

Friends of the Agawam Public Library



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MEETINGS

Monthly meetings are held in the Peirce Conference Room at 7:00 pm the first Thursday of each month, except July and August.

The Annual Meeting is held on the first Thursday in February after the regular monthly meeting.

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www.agawamlibrary.org

From The President:

It's hard to believe that summer is over and fall is upon us! I hope everyone had a great and enjoyable summer. In our 2013-2014 season, the Friends will continue to provide a variety of money-raising events that will help supply much needed items to the library and also provide our community with some fun and interesting activities.

Fall is the time of the year that the Friends hold their Open Juried Art Show. This year will be our 5th! If anyone is interested in submitting art for the show, you can go to the Agawam Public Library's web site for a brochure with more information and entry forms. As in the past, all of the outstanding artwork that was juried into our art show will be displayed in the library's gallery for the month of November.

From November through December, the Friends will be holding our 5th Annual Holiday Basket Raffle. The baskets will be on display from November 18 to December 14, with the drawing on December 14. If you are interested in donating a basket, please stop by the library. The staff will be only too happy to provide you with instructions. If you want to win one of the lovely baskets, try your luck with raffle tickets. They are \$2 each or six for \$10.

Since our founding in 2003, the Friends have done much to help out the library. We have provided printers, bookshelves, computer classes, furniture for the children's room, etc., and continue to help by providing for ESL classes, Nook eReaders, eBooks, museum passes, and many other things.

Fall is the time that the Friends start our membership drive. You can continue to support the library by renewing your membership for 2014 and encouraging others to join. See the back page of this newsletter for your membership form. Additional forms are available at the Friends' display to the left of the book and video return area.

Please join us and help support our library. And, hopefully, we will see some of you at our meetings and events!

Marcia E. Capuano

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***In Support of Our Library and for Your Enjoyment,
The Friends of the Agawam Public Library Present:***



The 5th Open Juried Art Show

November 4 – 29, 2013

We are accepting entries now. Original artwork may be delivered to the Library during regular Library hours through Saturday, November 20, at 1 P.M.

Entry forms and details are available on the Friends page of the library web site: www.agawamlibrary.org. Questions can be directed to Bob Kadis at (413) 789-4814 or via his email: r.kadis@comcast.net.

You are invited to attend the Artist Reception and Awards ceremony on Friday, November 8, from 7 to 9 P.M. Come meet some very talented area artists while enjoying music and light refreshment.



The 5th Annual Holiday Basket Display and Raffle

November 18 – December 14, 2013. Raffle drawing: December 14, 2013

Here again is your yearly opportunity to support your library in a fun and giving way. If you are interested in donating a basket, you can obtain our informational packet from either a librarian at the circulation desk or from the library web site: www.agawamlibrary.org. The packet includes instructions, a form for itemizing the contents and their value and, for those who will take this contribution as a tax deduction, an additional form to be signed by a librarian.



The 4th Open Juried Photography Show

February 3 – 28, 2014

Entries are being accepted now. Winning photographers will receive their awards at a Reception and Awards ceremony on Friday, February 21, beginning at 7 P.M. Plan to celebrate with us and take in the show.

Full entry details are available from the Friends page of the Library web site and from Bob Kadis, as above.

Also coming: Our Annual Book Sale in May 2014. Start setting aside your gently used books, DVDs, CDs, puzzles, audio books, etc., for our sale. Donations are being accepted now at the Circulation Desk. Please mark your box or bag of books as “Donation – Book Sale.” No text books, encyclopedia sets, magazines or damaged books, please.

Take a Walk on the Wild Side

If you're up for a bit of fun and adventure, the next time you come to the library hang a left just before the circulation desk. From there, make your way past the lion, rhinoceros, tiger and other beasts waiting behind a picket fence (fortunately) for their next tasty morsel (possibly you?). If accompanied by a child, you'll pass in safety, but if you are an adult traveling sans child, watch out for that rhino horn poking through the fence and, please, avoid tugging the tiger's tail. They're eyeing you as it is.

Your reward for running this gauntlet is admission into a wonderful children's world that is chock full of great books, movies, games, puppets, stuffed animals and more – all meant to stimulate a child's inquisitive mind and sense of creativity. And to help kids explore their many possibilities even more, the library presents about 175 children's programs each year that draw between 4,800 and 4,900 young participants, parents and caregivers. From birth (that's right!) up to the teen years, children and, when required, their adults, come to enjoy a variety of programs designed just for them. For instance, newborns and infants wiggle and coo to music, shake some rattles (and maybe a little bootie), hear from Mother Goose and generally have a good time with their parents or other caregivers. As time passes, many of these infants will move into the Tiny Tots classes (ages 19 – 28 months) and then into the Terrific Toddlers (ages 29 – 36 months), where they'll hear stories, learn rhyming, develop a sense of movement and musical rhythm, learn social skills and participate in other activities meant to lay a foundation for their appreciation of literature and the arts. The path to literacy begins early.

Once these youngsters reach the ripe old age of 3 years, they move into Preschool Storytime, continuing their exposure to age-appropriate stories, music and crafts. Daytime activities are supplemented by a Wednesday evening PJ (optional wear for children) Storytime, a program especially appreciated by parents whose schedules preclude their coming to the library with their children during the day.

Having a child of the appropriate age ensures your access to classes. However, do not despair if you lack such a ticket. Simply let yourself wander through the Children's Room. Start, perhaps, with the rows of bookshelves just to the left of where you came in and treat yourself to a quick read or two from either classics or the latest in children's stories. Take a look at some of the puppets and marvel at all of the activity boxes and other parent/teacher support items available in the library of today. Then, stroll on over to the older children's/juvenile sections to see the extensive selection of titles available to them e.g., Nancy Drew, Goosebumps, Red Badge of Courage, Star Trek, etc.

Before proceeding to the juvenile reference area, you might want to take a break to hug a stuffed animal or two. Then check out the shelves of multi-volume sets, such as Ancient Civilizations, Biography Today, Popular Science, and various dictionaries, atlases and encyclopedias. With these resources, one could do quite nicely without the Internet, but Agawam's children need not be Luddites. The Children's Room has 9 computer stations exclusively for their use. Internet content is filtered, of course, but the kind of information children may need for school or other interests is readily available.

You've taken in a lot, so why not reward yourself with a bit of a sit-down? Look across the Children's Room to the corner opposite the reference area. There, you'll see a lovely mural painted on the walls and dominated by a majestic tree that is quite magical in feeling. Out of this tree's trunk grows a seat from which you can view the Enchanted Play Area, so dubbed by a doting librarian. Accept the tree's invitation to sit beneath its branches, and enjoy the wonder of this children's world a little longer. Then, take a deep breath and prepare to run the gauntlet of wild beasts again. This time, they'll probably recognize you as being kid-friendly and won't try to eat you. This time.

***Be a Friend of the Agawam Public Library and support the magic of learning
in the Children's Room and throughout the library.***

******Tax-deductible membership for 2014 is available now.******

Please renew your membership or join us today.

Become a Friend of the Agawam Public Library

If you like what the Friends do for the library, find your category, below, and join us!

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