

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.

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

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

A Word from the Editor:

What an exciting time for the Friends of the Library! This month we celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of the Friends. It was begun in April, 2003, by Pamela and Bruce Jacobsen, with Judy Clini. The group has grown and thrived since then, providing a wide variety of resources to the library. Just this year we have added forty-two new members!

Our holiday basket raffle raised over \$1800 and our members and sponsors have been very generous with extra donations to support our library.

One hundred and fourteen artists participated in our Art show in November, and our Photography show in February. The talent on display was exceptional, and the receptions were well attended and enthusiastically received.

On a sad note, we lost a treasured member of the Friends in October. Gary Janulewicz, a fervent supporter of the library and veterans causes, has been sorely missed. May he rest in peace. He will not be forgotten.

See you at the book sale!

Mary Alice McQuade

The Friends Thank Our Generous Supporters

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Thank you!

COME JOIN US AT THE ANNUAL BOOK SALE!

MAY 17 6:00 - 8:30 MEMBERS ONLY
MAY 18 2:00 - 5:00
MAY 19 10:00 - 3:00

Please consider donating gently used books, DVDs, CDs, puzzles and audio books. (No encyclopedias, Readers Digest Condensed Books, magazines, damaged or moldy books). Donations can be brought to the Circulations desk until May 16.

We could use your help prior to and during the book sale, if you are able. We sort the books on Thursday afternoons, and can always use help on the days of the sale. Please call Marcia Capuano (413-786-5506) or email her at mecapu@comcast.net if you can help.

As a Friend of the Agawam Public Library, upon presentation of this coupon, I am eligible to receive

\$1.00 OFF

My purchase on any day of the friends 2018 Annual Book Sale.

Meet Wendy McAnanama Library Associate/Adult Programs

It was a real treat to spend some time with Wendy McAnanama, who is bursting with ideas and enthusiasm for the library. Wendy fills many roles, and it is impressive to see how she balances them all.

Wendy began her career as an Early Childhood educator. When a friend told her there was an opening at the Agawam library, she applied and has been an important member of the staff for the past twenty one years. She began in the Children's department and her primary role now is running programs for adults.

Wendy's favorite part of her job is that it is different every day. She especially likes developing relationships with patrons and connecting them with authors. She loves being surrounded by books and sharing this love with others. An avid reader since the fourth grade, when she devoured the Nancy Drew series, she said that being in the library is like "being in a candy store". She also enjoys meeting the authors and other speakers who present her programs.

Finding new and exciting programming that fit the patrons is always a challenge. It is difficult to predict who will attract an audience.

Wendy is a member of the Western Mass Program Planners Group, which she finds very helpful in generating ideas such as the Cookbook Club. There are a number of programs coming up that promise to be fascinating. The theme for the Summer Reading Program is "Libraries Rock", and Wendy's creativity will be reflected in presentations which include the history of rock and roll, the geological history of Agawam, and stone wall building. Future programs will also include talks on meal planning with farm shares, and Albert Einstein. Now that is what I would call something for everyone! Also watch for announcements about the "Circulation of Odd Things", a new project at the library which promises to be great fun.

When asked who her favorite author was, Wendy said that was like naming your favorite child. She especially enjoys the Harry Potter series, Nora Roberts, Patrick Taylor, Irish fiction and historical fiction.

During our interview Wendy made a point of saying how much she appreciates all the help and support the Friends provide the library. In turn, we appreciate all her hard work for the library.

Do You Have your Book Bag Yet?



If you purchase a book bag at the book sale for \$12, you can fill it for free. If you have a bag already, bring it in and you can fill it for \$5. We will also have mugs for sale for \$5. Come join the fun!

Dinosaurs didn't read. Now they are
extinct. Coincidence?
Anon.

IT'S A DOUBLE HEADER!



Would you like to support the library AND the local arts? We invite you to become a sponsor of the Tenth Open Juried Art Show which will take place at the library from October 29-November 30, 2018. The show benefits the Friends and helps recognize and encourage local artists.

Every year the Art Show has grown in participation and quality, and we would like to continue that trend. Hundreds of people, including many students, come to the library to view the art work. It is truly impressive to see the beautiful work done by our local talent, and it is very informative to hear the judges provide their expert feedback at the reception for the show.

With a donation of fifty dollars, you will be recognized in the show catalog and know you are supporting two great causes. Please consider being a sponsor for this exceptional event!

Art Show Sponsorship

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Yes. I would like to be a sponsor of the Tenth Open Juried Art Show.

I give permission to publish my/our name(s) in the Catalog.

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