will be announced. In the meantime, please start saving your gently used books. We ask that you please wait to deliver your donations until a later date.

Film Movement Series

Watch an award-winning film free at the library! Popcorn and Soda are served. Discussion following the film is facilitated by Friends' Program Committee Member Brad MacPherson

Something Like Happiness (Czech Republic, 102 minutes) - December 17, 7:00 p.m.
Monika, Tonik and Dasha grew up together in the same housing project on the outskirts of a small industrial city. Now the childhood friends are adults, each struggling with feelings of desire and loneliness, longing and failure. Though none would admit it, each craves something the other has and it's these unspoken longings which bind them in difficult, complex, passionate friendships. Vibrant and deeply affecting, Something Like Happiness is a funny, tender and very human drama of passions and lives half-understood and veering out of control, shadowed by tragedy, shot through with hope.

The Great Match (Mongolia, Niger, and Brazil, 88 Minutes) - January 14, 7:00 p.m.
This film tells the adventurous story of three heroes, none of whom have ever met, but who nevertheless have two things in common: firstly, they all live in the farthest-flung corners of the planet and, secondly, they are all three determined to see on TV the final in Japan of the 2002 World Cup between Germany and Brazil. The protagonists in this 'global' comedy are: a family of Mongolian nomads, a camel caravan of Tuareg in the Sahara, and a group of Indios in the Amazon. They all live about 500 kilometres away from the next town – and the next television – making their task a particularly daunting one. Nevertheless, these inventive people possess the resourcefulness and the willpower to achieve their goal.

Madeinusa (Spain/Peru, 103 minutes) - February 25, 7:00 p.m.
Madeinusa is a girl aged 14 with a sweet Indian face who lives in an isolated village in the Cordillera Blanca Mountain range of Peru. This strange place is characterized by its religious fervor. From Good Friday at three o'clock in the afternoon (the time of day when Christ died on the cross) to Easter Sunday, the whole village can do whatever it feels like. During the two holy days, sin does not exist: God is dead and can't see what is happening. Everything is accepted and allowed, without remorse. Year after year, Madeinusa, her sister Chale, and her father Don Cayo—the Mayor and local big shot—maintain this tradition without questioning it. However, everything changes with the arrival in the village of Salvador, a young geologist from Lima, who will unknowingly change Madeinusa's destiny.

Children's Activities

The Winter Storytime session will meet over a period of six weeks, from January 14 through February 29, and will accommodate over 90 children. The following times are offered: ages 2 – 3 ½ (with an adult) on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m., Thursdays at 9:30 a.m., Fridays at 9:30 a.m. or Fridays at 10:30 a.m. The older group, for ages 3 ½ - 5, will meet on Thursdays 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., from January 14 – February 25. 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. Also this winter, there will be a six-week Family Storytime for all ages on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. Registration for all these groups will be held in the Brooks Room at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 3 for Wilbraham residents. Phone calls will be taken on Friday, January 4. Non-residents may sign up on January 7, as space allows.

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:

December 11 – *When Santa Fell to Earth* by Cornelia Funke
January 8 –any journal or diary type novel
February 12– *Dave at Night* by Gail Carson Levine

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 to Cindy Rusczek in the Children's Department.

To celebrate the season of giving, the Library will feature a Mitten Tree, which will be decorated with your donations of gloves, mittens, hats and scarves for children and adults. All donations must be new and brought to the library for the tree between November 23rd and December 19. After that time, all donated items will be brought to the Community Survival Center for distribution. Please help us with this worthy cause, as you know the winter will be a cold one!

The Children's Department is holding a Winter Reading Club, *Sweet Treats*, for preschoolers through fifth-graders during December and January. Children are asked to read any books they like and keep track of their own reading in order to be rewarded with stickers, a free book and a chance at raffle prizes. Logbooks and registration papers will be available starting on December 1st. Please visit or call the Children's Department at 596-6141 with any questions.

The Wilbraham Public Library is seeking long-haired children and adults to join in our special event, *Ponytail Party at the Library*, to benefit the Locks of Love organization. Participants must have a braid or ponytail, at least 10 inches tip to tip, which will be cut off here by a professional hairdresser. Locks of Love is dedicated to helping many financially disadvantaged children under the age of 18 suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis. Sign up now in the Children's Department to make a commitment to donate your hair to this national non-profit organization. This event will take place in the Brooks Room of the library on January 7, 2008. Further information on Locks of Love can be found at their website, www.locksoflove.org. Please visit or call the Children's Department at 596-6141 with any questions.

During the school vacation week, there will be a fun interactive puppet show for children who are in elementary school. *Aesop's Fables* will be presented by the Caravan Puppets on Thursday, February 21, at 10:00 a.m. Audiences are treated to a wide diversity of puppets and puppetry styles with beautiful staging and original music. This show also helps highlight this year's receipt of the *We The People* grant from the American Library Association and the National Endowment for the Humanities, on the subject of "The Pursuit of Happiness". This is a hilarious take on the ancient fable spinner's greatest hits and is brought to you by the Friends of the Library. Registration, beginning on February 13, is required as space is limited.

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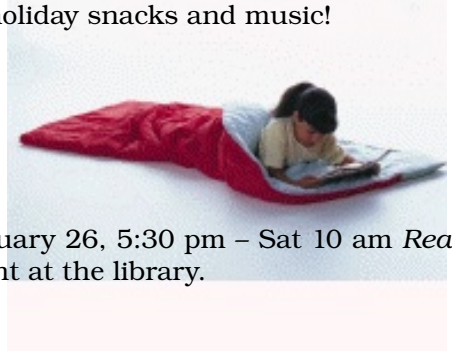
T.O.W.L. Events for 6th - 8th grade.

December 11, 4-5 pm *Holiday party*. Cards for the housebound, food basket or toys for the needy, e-mails to the troops overseas, Yankee Swap, holiday snacks and music!



January 26, 5:30 pm – Sat 10 am *Read-a-thon* overnight at the library.

Project Linus
Providing Security Through Blankets

February vacation week: *National Project Linus*, making no-sew fleece blankets for children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need.

Contact YA Librarian Mrs. Kent to get involved with the Teens of the Wilbraham Public Library group.

Events for High School Students

The *Teen Writing Workshop* was rescheduled due to illness - check with YA Librarian Kate Pritchard for details. A *Read-a-thon* is still in the planning stage. See Kate about joining the **Teen Advisory Board** to help plan programs and give suggestions for purchases.

New DVDs

PBS: *Can you afford to Retire?, China from the Inside, First Flower, Guns, Germs, and Steel, Hidden Child, Hidden Epidemic, Is Wal-Mart Good for America?, The Tuskegee Airmen, The War;* **HGTV:** *Ideas for the Holidays: Decorating Cents, Design of a Dime, and Christmas Castles, Mission Organization: Home Office, Small Space, and Family Clutter;* **Food Network:** *Holiday Best: Featuring The Barefoot Contessa, Sara Moulton, and Paula Deen, 30-Minute Meals with Rachael Ray – All Around Tasty: Vegging Out, The Superior Sandwich, and Party Preperation, Good Eats with Alton Brown: Hooked and Cooked, Poultry Pleasers, and More Meats;* **OTHERS:** *Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Beyond the Practice Room, Can Mr. Smith Get to Washington Anymore?, Flock of Dodos, How to Hike the Appalachian Trail*

FEATURE FILMS – *Jindabyne, Love Comes Softly, Perfect Stranger, We Are Marshall, Year of the Dog*