

Autumn 2015 NEWS

COMING EVENTS

October 1 (Thursday): **Friends Member Meeting**, 7 P.M., Peirce Conference Room. Friends members will meet the first Thursday of every month through June 2016, same time and place. If you are thinking of become a member but would first like to know more about what the Friends group does, please come by.

October 22 (Thursday): **Zip One Book Symposium***, 7 P.M., Community Room.

November 2 - 27: **7th Open Juried Art Show** in Library Gallery. Registration brochures are available online at the Friends page of the Library's web site, <http://www.agawamlibrary.org/about/friends>. They are also available from Bob Kadis, r.kadis@comcast.net or 413-789-4814, and as hard copy at the Friends Information Stand in the Library's Gallery and in the Town Hall lobby.

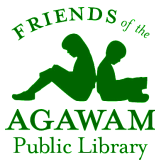
November 13 (Friday): **Reception and Awards Ceremony** for artists, their guests and the general public, from 7 to 9 P.M. at the Library. Enjoy the art, refreshments and music.

November 2 (Monday) through November 13 (Friday): **Library Accepting Submissions for the Holiday Basket Display* and Raffle.**

November 16 - December 11 (Monday - Friday): **Holiday Basket Display*** on the Library's first floor. **Raffle tickets will be on sale** at the Information Desk throughout this period.

December 12 (Saturday): **Holiday Basket Raffle.** The drawing will be held at the Circulation Desk at noon.

**See back of page for additional information about these events.*



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MEMBER MEETINGS

Meetings begin at 7:00 P.M. in the Peirce Conference Room the first Thursday of each month, except July and August.

The Annual Board Meeting immediately follows February's monthly meeting.

BE IN TOUCH

Participate:

At a monthly meeting or
at any of our events.

Send us an Email:

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Drop us a note:

Friends of
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P. O. Box 478
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

MAINTAIN MEMBERSHIP

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

Dear Friends:

The summer has been hot but wonderful and gave us some beautiful and tasty produce from local gardens. Tables are still laden with delicious vegetables and fruits of the season, and certainly we are thankful for Nature's bounty. And we are just as thankful for all the Friends' members who rallied to help us make the May Book Sale a success and to the National Honor Society students who spent the better part of three days giving us a much-needed and very welcome hand during the sale days. And a special thanks to the Agawam High School Track and Baseball Teams for their muscle and let's-get-this-thing-done approach. The Teams made short work of the heavy lifting of over 200 boxes packed with books, DVDs and other assorted sale items, moving them from the basement into the light of day for sale in the Community Room. But for these spry (and charming) young people, those very heavy boxes might yet be languishing in the basement. To all, thank you, thank you, thank you!

As always, all income from the sale will help the Friends provide the Library with funds for additional ESL classes, assorted e-books, movie licensing fees, videos and other items the current Library budget may not be able to provide.

Our new venture - the 1st Open Juried 3D Art Object Show - was very well received by participating artists, the judges, and the general viewing public. Our judges, Don Blanton and Robert Markey, were so impressed with the creativity of the artists and the quality of their work that they juried into the show every single entry: 68 works entered, 68 accepted. This is an unusual occurrence and testimony to the high degree of talent our local artists have.

Missed the 3D show? Go to the Friends page on the Library's web site, www.agawamlibrary.org/about/friends and click on the photograph of the sculpture awarded Best in Show. The scope of subject and style of work in the show was amazing. The photos are good, but they do not convey the beauty and impact of many of the entries. Such works are best viewed in person, so try to make it a point to visit the next 3D show planned for June 2016.

Soon we'll be treated to the loveliness of a New England fall. Perhaps you'll find time in the coming days to put together a Holiday Basket, take a chance on the raffle, come to see our 7th Open Juried Art Show in November and check out the Library's new web site.

Wishing you a pleasant autumn,

Luisa Guidi, *NEWS* Editor

The Agawam Public Library Has A Newly Designed Web Site!!

The Library's newly designed web site is not only very attractive but chock full of useful information and easier to navigate than ever. Go there to register for events and classes, see information about the Library, its staff, museum passes, the Friends page and so much more.

On the Friends page (www.agawamlibrary.org/about/friends), you'll find a statement about what we do and links to our Membership/Renewal Application, guidelines for the Holiday Baskets, the 2015/2016 calendar of meetings and events, and prospectuses/entry forms for our various art and photography shows. You'll also see links that will take you to photos of the winning entries from past art, photography and 3D art object shows, always a treat to see anew.

If you haven't yet set up access to your personal Library account, consider doing so now. From the convenience of your home, you can check the status of any items you've checked out, renew items, search the catalogue of all participating Central and Western Massachusetts libraries and reserve an item for pick-up at the Agawam Library, regardless of which library is lending the item. Remember, too, that the Library lends e-books, so you don't have to risk a drive to pick up books in inclement weather. Using Library services couldn't be easier. If you have questions about on-line access or downloading e-materials, ask a librarian. The staff are always eager to help you and your family make the most of the multitude of offerings the Library provides.

Zip One Book Symposium - Thursday, October 22, 7 P.M.

Please register: online at www.agawamlibrary.org, or by contacting Cher Collins, Adult Services Librarian, at 413-789-1500, x8551, or via ccollins@agawamlibrary.org.

The first symposium held in April of this year was an overwhelming success. Over 30 people attended, most of whom spoke about their impressions of and experiences reading The Invention of Wings. Each person brought to the table starkly different insights, and some shared relevant personal experiences, making for a truly informative evening.

October's selection is the best-selling The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics, by Daniel Brown. The University of Washington was destined to remain nowhere in the world of collegiate sculling until a gangly, callow group of freshmen converged at the campus boat house one September morning. A committed coach would drive these boys to a glory they'd never dreamed of, and a master boat builder would give them the exquisitely crafted scull they would oar to victory. The lives of the boys who became the 1936 winning crew - their histories, their tribulations, their personal pain, their triumphs - were well researched by Brown, who describes laudable characters to ache for and rejoice with. Action aficionados will appreciate Brown's page-turning treatment of the epic 1936 Olympic challenge as well as races won and lost on the way to the gold. If you haven't read this book yet, you're in for a treat.

A limited number of copies of the book is available through Cher Collins (see above).

HOLIDAY BASKETS

Many Friends prepare theme-based baskets for the year-end raffle that is part of our fund-raising activity. In fact, several baskets each year are donated by people or organizations that are not Friends but who want to support the library. If you know someone who is not yet a Friend but who would like to donate a basket, please assure them that their participation would be more than welcome.

Attached to the cover email, along with this newsletter, is a file containing three items: guidelines and suggestions for preparing and donating a basket, a form to list all items in your basket, and a receipt for the IRS, should you be able to take the value of your basket as a charitable deduction. This information is also available through a link on the Friends page (<http://www.agawamlibrary.org/about/friends>) and as hard copy at the Friends Information Stand in the Library Gallery.

OTHER DONATION POSSIBILITIES

When considering whether to make contributions to charities and other favorite non-profit organizations, please remember your Library and the Friends. **Contributions**, often **tax-deductible**, made payable to the Friends of the Agawam Library can be mailed to us at P. O. Box 478, Feeding Hills, MA 01030. Your contributions, membership dues and other donations, such as baskets and book sale items and entries in our art and photography shows, provide the Library with programs and items its budget cannot stretch to cover.

Does your employer have a **matching-gifts program**? If so, ask that the company match your donation to the Friends, which is a 501(c)(3) organization.

As you prepare your homes for the holidays (yes, they're gaining on us), kindly set aside gently used books, DVDs, audio books, games and puzzles to donate to the **Friends book sale drive** in spring. Although many worthy organizations are seeking these same items, we encourage you to place your support with your Library first.

Consider giving a **gift of a year's membership** in the Friends as a holiday gift to a friend or family member. As your circumstances permit, consider a **bequest** to the Friends.

THE FRIENDS THANK OUR GENEROUS SUPPORTERS

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