

President's Message

Hello again. Much has been going on at our library and there are many interesting and new programs being offered. It is hard to not notice the myriad of information on the notice boards, in local papers and the like. Our library is a real asset to the community and so I urge you to take the time and read up on things being offered/sponsored by the library.

This newsletter is one information source designed to help you keep up on library happenings. If you are a Friend, you receive this in the mail. If you are not yet a Friend, please consider a membership. Memberships in the Friends of the WPL are an important source of program funding and give you timely information. Membership info is available at the library or call any Board member.

Our **Annual Meeting** will be held on Monday June 25th in the Brooks Room at the Library. The annual meeting will be combined with our normal monthly meeting, but rest assured, the business portion will not be lengthy and hopefully not boring! I invite each of you to join us at 6:30 p.m. for a "Berry Special Summer Welcome". We'll have time to snack and chat and catch up on all that has been going on since our last meeting. The meeting will start about 7-7:15 p.m.

It has been a very busy and challenging year for all of us. Whether referring to home, work, community or our various interest groups - we can each look back and realize how things have changed and developed. It is important to focus on the positive changes and also to fully and thankfully appreciate those things that remain strong and good in our lives.

Have a wonderful summer with hopefully non-eventful weather!

Stay well -

Susan Magee - President WFOL

Bus Trips

The spring trip to the Museum of Art at the Rhode Island School of Design was perfect. Many attendees commented that this museum truly was "a hidden jewel." Our lunch at Hemenway's Seafood Grill & Oyster Bar lived up to their reputation with six entree choices and a dessert cake platter that pleased everyone. The afternoon wrap-up lecture on the history of RI, Roger Williams and Brown University at The First Baptist church of America was not only informative, but also very entertaining. Kudos to John Harrington on another great trip!

Save your calendar for an early October "Literary Trip" to Concord, MA, known as a bastion of historical and literary landmarks. While the details are not final, we definitely will be lunching at the renowned Longfellow's Wayside Inn in Sudbury and touring the "Old Manse" and "Orchard House". Ralph Waldo Emerson and Nathaniel Hawthorne both called the Old Manse home for a time - and each found inspiration there. Orchard House is the historic home of the extraordinary Alcott family, where Louisa May Alcott wrote and set Little Women. As 2012 is the centennial of "Orchard House" we can expect special exhibits. The actual date and details will be available in the Library in June so you can plan early and save the date.

Book Sale

Wow! Our sale this year started off with over 10,000 books. The proceeds from our first day "Friends Only" sales hit a new high. A mere "Thank You" doesn't seem strong enough for what we feel for our members, community friends and library staff who made this sale a success. Whether lugging in numerous donations, sorting and arranging them, assisting in the setup/sale/cleanup or buying so many of our offerings, the community was terrific. You all truly reinforced our belief that fine folks make our town special and that the community strongly supports our library.

Art Exhibit and Quilt Shows in the Works

The annual *Friends of Wilbraham Library Art Exhibit* will be held this November. Local artists will also have prints, cards and other objects for sale during the reception. Applications for entry will be available in the fall. The second *Wilbraham Friends of the Library Quilt Show* will be held at the library in March 2013. Co-chairs Meta DeSantis and Nancy Peck have announced that again the participants will again be raffling off several quilts. More information will be coming in the next newsletter.

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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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Don't Let the Kids Have All the Fun with Summer Reading!

The 2012 theme for the adults' Massachusetts Summer Reading Program is *Between the Covers*. Sign-ups begin on June 19, and the program runs through August 31.

This year, you can sign up either in person at the reference desk or online at www.readsinma.org/wilbraham. We will have raffles every Friday for you to win prizes related to the theme; you can earn raffle tickets by reading books, coming to *Booked for Lunch* or the *Evening Book Discussion*, and turning in reviews for the books you've read online or in person. Questions? Call Mary Bell at 413-596-6141 or email at mbell@wilbrahamlibrary.org.

Minnechaug Yearbooks Digitized

Just in time for the new high school! Digitized Minnechaug yearbooks from 1961-2011 are available online to download, browse, and search at <http://archive.org/details/wilbrahampubliclibrary>. Look for photos of yourself, friends, and family, or just browse through to see who was in that first graduating class fifty years ago!

Many thanks to Mary Ellen Bergeron and Minnechaug Regional High School for lending us the volumes that we do not have in our local history collection – we borrowed five volumes to get a complete set digitized.

This digitization was made possible by federal LSTA funds through a grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, administered through the Boston Public Library.

APPy Hour

Do you have a smartphone or tablet computer? Come to an informal “show and tell” night and share what APPs you recommend on Monday, June 18 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. There are so many great APPs for reading, information, productivity, and fun and games. Please register online through the Event Calendar on the library website, www.wilbrahamlibrary.org.

E-Book Training by Appointment

Do you have an e-reader? Do you need some help using the C/W MARS Digital Catalog? You may now set up an appointment for individual training with our Reference Staff. Stop by the desk and complete a short form listing the type of device you own and your availability. Staff will follow up with you and set up a time for training. In the meantime, you may want to check out the “My Help” section of <http://digitalcatalog.cwmars.org> or search the video tutorials from “Overdrive” posted on www.youtube.com.

E-readers to Borrow

The library now has three Sony Readers that are available for a two-week loan period. These e-readers have easy to use touch screens and can download free e-books from the C/W MARS Digital Catalog through WI-FI. Stop by the Reference Desk to learn more about these devices. A librarian will be happy to give you a quick lesson and help you download a book.

Summer Activities for Children

Summer Reading Club:

Dream Big—READ! 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 dreamscape. 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 *T-Bone's Tropical Adventure*, *Keith Michael Johnson's Bubbleology*, storytimes, *Nocturnal Nights*, art workshops, and a LEGOs session. Students 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 Saturday, June 16. Come in to pick up your paperwork and enjoy an ice cream treat! 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, *T-Bone's Tropical Adventure*, will be held for families on Saturday, June 23, at 10:15 a.m. Join Tom Stankus for an extraordinary performance that will have you laughing out loud and dancing around. This is the first big event of the summer reading club, *Dream Big—READ!* Registration for this event will begin on June 13 and is best for ages 3 and up. This program is brought to you by the Friends of the Library.

What can you do with bubbles? *Bubbleology—The Secret World of Bubbles*, presented by Keith Michael Johnson, will be held on Tuesday, July 17 at 1:00 p.m. The fifty-minute show will be packed with state-of-the-art bubble sculptures to amaze you. This event is for ages 5 and up, plus parents. Registration begins on July 10.

Interested in art? *The Great Create* will be held on two Tuesdays, July 24 and 31, 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. One week beforehand, students may sign up for one class or both. This activity, for children who are ages 7 through 10, is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Registration will be held one week before the class.

Animal World Experience, from Stoughton, will present *Nocturnal Nights*, on Wednesday, August 1, at 10:15 a.m., showcasing night-time animals. We will explore all of the reasons animals come out at night, such as lack of predators, availability of food, and camouflage. This presentation will be approximately 45 minutes, then an additional 30 minutes will be added for audience members to meet and pet the animals. Registration begins on July 25. This is best for children who are at least 5 years of age, and is brought to you by the Friends of the Library.

Special Storytime

"I'm Going to School!" Storytime will be held on Monday, August 20 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 13.

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.

Teen Summer Reading Program

So much to read, so little time! Spend your summer catching up on all the latest teen fiction books before they are made into movies. Our theme, *Own the Night* will highlight your favorite dystopian heroes as well as vampires, ghosts, and murder mysteries. Enjoy crafts, games, weekly challenges and a yummy program featuring food from *The Hunger Games*! Register online after June 16, read 300 pages and share book reviews with us to earn your free paperback and entry into our raffle prizes. See Mrs. Kent to learn more!

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Film Movement Season ends with Italian Drama
Monday, June 11, 7:00 p.m.

Come Undone (Italy, 124 min.) Anna has everything she thought she could ever need: a respectable career, a caring family, and a loving partner, Alessio. But when she meets Domenico, a handsome, married waiter, her neatly ordered world begins to fall apart. They quickly fall into a heated affair, based on secret meetings, stolen caresses, cell phone fights, and endless lies. Anna's increasingly distant behavior goes unnoticed by Alessio, while Domenico's wife becomes steadily more suspicious of her husband. As the two lovers begin to fall deeper under the spell of passion, they are faced with a life-changing choice which neither is entirely prepared to make.

The Film Movement Series is funded by the Friends of the Library. Films have not been rated by the MPAA and are intended for mature audiences. The series will take the summer months off, but returns in September.

Community Shredding Event Scheduled

The library welcomes ProShred to our parking lot for a *Community Shredding Event* on Saturday, June 9, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. As a fundraiser for LIFT (Library Improvements for Tomorrow), the public is invited to bring their personal documents to be shredded. The cost is \$5 per box, or up to three boxes for \$10. This is a great opportunity to clean out your home office, prevent identity theft, and help the library!

Online reservation of Museum Passes now available

The Friends of the Library fund the library's collection of museum passes that may be borrowed for free and discounted rates to several area attractions. Now patrons will be able to make reservations online for a TWO Day loan period. Patrons will need their library card numbers to reserve passes. Patrons without internet access may call the Reference desk and staff will complete their requests. Attractions include the *Basketball Hall of Fame*, the *Children's Museum at Holyoke*, *Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art*, *Hancock Shaker Village*, the *Massachusetts State Parks Pass*, *Mystic Aquarium*, *Old Sturbridge Village*, the *Springfield Museums*, the *U.S.S Constitution Museum*, the *Zoo at Forest Park*. Save some money this summer and enjoy some great daytrips!

