



Film Movement Series concludes season

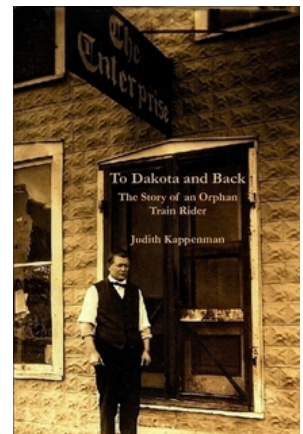
The German film, *Storm*, the final movie in the 2010-2011 *Film Movement Season*, will be screened on Monday, June 13 at 7:00 p.m. Hannah Maynard, prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal in The Hague, is leading a trial against a former Yugoslavian National Army commander who is accused of the deportation and later killing of dozens of Bosnian-Muslim civilians. When a key witness commits suicide, it looks like the case will unravel, but Hannah refuses to give in. Hoping to uncover new findings, she travels to the witness' burial in Sarajevo and meets his sister Mira, who Hannah senses has much more to say than she is willing to admit. Despite threats of violence, Mira reluctantly agrees to testify at The Hague. However, she and Hannah must both risk life and limb to make it to the court, only to discover that there are traitors among their own ranks. Admission is free and popcorn and soda are served. Friends' member Brad MacPherson will

lead the discussion following the film. The Film Movement series will take the summer off, but will return in September. For movie trailers, check out www.filmmovement.com.

Local author booksigning

The library welcomes local writer Judith Kappenman for a lecture and booksigning on Monday, June 20, at 6:30 p.m. Judith Kappenman's *To Dakota and Back: The Story of an Orphan Train Rider*, is the story of her grandfather John Donahue, who as a boy worked as an indentured servant on a farm in the Dakotas. Despite what he felt was a loveless childhood, Donahue prevailed, building a successful life and presiding over a loving and supportive family. Their eventual return to Massachusetts brings the story full circle, and is a family history to be remembered.

Judith Kappenman was born in Ethan, South Dakota, and moved to West Springfield, Massachusetts, at the age of six. She attended local schools and entered the Sisters of St. Joseph after she graduated from high school. She has degrees from the Elms College, Worcester State College and Assumption College. She taught school for 42 years, 36 of those years in a high school English classroom. She currently works as the director of the Irish Cultural Center at Elms College.



New Service Desk Simplifies Your Visit to the Library

The library will soon complete installing the new combined service desk, replacing the separate main, children's and reference services desks. The new desk consolidates all services at one location for the convenience of our patrons, makes better use of our limited space, and enables increased staff efficiencies.

The new desk will be located where the old stairs were in the center of the building. The desk was paid through Library Improvement Fund for Tomorrow, Inc., (LIFT), the capital fundraising non-profit library support organization. The Wilbraham Friends of the Library donated a \$15,000 gift for the desk, and it will be named in their honor.

The desk is expected to be installed in early June.

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Novel Destinations Adult Summer Reading Program

The library encourages adults to do a little armchair traveling this summer with the *Novel Destinations* reading program. The main activity of the summer is a special *Bingo* game with various reading activities listed as board pieces. For each "Bingo", participants will be entered into a drawing for special prizes at the end of the summer. Activities include reading novels set in particular regions, listening to world music, reading travel essays or logging onto travel websites, and even visiting a museum. Participants are invited to post comments on their activities on the library's summer reading website or on the lobby bulletin board.

In addition to the Bingo game, the public is invited to two travel-themed programs at the library. On Saturday, July 16, 10:30 a.m.-noon, we will host *Favorite Trips: Show and Tell for Adults*. Have you traveled the world? Gone on any great daytrips in our region? Come to this informal program and tell us all about it. Bring your photo albums, scrapbooks, brochures, or other knick knacks and share your adventures.

On Saturday, August 13, 10:30 a.m.-noon, we will host a *Round Robin Book Discussion* to chat with others about the books that you have been reading this summer and share recommendations. Adult Services Librarian Karen Demers will compile a list for the group so that everyone will take away some great suggestions.

Novel Destinations is sponsored by your local library, the Massachusetts Library System, the Boston Bruins, and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. Local support is provided by the Wilbraham Friends of the Library.

President's Message

This newsletter covers all the things going on at the Library through the summer. As for Friends' activities, it is when we take a deep breath and gather energy for the Fall. Please read it all and share it with others who might not know of some of these activities or offerings. (Of course, if they were Friends, they'd get their own copies...)

The Wilbraham Friends of the Library is a hardworking group which financially supports many library services, including printer and copier services, passes to local museums, programs for children, youth and adults, and trips and media. Revenues from Friends memberships, the book sales, trips and art show are critical for us to continue to fund the library needs of our community. Help us to keep it happening through your membership and participation.

Membership in the Friends isn't just a benefit for yourself, it is also important for your community. As a member you do get a lower trip prices, firsthand notice of events, early book sale access etc. Those are nice but not the primary driver for membership. Consider becoming a member if you are not yet one, and if you are a member, spread the word to others. The money you spend will help in so many ways. Have a good summer!

Annual Meeting

The *Wilbraham Friends of the Library Annual Meeting* and the June Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Brooks Room. As with any of the Board meetings, any Friends members are invited to attend. In recent years we have had a program and refreshments to enhance the annual meeting. This year the Annual Meeting will be "business only" as we are planning a special meeting in the fall to celebrate our year, thank many Friends, and also introduce the new library service desk which will be installed this summer and to which the Friends donated a special gift. We'll have more details in the next newsletter.

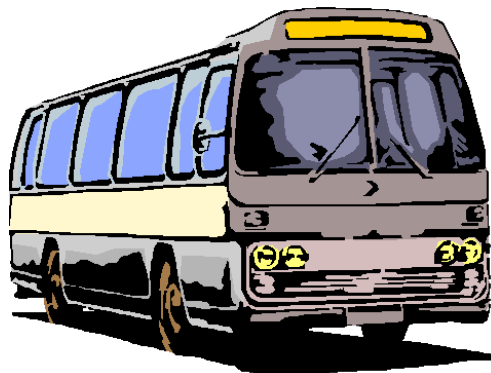
Two Really Successful Projects

The annual *Friends of the Wilbraham Library Art Show*, chaired by Linda Lastoff, was held in March with 44 artists from 9 communities participating. All participants were also Friends' members, so it would seem that we are indeed a talented group! The works reflected a wide range of media and drew many visitors to the library. Our next Annual Friends Art Show will be in November 2012, so keep it in mind when you start planning gift lists.

No sooner was the art show finished than work started on our *Annual Book Sale*. Over 50 Friends worked on the sale for over 250 hours! We netted over \$2200 for library programs and media - a wonderful achievement in tough times. A special outcome was that we were also able to donate a good amount of used children's' material to a local nonprofit. "THANK YOU" to all who donated or purchased materials.

Attention - Fall Trip news

Don't miss out on something special. Our next bus adventure will be on Wednesday, September 21 to the historic seaport district of New Bedford, designated the country's newest national park. After viewing the prize-winning orientation film, *The City that Lit the World*, at the Visitors Center, we will have a guided walking of the district that was once lined with world-wandering whaleships, and is still home to hundreds of commercial fishing vessels. We'll visit the *Whaleman's Chapel from Melville's Moby Dick*, and eat at the famous *Waterfront Grille*. Our afternoon offers a guided tour of the famous *New Bedford Whaling Museum*, the repository of the world's largest and most comprehensive collection of whaling prints and artifacts. Registration details will be posted later this summer at the Friends' bulletin board at the library.





Summer Reading Program for Teens

Teens in 6th -12th grade are encouraged to participate in *You Are Here*, our teen summer reading program. Read for prizes and take part in special events offered from June 25-August 12. We will be having a photo scavenger hunt, a travel challenge, bento boxes, extreme chess, and crafts. Register online and share your book reviews with other teens.



e-Book Q&A Sessions

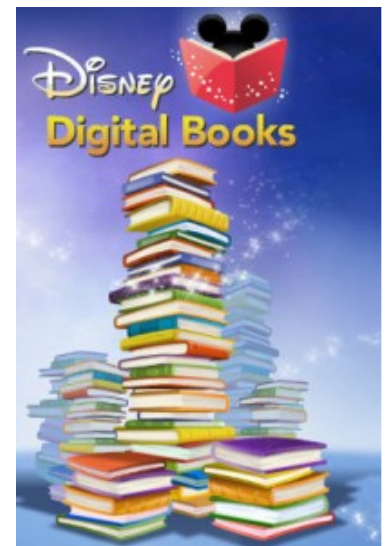
Adult Services Librarian Karen Demers will offer two e-Book Q&A sessions for patrons to have a hands-on experience downloading e-books and audiobooks from the C/W MARS Digital Catalog. Attendees are invited to bring their own devices and laptops for individual help. Sessions are scheduled for Tuesday, August 16 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. and for Friday, August 19 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Please register for the program through the library's event calendar at www.wilbrahamlibrary.org. At the time of newsletter publication, the C/W MARS Digital Catalog is not compatible with Amazon's Kindle devices, however, it has been announced that this will be changing this year. Please check with the reference librarian for the latest developments.

C/W MARS launches Disney Digital Books

A whole new world of digital books is now available for our younger patrons. *Disney Digital Books* is a collection of nearly 700 titles available through <http://digitalbooks.cwmars.org>.

"Look-and-listen titles" are narrated and each word is highlighted on the screen as it is read aloud. This is a great collection for preschoolers and children learning to read. Other titles include movie novelizations and junior novels based on popular TV shows and movies, such as *Wizards of Waverly Place*, *Pirates of the Caribbean*, and *Hannah Montana*. Some books feature trivia questions that test the reader's comprehension of the story.

Disney Digital Books require an Internet connection and Adobe Flash Player. To learn more about this service, please contact the Children's department. This collection is funded by the C/W MARS network.



Summer Activities for Children



One World, Many Stories 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 travel agency. 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 *Dance with a Clown*, storytimes, art workshops, 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. Registration for the reading club will start on Thursday, June 23. Everyone will register online through our web page, www.wilbrahamlibrary.org. All summer programs are supported by the Friends of the Library and the Massachusetts Library System.

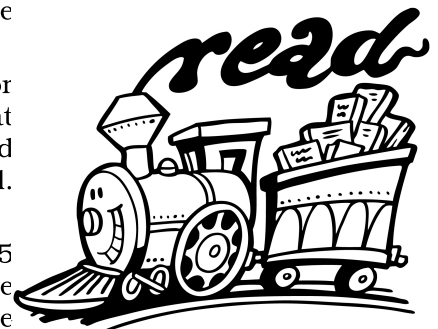
An entertaining event, *Magic by Scott Jameson*, will be held for families on Saturday, June 25, at 10:15 a.m. Join magician and juggler Scott Jameson for an extraordinary performance that will have you laughing out loud and perched on the very edge of your seat. Umbrellas will be plucked from thin air, a drawing will come to life, basketballs will be spun and juggled, and a member of the audience will unlock telekinetic abilities. This is the first big event of the summer reading club, *One World, Many Stories*. Registration for this event will begin on June 10 and is best for ages 3 and up. This program is brought to you by the Friends of the Library.

Live theater for children! *Dance with a Clown*, presented by the Nutshell Playhouse of Lenox, will be held on Wednesday, July 20 at 10:15 a.m. Live theatre awakens the imagination, sharpens the mind and deepens awareness, creating a joyful and meaningful experience for the family. Nutshell Playhouse is a non-profit company dedicated to creating innovative and exciting theater and music for family audiences. Don Jordan, founder and Artistic Director, has performed as a mime and a clown throughout Europe and the U.S., has appeared on Broadway and has taught at several colleges and theater schools. The one-hour show features music and song, puppetry and masks, clowns and visual fantasy. This stage play is for ages 5 and up, plus parents. Registration begins on July 13. *Dance with a Clown* is 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.

Interested in art? *The Great Create* will be held on three Tuesdays, July 12, 19 and 26, at 3:00 p.m. Each week, a different medium will be used, so children can create a project to bring home. Local artist, Jenny Kinder will be the hands-on teacher for each session. Students may sign up for one class, two or all three. This activity is for children in grades 2 through 5, is sponsored by the Friends of the Library, and made possible by a grant from the Wilbraham Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Registration will be held one week before the class.

I'm Going to School! Storytime will be held on Monday, August 22 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 15.

Cover to Cover, the book discussion group for students in grades 4, 5 and 6, meets once a month during the school year. The meeting on June 14 will feature the book, *A Whole Nother Story* by Cuthbert Soup. There will be no group meeting in July or August. Please address any questions to Heidi Kane in the Children's Department.



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Morrie Hayn, Peter Ablondi, and Kenleigh Manseau

The Oral Tradition Lives in Wilbraham

Kenleigh Manseau, a thirteen-year-old Wilbraham Middle School student and Girl Scout, preserved a piece of Wilbraham history and brought community participants together to celebrate at the library on May 7. At a special ceremony and reception held in the Brooks Room, Kenleigh presented library director Christine Bergquist with two copies of her *Oral History Stories from Five Wilbraham Residents Wilbraham, MA*. The book and DVD were the result of interviews Kenleigh conducted with Nan Nieske, Marcie Hayn, Elizabeth Cahill, E. Morrie Hayn, Jr. and Peter Ablondi about their life histories and living in Wilbraham. The interviews were recorded on DVD at Wilbraham Public Access TV, and the transcripts formed a book compiled by Kenleigh for her Girl Scout Silver Award Project. Each participant received a personal copy of the book and DVD.

“I chose to do an oral history project because every time I would go to my grandmother’s house, I would try to ask her questions about her young life and what it was like to live back in those days. She would tell me stories that gave me an understanding of what it was like to live in the olden days. Because I liked the stories of the past, I decided to interview Wilbraham residents about their stories of Wilbraham to learn what my town was like back then in the earlier days.”

Kenleigh’s book and DVD are available both in the Wilbraham Collection and to check out and watch or read at home.