

Country Bank Sets Pace with Major Contribution to Library Renovation Project

James S. Jurgens, Wilbraham Public Library Board of Trustees Chairman, announced that Country Bank has pledged \$50,000 toward library building renovations. Funds will be donated over a five-year period and used to renovate public areas and staff offices at the library.

Community Relations Officer, Susan LaBarge and Virginia C. Leung, Retail Banking Officer at the Wilbraham Office, presented a facsimile check to Library Director Christine Bergquist at the library on January 27.

"Country Bank has a long tradition of helping our local libraries and the Wilbraham project is one that we are very proud to support," said LeBarge. "The services provided through our area libraries are an important and much needed resource for the community."

"We are thrilled with Country Bank's generous support of our building renovations," said Bergquist. "They understand and appreciate the importance of the public library in the community and our ability to positively impact of the lives of residents of all ages."

R.A.C Builders, Inc. of Agawam will begin renovations on the mezzanine and construction of the new stairs in February. This is the first phase of a four-phase renovation project. Subsequent phases will include the children's area, adult area, and staff offices.

Library Improvement for Tomorrow, Inc. (LIFT) is fundraising for renovations and needs to raise \$400,000 to complete all four phases. LIFT is funding improvements to service delivery while the Town of Wilbraham Capital Improvements Project budget is providing funds to support infrastructure and health and safety remodeling. To date the town has funded items such as window replacements, HVAC upgrades, emergency and exit lighting, and automatic door openers. The overall cost to complete renovations is estimated at \$800,000.



Tappe Associates architect Jeff Hoover, Library Director Christine Bergquist, Country Bank staff Virginia C. Leung and Susan LaBarge, RAC Builders Inc. representative Chris Herberger, and Town of Wilbraham Facilities and Maintenance Supervisor Ron Rauscher.

Friends Annual Book Sale

Thanks to all for helping make our 2009 Book Sale a rousing success. Your donations of loads and loads of books helped put us over the top.

This year we will again have the Brooks Room for sorting and staging the sale. Please again help us with your your volunteer time, donated books or the loan of portable tables or card tables sturdy enough to hold books.

- If you can lend us a table, please call Caryl MacLeod at 596-3486.
- If you would like to help sort, contact Pat Schifferli after March 15 at 596-4807.
- If you are willing to man the Brooks Room during the sale (May 24 to May 29), please contact Sue Magee at 596-6490.

This is your chance to give gently used books to a good cause and to make space for your new purchases. We will accept donations of books (no magazines or videos please) the week of May 17.

Our sale is May 24 through May 29 with Monday and Tuesday for Friends only. Remaining days are open to the Public. Hardcover books are \$1 and paperbacks are \$.50. Friday and Saturday will be Bargain Bag days. The price is \$2.00 per bag and bags will be provided at the sale.

Again, thanks for your help and remember to **Shop Early and Often.**



Drop off your gently used books in the Brooks Room May 17-22.

Sale runs Monday, May 24 through Saturday May 29

Shop early and often!

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Annual Wilbraham Friends of the Library Art Exhibit

The Annual WFL Art Exhibit will be held March 1-31. This show has been one of the library's most popular events for many years. It showcases a variety of work by local artists. The 2009 show included 49 local artists and we expect another very talented group this year. Don't miss this outstanding showcase of special artists. The opening reception will take place in the Brooks Room on Saturday, March 6 from 1:00-3:00 p.m., and will feature refreshments and a chance to meet the artists along with the opportunity to purchase unframed prints from our contributing artists. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Friends' trips go on!

Spring will officially arrive in Wilbraham on March 20, but being in New England, it may not feel like it. No worry! The Friends have scheduled a real spring tonic with a bus trip on Tuesday, April 20, when the season really starts in New England.

The Spring bus trip "Berkshire Bonanza" includes a morning visit to the The Sterling and Francine Clark Institute in Williamstown, lunch at the historic Williams Inn and afternoon choices of browsing Williamstown shops or visiting the Williams College Museum of Art. Sign up in the library as soon as possible as seats are limited. All-inclusive tickets are \$50 for Friends members and \$60 for nonmembers.

The Clark Museum has an outstanding collection of European and American art and early photography. A special exhibit will feature Giovanni Boldini in Impressionist Paris for those of us who would love to visit Paris in April. At the Williams College Museum we will have an opportunity to see works of Frederick Remington, modern Landscapes of the Mind, and an installation of a facsimile of the whale that inspired Moby Dick. Even if it should rain, the day promises visual excellence inside and out. Trees will be budding and grass will be green and we'll all feel renewed.

Rewards For Friends

Late last Fall we began a monthly drawing for Friends members (new or renewed) as a "Thank You" for their support. Winners receive a gift card to a local business. Winners thus far:

October: Mr. Ed Struzziero
November: Ms. Gloria MacDonald
December: M/Mrs. Tom Mango
January: Mrs. Morag Vance



Film Movement Series

March 15 - *The Pope's Toilet*
April 12 - *In Love We Trust*
May 10 - *Eldorado*

Screenings begin at 7:00 p.m. Free admission, popcorn & soda! Discussion follows the films. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Children's Spring Activities

The Spring Storytime session will meet over a period of six weeks, from March 10 through April 15, and will accommodate over 50 children. The following times are offered:

Ages 2 – 3 ½ (with an adult) : Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. or Thursdays at 10:15 a.m.

Ages 3 ½ - 5: Thursdays at 11:15 a.m.

Registration for all storytimes begins in the Brooks Room at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 22 for Wilbraham residents. Phone calls will be taken on Wednesday, February 24. Non-residents may sign up on Monday, March 1, as space allows.

Toddler Two-Step will be held for children 12 - 24 months old at 10:15 a.m., on Mondays March 29, April 5 and April 12. 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. Registration begins on Monday, March 15.

The *Cover-to-Cover* 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. 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. Titles are as follows:

March 9 – *How to Steal a Dog*, by Barbara O'Connor

April 13 – *The Little Prince*, by Antoine de Saint-Exupery

May 11 – *Schooled*, by Gordon Korman

The Yo-To Show



A highly entertaining and active program for families will be held during school vacation week in April. *Yo-Yo Show*, presented by John and Rebecca Higby of Amherst, will be held on Thursday, April 22 at 10:15 a.m. The Higbys have performed their unique comedy show in 18 different countries, and have been featured on *Late Night with David Letterman*, *PBS Fetch* and *The Discovery Channel's Time Warp*. John won First Place in the performance division at the World Yo-Yo Contest in 2008 and was called an Unsung Hero by *ESPN Magazine*. Advanced skill, acrobalance and audience participation, combined with music, makes the Yo-Yo People a stunning first-class act. Registration begins on April 15 for this 45-minute show, brought to you with equal funding from the Friends of the Library and the Wilbraham Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Teen Events

March 26, 5:30-7:30 p.m. *Murder Mystery Dinner* for grades 6-8.

March 11, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. *Cooking and nutrition* for high school and college. Dietician Stacey Garvey will cover easy meals and snacks, fuel for sports. We'll taste test different options. Grades 9-12.

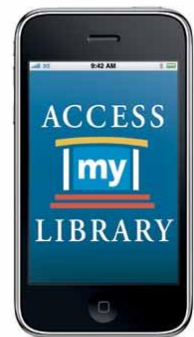
April 21, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. *Games afternoon and sprinkle contest*. Play board and card games. Taste and vote on best dessert with sprinkles!

May 7, 2nd annual *Music Night Fundraiser* 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

May Simple car maintenance for teens. Our friends at Spartan will host a teen evening, open the hood and show you the basics.

iPhone App accesses library resources

The Gale company has released a free iPhone app, "AccessMyLibrary" that uses geolocation to connect users to available library databases. The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and the Regional Library Systems funds several Gale products for Wilbraham residents - including the General OneFile with magazine articles, Kids Infobits, and the Biography Resource Center. Check out the iTunes store or the App store from your iPhone to get started.



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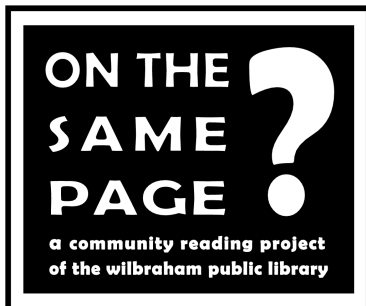
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Are you reading *Dracula*?

The Wilbraham Public Library has launched the 2010 *On the Same Page* community reading program. This year we hoping to jump on the recent vampire craze with our selection of Bram Stoker's *Dracula*. Books, graphic novels, audiobooks, and Playaways will be available to borrow from the library, and downloadable audiobook and ebook are available from the C/W MARS Digital Collection.

The library will host a screening of the *Discovery Channel University* documentary on *Dracula*, narrated by

Donald Sutherland, on Monday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m. and Friday, February 26 at 10:00 a.m. With film clips, dramatizations, and interviews with scholars, this program should give readers lots of insight into the themes of the novel and the life of author Bram Stoker.

The library will host two book discussions for adults and one for teen readers. The discussion sessions for adults will be on Tuesday, March 2, from noon-1:00 p.m. or Monday, March 22, 7:00-8:00 p.m. The discussion date for teens will be announced.

On Saturday April 3, from 9:00 a.m – 3:00 p.m., the library will host a blood drive for the American Red Cross. Registration details will be available through the Reference Desk soon.

The program will conclude with a special lecture on Monday, April 26, at 7:00 p.m. about the *New England Vampire Tradition*. Susan Jarek-Glidden, Ph.D. will present tales of vampires in our region dating back to the days of our forefathers. This lecture is free for students and members of the Friends of the Library. The cost to the general public is \$3.00. The *entire On the Same Page* series is funded by the Wilbraham Friends of the Library. To learn more about the program, please contact the Reference Desk at 596-6141.

Jobseekers' Support Sessions Continue

The library will continue to hold a "Jobseekers Support" program on the first Friday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to noon as demand warrants. This is an opportunity to network with other jobseekers, share your experiences and learn about resources to assist you from the library as well as area agencies. Drop-ins are welcome.