

From the President

It is winter at the Wilbraham Public Library and wonderful things are planned.

Many Friends and staff have been involved in the planning and hope you, your family, and friends take advantage of the many programs and materials being offered at the library. Now that we are off daylight savings, the days can seem long, but participating in the offerings from our library and other local groups' activities will help winter fly by. Take advantage of the expanded library hours: we are now open seven days a week having added hours on Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

I am pleased to welcome a new Friends Board member – Deborah Montgomery. Deb has recently returned to her home town of Wilbraham and has taken on the duties of being Treasurer of the Friends. She brings enthusiasm and experience, a love of libraries, and new ideas. I know you will all enjoy meeting her.

Remember that membership in the Friends is a major part of funding for many library programs and materials. Please don't forget to renew. Help us to increase our membership by encouraging others to join. Membership forms are available online at the Library website as well as at the Library's main desk.

Once again, we are sponsoring a raffle for a **Readers' Basket**. We have also joined with a number of other non-profit organizations throughout Western Massachusetts for the second annual online **Valley Gives** on December 12, 2013. All proceeds from both events will support library programs so please consider participating. Details are given below.

I look forward to seeing you at some of our events. Stay warm and enjoy this special New England season – Susan

The Irish Are A-comin'...

Our patrons have asked and we are pleased to announce that the very popular musical group **Banish Misfortune** will be here on Wednesday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Brooks Room. Our fourth annual Irish Night of Celtic music and lore promises a lively night full of great music and good Irish snacks. A donation of \$7 will be requested at the door. All proceeds go to support of library programs.

New Happenings

The Friends are again sponsoring a raffle of a **Readers' Basket** - the perfect chance to reward or gift some lucky reader! The basket is on display at the Library and contains a brand-new **Kindle Paperwhite** e-reader coupled with a \$25 gift card from Amazon.com and specially-selected items designed to help readers relax and enjoy their literary moments. Raffle tickets are on sale at the Library Main Desk for \$1 each or six for \$5. The winner will be drawn on December 10 in plenty of time for holiday giving!

The Friends of the Wilbraham Library are participating this year in **Valley Gives** a 24-hour e-philanthropy event scheduled for December 12 to encourage residents in Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin counties to log on and contribute to favorite local nonprofit organizations. The event is organized and hosted by the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts and over 200 non-profit organizations will participate. When donors visit the **Valley Gives** website at www.valleygivesday.org on December 12 between 12:00 a.m. and 11:59 p.m., they will be able to make gifts to their favorite nonprofits. In addition, thanks to the generous sponsors and donors of **Valley Gives**, \$200,000 in unrestricted cash prizes and bonus matches will be given out to nonprofits that inspire the most donors and raise the most money. Please keep your eyes out for more news on TV, newspapers and social media outlets for how to help our library with a donation.

Spring Trip

John Harrington and his committee are planning a very unique trip for spring. We will be traveling to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston for their award-winning flower show Art in Bloom. This show is only open three days and entails floral interpretations of selected art works from the Museum of Fine Arts. The date will be late April and trip details will be announced ASAP in the WPL News Bits. Sign ups for the trip will begin in January.

Book Sale

Your donations make this sale a success and it is our major fundraiser of the year. The 2014 Friends Book Sale will be held Friday, April 25 through Thursday, May 1. Unfortunately, due to space constraints, donations for the sale cannot be accepted until the sale period. Book donations will be accepted for the sale Tuesday April 22 through Thursday April 24.

Please save your books for our sale!



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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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Library Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Thursday and Friday 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Sunday 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.



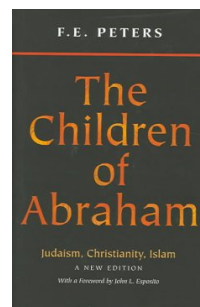
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Adult Winter Programs

We're wrapping up our read through **Bridging Cultures: Muslim Journeys** with a book discussion of **Children of Abraham** by F.E. Peters on Saturday, December 7 at 10:15 a.m. Scholar F.E. Peters compares and contrasts Judaism, Christianity, and Islam in relation to their communities, laws, scriptures, liturgy, mysticism, and theology. This is the last of 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.



Our final **Music Discussion** of the Beatles will be December 14 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Come to talk about the late Beatles music (1966-1970) and their legacy with host Greg Bell. Look for more details coming soon on our next series of music discussions.



Artist Gregory Maichack will present a hands-on workshop of **The Art of Georgia O'Keeffe** on Monday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Maichack will provide insights into O'Keeffe's life and painting methods, demonstrate how to use pastels, (as participants follow along), and coach participants as they attempt their own pastel paintings in O'Keeffe's style, with the focus on flowers. This program is funded by the Wilbraham Cultural Council, a local agency, through the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency; and by the Friends of the Library.

Join us on Sunday, December 22 at 2:00 p.m. for a **Short Film Festival!** In conjunction with the winter solstice, we'll be offering a look at several shorts that have been featured at festivals.

Adult Services Librarian Mary Bell will be hosting an **Introduction to Ancestry Library Edition** on Saturday, January 25 from 2:00 p.m. 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.

Great Decisions returns on February 5 at 4:00 p.m. This current events discussion uses materials from the U.S. Foreign Policy Association and the 2014 topics are: Defense technology, Israel, Turkey, Islamic awakening, energy independence, food & climate, China's foreign policy, and U.S. Trade Policy. To purchase a book, turn in an order form and check made out to the Town of Wilbraham by December 27. More information on the series can be found at www.greatdecisions.org.

The **Film Movement** series of award-winning foreign and independent films will be showing **Before Your Eyes** (Turkey, 102 minutes) on January 13 at 7:00 p.m. and **Seven Minutes in Heaven** (Israel, 98 minutes) on February 10 at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free, and no sign up is necessary; popcorn and soda are served. 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.



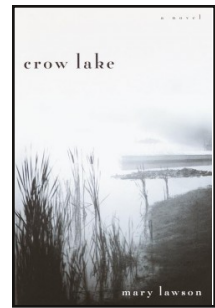
Library Book Discussions

Two adult book discussions are available, 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 December 3 meeting will be on **Crow Lake** by Mary Lawson.

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 December 18 book is **Flight Behavior** by Barbara Kingsolver.

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



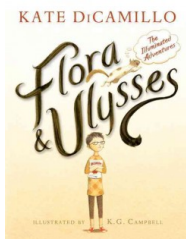
Children's Winter Activities

The **Winter Storytime** session will meet over a period of six weeks, from January 8 through February 13, 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 group, for ages 3 ½ - 5, will meet on Thursdays at 11:15 a.m. Registration for Storytimes will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 2 for Wilbraham residents. Phone calls will be taken starting on January 3. Non-residents may sign up on January 6, 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 (January 6, 13, 27, February 3 and 10). **Toddler Two-Step** is 20 minutes of nursery rhymes, singing and music for toddlers and their parents or caregivers. Registration for these storytimes begins at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 2 for Wilbraham residents. Phone registration will be on January 3. Non-residents may sign up on January 6, as space allows.

To expand our offerings for the young, there are play groups with Pathways for Parents, funded by the MA Department of Early Education and Care. These are for parents with their infants, toddlers and preschoolers on the first Monday of each month. The first group will meet January 6 at 10:15. Sign-ups are required. This will be a fun and informational class with stories, songs and activities, hosted by Cindy Milner, lead teacher. Also offered by the Pathways for Parents staff, will be **BabyTime**, a 3-week session for new parents and their babies (ages newborn to 12-months) on Tuesday mornings in January. Topics covered will include parental well-being, baby signing, baby massage, socialization and baby yoga. Dates are tentatively set for January 14, 21 and 28, but please check back with the staff at the beginning of January to be sure. Registration for **BabyTime** begins on January 2.

Registration for the **Spring Storytime** session will be on Wednesday, February 26.



Cover to Cover, the book discussion groups for students, are on-going, meeting once a month. Students in grades 4, 5, and 6 will be meeting Tuesdays from 7:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. on January 8 and February 12. There is no meeting in December. Titles are as follows:

January – **Saving Zasha** by Randi Barrow

February – **Flora & Ulysses: the illuminated adventures** by Kate DiCamillo

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 13 and December 13. 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 exciting musical **Tropical Adventure**, for children who are at least 5 years old. This show will be held on February 19 at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Tom Stankus will bring his high-energy and interactive show Connecticut to entertain us for 50 minutes. This will bring happy thoughts of tropical locales cold winter days! Registration begins on February 12. This show is brought to you by the Library.



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Friends Memberships

The following is our latest membership renewals/donors (excluding those who wished to remain anonymous):

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Alfred Artioli	MaryAnn Gioscia	Joseph Lombardi	Chris Rauch
Susan Bennett	Sabra & John Goetcheus	Caryl & Harry MacLeod	Pauline Rauch
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Karen & Craig Demers	Maureen & Robert Keough	Perry Family	Barbara Ziskind
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