

Friends of the Agawam Public Library



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Meetings begin at 7:00 P.M. in the
Peirce Conference Room the first
Thursday of each month,
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follows February's monthly meeting.

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MAINTAIN MEMBERSHIP

The membership form is available at the
Friends' Information Stand in the Library
Gallery and online at our web page,
above.

A Word From The Editor:

Happy spring! It is a real treat to see everything blooming again. We had an exciting and productive winter this year, with a number of successful events.

The Eighth Open Juried Art Show in November featured 53 artists, with *A Winter to Remember* by Leonard Haug winning Best in Show. A large audience was entertained and educated by Steve Wilda and Sandra Wakeen, the judges, at the Reception and Awards presentation.

In December, we had nineteen baskets on display for our raffle, and there were nineteen happy winners! Thank you very much to all who contributed baskets and bought raffle tickets.

We fought off the February doldrums with the Seventh Open Juried Photography Show. The judges, Sue Fenton and Kevin Fay, accepted 71 stunning photographs from 37 photographers. Joe Oliverio's *Cedar Waxwings* won Best in Show.

Our annual membership drive is underway. Currently there are 79 members-let's double that this year! Talk to your friends, family and neighbors about what an incredible resource this library is, and drum up some more interest.

Another request is that you not bake anything for our Bakeless Bake Sale. Your donations will support the very important summer reading program, which had over 400 children participate last year.

Thanks to all for your continued interest and support of the Friends of our incredible library!

Mary Alice McQuade

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COME TO THE BOOK SALE!

Donations of gently used books, DVDs, CDs, puzzles and audio books are being accepted until May 17 at the Circulation Desk. We cannot accept damaged, or moldy books, encyclopedias, Reader's Digest Condensed Books or magazines. All sales are cash only.

This year we have a special treat - if you buy a Friends book bag for \$12.00, you can fill it for free and it will also be eligible for future discounts!

Thursday, May 18 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Members Only Preview Sale
(Memberships will be available)

Friday, May 19 2:00-5:00

(\$3.00 Preview Charge)

Saturday, May 20 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

(Free Admission)

If you would like to help sort books from now until the sale, and/or help out the days of the sales, please call Marcia Capuano (413) 786-5506 or email her at mecapu@comcast.net.

And for our loyal supporters:

Please present this coupon at the Book Sale.

As a Friend of the Agawam Public Library, upon a one-time presentation of this coupon, I am eligible to receive

\$1.00 OFF

of my purchase on any day of the Friends 2017 Annual Book Sale.

Special note: This year we received a donation of a very large library of golf books, for you golfers out there.

An Interview with Judith Clini, Library Director



Judy has been involved with the Agawam Public Library since she worked part time as a high school student. In 1985 she began full-time employment and has “been here ever since”. She lights up when talking about her favorite part of her job, which is working with people, particularly at the service desk.

As Judy sees it, the most challenging part of her job is ensuring that the library stays relevant. Being always open to new technology and services is essential to maintaining an active, meaningful library. Another challenge is reaching the people in the community who don’t normally come to the library. The art exhibits, electronics available for loan, and the ability to download eBooks are some of the programs that encourage this group to visit the library and use its many resources.

A very exciting new service is being added to the library’s vast offerings. A C/W Mars app will soon be available, which will allow patrons to conduct a number of activities from their phone or tablet. Among these are searching the catalog, renewing and reserving books, viewing the library’s web page and downloading books and magazines. (Talk about staying current!)

When asked about her own reading habits, Judy shared that she does not read anything “sad, scary or violent”. She reads fiction purely for fun and pleasure. It is amazing that she has any time at all to read!

“Google can bring you back 100,000 answers. A librarian can bring you back the right one.” Neil Gaiman

Save the Dates

November 1-24, 2017
Ninth Open Juried Art Show

February, 2018
Eighth Open Juried Photography
Show



“Outside of a dog, a book is man’s best friend. Inside of a dog, it’s too dark to read.” Groucho Marx

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