



## 2011 On the Same Page selection is

### *To Kill a Mockingbird*

This fall the Wilbraham community will be reading Harper Lee's classic, *To Kill a Mockingbird* for the annual *On the Same Page* series. The Wilbraham Public Library will be hosting book discussions and special events related to the novel. Books will be available to borrow in September. Programs are funded by the Wilbraham Friends of the Library and the Wilbraham Cultural Council and will be held at the library.

#### **Book Discussions**

Tuesday, October 11, Noon-1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 18, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

A variety of reading guides are available online to assist book groups. Check out *NoveList Plus*, a reference database through the library's website as well as the following sites:

[www.readinggroupguides.com](http://www.readinggroupguides.com)

[www.neabigread.org](http://www.neabigread.org)

#### **Atticus, a one-man performance by actor Richard Clark**

Monday, October 24, 7:00 p.m.

Atticus Finch steps from the pages of *To Kill a Mockingbird* and brings to life the tragedy and triumph of Harper Lee's classic novel. As a loving father, compassionate friend, and uncompromising attorney, Atticus represents the divine spark in the human spirit as he leads a cast of other unlikely heroes in this story. The courtroom drama, the poignant interactions between father and children, the harsh realities of bigotry and hatred blend to make this a compelling theatrical event.

#### **Screening of the documentary Hey, Boo**

Wednesday, November 9, 7:00 p.m.

Reading *To Kill a Mockingbird* is something millions of us have in common. Filmmaker and author Marly McDonagh Murphy explores the novel's enduring power and popularity in interviews with Tom Brokaw, Wally Lamb, James Patterson, Anna Quindlen, Oprah Winfrey and others. With rare cooperation from Harper Lee's family and friends, and never-before-seen documents and photos, Murphy tells the story behind a novel that became an American classic.

## New Desk Pleases Everyone

There are smiles on the faces of library staff and patrons alike. "Wow!" "This is great!" "It seems much more spacious!" Our library patrons exclaimed these remarks and more positive comments about the library's new combined service desk.

The new desk combines information, children's and circulation services all at one central location providing easy access for patrons, greater staff efficiencies, and a bit more space for the public.

The desk is the first step in renovations to the first floor of the library. "We are pleased with the new desk and the improved service delivery. It's a work in progress, though," said Christine Bergquist, Library Director. "We still need to replace the carpeting, repair and paint the ceilings and walls, add acoustic treatments, update the lighting, and buy new furniture." Most of the library's interior and furniture dates from 1968 when the building was constructed.

The desk was designed by library staff and architects Tappe Associates and was fabricated by Palmieri, Ltd., a firm that specializes in library furniture.

A generous donation of \$15,000 from the Friends of the Library helped to pay for the desk. Other funds were provided by LIFT, Inc., the Town, and Library State Aid.



## Local Author Booksigning Scheduled

Jack Verani will discuss his book, *No Second Chances: How to Stop Diabetes in its Tracks*, on Saturday, September 17 at 11:00 a.m. Jack Verani has been a "professional diabetic" for over 40 years and remains complication free. Jack started his diabetic career at age 12 back in the dark ages, when only one insulin shot a day was the norm. He has seen and tried several methods to keep control of his diabetes and has found a system that allows him to remain complication free. Books will be available to purchase at the event.

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**President's Message**

What a heck of a summer this has been! Certainly Mother Nature has not been our friend. The devastation cannot be ignored, but the good work of many has helped to start the healing. In every facet of our community, long-established plans had to be reworked. Our community recovery is underway, but it will be a long process. I sincerely hope autumn brings positive progress and better times to all of our friends and neighbors.

On the Library side, we were fortunate in avoiding any storm damage. With the outstanding efforts of the staff, a major step in the library renovations plan was completed - the installation of a new service desk. As mentioned before, the Friends organization was a major funder of this new service desk - a keystone to the reworking of the library space. The new space really does look great.

The Friends' Board is busy planning for our 2011 - 2012 year and working toward continuing to provide help for a wide offerings of adult, teen and children's programming as well as continued operational support where needed. While firm dates are not yet set, you can look forward to at least two Friends-sponsored trips, our annual Friends' Book Sale in late April and our Friends' Art show in November. We will also continue to look into new ways of supporting our library services and the great staff.

I am very pleased to announce two new members of the Friends' Board. Welcome to Joan Butler and to Jacque Sutter. We are looking forward to your fresh ideas and help! As are all Board members, Jacque and Joan are available to hear your ideas and thoughts on how the Friends might be even better.

Many townfolk have told me that the work and value of the Friends of the Wilbraham Library is a well-kept secret. The town budget does not cover many of the things that make our library outstanding and that is where we come in. Are you aware that over 80 Friends provided more than 1350 hours of work support for our projects last year? The Friends' sponsored and helped fund 149 programs attended by over 2350 persons. We also helped to pay for over 500 new media items including CDs, DVDs and provide services such as the copier/print system and museum passes for patrons.

We need you to become members! Don't take your library programs and offering for granted. Your dues are a critical enabler for us. Do take the time to fill out an application. If you are already a Friend, please enlist new friends - the membership donation is very minimal. Help to keep the Library strong through your Friends' membership and project participation. (And oh yes... I'd be remiss not to also mention that in addition to helping the community, you benefit personally through lower trip prices, early notice of events, early book sale access etc. )

**Fall Trip :**

On Wednesday September 21st we'll travel to the historic seaport district of New Bedford, designated the nation's newest National Park. Trip signups and detailed information is available at the Library. As of this writing there are some seats still available, but don't delay! As usual, the trip promises to be full of interesting sights, new experiences and an outstanding meal. The all-inclusive cost is \$75 for Friends' members and \$85 for nonmembers.

**Friends of the Library fund**

**New Music Service**

The Friends of the Library have made it possible for the library to launch a new service for free online music downloads through [www.wilbrahamlibrary.org](http://www.wilbrahamlibrary.org). Freegal is a new database that offers thousands of titles from the Sony catalog - covering a wide variety of genres - pop, jazz, rap, country, classical, world music, and many more! Music files are in the MP3 format and are compatible with all music players. Library cardholders will be able to download three titles per week. A limited number of downloads are available this year as the Friends determine the use from the community. Your feedback is always welcome.



## Activities for Children and Teens

The Fall Storytime session will meet over a period of seven weeks, from September 14 through October 28, and will accommodate over 50 children. The times offered are 10:15 a.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays for ages 2 – 3 ½ (with a parent) and Thursdays at 11:15 a.m. for ages 3 ½ - 5.

Tremendous Toddler Two-Step will be held for children 12 - 24 months old on Mondays at 10:15 a.m., for 4 weeks (Sept. 12, 19, 26, and Oct. 3). 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 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 31 for Wilbraham residents. Phone registration will be on Friday, September 2. Non-residents may sign up on September 6, as space allows.

### Reading with Rufus

Does your child need reading practice? What could be more encouraging for a new or struggling reader than practicing with a doggie buddy? There will be two opportunities to "Bark for Books" in September. Rufus the certified therapy dog will be here on Wednesday, September 21 and again on September 28 at 4:00 p.m. This program is best for children in kindergarten through 3rd-grade. Each child may sign up to read to Rufus for 5 minutes in a comfortable setting. Rufus will be here with his trainer and best friend, Susan Rodman. Registration, beginning on September 14, is required, so each reader has a particular time slot.

### 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:

*Attack of the Growling Eyeballs* by Lin Oliver on October 11, and *Junonia* by Kevin Henkes on November 8. The first book will be available for pick-up starting on September 13. 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 Heidi Kane in the Children's Department.

### Toe Jam Halloween!

Toe Jam Puppet Band will be here to entertain all in a rousing, very active dance-along performance, *Toe Jam Halloween Spooktacular*. Join us on Wednesday, October 26 at 6:00 p.m. for original songs, shadow puppetry and storytelling. Trick-or-treat with Toe Jam's all-original song and puppets. You may ask "what could I be for Halloween?". Toe Jam will dress up some audience members in kooky Halloween gear and dance some spooky dances, like "Do the Frankie". The show is full of Toe Jammy Monsters and silly string too. Boo to you! Registration for this Friends-sponsored experience begins on October 19.

### I'm Going to School!

"I'm Going to School!" Storytimes will be held on Monday, August 22 for Wilbraham children going into kindergarten. There will be one class at 10:15 a.m. This storytime includes picture books, a simple craft and information about safely riding a school bus. Space is limited. Registration begins on August 16.



### News from The Loft

The Teens of the Wilbraham Library (T.O.W.L.) for sixth-eighth graders will have its first meeting of the year on September 15 at 4:00 p.m. at the library. Contact Mrs. Kent at [suekent@wilbrahamlibrary.org](mailto:suekent@wilbrahamlibrary.org) if you would like to get involved with the group and plan this year's events.

The national *Teen Read Week* celebration is scheduled for October 16-22. Check out The Loft for activities and reading lists to promote the theme, "Picture It!".

### Film Movement Series

Movies begin at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free and popcorn and soda are served. Films are not rated by the M.P.A.A. and are intended for mature audiences. For descriptions and trailers, check out [www.filmmovement.com](http://www.filmmovement.com). This series is funded by the Friends of the Library.

September 19 - *Welcome* (France, 105 min.)

October 17 - *A Call Girl* (Slovenia, 90 min.)

November 21 - *The Wind Journeys* (Columbia, 120 min.)

### Online Fun Series

Adult Services Librarian Karen Demers will offer a four-part series this fall highlighting online resources in a variety of popular subjects. Sessions will be held from 10:30-11:30 on October 4 (Books & reading), October 25 (Social networks), November 15 (Fun & games), and November 29 (Travel). Space is limited. Please register by calling the Reference Desk at 596-6141 ext. 127.

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## **Library News**

### **Fall 2011**

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#### **Library Director Christine Bergquist retires**

After over twenty years of service to the Wilbraham Public Library, Christine Bergquist will retire in September. Bergquist was hired to be the Assistant Director in May of 1991, named Acting Director in December 2003 upon Paula Polk's departure, and hired as the Director in March 2004.

During her tenure in Wilbraham, Bergquist oversaw numerous enhancements to library services – many of which were possible after obtaining L.S.T.A. grants. Bergquist highlighted grants for customer service initiatives, discovery kits, and teens and tween as greatly impacting the staff and public. “Although the staff were already committed to providing excellent service, the training received through the Customer Service Grant was helpful in reinforcing attitudes and sensitizing us to patrons with special needs. Programs such as On the Same Page and Over the Mountain were also valuable to introduce the library and its services to new users.” Bergquist considers the development of the library staff to be her greatest achievement. “I am most proud of having the opportunity to build a great team of librarians and support staff who consistently receive rave reviews from the public and growing services to meet the changing needs of the community.”

Bergquist had previously worked in libraries in Springfield, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Lesotho in Africa. Coming back to the Wilbraham Public Library was special to her as this was her hometown. “Wilbraham is a wonderful community and a nice size town. We are large enough to have resources to do some interesting things, but we are small enough to be able to really get to know our patrons. My motto has always been to provide the best possible services.”

When asked what has been the biggest change in libraries in her career, Bergquist didn't hesitate - “The Internet and computers for the public. There were no public computers in 1991 at the library – now we have 18 plus a free WI-FI hotspot! The Internet itself has also changed over time. When we launched Internet access for the public it was text only. Now, of course, we have access to pictures, video, and sound – and it is much easier to use.”

During the last eight years, much of Bergquist's work has been focused on building improvements and renovations. “It is very gratifying to see the changes taking place. From the new handicapped-accessible door to the comfortable seating and teen area upstairs, the library continues to move forward.”

Bergquist intends on using her retirement to “slow down a bit and have more time to do the activities I enjoy.” A fitness enthusiast, she practices yoga and has recently taken up indoor rowing. She looks forward to trying new things – like learning Italian – for a much deserved vacation to Italy planned for 2012.



*Library Director Christine Bergquist*