

## *From the President*

While you are hunkering down in this blustery weather, many of you will start planning what you want to do as soon as Spring arrives - daydreaming can be very productive! I urge you to include at least some of the many events, programs and services of the Wilbraham Public Library in your plans. Life goes by too quickly and all too often we say "I should have..." or "I wished I could...". This newsletter will tell you of many happenings you might consider.

Please remember that many of these offerings are only available with the help of the Friends of the Library. Friends membership fees help to fund speakers, make additions to our many collections, provide reading sessions, the popular puppet program, passes to local museums and events, patron printing availability and more. When your friends mention how much they enjoy a library activity, please remind them what a membership can mean. We are working hard to increase our membership with a goal of 25% growth by year end and recognize that many patrons are unfortunately unaware of our contributions. Please help us. Membership forms are available at the Library.

We are very pleased to welcome a new Friends Board member - Norma Hill. Norma has long been active in Wilbraham so many of you already know her. Norma will start off her Board activities working on the annual **Book Sale**. If any of you would like to volunteer a bit more or join the Board, just call me - I know we can use more willing hands! Waiting anxiously for Spring - Susan



## *Raffle Results*

Art Show winners: Terri Chapdelaine, Roger Fontaine, Dulce Nowak, and Marjorie Schoen

Kindle Paperwhite E-reader basket: Sharon Dufour

## *Spring Trip to Boston*

Monday, April 28, 2014 we will be traveling to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts (MFA) for their spectacular exhibit **Art in Bloom**. This exhibit marries fine art with unique floral arranging and is available for only 3 days. We will leave Spec Pond at 8:00 a.m. and arrive back by 6:00 p.m. The cost of \$50.00 includes bus, admission & driver tip. (For MFA members, the cost will be only \$30.00 as their admission is free.)

Reservations and payments are due by April 11 at the latest. Lunch will be on your own with your choice of four different dining venues within MFA and your choice of dining time. Reservation forms are at the library circulation desk.

Register early - this may be a sell out!

## *Book Sale*



Our **Annual Friends Book Sale** will be held April 25 through May 1. Unfortunately, due to space constraints, we cannot accept donation materials until just before our sale, but we really do need them! We will be accepting your book and media donations April 22 through April 24.

**Friends-only** sale days will be Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26. **Public sale** days are Sunday, April 27 through Tuesday, April 29, with **bargain sale days** Wednesday April 30 and Thursday May 1.

Please save your books and also, of course, mark your calendars for the always-great **Book Sale**.

## *The Irish Are Almost Here*

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 delivers great music and good Irish snacks. A donation of \$7.00 is requested at the door and all proceeds go to support of library programs.



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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](mailto:twin.javanet@rcn.com).

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**Adult Spring Programs**

We have a variety of programs available for music lovers! Join us Sunday, March 2 at 2:00 p.m. for a family concert with Boston Music Award winner and Grammy-nominated performer **Alastair Moock**. The **Minnechaug Regional Jazz Quintet**, led by instructor Michael Kolodny, will perform on Sunday, March 16 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. On Monday, March 31 the Wilbraham Middle School ensemble **Strings and Friends** will be offering a free concert for all ages. And finally, jazz performer **Vin Cassotta** will be playing a concert on Sunday, April 6 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

We're offering a **Beginning Knitting Class** for adults on Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18 and 25 at 7:00 p.m. Over the four weeks, Jean Heinold and helpers will teach knitting; purling; casting on, binding off, increasing and decreasing stitches; starting a simple project. We have a limited sign-up available for beginning knitters, and will purchase supplies ahead of time, as needed.



Experienced knitters are welcome to sit in as well. For more information or to register, please call the Reference Desk at 413-596-6141.

On Sunday, March 9 at 2:00 p.m., birder/photographer William Dean will offer his program on the bald eagle, **My Time with the Bird of Freedom**.

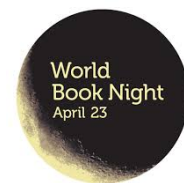
Local author Andrew Lam, M.D., will visit the library on Sunday, March 23 from 1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. to discuss his new book, **Two Sons of China**.

Come walk the aisles of Big Y with a registered dietitian! Allison Clark will meet participants in the cafe area of the Wilbraham Big Y on Monday, March 24 at 6:00 p.m. to share **Supermarket Nutrition**, including information on current USDA guidelines and how to apply them to your everyday shopping and eating habits. Sign-ups are limited to 10 participants; please call the library at 413-596-6141 or come to the Reference Desk to register.

The Film Movement series of award-winning foreign and independent films will be showing **Queen of Hearts** on Monday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m.; **Prairie Love** on Monday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m.; and **Corpo Celeste** on Monday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m. 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](http://www.filmmovement.com).

The **Poetry Discussion Group** will meet on Sunday, March 30 at 2:00 p.m., focusing on women poets during Women's History Month. On Sunday, April 13 at 2:00 p.m., the discussion will highlight selections from the state's "**Common Threads**" program.

**World Book Night** is April 23! In celebration of the love of reading, volunteers selected in early February will give away 20 copies of a donated book to light or non-readers in their communities. The Wilbraham Public Library is a pick up location for the third consecutive year, and we will host a reception for local givers on Saturday, April 19 at 10:00 a.m.



**APPy Hour** returns on Sunday, May 4 at 2:00 p.m. Share your favorite apps and learn about new ones on your tablet or smart phone.

Master Gardener Betty Sanders will demonstrate **Container Gardening** on Sunday, May 18 at 2:00 p.m., showing participants techniques for creating a beautiful container presentation; the finished container will be raffled off as a fundraiser for the Friends of the Library.

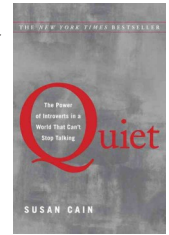
### Library Book Discussions

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 March 4 meeting will be on **The Language of Flowers** by Vanessa Diffenbaugh.

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 March 19 book selection is **Quiet** by Susan Cain.

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



### Rock 'n Roll Over Dead

Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to an interactive mystery dinner theater **Rock 'n Roll Over Dead** on Saturday, March 1 at 5:30 p.m. The body of the music librarian was discovered in the meeting room of the library. Were natural causes to blame or did she meet a more sinister death? You will help examine the scene of the crime, the evidence, hear accounts from witnesses and suspects, then solve the mystery.

Dinner will be included as part of the event.

Sign up on our website event calendar or call the library at 413-596-6141.

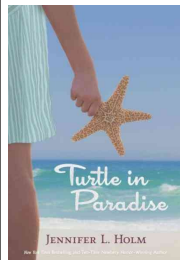
### Children's Spring Activities

The Spring Storytime session will meet over a period of six weeks, from March 12 through April 17, 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 Wednesday, February 26 for Wilbraham residents. Phone calls will be taken starting on February 28. Non-residents may sign up on March 3, as space allows.

Toddler Two-Step will be held for children 12 - 24 months old on Mondays at 10:15 a.m., for 6 weeks (March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7). **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 Wednesday, February 26 for Wilbraham residents. Phone registration will be on February 28. Non-residents may sign up on March 3, as space allows. To expand our offerings for the young, two of these Monday meetings (the first Monday of the month) are presented by Pathways for Parents, funded by the MA Department of Early Education and Care. Sign-ups are required. These are fun and informational classes with stories, songs and activities, hosted by Cindy Milner, lead teacher.

Also offered by the Pathways for Parents staff, will be **Welcome, Baby!**, a 3-week session for new parents and their babies (ages newborn to 12 months) on Tuesday afternoons in March, starting at 1:00 p.m. Topics covered will include parental well-being, baby signing, baby massage, socialization and baby yoga. Dates are set for March 11, 18 and 25. Registration for **Welcome, Baby!** begins on 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 March 11, April 8 and May 13. Our May get-together will be the final meeting of the school year. Titles are as follows:



March - **Rump: the true story of Rumpelstiltskin** by Liesl Shurtliff

April - **The Mystery of the Missing Everything** by Ben H. Winters

May - **Turtle in Paradise** by Jennifer L. Holm

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.

Big Y has teamed up with the Wilbraham Public Library to promote good nutrition for your family! **Nutrition Navigators** will be held on Wednesday, April 23, at 4:00 p.m. during the school vacation week. Planned activities reinforce the importance of fruits and vegetables, promote nutritious food choices and will include food sampling. Join in on the fun of mini nutrition challenges! This program is for students in grades 1 - 4, who are reading independently. All participants will meet at the Big Y in Wilbraham, in the Cafe, where registered dietitian, Allison Clark will lead the students on a scavenger hunt. Registration for this informational and fun hunt begins on April 15. Upon registration, please complete the provided release form and alert staff of any food allergies in advance. Space is limited to 10 students.

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### ***Friends Memberships***

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

Noreen Acconcio	Becky & Terry Fleming	William McCollough	Sally Smith
Marjorie Agerton	T. Jean Franklin	Gloria McDonald	Marcia Soja
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