Library News

How to Pastel Paint



The library welcomes Greg Maichak for a workshop on pastel painting on Wednesday, Dec. 7, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. This program is open to teens and adults, and no experience is required. All materials will be provided. Space is limited, so please register through the library's event calendar on our website, www.wilbrahamlibrary.org or call 596-6141.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Wilbraham Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, and by the Friends of the Library.



Hours: Mon.-Wed. 9-8 Thu.-Fri. 9-5 Sat. 9-2 Closed Holidays

Great Decisions

Our ever-popular discussion of foreign policy and current events, *Great Decisions*, returns Feb. 1 and will meet for eight consecutive weeks on Wednesdays from 4:00-5:30 p.m. Join in this discussion series on the following topics: The Future of Europe, Trade and Politics, Conflict in the South China Sea, Saudi Arabia in Transition, U.S. Foreign Policy and Petroleum, Latin America's Political Pendulum, Prospects for Afghanistan and Pakistan, and Nuclear Security.



The first 30 to sign up will be able to purchase a book at the discounted price of \$20. Check out the website www.fpa.org/great_decisions for more information, or buy your book directly online for \$25. Purchase is not required to attend: we will have a copy available for in-library use.

Adult Events

These programs are funded by the Friends of the Library. We could only highlight a few, so check out the event calendar on our website, www.wilbrahamlibrary.org, to see all of our offerings.

Saturday, Dec. 10 at Noon. Bring 4 quarts of soup to our *Soup Swap* and get a variety to bring home! Registration is required.

Saturday, Dec. 17 at 10:30 a.m. Create your own ornament at *Cornucopia, Candy and Christmas Trees*. Rita Parisi, in period costume, will speak briefly about Christmas tree ornaments from the early 1900s and will instruct everyone on how to create a cornucopia of their own. All materials are provided. A \$10 materials fee will be taken at the door. Space is limited and registration is required.



Wednesdays in January at 1:00 p.m. Enjoy classic movies at our *Movie Matinees* Jan. 4, 11, 18 and 25. We'll be touring the decades with *All Quiet*

on the Western Front (1930), Casablanca (1942), The Quiet Man (1952), and To Kill a Mockingbird (1962).

Tuesday, Jan. 31 at 6:00 p.m. The *Cookbook Club* will be reading and cooking from *The Homemade Kitchen* by Alana Chernila. Books will be available to check out at the Front Desk. Please let us know what you're bringing and sign up by Jan. 25 so recipes are not duplicated.

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.

Library News is written and edited by the Wilbraham Public Library staff and the Friends of the Library.

Spring Trip



John Harrington is once again planning a great day trip. Our May 1, 2017 trip will be to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts - "Art in Bloom." It always sells out quickly and is known as a unique art event not to be missed. Flyers and sign-up forms will be available at the Front Desk early in 2017.

Special Holiday Event



On Sunday, Dec. 4 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. the Wilbraham Atheneum on Main Street will host their annual Christmas extravaganza. Come and appreciate the holiday offerings of many town groups, including that of our Friends group as fashioned by board member Edna Colcord. Get a boost to your holiday spirit.

Irish Night Returns

On Wednesday, Feb. 22 the local, renowned Irish band Banish Misfortune returns for an evening of music, songs and lore topped off by Irish baked goods and refreshments. This will be their 7th appearance and every visit has been "standing room only". Cost is \$7 and admittance is first-come, first-served. Join us!

Letter from the President

Hello again.

This issue introduces a rich assortment of programs and happenings coming up at the Wilbraham Public Library. They enlighten, educate and bring enjoyment to our patrons. These offerings are made possible by a talented staff working hard to design them and our Friends organization working hard to help fund them. Your memberships are key to our success. Please consider joining the Friends of the Library, or if you are already a member (thank you), please renew. Membership forms are at the library and you will see costs are very reasonable. We need to work together to keep this very special community asset alive and thriving.

Here's a quick update on our recent doings:

- •On a beautiful October day, 38 folks journeyed to Old Lyme, Connecticut to the *Florence Griswold Museum*. The famed museum, special Wee Fairie Village and delicious meal made for a full and enjoyable day.
- •The *Annual Friends Art Show* ran through Nov. 27 with a reception for artists and Friends on Nov. 12. The show highlighted the works of 30 members of the Friends and numerous art media were represented. Chairman Mary Bandouveres commented on how many visitors were impressed with the depth and breadth of the works. Our group is blessed with real talent. Thanks to Mary and her team for another wonderful art show.
- •Our *October "Safety" Raffle* drew a lot of attention to safety issues. I'm happy to report a longtime Friend won the drawing and the Friends made a modest profit for library programs.

Enjoy the winter.

- Susan Magee, Friends of the Library President

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Youth Services

Teens

Our *Teen Advisory Board (TAB*) continues to meet monthly on Tuesdays throughout the school year. Grades 6–12 can join us to voice their opinions about fun teen programs, movies, books, and more. Meetings are Dec. 20, Jan. 24 and Feb. 28 at 4:00 p.m.

Our next *Teen Movie Night* (Gr. 6-12) is Friday, Dec. 9 at 5:00 p.m. featuring Finding Dory (PG). Snacks are provided. Sign up is required as space is limited. The Friends of the Library and LUSO Federal Credit Union sponsor this event. Stay tuned for details on our next *Teen Movie Night* in February.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Our annual *Stuffed Animal Sleepover* is coming! Kids can bring in their stuffed animals to the library for a sleepover from 4:00-5:00 p.m. on Feb. 23. Our teen hosts will take photographs of the overnight fun. The following morning kids and parents will enjoy a light breakfast, craft and slideshow presentation. Check our Event Calendar at www.wilbrahamlibrary.org for more details.

Children's

We're very happy to welcome Lisa Nicholson as our new Assistant Children's Librarian. She replaced Ms. Rachel's position, who relocated this summer to North Carolina. We wish Rachel all the best! Lisa will be leading toddler groups, storytimes and special activies at the library. She has worked at several museums, including the Springfield Museum, where she conducted children's events and programs. Her love of children, books and science will be an excellent complement to our department and I look forward to working with her.

We have some fun programs for kids this winter season - look for more info to come on programs during February vacation!

Toddler Two Step meets on Mondays from 10:00-11:00 a.m. for six weeks starting Jan. 9.

Storytimes for ages 2 - 31/2 (with a

caregiver) are offered as a six week session on Wednesdays from 10:00-10:30 or 11:00-11:30 a.m.

Storytime for ages 3 1/2- 5 (independent) is a six week session on Thursdays from 11-11:45.

The session runs Jan. 11 - Feb. 16. Sign ups start Wednesday, Dec. 28. Please stop in to sign up. Space is limited. If you have any question, please call 413-596-6141.

The Library will again feature a *Mitten Tree*, which will be decorated with your donations of *new* gloves, mittens, hats and scarves for children and adults.
Bring items to the library between Nov. 16 and Dec. 16. All items will be donated to the Community Survival Center.

Thank you and have a safe winter season!
Heidi Kane
Children's Librarian

Cover 2 Cover

Cover 2 Cover for grades 4 and 5 will be meeting
Tuesdays from 4:00 p.m. –
4:45 p.m. on Jan. 17 and Feb.
21. There is no meeting in
December

Titles are as follows: January - *Ugly* by Robert Hoge February – *Fuzzy* by Tom Angleberger & Paul Dellinger

The book should be read before the meeting, in which opinions and questions will be posed, and snacks will be served. Copies of each month's books will be available upon registration at the Children's Desk. Please contact Rachel Hapgood with any questions.





Ed Popielarczyk will be performing his amazing show in the Brooks Room on Wednesday, Feb. 22 during school vacation week. This is a family-friendly program appropriate for all ages. Sign ups begin Feb. 15.



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Monthly Library Offerings

The library offers two book discussion groups. **Booked for Lunch** meets the first Tuesday of every month at Noon and the **Evening Book Discussion** meets the third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Our 2017 titles have been announced - check them out on the event calendar by visiting our website www.wilbrahamlibrary.org. Newcomers are always welcome.

The **Poetry Discussion Group** welcomes all poetry enthusiasts to a monthly meeting discussing the work of a particular poet and allowing time for participants to read their own work, if desired. The winter meetings are Mondays at 6:00 p.m. on Dec. 12, Jan. 30 and Feb. 13.



The *Film Movement* is a monthly series of foreign and independent films. These films are not rated by the MPAA and are intended for a mature audience. Admission is free, popcorn is served, and a discussion follows the screening. The next showing is "*Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow?*" (Taiwan, 106 min.) on Monday, Dec. 19 at 7:00 p.m. Following selections are "*The Auction*" (Canada, 111 min.) on Jan. 23 at 7:00 p.m. and "*Grigris*" (Chad, 100 min.) on Feb. 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Holiday Gift Card Donations

Do you have gift cards that you won't use or have only a small balance left? You can donate them to the Friends and support a good cause! Drop them off at the library in the "*Gift My Card*" box at the Front Desk. Proceeds support library programs and special events.

New and Renewing Friends

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

Ann Bagge Charles and Susan Bennett Nancy Joyce Melissa Binns The Brogle Family Raymond & Susan Burk David & Marie Chivers Bernadette Collins Beverlee Corriveau Walter and Martha Damon Karen & Craig Demers The DiGrande Family Phyllis & David Ervin Danny DiFilippo MaryAnn Gioscia Philip Halon John and Patricia Hammerle Maureen O'Sullivan Richard Hanrahan

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