

# Friends of the Agawam Public Library



## Newsletter

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### PRESIDENT'S LETTER



I want to welcome all of you to the second installment of the Friends of the Agawam Public Library Newsletter. A lot of things have happened since the last issue in spring. For a start, thanks to the over 15,000 books donated by the Agawam community, the Friends book sale made over \$3,300! With the profits that we have made with this sale we will be able to help provide the library with the funding for a "portable classroom". This new equipment will give the library the additional flexibility of providing training classes in other areas of the library besides their current computer area. This new flexibility will open up the possibility of additional computer-based classes. Also as a result of the book sale, we were able to donate over 60 audio tapes to the Agawam Senior Center for the center's library.

Another wonderful thing that happened over the summer is the new retaining wall and garden located near the front entrance of the library thanks to the efforts of Nicholas Cormier. Nick chose this undertaking as his Eagle Scout Service project. He asked for the Friends financial support and we gladly provided it. He started the project in July and finished by the end of August. He did a marvelous job. Stop by and check it out!

And lastly, our Friends group, the West Springfield Friends group, and the Southwick Friends group have initiated a new project: "Friends Meeting With Friends". Its purpose is to share information with other Friends groups in the Pioneer Valley so that we can all benefit from each others successes and failures. So far, in addition to those mentioned, the group also consists of representatives from the Chicopee, East Longmeadow, Holyoke,

Longmeadow, Springfield and Wilbraham groups.

Also, mark your calendars for the month of April, 2009. The Friends will be doing its very first Open Juried Art Show April 1 through April 30, 2009. See the article elsewhere in the newsletter for details.

*Marcia Capuano*

#### Monthly Meeting Dates

**November 6, 2008**

**December 4, 2008**

**January 6, 2009**

**February 5, 2009**

**March 5, 2009**

**April 2, 2009**

**May 7, 2009**

**June 4, 2009**

**September 3, 2009**

**October 1, 2009**

**November 5, 2009**

**December 3, 2009**

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*Visit us at*

**<http://www.agawamlibrary.org/FriendsoftheLibrary.htm>**

# COOKIES AND MILK TASTING EVENT



The Friends of the Agawam Public Library is pleased to sponsor a **FREE Cookies and Milk Tasting** event for children of all ages on **Saturday, October 18, 2008**. This event will be held in the Children's Room at the Agawam Public Library. Two sessions are available to choose from: **Session 1 from 10:30 am to 12 noon; Session II from 1:30 pm to 3pm.**

Culinary Arts program students at Westfield Vocational Technical High School will be baking a selection of delicious cookies to sample. Milk and assorted juice drinks will also be provided.

And while the children take time to sample their cookie choices, Little Red Riding Hood and the Gingerbread Man costumed characters will be reading cookie-themed stories.



This **FREE** event requires pre-registration. Stop by or call the Children's Library at 789-1550. Due to room size restrictions, each session is limited to 25 children (plus a parent or guardian). Deadline to register is Thursday, October 9, 2008.

## START ORGANIZING THOSE USED BOOKS!!

***The Friends will be holding our Annual Book Sale next May 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>***

Hardcover and paperback books can be donated, as well as games, puzzles, books on tape or CD, music CDs, software and DVDs. You can drop the books off at the library circulation desk at any time. Please remember, we do not accept encyclopedias or Reader's Digest Condensed Books. All proceeds from the sale directly support programs and services at the library. Please start saving your used books today and spread the word to your friends and neighbors too. We will recycle your books and turn them into "gold" for the library!

## JOIN OUR CREW!

A terrific bunch of volunteers is what makes the book sale a success. If you enjoy good books and even better company, consider joining our fun-loving group sorting and organizing donations for the sale. We meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 – 3 p.m. March, April & May on a drop-in basis. It is easy work and you never know what "treasures" you might discover for the sale. We also encourage motivated teens who have a few hours to donate and who would like a little extra for their resume! For details please contact Marcia Capuano at (413) 786-5506 or [mecapu@comcast.net](mailto:mecapu@comcast.net).

## ON-GOING BOOK SALE

If you just cannot wait until next May for those great bargain books, check out the continuous sale located in the library on the main floor. The selection is constantly changing and the prices can not be beat!

FRIENDS OF THE AGAWAM PUBLIC LIBRARY  
FIRST OPEN JURIED ART SHOW

The Friends will be hosting their very first Open Juried Art Show next April, 2009! A juried show means the submitted art is reviewed by a jury of knowledgeable people and the work is accepted into the show based on technical skill, creativity, the medium, and/or other requirements. Our show will be featuring original art only and will include the following categories: oils & acrylics, watercolors, pastels and mixed media. There will be prizes offered: \$400 for best in show, and \$200 for 1<sup>st</sup>, \$150 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, & \$100 for 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes. We are also very fortunate to have the following people as our jurors:

**Selection Jurors**

**Barbara Cohen**

Barbara is an award winning graduate of Vesper George School of Art and B.U. She was a graphic artist for N. E. Tel. & Tel. Pastels, acrylics, and oils are her mediums, and she teaches them at the Holyoke Creative Arts, JCC, Reeds Landing, and at her studio in Agawam.

**Doris Coughlin**

Doris works in watercolor, oil, and collage. She teaches watercolor at the Enfield Adult Education and has won awards in area exhibits. She is a council member of the Academic Artists Association and an associate member of the Connecticut Academy of Fine Arts.

**Doug Gillette**

Doug has a BFA degree from Maryland Institute, College of Art and a Master's of Art Education from Towson University. He teaches drawing and painting at the Springfield Museum in Springfield, MA and maintains a studio in Enfield, CT.

**Awards Juror**

**Paul Leveille**

A graduate of the Vesper George School of Art in Boston, MA, Paul is a member of many art associations including, the Academic Art Association of Springfield, MA; The Springfield Art League; the Rockport Art Association, Rockport, MA; the Connecticut Pastel Society; the Pastel Society of America; and The Portrait Society of America. Paul is also the author of three books and has three instructional videos and DVD's. He also conducts workshops around the country and in his studio at Open Square in Holyoke

The chosen art will be on display at the library throughout the month of April on both the main and the lower levels for you to enjoy.

***There will also be a Reception & Rewards ceremony on April 17<sup>th</sup> to present the awards to the lucky artists. There will be live music and a chance to meet the artists! You might even be able to purchase some of that fantastic art!***

You can also join in the adventure! Volunteer to help receive and hang the art or you can be part of the action by helping present the art to the selection jurors for their decision-making.

***If you are interest in participating in the show, know someone who might be or are interested in volunteering, e-mail Bob Kadis at [r.kadis@comcast.net](mailto:r.kadis@comcast.net) or go to the Friends website <http://www.agawamlibrary.org/about/friends.htm> for more details and an entry form.***

**We are looking forward to our first juried art show and hope that you join us in our excitement!!**

# *Please Join the Friends of the Agawam Public Library*

*If you like what the Friends do for the library, consider becoming a member in one of the following categories:*

## **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES:**

Individual	\$15 per year	Family	\$20 per year
Senior Citizen (65 & over)	\$10 per year	Organization/Business	\$50 per year

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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- New Member     Renewed Membership     Please do not list my personal information in the directory

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