

From the President

Hello Friends.

READY OR NOT WINTER IS AFOOT! When you take a break from your lengthy “to do” list, review the terrific programs coming up at the library. There are so many that this newsletter can only highlight a few, so when you visit the library, take time to review the informative brochures and materials available on all the various programs and offerings. You surely don't want to miss a good one!

Memberships are our major way of ensuring we can continue with our annual financial support for the Library programming. If you are already a member – THANK YOU. If not, please consider a membership. Membership materials are available at the library. The Friends are always open to your questions, comments or ideas for the organization. You may either call me or send an email to: friends@wilbrahamlibrary.org. Have a good season and stay warm... Susan Magee, President



Raffle Results

The raffle of the “FROZEN” basket of goodies was a real success. We raised over \$250 for library programming. The lucky winner was Christine Fraga.

Annual Valley Gives Day

The Friends will once again be participating in the Valley Gives day on Wednesday, December 10. Valley Gives is a 24 hour e-philanthropy event that encourages supporters of non-profits to make online donations via valleygivesday.org. It is a quick and easy way to directly help those non-profit groups that matter to you. You will be seeing articles in local newspapers and in materials from many local non-profit groups including the Friends. Last year we raised over \$300 in Valley Gives online donations and are hoping for even better results this year. Please mark your calendar and go to valleygivesday.org, look for us listed under Wilbraham Friends of the Library and help us reach our goal. Thank you for your consideration.

Irish Night



Irish Night with the “Banish Misfortune” will be returning to Wilbraham on Wednesday, February 25, 2015. Once again, the Brooks Room will be alive with good Irish music, commentary and eats. Admission will be \$8.00 and all proceeds will go to library programming. Previous visits by this group have been standing room only, so plan to save the date.

Spring Trip is coming

John Harrington and his crew are working on a late Winter/Spring trip that will undoubtedly be super. Current thoughts are to incorporate interesting site(s) fairly close to us and cap off the trip with a special luncheon. As soon as possible we'll send out details. Stay tuned.

Book Sale update

The 2015 Friends Annual Book Sale will be April 30th through May 7th with book collection starting April 27th. Chairman Norma Hill is urging everyone to start saving their books – we can only be successful with your help.



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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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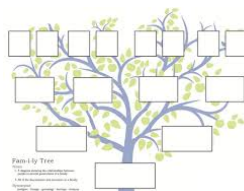
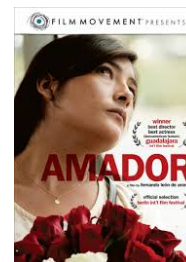
Adult Winter Programs

On Monday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m., author Janet Barrett will share the story of *Reckless*, a Korean warhorse who became an essential part of the U.S. Marine Fifth Regiment's Recoilless Rifle Platoon. Her book, *They Called Her Reckless — A True Story of War, Love And One Extraordinary Horse*, will be available to purchase at the end of the program.

Drop-in Knitting is held the first Saturday of every month from 10-11:30 a.m. in the Brooks Room. Stop in to work on projects and visit with other knitters. Winter meetings are schedule for December 6, January 3, and February 7.

The **Poetry Discussion** continues their monthly meetings on Sunday, January 25 and February 15 at 2:00 p.m. Group members will choose a particular focus each month, and time will be given at the end for members to share their own works as well.

The **Film Movement** is the monthly showing of foreign and independent films. Join us on Monday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m. for a showing of *Amador* (Spain, 113 min.), which tells the story of Marcela, a young immigrant with financial troubles who finds a job looking for a bedridden elderly man. Subsequent movie showings are January 26 and February 23 at 7:00 p.m. 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.



596-6141 to register.

Our ever-popular **Introduction to Ancestry Library Edition** returns on Saturday, February 21 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Adult Services Librarian Mary Bell will show you how to use the library's database to search for records of your family history. Sign-ups are limited by the number of library computers, so please call the library at 413-

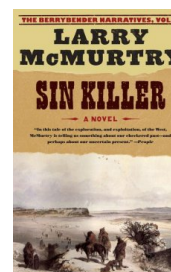
Library Book Discussions

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. The next discussion will be on *Sin Killer* by Larry McMurtry on December 2.

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 selection is *Midnight in Peking* by Paul French, and the discussion will be held on December 17.

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



Great Decisions



Great Decisions will be meeting on Wednesdays from 4:00 to 5:15 p.m. beginning February 4. The topics for the upcoming series, selected by the Foreign Policy Association, are Russia and the Near Abroad, Privacy in the Digital Age, Sectarianism in the Middle East, India Changes Course, U.S. Policy Toward Africa, Syria's Refugee Crisis, Human Trafficking in the 21st Century, and Brazil's Metamorphosis. The Briefing Books cost \$20 to purchase and can be pre-ordered from the library by December 20. Checks are to be made payable to the Town of Wilbraham. There will also be a Briefing Book available for in-library use for participants who may not wish to order their own copy.

To order your own book or to find out more about the Great Decisions groups that meet across the country, check out the website at http://www.fpa.org/great_decisions/.

Children's Winter Activities

The **Winter Storytime** session will meet over a period of six weeks, from January 7 through February 12, 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. The older independent group, for ages 3 ½ - 5, will meet on Thursdays at 11:15 a.m. Registration for Storytimes starts at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 30 for Wilbraham residents. Phone calls will be accepted starting on January 2. Non-residents may sign up on January 5, as space allows.

Toddler Two-Step will be held for children 12 - 24 months old on Mondays at 10:15 a.m., for 5 weeks (Jan 5, 12, 26, Feb. 2 and 9). **Toddler Two-Step** is 20 minutes of nursery rhymes, singing and music for toddlers and their parents or caregivers, followed by 20 minutes of play/social time. Registration for these storytimes begins at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 29 for Wilbraham residents. Phone registration will be on January 2. Non-residents may sign up on January 5, as space allows. Sign-ups are required.

Cindy Milner, lead teacher for Pathways for Parents, will be hosting **Welcome, Baby!**, a 3-week session for new parents and their babies (ages newborn to 12-months) on Wednesday afternoons in January, starting at 12:30. Topics covered will include parental well-being, baby signing, baby massage, socialization and baby yoga. This is funded by a state grant from the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care. Dates are set for January 14, 21 and 28. Registration for **Welcome, Baby!** begins also on Tuesday, December 30.

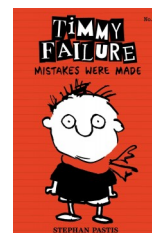
Registration for the **Spring Storytime** session will be on Wednesday, February 25.

Cover to Cover, the book discussion groups for students, are on-going, meeting once a month. Students in grades 4 and 5 will be meeting Tuesdays from 7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. on January 13 and February 10. There is no meeting in December. Titles are as follows:

January - **Timmy Failure: Mistakes Were Made** by Stephan Pastis

February - **The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** by C.S. Lewis

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.



To celebrate the season of giving, the Library will again feature a **Mitten Tree**, which will be decorated with your donations of gloves, mittens, hats and scarves for children and adults. All donations must be new and brought to the library for the tree between November 17 and December 17. After that time, all donated items will be brought to the Community Survival Center for distribution. Please help us with this worthy cause, as you know the winter will be a cold one!

For students who are out of school in February, the library will host an amazing magic show, **Magical Moments**, for children who are at least 4-years-old. This show will be held on Wednesday, February 18 at 10:15 a.m. Mr. Ed Popielarczyk will bring his high-energy and interactive magic show to entertain us for 45 minutes. Registration begins on February 11. This show is brought to you by the Friends of the Library.



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Friends Memberships

Since our last newsletter, the following persons (excluding those who wish to be anonymous) have either joined or renewed as Friends members:

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