



THE BOOKCASE



Agawam Public Library's Newsletter

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The most important asset of any library goes home at night – the library staff. – Timothy Healy

Friends' Booksale is May 15th & 16th !!!

Summer Reading Programs to Start Up In June

It's almost that time of year again...for SUMMER READING PROGRAMS!

The children's theme this year is **"Every Hero Has a Story"**. The kick-off event is Super You Hero Training Academy Magic Show with Mike Bent. It will be held on Thursday, June 25th at 6:00.

The adult theme is **"Escape the Ordinary"** and the kick-off is Monday, June 22nd at 6:30. The event is the 4th annual READLocal group book signing, featuring local authors. Refreshments will be provided by Partner's! No sign up is necessary for this event, just drop in, meet some authors and have fun!

It's Book Sale Time!



The Friends of the Agawam Library will hold their annual booksale on Friday and Saturday, May 15th and 16th. 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 - Books into Film

Music from Marengo with Joel Meginsky of the SSO

Joel Meginsky, has played with the Springfield Symphony Orchestra for the past 35 years. On **Monday, June 2nd, at 7:00** he will visit the library to perform Music from Marengo.

Music from Marengo presents instrumental improvisation based on familiar melodies from jazz, blues, country, gospel, ethnic and classical repertoires. Songs are performed on a Hawaiian steel guitar, clarinet, mandolin, ukulele, and fiddle. This concert is family friendly!

Please visit www.agawamlibrary.org or call 789-1550 x4, to register. This event is sponsored by the Agawam Cultural Council.

Local Website Offers Pioneer Valley Discounts

Looking for information on Pioneer Valley events or discounts to local venues and restaurants? Check out the website www.valleyvisitor.com! They also have a blog to www.blog.valleyvisitor.com.



You'll find WOW value coupons to Bright Nights, Yankee Candle, Zoar Outdoor, Springfield Museums, Luxe Burger Bar, Atkins Farms.

May Exhibits

Gallery Walls - Walter Hamilton-Oil Paintings

Double Glass Cases - Walter Willard
Agawam High Class of '63 Memorabilia

Anyone interested in displaying work should contact Library Director Judith Clini at 789-1550 x8855 or Jclin@agawamlibrary.org.

AHS Class of '63 Memorabilia

From May 1st through June 5th, memorabilia from the Agawam High Class of '63 will be on display in the double glass cases at the library.

The items are from the collection of Walter Willard and include, hats, yearbooks, portions of the 1950's goal posts, shop class projects, musical programs and photographs.

South Hadley Artist Display

Local artist, Walter Hamilton will exhibit his oil paintings from May 1st through June 5th on the library's Gallery Walls. Hamilton's paintings depict domestic and wild animals, human interactions and a variety of still life studies and landscapes. They contain single or multiple events he has captured in photographs.

"Escape the Ordinary" with Adult SRP 2015

This summer the APL joins over 50 other library systems using the theme "**Escape the Ordinary**" 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 22nd and continues through August 14th with a raffle at 3:00! More information on our kick-off event **READLocal 2015** and a listing of summer programs will be available June 1st on the APL's website, in local papers, posters in the library, on Channel 15 and in the "**Escape the Ordinary**" display. Look for a sneak peek in the Johnson Memorial Case in May!

OneClickdigital Additions

April additions to our OneClick digital collection service for Agawam patrons included...*Still Alice* by Tami Hoag, *A Spool of Blue Thread* by Anne Tyler, *Finding Jake* by Bryan Riordan and *Reluctant Midwife* by Patricia Harman. Also, 50 new health titles can be found under the self-help genre.

Need help getting started? Visit the library on Wednesdays between 9-12, and our library volunteer Tony will assist you. Or, visit www.agawamlibrary.org and click on the OneClickdigital icon.

Spring Parent Cafe

The Agawam Family & Community Program is offering a Parent Café on Tuesday, May 26th, from 9:30-11:00 and 6:30-8:00. It is titled Teaching Your Child Drug Awareness, and will be facilitated by Tracy Wilkie.

Having endured the loss of her son to substance abuse, Tracy is on a mission to help all parents learn how to teach their children about the dangers of drug use.

The morning location will be held at the Agawam Congregational Church, at 745 Main St. (with free childcare), and the evening location will be at the Agawam Senior Center dining room, at 954 Main St.

For more information, please contact Michelle Connery, Outreach Coordinator at mconnery@agawampublicschools.org or 821-0597.

The Library will be closed:

Monday, May 25th - Memorial Day

Library Hours:

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

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