



THE BOOKCASE



AGAWAM PUBLIC LIBRARY'S NEWSLETTER

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You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right. ~Rosa Parks

February is Library Lovers' Month

6th Annual Friends of the Library Photography Show

Author Talk – Kate Anderson

Thursday, February 11 @ 7:00 p.m.

Author Kate Anderson returns with her new novel, *Hospital Hill*. The walls of Northampton State Hospital have held onto a dark secret for decades. In 1959 Valerie Martin takes a job on the wards of Northampton State Hospital for the Insane where she spends the next twenty years climbing the ranks. Just weeks away from retirement, Valerie is called back to complete one final task and finds a disturbing trend among some of the female patients. She has a hunch: these women were all murdered. It's time the truth was revealed. Books will be available for purchase and signing at this event. Please call 789-1550 X4 or register online at www.agawamlibrary.org

Basic Computer Classes

Beginning Wednesday, February 3rd

Adult basic computer classes will be offered at the Agawam library on ten consecutive Wednesdays, from February 3rd, 2016 to April 6th, 2016 from 10 to 11 A.M. The classes may cover navigating Windows, surfing the Web, working with Email, using Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, and/or Microsoft PowerPoint depending on the needs of the class. Please contact the instructor, Jackie Owens, at 413-786-0606 to discuss possible topics. *Please plan to attend all sessions. Also, note that space is limited to 10 people. Call the Reference Desk to register: 789-1550 X8862.*



Valentine's Day

Feb 14

President's Day

Feb 15

Author Charles Dickens –Birth Anniversary

Feb 7

Happy Birthday Author Judy Blume

Feb 12

Happy Birthday Author Toni Morrison

Feb 18

Author John Steinbeck- Birth Anniversary

Feb 27



February Exhibits

Gallery Walls

Double Glass Cases

Johnson Case

Friends of the Library Photography Show February 1st – February 26th

Please join us on **Friday, February 19th from 7:00-9:00 p.m.** for a photo show reception. Visitors will get to meet the photographers and enjoy light refreshments and music.

Lower Level Glass Case- African American Heroes

Back by Popular Demand!

Coloring for Adults

Monday, February 29th 6:30-8:30 p.m.

No need to worry about coloring in the lines! We'll provide all coloring pages and supplies and even some snacks! Please call 789-1550 X4 or register online at www.agawamlibrary.org.

Thank You

Thank you to the following local business for their corporate memberships to the Friends of the Agawam Library:

Bridgeport Bindery
Budget Cabinet Sales
UBU Hair Design

Library Legislative Breakfast

Friday, February 5th @ 8:00 a.m.

The public is invited to attend! Join state and local officials, librarians, and library supporters to show your support for local libraries. This is your chance to communicate with politicians who make decisions that impact library funding on the state level. Let your voice be heard! Please call Judy Clini, Library Director to register, 789-1550 X8855

Drop-In Tai Chi

February 23 @ 7:00 p.m.

Adult Drop-In Tai Chi will meet on the last Tuesday of the month from October 2015 through May 2016. The classes are for beginners, but all adults (18 and older) are welcome to attend. Please wear comfortable clothing that allows you to move freely. Susan Moore has over 20 years of experience teaching exercise and mind/body practices including both Tai Chi and yoga to people of all ages and abilities. No registration is needed for these events.



Book Displays in February

Fiction Kiosk- Blind Date with a Book
Deliso Display-Black History Month

Try our Blind Date with a Book! Don't Judge a Book by its cover! Take a chance and you might find a new favorite author!

February Book Discussion Groups

Evening Club "Nightbookers"

Tuesday, February 2 @ 7:00 p.m.

Remarkable Creatures by Tracy Chevalier

Afternoon Club "Pageturners"

Wednesday, February 24 @ 2:00

The Bell Jar by Sylvia Plath

Sit & Knit

February 2 @ 1:00 p.m.

Come to the library weekly drop-in knitting program. Bring your sticks 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.

Fitness Classes from the YMCA

Wednesday, February 10 @ 10:30 a.m

Chair Fit Plus (combo of Chair Fit & Total Body) will meet the second Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. Blood pressure checks will be available at this time as well. This will be a free drop-in class sponsored by the Agawam YMCA and taught by Ryan Rackliffe, Health and Wellness Director.

Library Closings

The library will be closed on Monday, February 15th in observance of President's Day.



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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