

THE BOOKCASE

AGAWAM PUBLIC LIBRARY'S NEWSLETTER

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May 2016

"Without libraries what have we? We have no past and no future." ~ Ray Bradbury

May 19, 20 and 21

Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale

Straw Bale Gardening with

Ruth van Wijk

Monday, May 2 @ 7:00 p.m.

Straw bales are the ultimate in container gardening! Ruth will present a straw bale gardening workshop that will provide gardeners with the skills needed to become successful straw bale gardeners. Autographed copies of the book *Straw Bale Gardens Complete* by Joel Karsten will be available for purchase. Ruth is a Granby, CT-based gardener who has been cultivating gardens indoor and out for over 40 years.

Please call 789-1550 X4 or register online at www.agawamlibrary.org. This event is sponsored by the Agawam Center Library Association.



May Book Discussion Groups

Evening Club "Nightbookers"

Tuesday, May 3 @ 7:00 p.m.

Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Afternoon Club "Pageturners"

Wednesday, May 25 @ 2:00 p.m.

The Signature of All Things by Elizabeth Gilbert

Mother's Day

May 8

Memorial Day (Observed)

May 30

Happy Birthday-Author David Guterson

May 4

Birth Anniversary Author Daphne DuMaurier

May 13

Happy Birthday Author Jamaica Kincaid

May 25

Birth Anniversary Poet Walt Whitman

May 31



"Not Yet Over the Hill Gang"

An Evening of Poetry,

Fiction & Non-Fiction Entertainment

Tuesday, May 10 @ 7:00 p.m.

"The Gang" is an active group of creative senior citizens who are members of the East Longmeadow Library's Wednesday afternoon writing circle. They craft fiction, non-fiction and poetry based on their own experiences. This spoken word presentation filled with wit, wisdom and whimsy enriches their own lives as well as encourages connections and empathy among generations.

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Book Displays in May

Fiction Kiosk- Mystery Month

(Take home a mystery title!)

Deliso Display-Mental Health Awareness

May Exhibits

Gallery Walls:

Skylar Barden Presents Free Lunch Comics

Johnson Case:

Adult Summer Reading Sneak Peak

Double Glass Cases:

Kiersten Franklin

Please contact Adult Services Librarian, Cher Collins if you are interested in displaying your work. (413) 789-1550 x8851 or ccollins@agawamlibrary.org



Coloring for Grown-Ups

Mon., May 16 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

We'll provide the coloring pages, supplies and even some snacks! Please call 789-1550 X4 or register online at

www.agawamlibrary.org.

Local Authors, It's not too late!

The Agawam Public Library is looking for local authors that would like to participate in our 5th annual **READLocal** book signing event to be held on Monday, June 20th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Interested authors must have published a book for adults and not have previously participated in an author event at the Agawam Library. Book summary and contact information should be sent by May 13, 2016 to Wendy McAnanama at wmcananama@agawamlibrary.org Space is limited due to room size, so sign up early!

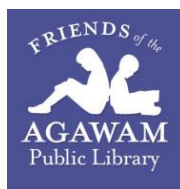
Summer Reading Program

Summer is just around the corner!

Get ready to get active as we encourage our participants with this year's theme: **"On Your Mark, Get Set...READ!"** We will be kicking off the Adult Summer Reading Program with our 5th Annual READLocal event on June 20th! Stay tuned for more details in the June newsletter!

Friends Annual Book Sale

May 19- May 21



Unless otherwise marked, Hardcover books are \$1 each. Soft cover books are \$.50 each. CD's and DVD's are \$1 each for single-disc products.

CD's, DVD's and audio-book sets are priced by the number of discs in each set to a maximum of \$5.

Children's books are sold by the inch for a very modest cost.

All sales are cash only.

Thursday, May 19 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Members Only Preview Night

Friday, May 20 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

\$3 admission charge per adult. Friends admitted free!

Saturday, May 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Open to all without charge.

Second Annual Open Juried 3-D

Object Show

June 8-June 11

The Friends of the Agawam Public Library are looking for entries for their 2nd Open Juried 3D Art Object Show. For entry requirements, deadlines, and more information, please visit

<http://agawamlibrary.org/about/friends-of-the-library/>.

Library Closing



The Library will be closed on Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial 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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