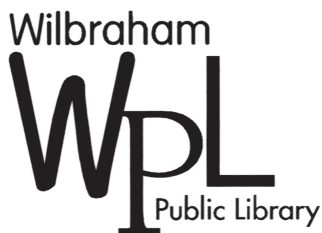


7 Habits of Successful Investors

Do you have any financial goals on your New Year's Resolutions list? On Wednesday, Jan. 6 at 6:30 p.m., we will show the recorded presentation of **7 Habits of Successful Investors** from Morningstar with director of personal finance Christine Benz and assistant editor to Morningstar.com Adam Zoll, giving an excellent overview of what traits and goals successful investors have. The PowerPoint slides will be up on the big screen in the Brooks' Room and the presentation runs approximately one hour.

This presentation was originally recorded as part of Chicago's Money Smart Week in 2015. The snow date is Jan. 13.



Hours:

Mon.-Wed. 10-8

Thu.-Fri. 10-5

Sat. 10-2

Sun. 1-5 (Labor Day -
Memorial Day)

Closed Holidays

Great Decisions



The Great Decisions group will meet Wednesday afternoons on Feb. 3, 10, 17 and 24, and Mar. 2, 9, 16, and 23 from 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Snow dates are reserved for Mar. 30 and Apr. 6 if needed. Topics include: Middle East Alliances, The Rise of ISIS, The Future of Kurdistan, Migration, The Koreas, The United Nations, Climate Change, and Cuba & the U.S.

Order your 2016 Great Decisions Briefing Book by December 28! The first 30 to sign up will be able to purchase at a reduced group price of \$20. After that, or when purchased directly from the Foreign Policy Administration, the price is \$25. Checks should be made payable to "Town of Wilbraham" or books can be directly purchased from the website, http://www.fpa.org/great_decisions/. The library will also have one available for you to borrow in-house if you would prefer not to purchase your own.

Registration is going on now!

A Novel Situation...

Several years ago the library separated the mysteries from the rest of our fiction collection as a test to see how our users would like it. After surveying people last year, we determined that it would be helpful to our patrons - especially those who like to browse the shelves - to categorize the rest of the fiction collection into official genres like a bookstore. We are almost done - the last genre to re-label is Romance.

So far, we have received positive feedback from those who really like particular genres - for example, if you enjoy Classics, they are now all shelved together. We also have received some feedback from others who are finding the new system a bit confusing, so I would like to share some tips that may be helpful.

As with any item in the library's

collection, there is a complete record for it in our online catalog, which you can access from our website www.wilbrahamlibrary.org. The record includes the shelving location and call number. The call number will give you the genre so you know where to find the book, and you will also see if it is "available" on the shelf or if it is checked out.

When we are done re-labeling and shifting, the next step will be to improve our signage at the end of the shelves and within each aisle so browsers will be able to quickly find their favorite genre.

We thank you for your patience as we get to that final stage. If you are uncomfortable using the online catalog, or are short on time, you can always ask library staff to look something up for you - we are glad to help.

-Karen Demers, Director

Notes from the Friends

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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 friends@wilbrahamlibrary.org.

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On Wednesday, Feb. 24 the Friends present our 6th annual concert by the prize-winning Irish group **Banish Misfortune**. The band, recently voted a top four band in Western Mass by *The Valley Advocate*, will perform in the Brooks Room from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., playing traditional instruments and exchanging stories, poems and songs. Authentic Irish tea, scones and breads will complement this gathering! A donation of \$7.00 will be collected at the door in support of future library programs.

Letter from the President

Hello again. Winter is on its way and much is happening at the library as shown in this newsletter. In this issue I must ask for help: the Friends do a lot for our library, but we cannot do it without significant member involvement. Can you find a few hours to join in? If so, please contact us at friends@wilbrahamlibrary.org. We are looking for help in the following areas:

- Annual book sale volunteers.
- Developing membership.
- Fundraising ideas.
- Track library-related legislative bills and raise issues we should address in the Library community.
- Sell special books online.
- Newsletter mailings.

Finally, if you are willing to be on a call list for special projects that arise, please let us know. Thank you for your continued interest and support. Have a wonderful Holiday season.
-- Susan

New and Renewing Members

New and renewing Friends' members from Aug-Oct (excluding those who wish to remain anonymous):

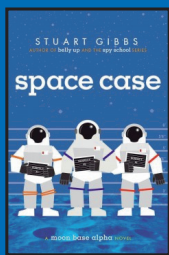
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Children's Events

Cover to Cover



Cover to Cover, the book discussion groups for students, are ongoing, meeting once a month. Students in grades 4 and 5 will be meeting Tuesdays from 7:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. on Jan. 12 and Feb. 9. There is no meeting in December.

Titles are as follows:

January – **Space Case** by Stuart Gibbs

February – **Kid President's Guide to Being Awesome** by Brad Montague



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.

Storytimes

The **Winter Storytime** session will meet over a period of six weeks, from Jan. 6 through Feb. 11, 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 Monday, Dec. 28 for Wilbraham residents. Phone calls will be accepted starting on Dec. 30. Non-residents may sign up on Dec. 31, 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. 4, 11, 25, Feb. 1 and 8).

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, Dec. 28 for Wilbraham residents. Phone registration will be on Dec. 30. Non-residents may sign up on Dec. 31, as space allows. Sign-ups are required.



Mitten Tree



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 Nov. 16 and Dec. 16. 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!

Magic Show

For students who are out of school in February, the library will host an amazing magic show, **Magical Moments**, for children ages 4 and up. This show will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 17 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 Feb. 10. This show is brought to you by the Friends of the Library.



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Friends' Fundraisers & Updates

- Congratulations to Wendy Labbé, the happy winner of our Harvest Basket!
- Many thanks to Table & Vine/Big Y Corporation for their donation to the Wilbraham Friends of the Library in thanks for our volunteering at their third annual wine tasting in May.
- Our fall trip to the Berkshires was very successful and raised over \$400.
- The Wilbraham History and Culture - Vol. IV***, a book encompassing our town's period from 1963 to 2013, is now available at the library. The book is \$30 and all proceeds go to the Friends of the Library.

Teen News & Events

The Wilbraham Library TAB is hosting a ***Teen Open Mic Night*** on Thursday, Dec. 10 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. It's an event where teens grades 6-12 can show off their talent in a 5-minute performance. Teens can sing a song, play a musical instrument, put on a skit, or read a piece of writing or poetry. Sign up through the Event Calendar on our website at www.wilbrahamlibrary.org or in the LOFT. If you have any questions, contact Teen Librarian Rachel Hapgood at rhapgood@wilbrahamlibrary.org.

Also look for information coming in February about a ***Stuffed Animal Sleepover***. Kids can bring in their animals to the library for a sleepover, where our teen hosts will take photographs of the overnight fun. The following morning when picking up the animals, kids and parents will enjoy a light breakfast and slideshow presentation.