



THE BOOKCASE



Agawam Public Library's Newsletter

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If we didn't have libraries, many people thirsty for knowledge would dehydrate.
~ Megan Jo Tetrick

Women's History Month~Two Authors!

Adult Authors Wanted for the Third **READLocal**!

The APL is looking for authors to participate in a book signing event that promotes local authors. It will also serve as the kick off for the library's 10th annual Adult Summer Reading Program. The event is called **READLocal** and will take place on Monday, June 23rd from 6:30-8:30. **READLocal** is open to any author who has published a book for adults and *has not had a previous event at the library.*

Participating authors will be provided with table space to set up a display, as well as the opportunity to promote and sell their books to the public. A library kiosk will be dedicated to the **READLocal** event for the month of June. Authors who would like to have a copy of their books available for advance circulation should donate a copy to the library as soon as possible.

Interested authors should contact Wendy McAnanama by email at wmcananama@agawamlibrary.org. Please include book summary and any additional information and photos that can be used for publicity purposes. Everything must be submitted by Thursday, May 1, 2014.

Book Displays for March

Fiction Kiosk - Spy/ Action
Deliso Display - Self-Help

AuthorTalk with Alice Plouchard Stelzer

Cape Cod author Stelzer, has written a book that profiles a dozen unsung heroes who represent all of the courageous women who left comfort behind and migrated into the wilderness of New England in the 1630's. ***Female Adventurers: the Women Who Helped Colonize Massachusetts and Connecticut*** chronicles the commitments they made and the challenges they encountered while building a civilized foundation for future generations.

Stelzer does her talk in a costume reflecting the time and dress of 1630's New England. For more information, visit <http://femaleadventurers.weebly.com>.

This AuthorTalk will take place on **Saturday, March 8th at 2:00**. Call the library or register online at www.agawamlibrary.org. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Book Return Boxes

When returning books and other materials to the library when it is closed, please do not overstuff the drop boxes. If items do not fit easily into a box, use the other one.

This is important because if a box is over stuffed and the flap does not close, anyone is able to take items. A patron is responsible for borrowed materials until they are checked in at the Circulation Desk.

March Exhibits

Entire Library Exhibit

Youth Art Month - K-8 Students

The APL welcomes artists, artisans, and special exhibits. Anyone interested in displaying work should contact Joanne Szelag at jszelag@agawamlibrary.org. All art must meet with the APL's criteria or viewing in a public library.

March is Youth Art Month

National Youth Art Month will be celebrated this month with a library-wide exhibit. It will include artwork from Elementary, Doering and Junior High School Students.

An array of materials will be represented in the exhibit. The students hope the public will take the time to admire their colorful achievements during this free exhibit!

Social Security Program Offered by Prudential

The public is invited to attend an informational meeting about Social Security benefit options and how they may influence retirement decisions. It will be held on **Thursday, March 27th at 6:30**. Financial Professionals Ryan Hanson and Samuel Yawson will present the program.

This meeting is designed to help participants make informed decisions about the future based on Social Security benefit options and how much money may be needed from other sources to supplement retirement income.

(This is not a library sponsored event.)

To register, **please RSVP to:**

Ryan Hanson 860-512-2275 or email

ryan.hanson@prudential.com

New~WWII Magazine

Through a generous donation, the library has begun receiving **WWII History** magazine! It is presented by Military Heritage and is published six times a year. Look for it the magazine area of the library. Lift the shelf for circulating copies.

AuthorTalk~Anderson

Just a reminder...There is still time to register for the AuthorTalk with Katherine Anderson on Tuesday, March 4th at 7:00.

Anderson will present her book **Hidden Histories~Behind the Walls Vol. 2**.

For more information on Anderson and her research into the asylums and state schools, visit www.asylumaveartists.com.

Ereaders & Libraries (Rescheduled Again!)

Hopefully the luck of the Irish will be with Cynthia Laino on **March 17th at 6:30**, as she tries again to present her **eReaders & Libraries** program. (The event has been rescheduled twice due to snow and ice!)

Bring your electronic devices and questions with you and learn the ins and outs of digital services and how to borrow electronic materials from the library.

Please register for this event by calling the library at 789-1550 x4, or going online at www.agawamlibrary.org.

Coming in April...

National Library Week
National Poetry Month
National Volunteer Week
AuthorTalk with Andrew Lamb
Poetry (with a twist) with Andy Weil

Library Hours:

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

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