

News from the Board

Assistance Needed

The Friends are looking to again support an amazing list of planned activities, acquisitions and general aid for the library next year. These things cannot come to fruition without a growing membership and people's willingness to actively participate in projects. When you visit the library or attend a Friends-sponsored event, take time to consider helping out. Contact either Sue Magee, President of WFOL, or one of the Board members and lend a hand. We need you!

Annual Meeting held

The Annual Meeting of the Wilbraham Friends of the Library was held on Tuesday June 29. The meeting celebrated the many hours of help the Friends have received from volunteers this past year and also gave all attendees an opportunity for a tour of and update on the "almost completed" renovated second floor.

The revised By-Laws were voted on and accepted as was the slate of Officers and Board for the upcoming year.

Judy Cmero and her team provided tasty and lovely refreshments and a beautiful setting for our annual meeting - truly a fitting end to a good year and a warm start to the year ahead.

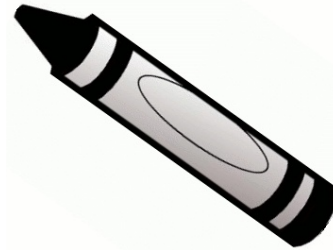
Board Meetings FY2010 - 2011

All members are welcome to attend any of the regular meetings of the Friends' Board. Meetings are held in the Brooks Room at the library at 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month. We generally do not meet in July and August. Here is the upcoming schedule:

- September 7
- October 5
- November 3 (Wednesday - change due to Election Day)
- December 7
- January 4
- February 1
- March 1
- April 5
- May 3
- June 7

Brooks Room Art Exhibit - Upcoming Schedule

- September - Nick Gioscia
- October - Lucy Peltier
- November - The Small Quilt Exhibit (organized by Nancy Peck)



Pastel Workshop Scheduled

The Wilbraham Public Library will host "Van Gogh's Starry Night with Greg Maichack" an Expressive Pastel Painting Workshop for adults, on Saturday, November 13, from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. This pastel painting workshop is designed for sheer beginners and experienced artists. Seats may fill quickly so please pre-register through the library's event calendar at www.wilbrahamlibrary.org or call the Reference Desk at 596-6141 ext. 101. All materials are included.

Participants will freely experiment with hundreds of the artist's professional grade hard Nupastels and soft Rembrandt pastels, white charcoal and pastel pencils, assorted Canson pastel paper, indigo and black paper, and more in this fun pastel painting workshop.

Maichack, a faculty member of the Springfield Museum Studio School, will explain van Gogh's expressive methods. All will explore exciting Impressionist and Post Impressionist concepts and develop their own pastel paintings mastering many decorative qualities such as energetic line and bold color. All will work in tandem with the artist to begin The Starry Night with a fearless approach to drawing using white charcoal pencils on black paper. Van Gogh's night painting, The Café Terrace at Night, will also be provided to work from.

Maichack, nominated twice for a Massachusetts Gold Star Program Award, will individually demonstrate the essentials of painting with pastels, and he will display his original pastel artwork to illustrate his talk. His demo on techniques explores edges, scumbling, blending, slurring, and layering as well as tips on creating impact.

This project 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.

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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 twin.javanet@rcn.com.

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News from the Board continued...

New Event Coming in November

November brings a new event for our community. The first Wilbraham Friends of the Library Quilt Show will be held throughout the month in the Brooks Room. Displayed will be select small quilts and quilted items made by talented local quilters.

As part of the show, there will be a raffle of three specially crafted quilts. Currently three groups of quilters are working on creating the quilts for the raffle. One quilt will be a child's quilt made of Eric Carle printed fabric, one will be a "bears' paw" winter-themed lap quilt and the third will be a paper-pieced lap quilt made in blues and whites.

These wonderful quilts will be on display at the library throughout November, so please visit and see them, and of course, participate in our raffle. Proceeds will be used to support the Wilbraham Public Library and raffle tickets will be available at the library's service desk. It is a great opportunity for a very special gift for someone, plus you'll also be helping our wonderful library! We look forward to your support of this upcoming project.

Next Friends Fall trip

Final details are now set for our October 20 trip to the Adams Family homesteads in Quincy. This visit promises to be a full and fascinating look back to our roots in America's revolutionary era.

- Round trip on King Ward bus from Spec Pond area
- Guided visits to:

- the birthplace homes of 2nd U.S. President John Adams and 6th U.S. President John Quincy Adams

- "Peacefield" including the "Old House" home to four generations of the Adams family and the Stone Library

- United First Parish Church, Quincy - Church of the Presidents. (Church crypt includes the tombs of the two presidents and their wives, Abigail Adams and Louisa Catherine Adams.

• Full luncheon at Legal Sea Foods, Braintree, located at South Shore Plaza

- Shopping at South Shore Plaza - (time permitting)

This trip promises to be sold-out quickly, so sign up early!

More Rewards For Friends

We are continuing our monthly drawing for Friends members as a "Thank You" for their support. Recent recipients of gift cards to a local business are:

May: Ms. Janet Gezork

June: The Burr Family

July: Bruce and Marsha Gaudette

Songbirds of the Northeast

"Songbirds of the Northeast" will be held in the Brooks Room of the library on Wednesday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m. The program features a 90-minute power point presentation by naturalist John Root with both recordings and photographs of our native and introduced songbirds. Audiences learn how to recognize these birds by their songs and calls, and discover the roles of these entrancing vocalizations in birds' lives. Habitat, migration, diets, life cycles, and survival strategies are also explored. Handouts with information about bird clubs, nature centers, recommended books, and websites as well as instructions on attracting songbirds are made available at the conclusion of the program. This program 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.



Fall Activities for Children

Storytimes

The Fall Storytime session will meet over a period of seven weeks, from September 13 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. 13, 20, 27, and Oct. 27). 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, September 1 for Wilbraham residents. Phone registration will be on Wednesday, September 2. Non-residents may sign up on September 7, 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 October. Rufus the certified therapy dog will be here on Tuesday, October 5 and again on October 12 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 28, is required, as the time for readers is limited.

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:

September 14 - *Friendship for Today* by Patricia McKissack

October 12 - *The Library Card* by Jerry Spinelli

November 9 - *Eagle Song* by Joseph Bruchac

Please address any questions to Heidi Kane in the Children's Department. The 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.

Flea Circus!

Professional magician and entertainer, Ed Popielarczyk, will bring his popular Flea Circus to the library on Tuesday, October 19, starting at 4:00 p.m. This is an entire big-top circus in miniature. You will see Fifi performing on the high wire and trapeze, Bruno, the world's strongest flea, and Fernando, who gets shot out of a cannon. The audience will learn about flea safety, flea training and be amazed by these feats and others done by Ed's highly trained fleas. This astounding show is brought to you by the Friends of the Library. Registration begins on October 12.

National Endowment for the Humanities Grant Recipient

The Wilbraham Public Library has been selected to receive the 2010 “We The People Bookshelf”, a collection of 20 items on the theme of “A More Perfect Union”—17 titles, with the addition of three bonus titles. 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 20 donated items are:

American Creation, by Joseph Ellis

Carver: A Life in Poems, by Marilyn Nelson

Cesar: Si, Se Pueda / Yes, We Can!, by Carmen T. Bernier-Grand

Chains, by Laurie Halse Anderson

Darby, by Jonathan Scott Fuqua

Eagle Song, by Joseph Bruchac

The Great Little Madison, by Jean Fritz

Hitch, by Jeanette Ingold

Killer Angels, by Michael Shaara

Lincoln in His Own Words, by Milton Meltzer

Lincoln Shot: A President's Life Remembered, by Barry Denenberg

A More Perfect Union: The Story of Our Constitution, by Betsy and Giulio Meastro

Souls of Black Folk, by W.E.B. DuBois

Tico and the Golden Wings, by Leo Lionni

Twelve Angry Men, by Reginald Rose

Warriors Don't Cry, by Melba Pattillo Beals

When Marian Sang, by Pam Munoz Ryan

Three bonus items are:

Declaring Independence, edited by Christian Y. Dupont

The Civil War: An Illustrated History, by Geoffrey Ward, Ric Burns and Ken Burns

The Civil War: A Film by Ken Burns, award-winning documentary

In September, these grant books will be on display in the children's area. *Eagle Song* will be the featured book in the November Cover-to-Cover book discussion group for children in grades 4 – 6. *Tico and the Golden Wings*, a story about selfless acts for others, will be the focus of one storytime in the fall.

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Film Movement Series - Mondays, 7:00 p.m., Free admission, popcorn, and soda.

Brad MacPherson will facilitate a discussion following the screening.

See wilbrahamlibrary.org for film synopses.



September 20



October 18



November 8

Teen Activities

The 2010 Banned Books Week theme is "Think for Yourself and Let Others Do the Same". Teens will help celebrate the freedom to read and the importance of the First Amendment, highlighting the benefits of free and open access to information.

Teen Read Week™, October 17-23. This year's theme is "Books with Beat @ your library@," which encourages teens to listen to audiobooks, read poetry and books about music, and more. We will highlight our many new Playaways and will give out free headphones during the week!

Our teen groups will be starting back up again. TOWL (6th – 8th grade) will meet once a month on Thursday from 4:00-5:00 p.m. beginning September 9. TAB (9th-12th grades) will meet on Wednesday September 15 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. This very important first meeting will decide the direction and best meeting times for TAB. Please attend or email Mrs. Kent at suekent@wilbrahamlibrary.org with your input.

Anime club (ages 13+) will be meeting 2 consecutive Mondays each month, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Go to our website calendar for the dates. We will begin on Sept 13.