

Library promotes "green" reading this summer

Readers of all ages are invited to participate in the state's "Go green at your library" summer reading program. Beginning June 19, the first 20 adults who register online at www.readsinma.org/wilbraham will receive a special bookmark that can be planted to produce beautiful wildflowers. The reading program will run through August 9 for adults. Participants are encouraged to "Go green" by reading ebooks or print books that don't require delivery via the WMRLS van and listening to downloadable audiobooks. There will be a tree on display near the Circulation Desk and a leaf will be added for each title that a reader reports using. Help us make our tree very green!

The Friends of the Library are promoting the use of ebooks by sponsoring a raffle to win a Sony E-Reader. Raffle tickets will be \$1 each and the winner will be drawn at the program finale on Monday, August 9 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. featuring light refreshments and musical entertainment by *Too Human*. "Go Green at your library" is sponsored by the Friends of the Library, the Massachusetts Regional Library Systems, and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. Additional funding for the *Too Human* performance is provided by the Wilbraham Cultural Council.



The Friends of the Library will hold a raffle fundraiser this summer with a new Sony E-Reader as the prize!

Come to our "Summer Social"

Save 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on the evening of Tuesday June 29 for another enjoyable Annual Meeting of the Wilbraham Friends of the Library. We'll start at 6:30 p.m. in the Brooks Room with a "meet and greet" social hour in keeping with our theme of "A Summer Social". Share special treats such as strawberry shortcake, lemonade, iced tea and seasonal light snacks. During the 7:30-8:00 p.m. "meeting" part of the evening we will celebrate and thank our wonderful volunteers and also highlight the many terrific programs and services in our library and the significant changes that are coming.

Judy Cmero will co-ordinate our "Summer Social" and would appreciate volunteers to help with ideas, set up, refreshments, etc. If you can help in any way, contact her at jacm56@charter.net and let her know what you can contribute. We look forward to seeing you!

Also, please feel free to attend any of the regular meetings of the Friend's Board. They are usually held in the Brooks Room at the library on the first Tuesday evening of each month. We generally do not meet in July and August.

Renovations Progress Report

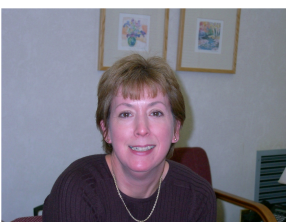
By the time you read this, the mezzanine construction will be nearly complete. This includes new carpeting, lighting, electrical and computer wiring, ceiling, and stairs. Take a look around next time you visit the library. We hope you are pleased with the results.

Some of the benefits of the improved space include a designated space for teens with room to grow the collection, more computers for public use, better lighting including motion sensors for energy efficiency, and safer, better located stairs.

We still need to purchase most of the furniture for the mezzanine, though, and LIFT is fundraising \$30,000 for this. Overall, LIFT has a goal of raising \$400,000 to complete renovations throughout the library. There are naming opportunities for those who donate \$5,000 or more. We hope you will consider a donation to help us out.

For more information about the project visit our website www.wilbrahamlibrary.org and click on "mezzanine renovations" or ask to see Christine Bergquist Library Director at the library.

Remembering Patti



Our colleague and friend Patti McCollum passed away on April 15 after a three-and-a-half year battle with cancer. Patti served as the Library Administrative Assistant for over ten years. Her responsibilities included bookkeeping and procurement, but most of you will remember her as a friendly and helpful woman at the circulation desk. Patti was a dedicated, hardworking, and excellent member of our library team, and we will miss her greatly.

We are accepting donations to the Library Gift Account in Patti's memory and plan to purchase something to honor her and to recognize her contribution to the library and town.

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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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Wilbraham Friends of the Library Annual Art Show

The March 2010 WFL Annual Art Exhibit was filled with a wide variety of talent and style with something for everyone to see. It was a successful collaboration of artists, staff and Friends volunteers. This year's show consisted of 41 artists - hobbyists and professionals ranging in age from 18 to retirement and coming from Wilbraham and several surrounding towns. Twenty-one of the participants were Wilbraham Art League members.

An exciting newcomer to this year's WFL show was thirty year old David Luzgin whose oversized and extravagant drawing, Deluge, was inspired by an 18th century engraving by Gustave Dore. Luzgin, who started drawing at age six, is originally from Siberia and is now a professor of microbiology and chemistry at AIC, but continues to teach art privately.

Long time Friend of the Library, Ellen Kemp, showed her photograph, Monarch on Milkweed - Rice's Nature Preserve. It drew an admiring crowd. Her image was taken at the Rice Nature Preserve on Main Street in Wilbraham where Ellen often hikes - a place she considers one of the 'hidden jewels' in our own backyard. A hearty thank you goes out to all who participated - your efforts continue to make programs such as this a possibility at our library.

Brooks Room Art Exhibit Schedule

May: Melissa Alves

June: Jeff Kern

September: Nick Gioscia

October: Lucy Peltier

November: The Small Quilt Exhibit (organized by Nancy Peck)

Upcoming Fall trip

Details are being finalized for our Fall trip to the Adams Family homesteads in Quincy, MA . This visit will be a full and fascinating look back to our roots. If you have never studied the character of John Adams, David McCollough's biography brings him and his family to life and gives a detailed portrait of America's revolutionary era.

Rewards For Friends

We are continuing with our monthly drawing for Friends members as a "Thank You" for their support. Recent winners who have received gift cards to a local business are:

February: The Mercadante Family

March: Ms. Vicki Kiss

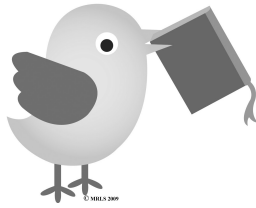
April: Mr. and Mrs. John Callaghan

Another Successful Trip

Our group had a beautiful day on April 20th to explore the wealth of art and exhibits in the Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute and the Williams College Museum of Art in Williamstown MA. Highlights at the Clark included a special exhibit of Giovanni Boldini - "in Impressionist Paris", The Unknown Monet: Pastels and Drawings, works by Renoir, Monet, Pissaro, Degas and other extraordinary impressionist artists within their collection of French Impressionist paintings. Not to be outdone, the Williams College Museum collection emphasizes modern and contemporary art, American art from the late 18th century to present, and the art of world cultures. Highlights here included "Frederic Remington's Bronco Buster: From Art Icon to Pop Icon", Tristin Lowe's 50'long sculpture of a ghostly white sperm whale "Mocha Dick" fashioned in wool, and founding documents of the United States of America exhibited with the key related art of each . We also viewed works by Grant Wood, Edward Hopper, James Whistler and John Singer Sargeant. For art lovers, this trip will be hard to beat.

Go Green at your library with Reading program and Special Events

Summer Reading Club - "Go Green at your library" is the theme for the summer reading program at the Wilbraham Public Library. Children ages 6 and up are invited to participate in the program which will transform the children's department into a tropical oasis. Younger children may participate with a reading partner. This year children will be asked to sign a contract to read for 25 days during the summer. As children work towards their goal, they will receive incentives along the way. Each child who completes his or her contract will be invited to a private rollerskating party in August. The child will also receive a certificate of completion, a free prize plus a free paperback book. A variety of special events will be offered throughout the summer, such as Bubblemania, storytimes, The Spoon Man, "Rockin' the Green" craft, and a LEGOs session. Children going into grades 6 and up will join the Young Adult portion of the summer reading club and will have their own programs, such as a beach party. Registration for the reading club will start on Saturday, June 19. This year everyone will register online through our web page. To help launch this celebration, the first day of registration will be enhanced by an "Ice Green Party". All summer programs are supported by the Friends of the Library and the Massachusetts Regional Library Systems.



A Lean, Green, Clean-Up Machine - An educational and musical event, A Lean, Green, Clean-Up Machine, will be held for families on Saturday, June 26, at 10:15 a.m. This is the first big event of the summer reading club, "Go Green at your library". Jay Mankita, professional storyteller and environmentalist, will entertain us with his stories, all about reducing, reusing, and recycling, with a strong emphasis on anti-littering and community pride. Jay was inspired to develop this fun and interactive concert by the hard working folks at New Jersey Clean Communities. Registration for this event will begin on June 11. This program is brought to you by the Friends of the Library.



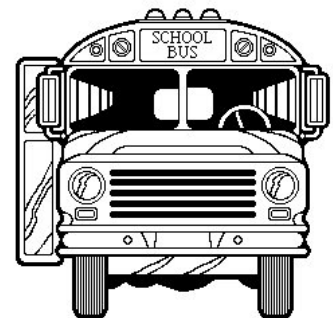
Bubblemania! - Casey Carle will be here to amaze us all in an impressive performance, Bubblemania. Mr. Carle, soap bubble consultant to Cirque du Soleil, will present an incredible display of what can be done with "slightly irrational liquid spheres". With quick wit, backed up by lively music, he will unleash the often unbelievable qualities of bubbles, creating iridescent sculptures, giant floating bubbles, and even encasing a child in a bubble! Children, ages 5 and up, are invited to join us on Thursday, July 22 at 10:15 a.m. for a look at a scientific phenomenon, simple bubbles. Registration for this experience begins on July 15. This is sponsored partially by the Friends, and partially by a grant from the Wilbraham Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.



The Spoon Man to entertain! - Come and get "SPOONED"! The Spoon Man will be here on Tuesday, July 27 at 1:30 p.m. to entertain families with his antics. The Spoon Man plays the spoons and is a published author who offers a hilarious interactive comedy program. His program contains several outrageous impressions and has an audience sing-a-long, creating a band out of audience members. He may also play with forks and knives. And if that is not enough, everyone has an opportunity to get "spooned". This environmentally-friendly activity is for ages 5 and up, and is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Registration begins on July 20.

Special Storytime

"I'm Going to School!" Storytimes will be held on Monday, August 23 for Wilbraham children going into kindergarten. There will be one class at 10:15 a.m. This storytime includes picture books, a simple craft and information about safely riding a school bus. Space is limited. Registration begins on August 16.



Cover-to-Cover

Cover to Cover, the book discussion group for students in grades 4, 5 and 6, meets once a month during the school year. There will be no group meeting in June, July or August. Please address any questions to Heidi Kane in the Children's Department.

Volunteer help needed in Children's Department

The Children's Department is seeking a dedicated and talented volunteer, for a few hours per week. Duties would include putting away materials, preparing displays and a myriad of preparations for storytime and summer reading club. The ideal volunteer would be personable, familiar with the library, flexible, reliable, detail-oriented, artistic and have experience in working with children. If interested, please contact a member of the Children's staff to fill out a volunteer application.

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Heidi Kane finalist for State Award

The Massachusetts Library Association has recognized Heidi Kane, Assistant Children's Librarian, as a finalist for Outstanding Paraprofessional of the Year. She was nominated for adding value to the library with her dedication, talent, inspiration, support, and willingness to go beyond the duties of her job. "Part of her job description has been essentially to beautify the library, through nice bulletin boards and displays, however she has gone miles beyond that directive on her own," wrote Elaine Wrubel, Head of Children's Services.



Film Movement Series - Monday, June 14, 7:00 p.m.

The Country Teacher (Czech Republic, Germany, France 115 minutes)

A gifted and well-qualified young teacher takes a job teaching natural sciences at a grammar school in the country. Here he makes the acquaintance of a woman and her troubled 17-year-old son. The teacher has no romantic interest in the woman but they quickly form a strong friendship, each recognizing the other's uncertainties, hopes, and longing for love. When the teacher's ex-boyfriend comes to visit from the city, he quickly realizes that nobody in the village knows that the teacher is gay and harbors a secret affection for the teenage boy. His jealous actions set in motion a series of events that will test the inner strength and compassion of the teacher, the woman and her son to a breaking point. A beautifully shot, powerfully acted, profoundly moving story of desire, responsibility, forgiveness and the need to belong, from the internationally acclaimed director of *Something Like Happiness* and *Wild Bees*. Free admission. Popcorn and soda are served. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. The Film Movement Series will take the summer off and will return in September with another award winner.

