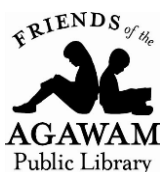


Friends of the Agawam Public Library



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MEETINGS

Monthly meetings are held in the Library's Community 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.

Reach us by U.S. mail:

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P.O. Box 478
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Or visit us on the web:

www.agawamlibrary.org/about/friends.



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 2012 and 2013 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 and a chance to help support our library.

In November, we will be holding our Fourth Open Juried Art Show. 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 fourth annual holiday basket raffle. The baskets will be on display from November 19 to December 15. The drawing will be December 15. If you are interested in donating a basket, please call the library. The staff will be only too happy to provide you with instructions. If you want to try to win one of the lovely baskets, try your luck, and buy some raffle tickets. They are \$2 each or six for \$10.

Come next February, we will be doing our Third Open Juried Photography Show. We had some really impressive photographs last year and are looking forward to seeing what great photos we will get this year! And don't forget next spring. We will be having our annual book sale. So save all of your books and bring them to the library for resale by the Friends. For details about all of our great events, check out the Friends bulletin board located to the left of the circulation desk.

Have a great fall and winter! And, hopefully, we will see some of you at our meetings and events!

Marcia Capuano

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



The 4th Open Juried Art Show

November 1 – 29, 2012

We are accepting entries now. Original artwork may be delivered to the Library Saturday, October 13, through Saturday, October 27, during Library hours.

Entry forms and details are available on the Friends page of the Library web site: www.agawamlibrary.org/about/friends.htm. 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 9, from 7 to 9 P.M. Come meet some very talented area artists while enjoying music and light refreshment.



The 3rd Open Juried Photography Show

February 4 – 28, 2013

Entries are being accepted now. Winning photographers will receive their awards at a reception on Friday, February 15. We hope you'll come to celebrate with us.

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

Also coming: The Friends Annual Book Sale

May 17 – 18, 2013

Books for the Annual Sale are accepted at the Library throughout the year. Please leave your donations at the Friends area of the circulation desk. If you just can't hold out until spring for great bargains, remember, good book buys are continually available at the sale shelves along the wall between the large print and periodical sections.

Do you know that the Agawam Public Library:

- Is the 5th most active library by circulation in the central and western Massachusetts areas? Activity only in Amherst, Chicopee, Springfield and Worcester libraries surpasses ours.
- Has about 19,000 library cards in circulation? That's over half the population of Agawam.
- Circulated 337,000 items, including electronic materials, for the fiscal year ending June 2012?
- Is a "net lender", which means the Library lends about 40,000 items to patrons of other libraries but borrows only about 26,000?
- Provides wireless service to about 600 people weekly, many of whom would probably be without another source of internet access?
- Does much, much more?

We have wonderful resources in our Library, not the least of which is an excellent staff. To help the Library fulfill its purpose in the community, the Friends strive to raise money to supplement the Library's budget. We do this with income primarily from membership fees, book sales, juried show entry fees, holiday basket raffles, and local business contributions.

We invite you to join us in support of our exceptional library. Plan to join or renew your membership for 2013. Categories and fees appear on the following page. If you can do more, consider the following opportunity.



Participate in Our 4th Annual Holiday Basket Raffle

Select a theme for your holiday basket. Then make or buy theme-related items to include in your basket. Or buy raffle tickets. Or do both! It is fine to both donate and win a basket. Guidelines for preparing your basket, including examples of past themes, are included with this newsletter and will be available at the Friends area of the circulation desk. The Library staff can answer questions for you, as well. If you cannot wrap the basket yourself, the Library staff can help you do this – if you saw previous years' baskets, you know what beautiful work they do. Have your baskets in by Friday, November 16. They will be on display in the Library from November 19 through December 15.

Raffle tickets - \$2 each, \$10 for 6 - will go on sale at the Library's circulation desk November 19. The drawing will be at noon, Saturday, December 15.

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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