



# THE BOOKCASE



## Agawam Public Library's Newsletter

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Libraries acquire what we cannot afford, retain what we prize and would adore, restore the worn, ignore fashion, and repulse prejudice.

~William H. Glass, as quoted in NSDL Whiteboard Report, Nov 2003

## Begin the Year with A Game Night!

### Adult Board Game Night!

It's board game night-just for adults! Come to the library on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 and join other "gamers" for some board game madness! If it's popular, we'll try to make it a regularly scheduled event.

We'll have some games here...Scrabble, Bananagrams, Scattergories, Yahtzee, Tripoley, Stratego, Mad Gab, Trivial Pursuit, and Boggle. Try one of these or BYOG!

Please register for this event by calling the library at 789-1550 x4 or online at [www.agawamlibrary.org](http://www.agawamlibrary.org).

### New Titles Added to OneClick

New titles have been added to the OneClick Digital ebook service for Agawam patrons. The list includes...

*Leaving Time* by Jody Picoult  
*Some Luck* by Jane Smiley  
*Gray Mountain* by John Grisham  
*A Sudden Light* by Garth Stein  
*The Escape* by David Baldacci  
*Beautiful You* by Chuck Palahniuk

Need help getting started? APL volunteer Tony is available on Wednesday mornings from 9:00-12:00 to offer assistance. Or, visit [www.agawamlibrary.org](http://www.agawamlibrary.org) and click on the OneClickdigital icon.

### AuthorTalk with Local Author Ariel Swan

On Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00, Ariel Swan will visit the library to read from and discuss her book, ***The Nightingale Bones***. The novel was inspired by a minor notation in F.G. Howes' ***History of Ashfield (MA)***, regarding a man named Samuel Nightingale who was "refused burial (in the Old Corner Cemetery) because he was believed to be a wizard and in league with the devil."



***The Nightingale Bones*** tells the story of Alice Towne, a young woman who has the ability to smell the memories of the dead. When she agrees to do a favor for her mother and finds herself the caretaker of an old house in Hawthorne, she hopes to come to terms with her curse in solitude.

When Alice unearths the bones of an infant in the Colonial era cellar, she knows she must learn the truth of what happened on White Hill, if she ever wants to understand herself. For more info, visit [www.arielswan.com](http://www.arielswan.com).

Please call 789-1550 x4 or register online at [www.agawamlibrary.org](http://www.agawamlibrary.org). Books will be available for purchase and signing.

## January Exhibits

### Entire Library

Geraldine Schilling-Nordal - Photographs

Anyone interested in displaying work should contact, Joanne Szlag at 789-1550 x8851, or [jszlag@agawamlibrary.org](mailto:jszlag@agawamlibrary.org).



### Schilling-Nordal Photo Exhibit

During January, the Agawam Library will showcase the third photography exhibit by town resident, Geraldine Schilling-Nordal. Encompassing both the upper and lower levels of the library, the display will cover a variety of subjects, from portraits, nature, buildings, interiors, and atmosphere to cityscapes. Some were taken locally while others were taken on cruise ships or bus trips. Most recently Schilling-Nordal has traveled to the Gulf of Mexico, the Caribbean, the Atlantic Ocean, and Labrador, Greenland and Norwegian Seas.

Schilling-Nordal has had no formal training in the medium of photography, but says she has been fortunate to see and appreciate what others might miss. She will turn 80 in February and says this is her last big exhibit, though she hopes to continue traveling. Schilling-Nordal was a faculty member of the Art Department at the Agawam High School for 46 years, before her retirement in 2003.

## FOL 5<sup>th</sup> Juried Photo Show

The Friends of the Agawam Library will hold their 5<sup>th</sup> Open Juried Photography Show from February 2-27, 2015. Selected entries will be displayed on the Gallery Walls for the month.

More information is available at the library and a downloadable brochure can be found at [www.agawamlibrary.org](http://www.agawamlibrary.org) by clicking the About the Library Link, then selecting Friends. For further information, please contact Bob Kadis at 789-4814 or [r.kadis@comcast.net](mailto:r.kadis@comcast.net).

## FOL Raffle Basket Winners

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Basket Raffle was a huge success! Thank you to all who purchased tickets and donated the 15 baskets.

Stephanie Hodgdon	Andrea Ciak
Brenda Tyburski	E. Cormier
Craig Wachs (2)	Cheryl Ciaschini
Lynn Merceri	Mary Camp
Kathy Tomassetti	Donna Scherpa
Gloria King	Bob Mattarazzo
Sandra Jagodowski (2)	

## New Wowbrary Titles

Wowbrary is a weekly newsletter listing books, DVDs and CDs that have been added to the Agawam Library's collection during the past week.

Sign up by clicking on the link on our webpage and receive your alerts!

## Book Displays for January

**Fiction Kiosk** - Massachusetts Mysteries  
**Deliso Display** - Get in Shape

## Drop-In Yoga for Adults

Adult Drop-In Yoga continues this month on **Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00.** This event is sponsored by the ACLA..

## Special January Hours

January 1 - Closed for New Year's Day  
January 19 - Closed for MLK Jr. Day

When Agawam Schools are closed, there are no Children's programs at the library.

### Library Hours:

Monday-Thursday	9-9
Friday	10-6
Saturday	10-5

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