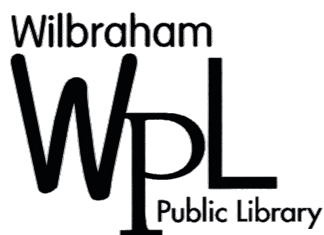


Spring Concerts

A concert of folk music by Rick and Georgianne Jackofsky of **Homegrown Two** will be Sunday, Apr. 10 at 2:00 p.m., featuring traditional and original material using a variety of acoustic instruments including guitar, banjo, mountain dulcimer, doumbek, jaw harp, and harmonica.

Hit the Roof will perform on Monday, Apr. 11 at 7:00 p.m. The keyboard and drums duo will take you through ragtime, swing, boogie-woogie and rock-and-roll, while explaining the history and icons of each movement. This program is funded by a grant from the Wilbraham Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency; and by the Friends of the Library.



Hours:

Mon.-Wed. 10-8

Thu.-Fri. 10-5

Sat. 10-2

Sun. 1-5 (Labor Day -
Memorial Day)

Closed Holidays

Local Author Fair

Join us for a Local Author Fair on Saturday, Apr. 23 from 10:00 a.m. to noon! The morning will begin with refreshments right when the library opens, followed by a short presentation from each of our featured authors. Each will have a few minutes to talk about his or her book(s). Then for the rest of the morning, you will have the opportunity to talk to the authors and purchase their books. We are featuring both self- and traditionally-published authors from Wilbraham and surrounding towns. We had a great time with seven authors last year and are looking forward to doing it again with a whole new group of people!

Your Feedback Needed!

The Wilbraham Public Library needs your feedback as we prepare for our next strategic plan covering FY2018-2020. The deadline to complete the survey is Mar. 15 and it can be found online at <http://goo.gl/forms/2pHa3twyZy>. Paper copies of the survey are also available to pick up at the library, town hall, and senior center. Thank you for your help!

Adult Programs

The Friends of the Library welcome felting instructor **Nicol Wander** for a beginners workshop on Saturday, Mar. 12 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Using a felting needle and pre-dyed merino wool, participants will create a felted bluebird pin or ornament. Registration is required and there is a \$10 materials fee.

Come learn how to use **Ancestry Library Edition** Saturday, Mar. 19 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Adult Services Librarian Mary Bell will give an introduction in the Brooks Room followed by time to search hands-on in the library after hours. Registration is required.

Join us for **Women Staying Healthy** on Wednesday, Apr. 6 at 7:00 p.m. Clinical psychologist Dr. Patricia P. Martin will discuss ways to stay holistically and mentally healthy, drawing from her personal experience through 35 years of practice. Her book **The Other Couch:**

Discovering Women's Wisdom in Therapy will be available to purchase at the end of the event.

On Sunday, Apr. 24 at 2:00 p.m., author Ray Anderson will discuss his retirement odyssey on the Appalachian Trail and how he conceived and published his novel, **The Trail**. Books will be available to purchase at the program.

Master Gardener Betty Sanders will demonstrate **Container Gardening** on Sunday, May 22 at 2:00 p.m., showing participants techniques for creating a beautiful container presentation; the finished container will be raffled off as a fundraiser for the Friends of the Library.



Notes from the Friends

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If you have any questions or suggestions for the Wilbraham Friends of the Library, please direct them to Susan Magee at friends@wilbrahamlibrary.org.

Library News is written and edited by the Wilbraham Public Library staff and the Friends of the Library.

Annual Book Sale

The annual Friends' book sale is coming soon! We accept donations of books, DVDs, and CDs during library hours Thursday, Apr. 28 through Sunday, May 1. Adult and children's fiction, cookbooks, how-to books, and other nonfiction are all popular. The Friends' preview day is Monday, May 2. Public sale days run from May 3 to May 8. Hardcover books are \$1; paperback and children's books are 50 cents each or 3 for \$1. Come early and often for great deals!

Letter from the President

Hello again. We surely "dodged the bullet" of a nasty winter and are now looking forward to spring! I for one did not miss the snow and ice! This is a busy time for the library staff and the Friends as we plan for the next round of activities. If you are reading this and not yet a member, please consider joining; if you are a member, don't forget to renew. Your support of the Friends enables many of the library programs and services.

A major project is our Friends Annual Book Sale which will be held the first week of May. We'll begin collecting books Apr. 28. Our success depends on you, so please start saving your books, DVDs, etc. Plan to visit our sale - and bring friends! You'll be hearing more soon. Happy Spring!

- Susan Magee, Friends of the Library President

New and Renewing Members

New and renewing Friends' members from Nov.-Jan. (excluding those who wish to remain anonymous):

Marjorie Agerton
Carol & Joseph Albano
Mikki Alberici
Carole Alderman
Marie Aquilino & Bill Lachenmeyer
Doug & Linda Burr
Joan & Robert Butler
Catherine & John Callaghan
Janemari & Brian Chateauvert
Barbara Christie
Wally & Kris Clark
Edna Colcord
Bruce Cooley
Antonia Cote
Pat & Maria DeAngelis
Susan Deputy
Johanna Desautelle
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Donald & Shirley Facey
Dr. Andrew & Mrs. Nancy

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Becky & Terry Fleming
T. Jean Franklin
Elizabeth & Timothy Geib
Dan & Susan Hanscom
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Elaine & Robert Holdsworth
Audrey Hunt
Chet Jez
Robert Johnsen
Margerie & Jon Kirchhof
John & Carol Kirwan
Joyce Lewis
Gregory Lyman
Linda & Stephen Mandolesi
Thomas and Ann Mango
Cindy MacGowan
William McCollough
Gloria McDonald
Carol McMinn
Michele Mills
Gay Miltenberger
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Poppy & Terry Nelson
Dr. George and Mrs. Nieske
Mary Paradis
Allan & Nancy Peck
Sherry Phillips

Lynn Puffer
Alice Remaly
Rodney & Ann Riker
Corry & James Rooks
Marjorie Schoen
Joe & Fran Selva
Tom & Donna Sherer
William Siebert
Fredy Steng
Ted & Claire Stevenson
Edmund & Lorene Struzziero
Jay & Kathy Taylor
Maureen Trombly
The Wadleigh-Manseau Family
Phyllis Walsh
Alison & Steven Webster
Albert & Mary Wihry



Youth Services

Teens

We are excited to offer a new monthly WPL book group just for high school students! Our first meeting was in February where members received the first book, **Red Queen** by Victoria Aveyard, and they voted on books for future meetings (Mar. 15, Apr. 19 and May 17). Meetings are held in the Brooks Room from 4:00 – 4:45 p.m. Refreshments are served. High School book group is facilitated by Teen Services Librarian, Rachel Hapgood. Sign up on our website or email rhapgood@wilbrahamlibrary.org.

Our Teen Advisory Board (TAB) welcomed 3 new members in January! TAB is currently planning a Teen Movie Night for Friday, Mar. 18. Look for more details and the movie info on our website and in the library. In addition, the teens will be helping out with the annual Friends of the Library book sale in May by advertising and holding a teen sale in The Loft at the library.

From the Children's Dept.

The **Spring Storytime** session will meet over a period of six weeks, from March 9 until April 14, and will accommodate over 50 children. The following times are offered:

Ages 2 – 3 ½ (with an adult) on

Wednesday at 10:15 a.m. or

Thursday at 10:15 a.m.

Ages 3 ½ - 5 (independent) on

Thursday at 11:15 a.m.

Toddler Two-Step will be held for children 12 - 24 months old on Mondays at 10:15 a.m., for 5 weeks (March 7, 14, 21, 28, and April 4

Registration for **Storytimes** and **Toddler Two-Step** starts Feb. 24 at 10:00 a.m. for Wilbraham residents. Phone calls will be accepted starting on Feb. 26 and non-residents may sign up beginning on Feb. 29, as space allows.

Chemistry Workshop

"Honey I Shrank My Art" with Mt. Holyoke College will be Tuesday, Mar. 29 at 6:00-7:00p.m. and is best for grades 2-4 with a parent. Registration will start Mar. 15.

I am very happy to take the position of Children's Librarian at the Library. We now have a team of three in Youth Services. Rachel Hapgood is now our full-time Assistant Children's Librarian, who covers the Teen Department and the Juvenile Fiction, grades 3-5. We hired Rachel Statham as our part-time Assistant Children's Librarian, who will conduct preschool programming. I also want to thank Linda Burr and Chetana Sanghvi who volunteer their time to help keep the children's programs running.

Many thanks!

-Heidi Kane, Children's Librarian

Partners with Pathways
Cindy Milner, coordinator of "Pathways for Parents", a grant-funded program by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care, has partnered with the Wilbraham Public Library for the past 3 years. Through her service she has provided the library with classes such as **Kindergarten Readiness** and **Welcome Baby**. Our preschool area has been updated with an activity table, light board with magnetic play pieces. She purchased board books for our "Baby Bundles". She covers preschool classes when needed and is part of our Toddler group. We are very grateful to have this partnership.

Puppet Show!

During April school break the library will host Mr. Vinny's Shadow Puppet Show, for children ages 4 and up. This show will be held on Wednesday, Apr. 20 at 10:15 a.m. Mr. Vinny (one-half of Toe Jam Puppet Band) will entertain us with his funny puppets for 45 minutes. Registration begins on Apr. 13.



This show is supported in part by a grant from the Wilbraham Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, and by the Friends of the Library.

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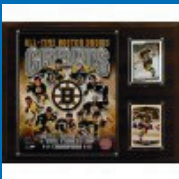
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Fabulous Sports Raffle



Are you a hockey fan? Do you like the Boston Bruins? If so, you will love our Spring Friends of the Library raffle! We are raffling off a 2014-2015 Boston Bruins team autographed hockey stick (with a certificate of authenticity) and a Bruins All-Time Greats photo plaque. Both would be awesome gifts for any hockey fan!



Raffle tickets can be purchased at the front desk of the library from Mar. 9 - Apr. 8. The winner will be drawn on Apr. 9, which is the last day of the of the Bruins regular season. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Proceeds benefit library programs.

Spring Trip

Save the date for Wednesday, Apr. 27 when we will visit one of the best-kept secrets in the area: the outstanding **Worcester Art Museum**. The museum opened in 1989 and now includes extensive art collections from all areas of the globe and encompassing historical periods from classic through medieval times, the Renaissance and on through the 20th century. Also on display is much of the renowned collection of the former Higgins Armory Museum. An excellent cafe and gift shop round out the offerings.

Following our tour, we'll have a late lunch at the **Sole Proprietor**, a favorite seafood restaurant since 1979, which has garnered four-star reviews and has been named one of America's top ten seafood restaurants. Sign-up sheets will be available at the front desk of the library.