



THE BOOKCASE



Agawam Public Library's Newsletter

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I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book. ~ Groucho Marx

National Library Week is April 12-18

AuthorTalk with Janet Barrett

They Called Her Reckless

Author Janet Barrett will visit the library on Tuesday, April 21st at 7:00 to read from and discuss her novel *They Called Her Reckless*. For more info visit www.theycalledherreckless.com.

When U.S. Marine Regiment's Recoilless Rifle Platoon acquired a small Korean pony to haul ammunition up the steep hills to the front line, what they got was a real-life hero, Reckless, a warhorse who stood with her buddies for two years during the Korean War, saving many lives, raising spirits and winning the love and respect of all who knew her.

This book was made possible by the contributions of over 50 Marines.

Please register by calling 789-1550 x4 or online at www.agawamlibrary.org. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Poetry Night at the APL

In celebration of National Poetry Month, the Agawam Library will host an evening of poetry reading on Monday, April 6th at 7:00. Local poets performing in this program are:

Antonia Moore
Brian Allen

Daniel Walsh
Phyllis Jendza
Isabel Marcheselli

Please call 789-1550x4 or go to www.agawamlibrary.org to register.

Trash Talkin' with Nancy (and Helga the Hen)!

Former Agawam High teacher and current environmental blogger Nancy Bobskill will visit the APL on Thursday, April 9th at 7:00 with her chicken purse "Helga the Hen." Together they will teach how simple actions decrease waste that builds up in our landfills, incinerators, rivers and oceans. Learn why these solutions not only help humans but other animals and their habitats as well.



The first 50 people (1 per household) who sign up and attend this event will receive a free kitchen compost bucket, courtesy of the Agawam DPW! Call 789-1550 x4 or go to www.agawamlibrary.org to register.

National Volunteer Week



April 12-18 is National Volunteer Week, and the Agawam Public Library staff would like to thank all of our volunteers who put in so many hours of their personal time.

Jennifer Boyd

Louise Amerman
Donna Scherpa
Grace Chan
Tony Maniscalco
Sylvia Deliso

Leslee Landry
Andrea LaPlace
Debbie Proulx
Sue Avondo
Chad Pelley

April Exhibits

Entire Library

Thousand Cranes Art Studio Students

Anyone interested in displaying work should contact Joanne Szlag at 789-1550 x8851 or jszlag@agawamlibrary.org. Artwork must meet with the APL's criteria for viewing.

Thousand Cranes Display

Students from the art studio of Stan and Sheila Coly will display works throughout the library in April. A variety of media will be showcased throughout the exhibit. Viewing will be during regular library hours.

Adult Authors Wanted

READLocal will kick-off our Adult Summer Reading Program, which is in its 11th year!

READLocal is a group booksigning event which will be held in the library's Community Room on **Monday, June 22nd at 6:30.**

Authors who have published books for adults (and have not had a previous event at the APL) are welcome to participate.

Please contact Wendy McAnanama at wmcananama@agawamlibrary.org if you are interested in participating. (Write READLocal in the subject.) Include a book summary and publicity info and pictures). Everything must be submitted by **Friday, May 15th, 2015.**

Turkish Cultural Night

On Friday, April 17th at 6:00, the Turkish Cultural Center of Western Mass will be hosting a Turkish Cultural Night at the Agawam Library. The event will include a short video of Turkish culture, focusing on the myths and realities surrounding Islam. This will be followed by Turkish appetizers and authentic coffee.

This event is free and open to the public. Registration is not required. For further info, please contact Library Director Judith Clini at 789-1550 x8855.

Agawam's Zip One Book Symposium

Rich Morassi, along with Bob Rossi, Rosemary Stratton, Joanne Brown and Kathy Mouneimneh, have organized a unique community book club, based on a program at a Florida library. They have titled it "Zip One Book Symposium."

What is needed are 25-30 people who are committed to read or listen to ***The Invention of Wings*** by Sue Monk Kidd, and attend a gathering on **Thursday, April 30, 2015 at 7:00** at the Agawam Library. Come hear what others in the community have to say about this powerful and moving book! You can offer your own thoughts or just listen.

The library has limited copies of the book available at the Circulation Desk.

This event is sponsored by Bridgeport National Book Bindery, Inc. in Agawam.

Bookmarks and Bags For National Library Week

The Agawam Library will offer free bookbags and bookmarks at the Circulation Desk during National Library Week, April 12-18, 2015.

Book Displays for April

Fiction Kiosk - Staff Favorites

Deliso Display - Poetry

Special hours for April:

Closed-Monday, April 20th - Patriot's Day

Library Hours:

Monday-Thursday 9-9

Friday 10-6

Saturday 10-5

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