

## *From the President*

Hello, Friends.

It seemed forever in coming, but Spring is finally here. Like many of you, the Friends have been hard at work these last few months on many activities including the beautiful **Quilt Show**, a wonderful trip to the Hillstead Museum and the Stanley-Whitman House, and our successful book sale. Don't believe those naysayers that no one reads printed materials anymore! Thankfully, in Wilbraham, book lovers abound. All of our projects involve hundreds of hours of work by many people. I won't list names here, as I surely would forget someone, but we are so thankful for the ongoing support of many Friends members. We owe all our success to them.

On Monday, June 17th we will have our annual business meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Brooks Room. All Friends members are invited to attend. While we do not meet officially during the summer, now is our time to start planning future activities, so if you have ideas or suggestions for us, please contact either myself or one of our Board members. We are always open to new ideas.

Upcoming:

- We are thrilled to see more library fans have been enjoying the available passes/discounts that we have funded for special events and activities throughout the area and so, starting very soon, the pass availability will be expanded.
- John Harrington, Ginny Kasten and Edna Colcord are finalizing plans for our **October trip** – as usual it will include interesting sites and an outstanding meal to top them off.
- In November, Linda Lastoff will once again head up our annual fall art show showcasing many of the works of some very talented members.
- In response to audience acclaim, we have already booked our Fourth Annual Irish Night for 2014.

If you have not yet joined the Friends of the Wilbraham Public Library, or have not yet yet paid your dues, please do so. We are a non-profit 501(3)c organization, and your memberships and the proceeds from our many projects go directly to supporting the programming and services of our terrific library. The hardworking staff works wonders with their limited resources and our goal is to help them continue to provide the best!

Have a full and restful summer... See you in the Fall. Susan Magee, President



## **Library Book Discussions**

Two adult book discussions are available at the library, and new members are always welcome!

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

- June 4 - *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn
- July 2 - *Rainwater* by Sandra Brown
- August 6 - *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot

The **Evening Book Discussion** meets on the third Wednesday of every month from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Adult Services Librarian Mary Bell. The following books will be read this summer:

- June 19 - *At Home: A Short History of Private Life* by Bill Bryson
- July 17 - *Mistress of the Art of Death* by Ariana Franklin
- August 21 - *Crossing to Safety* by Wallace Stegner

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

## **Film Movement**

Our monthly screening of award-winning foreign and independent films wraps up with *Little Sparrows* (Australia, 85 min.) on Monday, June 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Admission is free, and no sign up is necessary. Popcorn and soda are served and a discussion of the film follows. Please note that the films have not be rated by the MPAA and are intended for mature audiences. Trailers for individual films and listings of awards can be found at [www.filmmovement.com](http://www.filmmovement.com).

## **ConsumerReports.org**

You asked, and we heard you: we once again have access to the Consumer Reports database!

All are welcome to use the database at the library; just ask a librarian to get you started.

Wilbraham residents can access from home via our website, <http://www.wilbrahamlibrary.org>. Click "Online Databases," enter your library card and password, and scroll down to "Magazines and Newspapers," and click on Consumer Reports.

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Thursday and Friday 10:00 a.m.-5:00  
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**Health Information Online**

Baystate Health Sciences librarian Margot Malachowski is coming on June 6 at 2:00 p.m. to show you how to search for **Health Information Online!** Maybe you want to look up information on heart disease or diabetes, but don't know where to start; or you Google health issues and want to learn which websites to trust. Sign up by calling the Reference Desk at 413-596-6141 or visiting our Event Calendar on our website, <http://www.wilbrahamlibrary.org>.

**Adult Summer Reading Program**

Our theme is "**Groundbreaking Reads,**" and we have a great lineup of programs for the summer! Online registration begins on Saturday, June 22 at <http://readsinma.org/wilbraham>. No computer? No problem! We'll take down your information in person at the Reference Desk as well.

We're kicking off our summer reading events with an author visit from Jeanne Probst on Tuesday, June 24 at 7:00 p.m. Jeanne will be reading from her book, *The Fifteen Houses*, and answering your questions. Light refreshments will be served.

On Monday, July 8 at 7:00 p.m., dig into history with a **Summertime Tea** presented by Rita Parisi. As the character of Mrs. Gordon, Rita will give you a firsthand account of what it was like to spend a day at the beach in 1908. The founder of Waterfall Productions, Rita Parisi has been entertaining audiences for over 14 years in the New England area.



Kevin Kopchynski returns to the library this summer presenting **Life Underground** on Wednesday, August 7 at 7:00 p.m. We will explore these many facets of the underground biosphere, from creatures who spend their lives in caves to the underground lakes of Antarctica!

You can sign up for any and all of these programs by calling the Reference Desk at 413-596-6141 or through the Event Calendar on our website, <http://www.wilbrahamlibrary.org>.

**Muslim Journeys Book Discussion**

Continuing our read through **Bridging Cultures: Muslim Journeys**, the library will host a book discussion of *Snow* by Orhan Pamuk on Saturday, July 13 at 10:15 a.m. The Nobel Prize-winner's second novel is a spellbinding story of a poet seeking his lost love in a remote Turkish town riven by religious conflict and cut off from the world by a blizzard. This is the third of a planned five discussions designed to highlight the Muslim Journeys bookshelf, a grant from the National Endowment of the Humanities and the American Library Association. No advance sign up is necessary; call the Reference Desk at 413-596-6141 for more information.

**Introduction to Ancestry Library Edition**

Our ever-popular program on searching the Ancestry Library Edition database is back! Adult Services Librarian Mary Bell will be hosting an after-hour event on Saturday, August 10 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. exploring how to use Ancestry Library Edition to research your family history. The program begins in the Brooks Room with a presentation showing example searches, and allows ample time for hands-on database searching on library computers or on personal laptops.

Space is limited due to the number of computers, so register now by calling the Reference Desk at 413-596-6141 or through the event calendar at [www.wilbrahamlibrary.org](http://www.wilbrahamlibrary.org).

## Summer Activities for Children

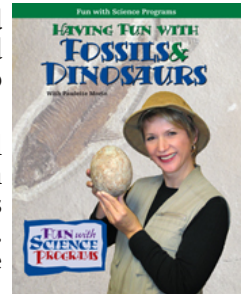
### Summer Reading Club:



“Dig into Reading” 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 construction zone. 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 Wild About Reading Balloon Magic Show, Fun with Fossils and Dinosaurs, storytimes, Zoo-On-The-Go, an art workshop, 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 22. Come in to pick up your paperwork and enjoy an ice cream treat! Everyone will register online through our web page, [www.wilbrahamlibrary.org](http://www.wilbrahamlibrary.org). All summer programs are supported by the Friends of the Library and the Massachusetts Library System.

An entertaining and interactive event, **Wild About Reading Balloon Magic Show**, will be held for families on Saturday, June 29, at 10:15 a.m. Join Jungle Jim for an extraordinary performance that will have you amazed and laughing out loud. Balloon artistry, magic, comedy and improv will all lead to a fantastic finale. This is the first big event of the summer reading club, “Dig into Reading”. 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.

Are you a budding paleontologist? Come on Wednesday, July 10 for **Fun with Fossils and Dinosaurs**, presented by Paulette Morin, at 6:00 p.m. The fifty-minute show will be packed with the wonders of our prehistoric past, complete with storytelling and many fossils to examine. This event is for ages 5 and up, plus parents. Registration begins on July 1.



Interested in art? **From the Ground Up** will be held on Tuesday, July 9, at 4:00 p.m. Local artist and teacher, Jennifer Voight will be the hands-on teacher. To help celebrate the 250th Anniversary of Wilbraham, students will be making models of their home or other buildings in town. These buildings will then be displayed in the Children's Department for the summer. 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.

Pathways for Parents will host a **Pajama Party storytime** on Monday, July 15 at 6:00 p.m. for all ages. Registration for this 30-minute storytime starts on July 8.



**Riot in the Garden**, featuring Jackson Gillman The Stand-Up Chameleon, will be held on Friday, July 19 at 10:15 a.m. for ages 5 and up. This show is a delightful mix of comedy, science and music, including songs and stories about digging, roots, worms and such. A very talented entertainer, Mr. Gillman presents 45-minutes of great information and fun. Registration begins July 12 for this show, generously funded by the Friends of The Wilbraham Library.

The Forest Park Zoo and Education Center will present **Zoo-On-The-Go**, twice on Thursday, July 25. This up-close and personal animal investigation will be held first at 10:15 a.m., then repeated at 11:00 for a second small group. The audience will explore all of the reasons animals need to dig, and see 5 live animals from the zoo. Each presentation will be approximately 30 minutes. Registration for both sessions begins on July 18. Space is limited. This is for all ages with a parent, 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 19 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 12.



### 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, “Beneath the Surface” will highlight your favorite genres as well as steampunk, mummies, and zombies. Enjoy new pumped-up crafts, blind-date books, weekly challenges and a yummy program featuring “Edible Smoothie Facials”. Register online after June 14th, read 300 pages and share book reviews with us to earn your free paperback and entry into our raffle prizes.

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### **Memberships**

Here is a list of our latest membership renewals/donors (excluding Friends who wished to remain anonymous):

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