



Spring 2015 NEWS

COMING EVENTS

April 30 (Thursday): First gathering of **Zip One Book Symposium**, 7 P.M., Community Room of the Library.

Through May 14 (Thursday): **Book Sale Preparation - Donations Being Accepted Now** - Main Circulation Desk and Children's Department. Opportunities to assist before and during the sale are available.

May 15 (Friday) from 2 to 5 P.M. and May 16 (Saturday) from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.: **Annual Book Sale** - Peirce Conference Room (children and young adults) and Community Room.

June 12 (Friday) and June 13 (Saturday): **1st Open Juried 3D Object Art Show** - the Peirce and Community Conference Rooms, Gallery and cases on the main floor. Entries being accepted through Wednesday, June 3. Early-bird registration rate applies through May 20.

Additional information for all events follows.

NEW OR RENEWED PASSES

Smith College Museum of Art
The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art

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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 Meeting immediately follows February's regular monthly meeting.

BE IN TOUCH

Attend:

A monthly meeting or any Friends event.

Visit the Friends Web Page:

www.agawamlibrary.org/about/friends/htm

E-mail or Write the Board:

friendsapl@yahoo.com

or

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MAINTAIN MEMBERSHIP

Applications/renewals are available at the Friends' Information Stand in the Library Gallery and on the last page of this newsletter.

To Our Members, From Your Board:

Isn't it wonderful to be out and about again free of snow and cold weather? That people are coming out of hiding is evidenced by the upsurge in book donations for our **Annual Book Sale** in May. **Right up to May 14, we'll welcome your gently used, undamaged books, DVDs, audio CDs, puzzles and computer games/software.** If you can, separate items for the children's/young people's room and deliver them to the Children's Department. All other donations may be left with a librarian at the Main Circulation Desk.

We've had the library of a local minister come our way, so for the first time in quite a while, we'll have a special section devoted to religious themes, including inspirational writings, church histories, church management and philosophical issues. These selections balance out the wild romance and dark mysteries that are always a big part of our Sale.

As you know, we do not sell books that have been heavily underlined. Many of these have come our way this year, though. Because they are in otherwise excellent condition, we'll make them available at a **special "free books" table**, so help yourself when you come to the Sale.

Reminders: 1) **Admission is free to Friends** both days of the sale. There is a \$3 admission charge for everyone else on Friday. 2) **Bring your coupon (enclosed)** with you so that you can take advantage of the \$1 savings offered to Friends. 3) **Sales are cash only.**

We count our **4th Open Juried Photography Show** in February a big success. The quality of the entries was so high that all entries were judged into the show! The judges said they had a difficult time choosing award winners, such was the level of talent. It seems our shows get better every year.

Coming up, of course, is our **1st Open Juried 3D Object Art Show** in mid June. We're excited about this endeavor, the first of its kind for the Friends. Plan to come by to see the works on display. If you'd like to be part of the team that directs visitors to the various locations of the exhibit or want to monitor one of the rooms to ensure the safety of the art, let us know. Effort is minimal; satisfaction, maximum.

Lastly, there is a new club in town: the **Zip One Book Symposium**, brought to us from Florida by Friend and snowbird Rich Morassi. April 30, 7 P.M., the Library. Come!

On behalf of your Board, I wish you a pleasant spring,
Luisa Guidi, *NEWS* Editor



IT'S ON ITS WAY! The Annual May Book Sale!

It seems books come out of the woodwork in springtime. There are used book sales everywhere you turn. What bibliophile can resist? What better way to stock up for summer reading at prices that may beat Amazon? And no shipping charges! What better way to clear off the book shelves than to bring your stash to the Library for the Sale?

We hope to see all of you at the Sale, to poke through the mysteries, romances, cookbooks, gardening books, histories, classics, self-help, science fiction and so much more. Children and young adults will find many stories to delight them. And young and old will appreciate the DVDs and CDs available this year. Please remember, **sales are cash only.**

If you're curious to know what goes on behind the scenes, come to an afternoon of sorting books. As the Sale date draws near, Friends typically meet on Thursdays from 1 to 3 P.M. in the Library's basement. If this is something you'd like to do (and who can resist the feel of a good book in the hand), call Kathy Arnold at 413-786-1285. She'll answer any questions you may have and will be sure you're in the loop as to when sorting will happen.

Thursday, May 14, the day before the Sale, offers more opportunities to assist. On that day, extra hands are needed to take books out of boxes (which are brought from the basement to the Community Room by Agawam High School huskies and huskettes) and place them on tables. If you have some time between 1 and 5 P.M. that day and would like to help set the Sale room up, give Kathy Arnold a call.

Zip One Book Symposium - Thursday, April 30, 7 P.M.

In the Library's Community Room, a newly formed book club will give a twist to the usual book club format. Unlike the open, free-flowing discussions of most club members are accustomed to, each Zip One participant will have several minutes to comment on the book - whether it appealed, why or why not, opinions about the era the book represents, etc. The emphasis would be on cultural issues presented in the book, either as the main thesis or as background for the story. The book for the first meeting is Sue Monk Kidd's [The Invention of Wings](#). If you want to actively participate or simply listen and experience the power of this format, let Rich Morassi know you plan to attend. He is available at 413-789-8989 or at missaluba@aol.com.

1st Open Juried 3D Art Object Show

Contact Bob Kadis at r.kadis@comcast.net or at (413) 789-4814 or go to the Friends page, www.agawamlibrary.org/about/friends.htm for full entry information. Also contact Bob if you'd like to assist at the show (see Board letter on previous page).



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IN APPRECIATION OF YOUR SUPPORT.
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upon a one-time presentation of this coupon,
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at
the Friends' 2015 Annual Book Sale.*

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