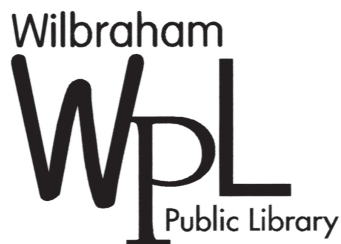




The Gravestone Girls will present "Welcome to the Graveyard - A Tour of Cemetery Art, History & Symbolism" with a focus on Wilbraham cemeteries on Monday, Mar. 30 at 6:30 p.m. Brenda, Maggie and Melissa endeavor to help preserve a rich folk art tradition unique to our nation, presenting lectures on a unique aspect of local history.

This program is brought to you by the Wilbraham Cultural Council and the Wilbraham Friends of the Library. Please call the library at 413-596-6141 for more information or to register.



#### Hours:

Mon.-Wed. 10-8

Thu.-Fri. 10-5

Sat. 10-2

Sun. 1-5 (Oct.-May)

Closed Holidays

## Local Author Fair

Join us for a Local Author Fair on Saturday, Apr. 11!

The morning will begin with refreshments at 10:00 a.m., followed by a short presentation from each of our featured authors. Each will have a few minutes to talk about his or her books. Many of the authors live in town, and all live in western Massachusetts. We are featuring both self- and traditionally-published authors. From 11:00 to 1:00 p.m., visit the authors at their tables, ask your questions and purchase their books!

Confirmed authors are:

- Marjorie Durrett
- Danielle Koziol
- Michael Ponsor
- Patricia Williford
- Nancy Hale
- Ramona Malta
- Chrysler Szarlan

## From the Director

Greetings! I hope you like the new look of our newsletter. Our Adult Services Librarian, Mary Bell, has updated the layout with more color and easier-to-read text. We have one thing left to do – give it a name – and we are inviting you to help! Stop by the library with your suggestions or email them to me at [karendemers@wilbrahamlibrary.org](mailto:karendemers@wilbrahamlibrary.org). A shortlist will be present in the next issue for a vote.

I wish to thank the Friends of the Library for their continued support of this publication. Although the library sends out email alerts and uses social media, many of our patrons prefer something in print. The Friends of the Library pay for its printing and postage, and have a team of volunteers who put on the labels and deliver the mailing to the

post office. If you are interested in assisting them, contact them at [friends@wilbrahamlibrary.org](mailto:friends@wilbrahamlibrary.org) to volunteer or let me know and I will forward your name to the Friends' Board.

National Library Week is April 12-18. This year's theme is "Unlimited Possibilities @ Your Library". What a great sentiment! People come to the library for so many reasons – borrowing books to exercise their imaginations or learn something new, using our Internet computers to connect with family and friends, or coming to a program in the Brooks Room. Be sure to visit us during National Library Week and explore the possibilities yourself!

Karen Demers, Library Director

# Notes from the Friends

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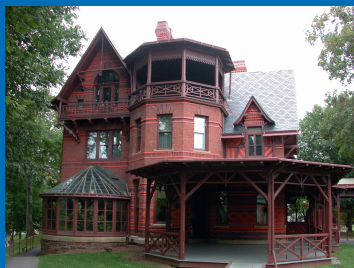
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If you have any questions or suggestions for the Wilbraham Friends of the Library, please direct them to Susan Magee at [friends@wilbrahamlibrary.org](mailto:friends@wilbrahamlibrary.org).

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

The annual Friends' book sale is coming soon! We accept donations of books, DVDs, and CDs during library hours Monday, Apr. 27 through Wednesday, Apr. 29. Adult and children's fiction, cookbooks, how to books, and other nonfiction are all popular. The Friends' preview day is Thursday, Apr. 30. Public sale days begin May 1. Lastly, our sale will wrap up with the popular Bargain Days on May 5 and 6. Come early and often for great bargains!

## Spring Trip



On Wednesday, Apr. 29 we'll be traveling south to two well-known and very popular sites – the Harriet Beecher Stowe House and the Mark Twain House in Hartford, Connecticut. The tours and materials have been recently updated at these historic sites and both are receiving raves. Following our tours, we'll continue south to New

Britain for a very festive German dinner at the popular East Side Restaurant. We'll be selecting directly from an extensive menu with great selections and listening to German music too!

The cost will be \$80 for members and \$90 for non-members. We will depart from Spec Pond at 8:30 a.m. and return about 5:00 p.m. Please mark the date in your calendars. Signup sheets will be available soon at the central desk at the Library.

## Letter from the President



Hello everyone. We are almost through winter and it is time to focus on our Spring activities.

This season brings two key activities for us – the Friends Annual Book Sale and our sponsored Spring trip. We are always looking for ideas for activities we could sponsor or help in support of the library. Please contact either the Friends or a library staff member with your ideas. Almost everything is up for consideration!

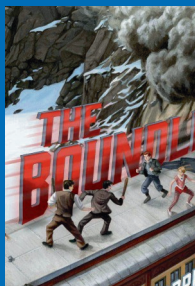
If you haven't yet joined the Friends, or renewed your membership, please do so. Your support through membership or donations enables us to continue helping make good things happen at our library. My last plea... COME ON SPRING!

Susan Magee, President –  
Wilbraham Friends of the  
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# Children's Events

## Cover to Cover

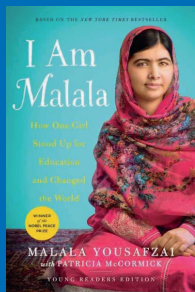


**Cover to Cover**, the book discussion group for students grades 4 and 5, are on-going, meeting once a month. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month from 7:00 – 7:45 p.m.

Titles are as follows:

March 10 – **The Boundless** by Kenneth Oppel

April 14 – **I Am Malala** by Malala Yousafzai



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.

## Storytimes

The Spring **Storytime** session will meet over a period of six weeks, from Mar. 11 through Apr. 16, and will accommodate over 50 children.

The following times are offered:

- Ages 2 – 3 ½ (with an adult) on Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. or Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. and
- Ages 3 ½ - 5 (independent) on Thursdays 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 (Mar. 9, 16, 23, 30 and Apr. 6).

**Toddler Two-Step** is 20 minutes of nursery rhymes, singing and music for toddlers and their parents or caregivers.

To expand our offerings for the young, two of these Monday meetings (the first Monday of the

month) are presented by Pathways for Parents, funded by the MA Department of Early Education and Care. These are fun and informational classes with stories, songs and activities, hosted by Cindy Milner, lead teacher.

Registration for all these storytimes begins at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 25 for Wilbraham residents. Phone registration will be on Feb. 27. Non-residents may sign up on March 2, as space allows.



Todd Brodeur will return here with his **Frisbee Freestyle Interactive Playshop** on Wednesday, Apr. 22 at 10:15 a.m. for ages 6 – 12. Todd has been involved in Frisbee for over 30 years. He has won over 40 state and regional titles, and two World titles. Registration starts on Apr. 15. This Playshop is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



Starting in April, the library will host four **StoryWalks** for families.

A picture book story will be placed outside, one page at a time near the ground to follow, allowing parents and children to enjoy the entire story while taking a walk. The first **StoryWalk** will be ready the week of Apr. 19, then three more stories after that, one per week.

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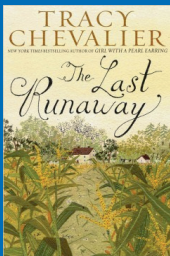
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## Library Book Clubs

Two adult book discussions meet at the library monthly, and newcomers are always welcome!



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

•March 3 - **The Last Runaway** by Tracy Chevalier

•April 7 - **The Art of Hearing Heartbeats** by Jan-Philipp Sendker

•May 12 - **The Pursuit of Alice Thrift** by Elinor Lipman

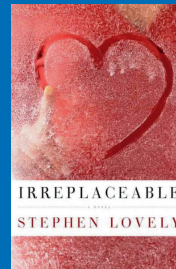
The **Evening Book Discussion** meets on the third Wednesday of every month from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. and is facilitated by Adult Services Librarian Mary

Bell. The next selections are:

•March 18 - **Irreplaceable** by Stephen Lovely

•April 17 - **Out Stealing Horses** by Per Petterson

•May 20 - **The Astronaut Wives Club** by Lily Koppel



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



The Film Movement series of award-winning foreign and independent films continues through the spring with all-new films from around the world. The next showing is Monday, Mar. 23 at 7:00 p.m. with **The Dynamiter** (United States, 74

min.). This program is brought to you by the Friends of the Library. Popcorn and soda are served, and discussion follows the film showing. Admission is free, and no sign-up is necessary. The films have not been rated by the MPAA and are intended for mature audiences. Trailers for individual films and listing of awards can be found at [www.filmmovement.com](http://www.filmmovement.com).

# New and Renewing Members

The following names are new and renewing Friends members from November 2014 through January 2015 (excluding those who wished to remain anonymous). Thanks to all for your contributions!

- Marjorie Agerton
- Carol and Joseph Albano
- Mikki Alberici
- Carole Alderman
- Russell Anderson
- Marie Aquilino and Bill Lachenmeyer
- Burr Family
- Joan and Robert Butler
- Mr. and Mrs. John Callaghan
- Janemari and Brian Chateauvert
- Wally and Kris Clark
- Bruce Cooley
- Antonia Cote
- Kristine Crimmins
- Diehl Family
- Richard and Eileen Duffy
- Shirley Facey
- Dr. Andrew and Mrs. Deborah Finley
- M. Andree Fitzgerald
- Becky and Terry Fleming
- Lee and Chris Fontaine
- Jim Gillen
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- Jerry and Roberta Wilson