

# THE BOOKCASE

## AGAWAM PUBLIC LIBRARY'S NEWSLETTER

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*A library is a home for the imagination ~ Lisa Scottoline*

### September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month



#### Library Closing & Saturday Hours

The Library will be closed on Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day. We will begin our Saturday hours on September 12<sup>th</sup>.



**Check Out our New and Improved Website!**

[www.agawamlibrary.org](http://www.agawamlibrary.org)

(Hit the refresh button on your browser, if you don't see a change!)

#### September's Artist: Steven Kennedy

Gallery Walls/Lower Level/Lower Level Case

Despite living with the limitations of his cerebral palsy, Steven Kennedy has found success with art. Since 2006, Steve has been a participant with Riverside Arts and has mastered his creative style using Sennelier oil sticks. He creates art through color blending, layering, and carving. Steve says about his art: "I dream about my art...art makes me feel good. It is fun and exciting. It is my passion in life and helps me express my feelings".

#### Johnson Case

Jimmy Montagna's Nostalgic 45 Record Collection

#### Double Glass Cases

Sesquicentennial Quilt & Historical Agawam

Photographs

We have available space in the double glass cases in the coming months! If you have a collection you'd like to display, please contact Adult Services Librarian, Cher Collins (413) 789-1550 x8551 or [ccollins@agawamlibrary.org](mailto:ccollins@agawamlibrary.org)

**Labor Day- Observed**

**Sept 7**

**Happy Birthday, Google!**

**Sept 7**

Roald Dahl-Birth Anniversary

Sept 13

Agatha Christie-Birth Anniversary

Sept 15

Birthday-Author Stephen King

Sept 21

Birthday-Author, Activist Elie Wiesel

Sept 30

#### Congratulations to our 2015 Adult SRP Raffle Winners!

Carol Alaimo

Christine Hanna

Melissa Bedard

Jared Jacobsen

Adria Benard

Bari Jarvis

Faye Borgatti

Lisa Johnson

Colleen Cevosky

Phyllis Khao

Jenn Clark

Kristen Ouellette

Susanne Connor

Rich Ouellette, Jr.

Norma Coogan

Rich Ouellette, Sr.

Mary Farmer

Dave Rinaldi

Mary Gontczaruk

Diane Russell

#### This year, 93 readers read 726 books!

Our thanks to the **Agawam Center Library Association**, who generously provided the funding for the prizes.



**Thank you ALL for your participation!**

## Have You Tried Our New eBook Services ?



Our eBook users can now access more eContent through the Commonwealth eBook Collections

(CEC). Agawam residents now have access to an expanded eBook collection that includes popular fiction, non-fiction, academic research and historical documents. Visit [eBooks.masslibrarysystem.org](http://eBooks.masslibrarysystem.org) to access the CEC. Hands-on help is available at the library on Wednesdays from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Our volunteer Tony is happy to help!



## Kindergarten Social

Join us at the library for a Kindergarten Social on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Agawam and Feeding Hills students who are entering Kindergarten in September can enjoy a fun story time and meet some new friends!

Clifford Granger & Robinson Park Schools –  
Thursday, September 3 at 10:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m.

James Clark & Benjamin Phelps Schools –  
Thursday, September 3 at 11:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.

*This program is presented in partnership with Agawam Family & Community Program.*

## Banned Books Week!

### Celebrating the Freedom To Read!

*September 27-October 3*

According to the American Library Association, over 11,000 books have been challenged since 1982, when Banned Books Week was established. During this time, we recognize and celebrate our *Freedom To Read*. For more information and lists of banned and challenged books, please visit [www.bannedbooksweek.org](http://www.bannedbooksweek.org).

## ESOL Classes Begin in September

**Mondays 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

The free classes are sponsored by the Friends of the Agawam Library, and they are open to all adult learners who are looking to improve their English in the areas of listening, speaking, reading and writing. Classes begin September 14th and run through the school year.

To register or for more information, please contact Library Director, Judy Clini (413) 789-1550 x8855 or [jclini@agawamlibrary.org](mailto:jclini@agawamlibrary.org)

## September Book Discussion Groups

Evening Club “Nightbookers”

**Tuesday, September 1 @ 7:00 p.m.**

*Pride & Prejudice* by Jane Austen

Afternoon Club “Pageturners”

**Wednesday, September 23 @ 2:00 p.m.**

*Close Your Eyes, Hold Hands* by Chris Bohjalian

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## Book Displays in September

Fiction Kiosk-Banned & Challenged Fiction  
Deliso Display-Healthy Aging

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## September is National Preparedness Month!

Get Involved!



[www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)

## Library Hours

Monday – Thursday	9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday	10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

(beginning September 12)

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