



THE BOOKCASE



Agawam Public Library's Newsletter

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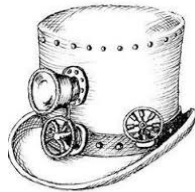
For those without money, the road to the treasure house of the imagination begins at the public library. ~ Pete Hamill, New York Daily News, Feb 25 2002

Agawam Library is Now on Instagram!

Steampunk 101 with Sarah Hodge-Wetherbe

What exactly is steampunk? According to dictionary.com, it is "a subgenre of science

fiction and fantasy featuring advanced machines and other technology based on steam power of the 19th century and taking place in a recognizable historical period or a fantasy world."



Sarah Hodge-Wetherbe, a self-proclaimed "geek gal" who hails from the Springfield Library, will present a panel on steampunk called: **The Intersection of Technology and Romance: Steampunk 101**, on Monday, March 16th at 7:00. She will discuss the various ways steampunk is identified, how it developed as a genre and how it is influencing everything from literature to fashion. She will bring some steampunk pieces (props and clothing) for participants to try on after the program!

For more information, visit www.panelsbygeekgal.com.

Please call 789-1550 x4 or go online at www.agawamlibrary.org to register for this event. It is sponsored by the Agawam Center Library Association.

Book Displays for March

Fiction Kiosk - Steampunk
Deliso Display - Spring Clean-up

Board Game Night for Adults-Let's Try Again!

Board game night - just for the grownups! Come to the APL on **Tuesday, March 3rd at 6:30** at and join other "gamers" for some board game madness!

We'll have some games here:
Scrabble-Bananagrams
Scattergories-Yahtzee-Tripoley
Stratego-Mad Gab-Scrabble
or BYO favorite!



Please call 789-1550 x4 or register online at www.agawamlibrary.org. Events are subject to cancellation if there are not enough sign-ups.

Looking for Poets

The library will host a Poetry Reading Night on **Monday, April 6th at 7:00**, in celebration of Poetry Month. Interested adults are welcome to be a part of this event. Participants should plan to read one (or possibly two) original poems.



For more information or to register as a reader, please email Wendy McAnanama at

wmcananama@agawamlibrary.org and put Poetry Reading in the subject. Deadline is Monday, March 30th. Please submit titles of poetry to be included in a handout.

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



In celebration of Youth Art Month, the library will be displaying works from Agawam students from the Elementary, Doering and Junior High School Students.

The artwork of students in grades K-6 will be showcased on the Gallery Walls, in the Johnson, Double Glass and Lower Level cases, as well as the Lower Level Bookshelves. Mediums will include clay and paper mache sculptures, small and large weavings, as well as a variety of drawings, paintings and mixed media artwork.

Junior High students will be exhibiting 2-D work on the Lower Level Walls.

Knitting Reminder

Just a friendly reminder that the library hosts a weekly drop-in knitting group every Tuesday afternoon from 1:00-3:00. No registration is necessary, just bring your sticks and strings!

Knitting instructor Sandy Ellis is on hand the first Tuesday of the month, from December through May, to help with troubleshooting or to introduce something new.

Magazine Changes

Beginning with the April/May 2015 issues, both 4Dog Fancy and Cat Fancy have changed names as well as format. Dog Fancy is now Dogster and Cat Fancy is now Catster.

Cesar's Way is no longer being published.

APL Now On Instagram



For info and fun pictures on library events, follow us at @agawampubliclibrary!

If you're interested in being a part of our photo diary, contact Assistant Library Director, Jolene Mercadante at jmercadante@agawamlibrary.org.

The Agawam Public library takes pride in being "so much more than books".

FOL Accepting Donations

The Friends of the Agawam Library are now accepting donations for their annual booksale to be held in May. All donations must be in good condition and come from a non-smoking home.

Acceptable items include hardcovers, paperbacks, large print, DVDs, puzzles and children's books. **NO** textbooks, encyclopedias, VHS, magazines, travel or health books older than 2 years.

For large donations, please call ahead to 789-1550 x4 and arrangements can be made for drop off.

Coming in April...

National Library Week
National Poetry Month
National Volunteer Week
Trash Talking with Nancy Bobskill
Poetry Night Reading

Library Hours:

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

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