



# THE BOOKCASE



## Agawam Public Library's Newsletter

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For those without money, the road to the treasure house of the imagination begins at the public library.

~Pete Hamill, New York Daily News, February 25, 2002

## Friends' Booksale is May 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> !!!

### AuthorTalk with M.P. Barker author of *Mending Horses*

**A**uthor M. P. Barker will present her latest book, *Mending Horses*, on Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00.

This deeply moving sequel to her first novel, *A Difficult Boy*, weaves an indelible piece of historical fiction into a gripping adventure that explores themes of patience, courage, kindness and the meaning of family.

Barker is the author of two non-fiction titles and is also a freelance historical consultant.

For more info, visit [www.mpbarker.net](http://www.mpbarker.net). Please call 789-1550 x4 or register online at [www.agawamlibrary.org](http://www.agawamlibrary.org).

### It's Book Sale Time!



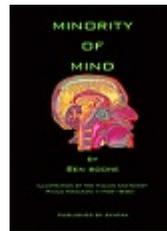
**T**he Friends of the Agawam Library will hold their annual booksale on Friday and Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. The hours will be Friday 2-5:00 with a \$3.00 preview fee or free for FOL members (yearly memberships will be available for \$15.00) and Saturday from 10-3 with free admission. Terms are cash and carry and all proceeds go to the FOL to benefit the library.

### Book Displays for May

**Deliso Display** - Gardening  
**Fiction Kiosk** - Historical Fiction

### Ben Boone Visits for Mental Health Awareness Month

On **Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00**, author Ben Boone will read from and discuss his book *Minority of Mind*, in honor of Mental Health Awareness Month.



*Minority of Mind* details Boone's personal struggle with schizophrenia in early adulthood. He wrote the book for families as well as to challenge how society defines mental illness, hoping to help others by offering a better understanding of the thought processes and emotions behind some of the symptoms of schizophrenia. For more info, visit <http://virginvoices.vi/Minorityofmind>.

Please visit [www.agawamlibrary.org](http://www.agawamlibrary.org), or call 789-1550 x4, to register. This event is sponsored by the ACLA.

### CT Science Center Coupons Available at Info

The library recently received discount coupons from the CT Science Center that are worth 20% off general admission for up to 4 people. They are available at the Info Desk and are valid through December.

Visit [www.CTScienceCenter.org](http://www.CTScienceCenter.org) for hours, exhibits and activities for the whole family!

## May Exhibits

**Gallery Walls** - Joshuah Chaisson  
"Light Photography"

**Double Glass Cases** - Robert Beaudry  
Woodcarvings

The APL welcomes artists, artisans, and special interest exhibits. Anyone interested in displaying work should contact Adult Services Librarian Joanne Szlag at 789-1550 x8851 or [jszlag@agawamlibrary.org](mailto:jszlag@agawamlibrary.org). The art must meet with the APL's criteria for viewing.

### 11-Year-Old Photographer Joshua Chaisson Has Exhibit

For the month of May, the APL will display the "Light Photography" of 11-year-old Agawam photographer Joshuah Chaisson.

The Doering Middle School student has been taking photographs for two years and enjoys the process of creating his own unique images.

The public is welcome to meet Joshuah on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2-4 during his first Art Show reception. All photos will be for sale. Joshuah's goal is to raise enough money to purchase new camera equipment.

### Woodcarving Exhibit by Robert Beaudry

Robert Beaudry, member of the NE Wood Carvers, the National Woodcarvers Association and four-time winner of the NE Wood Carvers annual competition, will offer the first public showing of his art at the library in May.

Beaudry began working with wood in 1984 as a designer and builder of simple cabinetry projects. His passion for woodcarving was sparked in 1992, after viewing master carver Dimitry Klitzas' work and attending his classes.

Beaudry's work features a variety of woods, ranging from white oak to jatoba. The pieces are never stained or painted due to his belief in the natural beauty of wood.

## "Literary Elements" is the Theme of Adult SRP 2014

This summer we will again be joining over 50 other library systems that will use the theme "Literary Elements" as part of the Collaborative Summer Library Program. CSLP is sponsored by the Agawam Center Library Association, the MA Library System, the MA Board of Library Commissioners and the Boston Bruins.

SRP reading **begins** on June 23<sup>rd</sup> and continues through August 15<sup>th</sup> with a raffle at 3:00! More information on our kick-off event **READLocal 2014** and a listing of summer programs will be available June 1<sup>st</sup> on Channel 15, on the APL's website, in local papers and the "Literary Elements" display located by the booksale shelves.

## Babysitting Basics

A Babysitting Basics program will be held at the Agawam Library on Wednesdays, May 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 5:30-6:30 for students in grades 5 and up.

The program will offer a wide range of information, including health and safety issues, which will be covered by members of the Agawam Police, Fire and Health departments. Certificates will be given to those who fulfill all program requirements.

Registration is required and can be done by calling 789-1550 x3 or online at [www.agawamlibrary.org](http://www.agawamlibrary.org).

### The Library will be closed:

Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day

### Library Hours:

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

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**FaceBook:** [www.facebook.com/agawampubliclibrary](http://www.facebook.com/agawampubliclibrary)

