

# 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, except July and August.

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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,

## A Word From The Editor:

What an outstanding spring and summer we had! Our fifteenth book sale was a great success, raising \$2200 for our projects. Many thanks to all those who contributed to this success, but, most especially, to those high school students who lugged all the books upstairs in 90 degree heat! That was not a fun day, but most of them came back to help out on the days of the sale. (Gluttons for punishment!). It was an impressive representation of our teenagers, and of Agawam High School.

The Summer Reading program was another huge success, with 668 children participating, reading for almost 5000 hours. Scavenger hunts, guessing games, scratch tickets and prizes made for a fun summer. In addition, \$500 was given to our elementary school libraries to continue to encourage the love of reading.

With the addition of the Vintage Radio and Communication Museum of Connecticut, the Friends now provide passes to twenty-one museums and zoos. Take advantage of this great money-saver by visiting the Information Desk.

A special thank you goes out to our local media. The Agawam Advertiser and Springfield Republican, in particular, continue to give us outstanding coverage, and it is much appreciated.

Mary Alice McQuade

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**Thank you!**

## An Interview with Pamela Weingart, Youth Services Librarian



It was my great pleasure to spend some time with Pamela Weingart, and bask in her enthusiasm for her work. After obtaining her Bachelors degree, Pamela had a few different jobs, but didn't find anything that 'clicked' until she took a job as a library assistant at the high school she had attended. She fell in love with library work, and the librarian there encouraged her to get her Masters degree, which she did at Simmons College in Boston. Pamela came to the Agawam library two years ago from the Westfield Atheneum. She was familiar with our library, since she was an Agawam library user. The library's reputation and the community support it receives were key factors in her decision to join the staff.

Pamela literally lights up when talking about the programs being planned for the Children's department. A computer coding class for young children is in the works, as well as weekly STEM classes, a "Cookies and Canvas" program (think "Paint and Sip" for kids), and a community project comparable to the Legos building program from last year. She and her staff are also already planning for next year's Summer Reading program. These will all support her goal to have the library be a community center which creates life-long learners.

Without hesitation, Pamela identified "the kids" as the favorite part of her job. Watching children get excited about a book, and sharing their excitement is "the best". She also enjoys watching families work together on the various programs and projects offered at the library. The most challenging part of her job is finding enough time in the day to accomplish all of the things she'd like to do. Pamela frequently commended her staff for generating lots of creative ideas, and working together so well.

When asked if she had any tips for parents to encourage reading, her response was "Come to the library". She also suggested reading everything in the environment, including traffic signs, labels, etc. Making a game of it will encourage kids to participate. Children should see their parents reading, and their parents should demonstrate excitement and enthusiasm about reading.

Pamela's favorite children's books include the Magic Tree House series by Mary Pope Osborne, and Mo Willems' "Should I Share My Ice Cream?" (She loves ice cream, and doesn't like to share it!) For personal reading, Pamela enjoys thrillers and mysteries.

Keep your eyes on the Children's library. Great things are happening there, with even greater things to come!



"There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all."  
Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

# *Save the dates!*

*November 1-24*

*Fine Art Show*

*November 17*

*Fine Art Show Reception and Awards*

*November 13-December 9*

*Holiday Raffle Baskets on Display*

*December 9*

*Raffle Drawing for Baskets*

*January 29-February 23*

*Photography Show*

*February 16*

*Photography Show Reception  
and Awards*

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