

From the President

Hello, Friends.

What an unusual summer... Mother Nature sure showed us who was boss from baking us to almost becoming a water-logged population! Nevertheless, I hope you all found relaxation and good times. Here in town, we were blessed with fantastic 250th anniversary commemorations – a parade, road races, picnics and concerts to name a few. I can't help but think our ancestors must have been smiling down and enjoying what they started. As to the Library and the Friends, it has been a busy season as so many programs and events came to fruition – all with many thanks to the Friends.

We are sorry to announce that Bruce Gaudette, our long-term Treasurer and supporter, and his wife Marsha, are moving south to be closer to his extended family (and the warmth and golf courses). We'll certainly miss him, but we are happy that a returning Wilbraham native has volunteered to take on his work for the Friends. A very enthusiastic welcome to Deborah Montgomery – our new treasurer!



This is like preaching to the choir, but we need your help. Many families and individuals happily take part in the many library activities, but don't join the Friends. They don't realize that for very little cost, they can help ensure that the wonderful programs, passes for museums and sights etc. will continue for everyone. Special services don't drop from the sky. They are funded by groups like ours and tailored and delivered through skilled and dedicated staff and volunteers. Please talk to your family, neighbors and friends and ask them to join the Wilbraham Friends of the Library. We need you! Membership forms are readily available at the Library.

UPCOMING:

- Plans are finalized for our October trip. See details below and sign up early. It will be another excellent trip and also a chance to treat someone special with a day away – an early holiday gift or just a nice way to say “Thank You”.

- In November, our annual Fall art show once again will be showcasing the works of some very talented members and will offer special gifts for the holiday season.

Welcome back to our great Library Fall programs, services and events.

Susan Magee, President

Vermont Get-a-way

Before you get caught up in the bustle of holidays and the myriad of duties that come with the changing seasons, take time to treat yourself and enjoy some of our region's special delights. The Friends' fall bus trip is scheduled for Wednesday, October 2 in time for peak fall foliage. Our destination is Old Bennington, Vermont, for a day filled with history, art and good Yankee cooking.

Bennington epitomizes Vermont's contribution to New England history. From the comfort of a new King Ward bus, we'll see the Green Mountain State as it blazes its autumnal way to shortening days and cooler temperatures. In Bennington, we'll visit many historic sites including Old First Church, Robert Frost's grave, covered bridges and selected historic buildings along Monument Drive. Those who wish can take an elevator to the top of the Bennington Monument for a bird's eye view of vistas that make Vermont famous.

This relaxing morning experience will culminate with dining at the 1897 Historic Bennington Station Restaurant & Lounge – a purveyor of excellent food in a setting made for railroad buffs.

Our afternoon will be spent at the acclaimed Bennington Museum where docents will introduce collections of New England art, pottery and artifacts. For all who love New England and wants to experience Vermont, this is a day to mark on your calendar and encourage friends to join us!

Sign ups begin in the Wilbraham Public Library library in late August.

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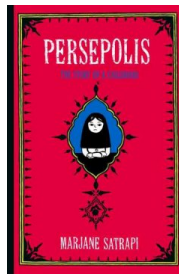
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Muslim Journeys Book Discussion

Continuing our read through **Bridging Cultures: Muslim Journeys**, the library will host a book discussion of *Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi on Saturday, September 14 at 10:15 a.m.



Persepolis is Marjane Satrapi's wise, funny, and heartbreaking memoir of growing up in Iran during the Islamic Revolution. In powerful black-and-white comic strip images, Satrapi tells the story of her life in Tehran from ages six to fourteen, years that saw the overthrow of the Shah's regime, the triumph of the Islamic Revolution, and the devastating effects of war with Iraq. The intelligent and outspoken only child of committed Marxists and the great-granddaughter of one of Iran's last emperors, Marjane bears witness to a childhood uniquely entwined with the history of her country.

This is the fourth of a planned five discussions designed to highlight the Muslim Journeys bookshelf, a grant from the National Endowment of the Humanities and the American Library Association.

No advance sign up is necessary; call the Reference Desk at 413-596-6141 for more information or to reserve a copy.

Downloading Drop-in Sessions

The library will hold two drop-in sessions to learn more about its downloadable services. Library Director Karen Demers will be available to help people establish accounts and give demonstrations for Zinio, OneClickDigital, Overdrive and IndieFlix. The sessions will be on Wednesday, September 25, from 2:00-4:00 p.m., and from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Register online through the the library's event calendar.

Sunday Programs to Begin Soon!

The Friends of the Library are excited to offer a number of programs this fall to take advantage of the Sunday opening pilot project. Although a complete list of programs and details is still being planned, here are some of the highlights:

Sunday, October 6th, 2:00 p.m. - **Alphabet of Imagination** with mime/performer Robert Rivest. This program for families is sure to entertain with plenty of laughter.

Sunday, October 13th, 2:00 p.m. - **Crime Time** with true crime authors Michele McPhee, Sandra Lee, and Kyle Darcy. The trio of writers will discuss their work, the writing process, and challenges presented by today's dynamic publishing industry.

Sunday, October 27th, 2:00 p.m. - **New England's Major Leaguers** with Roger Kolb. As the baseball season winds down, Mr. Kolb will present his program on the achievements of this region's greatest Major League players, position by position.

Sunday, November 17, 2:00 p.m. - **Zentangle** with Mollie Hollibaugh. This art workshop will teach participants all they need to know to get started with this fun, easy to learn art form that creates images that involve structured designs.



Author George C. Kingston Visit



Local author **George C. Kingston** will be visiting the library on Monday, September 30 at 7:00 p.m. He will be presenting information about James Madison Hood, a Massachusetts-born politician who became Lincoln's consul in Siam during the reign of King Mongkut, when Anna Leonowens was serving as the king's secretary and his children's governess. Copies of Mr. Kingston's book, **James Madison Hood: Lincoln's Consul to the Court of Siam**, which was published in January 2013, will be available for purchase.

For more information or to register for the program, call the Reference Desk at 413-596-6141 or visit the Event Calendar at www.wilbrahamlibrary.org.

Michael Tougias: A Storm Too Soon

Bestselling author **Michael Tougias** gives a slide presentation and lecture on Wednesday, October 23 at 7:00 p.m. on his newest book. **A Storm Too Soon: A True Story of Disaster, Survival and Incredible Rescue** presents the story of three men shipwrecked during a storm in the Gulf Stream and the four men on a Coast Guard helicopter who rescued them, as survivors and rescuers battle monster waves and perilous wind conditions.

Copies of Mr. Tougias's books will be available to purchase and be signed by the author after the program. To sign up, please call the Reference Desk at 413-596-6141 or visit the Event Calendar at www.wilbrahamlibrary.org.

Music Discussion Group to Begin in October

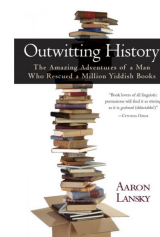
The Wilbraham Library will be hosting a monthly music discussion group beginning in October. Our first series will focus on the music of the Beatles, and run from October to December.

We'd love to hear what other musicians, types of music, or more you'd be interested in discussing! Contact Adult Services Mary Bell at 413-596-6141 or mbell@wilbrahamlibrary.org with suggestions, or if you'd be willing to facilitate a discussion in 2014.

Epic Community Read: Outwitting History

Wilbraham and Monson are joining together again for an **Epic Community Read!** In September and October, we'll be reading **Outwitting History** by Aaron Lansky. The author explains how he founded the National Yiddish Book Center, and describes the worldwide effort he currently leads to collect unwanted Yiddish books and save the Yiddish language from extinction.

Copies of the books will be available for anyone to check out at the Wilbraham Public and Monson Free Libraries throughout these months. Book discussions held in Wilbraham include the regular Booked for Lunch selection on October 1 at noon, and a special evening discussion group on Monday, October 28 at 7:00 p.m. The Monson Free Library will also be holding a discussion at their location on 2 High Street.



Those interested in seeing the National Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, Massachusetts, will be able to join us on a field trip and group tour on October 25. Look for more information coming in early September.

Hungrytown Concert

Hungrytown will be performing at the Wilbraham Public Library on Monday, November 4 at 6:30 p.m. Talented folk singer/songwriter duo Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson tour full time throughout the United States, Canada and Europe. They have released two highly acclaimed CDs, **Hungrytown** (2008) and **Any Forgotten Thing** (2011), both of which continue to receive much airplay on folk and Americana stations worldwide. Hungrytown's music has also appeared on several television shows, including the Independent Film Channel's hit series, Portlandia.

For more information on Hungrytown or to listen to samples of their music, check out their website at <http://www.hungrytown.net/>. For more information on the concert or to sign up, please call the Reference Desk at 413-596-6141 or visit the Event Calendar at www.wilbrahamlibrary.org.

Adopt-A-Magazine Holder

This fall we are inviting the public to "**Adopt-A-Magazine Holder**". We wish to purchase acrylic display units for the adult magazine collection, just like the holders currently used for the teen magazines upstairs. Each unit costs \$35.

Donors will have the option of naming the holder in their honor or as a memorial for someone else. All checks can be made payable to "LIFT" and can be dropped off or mailed to the library. Forms are available at the library for naming opportunities.

For more information, please contact Library Director Karen Demers at karendemers@wilbrahamlibrary.org.

Friends Memberships

Here is a list of our latest membership renewals/donors (excluding Friends who wished to remain anonymous):

Dave Basler

Guy Beacon

Kathleen Birkaueser

Richard & Ann Carver

Ginny & Robert Kasten

Linda Phaneuf

Dorothy Schwendenmann

Stephen & Jane Smolinski

Anthony J. Vecchio

Ruth Young

Nonfiction Changes

There are some changes coming to our adult non-fiction collection. Last year when we surveyed patrons about our collections, the majority of the responses indicated that you would like to see new labeling similar to bookstores. There have been several libraries in the country – and at least three in Massachusetts that are adapting a system called “BISAC” that is used in bookstores. For a library with a small collection, this system lends itself to easy browsing. Last year we relabeled the Biographies so they are in order by the subject's last name.

Now we will start identifying materials in popular categories and shelve the categories in alphabetical order. We are starting with the end of the alphabet, however. “Weddings and Celebrations” is the first category to be completed. The next one to tackle will be “True Crime”, followed by “Travel”, and so on. This process will also be a great way for staff to go through each area and identify where we need to update materials, or where we have some topics that are no longer needed. As we complete each section, we will be updating our signage to make it easy to find materials. Thank you in advance for your patience, and be sure to ask the Reference Librarian if you need help finding anything.

Teen Library News

Summer Reading

A successful **Teen Summer Reading Program** had 81 teens reading over 100,000 pages by July 30. With two weeks left, we should easily reach 150,00 pages or more! See photos of our fun programs on the Teen Summer Reading website: <http://www.wilbrahamlibrary.org/teens/photos/index.html>. Photos are also on display in the LOFT.

New Teen Advisory Board

Calling all interested teens in middle or high school to reinvent our **TAB (Teen Advisory Board)**! Plan programs, help develop the collection and decorate the LOFT. Contact Mrs. Sue Kent, Teen Librarian at 596-6141 x132 or email suekent@wilbrahamlibrary.org. We will meet in September after school starts.

After-school Book Group

“**The WPL comes to WMS**”: book group after school, one Tuesday a month. Sixth grade meets in Mrs. Dwyer's room, and 7th/8th meets in Mrs. Phelps' room. We may have a high school book group, in the evening, at the library, if students are interested.



Thousands of libraries, schools and bookstores across the country will hold similar events centered on this year's theme, **Seek the Unknown @ your library**, which dares teens to read for the fun of it! Look for more information coming soon on how the Wilbraham Public Library will be participating.

Fall Activities for Children

Storytimes

The Fall **Storytime** session will meet over a period of seven weeks, from September 18 through October 31, 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.

Toddler Two-Step will be held for children 12 - 24 months-old on Mondays at 10:15 a.m., for 8 weeks. Dates are September 9, 16, 23, 30, October 7, 21, 28 and November 4. **Toddler Two-Step** is a 40-minute class of nursery rhymes, singing and music for toddlers and their parents or caregivers. It will be a fun-filled program that develops appreciation of language, a true love for their library, and an understanding of symbols that prepare children for reading. This is held in partnership with Pathways for Parents. Registration for these storytimes begins in the Children's Department at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 4 for Wilbraham residents. Phone registration will be on Friday, September 6. Non-residents may sign up on September 9, as space allows.

Calling All Young Scientists!

Mt. Holyoke College students will hold a chemistry adventure workshop, **Eating Chemistry**, on Tuesday, November 5 at 6:00 p.m. This workshop is for students in grades 2 – 6 but parents are asked to stay to team up with their child on this chemistry activity. Teams will explore how various chemical reactions occur in the kitchen. Registration begins on October 28.

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. – 7:50 p.m. Dates and titles are as follows:

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate on October 8, and **Saving Zasha** by Randi Barrows on November 12. The first book will be available for pick-up starting on September 9. 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 book will be available the month before the meeting, upon registration at the Children's Desk. Please address any questions to Heidi Kane in the Children's Department.

Star Wars Reads Day!

Saturday, October 5 is National Star Wars Reads Day! We will be celebrating at the Wilbraham Public Library with a **Star Wars Symposium** from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m., led by Jedi Master, Jason Bloom. Activities include a trivia contest, a show-and-tell of many artifacts, short videos and a costume contest. Star Wars fans of all ages are invited to come in costume. Registration begins on September 27.



Databases for Back-to-School

Make sure to check out our databases for magazine & journal articles, videos, and much more to provide information for homework assignments as you prepare for back-to-school!

Gale's Testing & Education Reference Center is one such database, a one-stop resource with support materials for over 300 practice tests and courses! Take SAT and ACT practice tests, search for scholarships, build a resume, and much more.

Wilbraham residents can access our databases from home by going to www.wilbrahamlibrary.org, and clicking on "Online Databases" on the lefthand menu. Log in using your regular account information of library card and password. All databases can also be accessed in the library. Ask a Reference Librarian to get you started!

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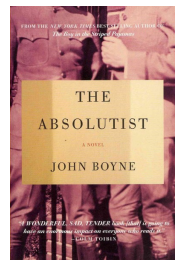
Two adult book discussions are available at the library, and new members are always welcome!

Booked for Lunch meets the first Tuesday of every month from noon to 1:00 p.m., and is facilitated by Library Director Karen Demers. Here are the fall selections:

September 3 - ***The Wapshot Chronicles*** by John Cheever

October 1 - ***Outwitting History*** by Aaron Lansky

November 5 - ***The Absolutist*** by John Boyne



The **Evening Book Discussion** meets on the third Wednesday of every month from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. and is facilitated by Adult Services Librarian Mary Bell. Fall discussions will be as follows:

September 21 - ***The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao*** by Junot Diaz

October 16 - ***Elizabeth and Hazel: Two Women of Little Rock*** by David Margolick

November 20 - ***A Thousand Acres*** by Jane Smiley

For more information, or to request a book for either discussion, please call the Reference Desk at 413-596-6141.

Film Movement

Our monthly screening of award-winning foreign and independent films is back this September! Here are the next set of films we will be screening:

September 16 - ***Protektor*** (Czech Republic, 100 min.)

October 21 - ***Karen Cries in the Bus*** (Colombia, 98 min.)

November 18 - ***King of Devil's Island*** (Norway, 115 min.)

Admission is free, and no sign up is necessary. Popcorn and soda are served and a discussion of the film follows. Please note that the films have not been rated by the MPAA and are intended for mature audiences. Trailers for individual films and listings of awards can be found at www.filmmovement.com.