



THE BOOKCASE



AGAWAM PUBLIC LIBRARY'S NEWSLETTER

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"Here We Are As In Olden Days, Happy Golden Days Of Yore"

Join us for Adult *Crafternoons* at the Agawam Library

Buck-A-Bag Book Sale



From December 1 to December 31, the Library will once again offer the Buck-A-Bag Book Sale. Bags will be available on the book sale

shelves. Please no bags from home! You may purchase your books at the Circulation Desk.

Hanukkah begins at sundown

Dec 6

Christmas

Dec 25

Kwanza begins

Dec 26

World AIDS Day

Dec 1

Birth Anniversary-Walt Disney

Dec 5

Birth Anniversary-Emily Dickinson

Dec 10

Happy Birthday Author Mary Higgins Clark

Dec 24

Happy Birthday Author Nicholas Sparks

Dec 31

7th Annual Holiday Basket Raffle

There is still time to purchase tickets for the Friends of the Library Basket Raffle! Tickets are \$2 each or \$10 for 6 tickets and are available at the Information Desk until the morning of December 12th. Winners will be drawn at noon on December 12th.

Basket Themes for this Year:

Movie Night	Travel
How Puzzling	Bear With Me
A Poppin' Good Time	Winter Warmth
Holiday at Home	Simply Chocolate
Breakfast Time	Kitchen Holiday Basket
Let's Color	Supper Anyone?
Main St. Deli Gift Basket	Snow Day Fun
A Day at the Country Club	Making Woopie
Dave's Cat Basket	Christmas in New England

December AuthorTalk!

Monday, December 7 @ 7:00 p.m.

Steve McKelvey, author of *Labor of Love* will be here to discuss his book. For over six decades, Dick "The Rev" McKelvey lived a life "silly on baseball". In building one of the largest private baseball autograph collections in the world, his greatest labor of love and the genre he created- was collecting themed baseballs celebrating the game's milestones, memorable events and noted personalities.

Sons Stephen and Kevin McKelvey carefully curated the collections' most iconic themed autographs. We are delighted to host Steve at our library . For more information, please visit www.laboroflove.com

Please call 789-1550 X4 or register online at www.agawamlibrary.org Books will be available for purchase and signing at the event.

Book Displays in December

Fiction Kiosk- Holiday Novels
Deliso Display-Celebrate!

Library Holiday Closings

December 24 CLOSING at noon

December 25 CLOSED.

December 26 CLOSED

December 31 CLOSING at 5:00 p.m.

Adult Crafternoons @ the Library

Saturday, December 5

Saturday, December 12

Gifts needs wrapping? Holiday crafts need completing? Need some space to spread out and have some me time? Bring your crafts and your wrapping to the library and spend a couple hours doing what YOU need to do! Leave the kids at home and join us from 10:30-12:30 for the time and space YOU need. Call 789-1550 X4 or visit us online to register for one *crafternoon* or both www.agawamlibrary.org.

December Exhibits

Gallery Walls, Double Glass Case, Johnson Case

Agawam Community Artists

Lower Level Case

Celebrate!

Please contact Adult Services Librarian, Cher Collins for information on scheduling your collection for display: 789-1550 X8851.

Sit & Knit Instructor Returns

beginning Tuesday, December 1 @ 1:00 p.m.

Come to the library weekly drop-in knitting program. Bring your stick and strings, meet other knitters and maybe learn something new!

This free program for adults is open to the public and no registration is required. Instructor Sandy Ellis will be on hand the first Tuesday of the month from December to May from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

The Agawam Library will be collecting Toys for Tots through December 15th!



Happy Birthday, Melvil Dewey!!

The Dewey Decimal System was first used in 1876 as a library classification scheme. Still used today for our non-fiction books, the Dewey schedule lets librarians and patrons easily locate library books by subject! Celebrate Dewey on his birthday, December 10th!

December Book Discussion Groups

Evening Club "Nightbookers"

Tuesday, December 1 @ 7:00 p.m.

The Circle by Dave Eggers

Afternoon Club "Pageturners"

Wednesday, December 9 @ 12:00

Family Tree by Barbara Delinsky

From the Agawam Public Library Staff, we wish you a Happy Holiday Season!



Just a reminder as the winter months begin!

If Agawam schools are closed, there will be no children's programming for that day. Also, if Town Hall closes, the library will be closed. Please check local TV stations 22 (WWLP) & 40 (WGGB/WSHM) for library closings due to inclement weather.

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.

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