

## What's New?

### Helen E. Ellis Case:

July-August:  
"Mini Mania"  
Miniature everyday scenes  
crafted by Alice Strelbel

### On exhibit in the Manton Community Room:

July 1 – July 31  
*Cuba: Faces and Places as They Are Now*  
Photographer, Richard Perry  
Photos capture a sense of Cuba's people, places and culture.  
Opening (with refreshments)  
Thursday, July 9, 5:30-7:30

## Tech Bytes

Can't find your title in SAILS?  
Under "Links of Interest" on the SAILS e-catalog page, click on Commonwealth Catalog, our new on-line search for books, music and DVDs throughout Massachusetts.

## Services

Free Wi-Fi  
SAILS Library Network 24/7 borrowing  
Homebound Delivery Service  
Children's Programs  
Genealogy: [Ancestry.com/HeritageQuest](http://Ancestry.com/HeritageQuest)

Manton Community Room  
Library Bridge Club  
Library Book Club  
Museum Passes  
Westport Writers Group

**Call the Library for more info...**

### Library Hours

Monday	12:00-8:30
Tuesday	10:00-5:00
Wednesday	10:00-5:00
Thursday	12:00-8:30
Friday	10:00-5:00
Saturday	CLOSED (July-Aug)
Saturday	9:00-4:00 (Sept. 12)
Sunday	CLOSED

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## Perspectives:

### *Library Computers, a Necessity in Today's World*

Libraries have always worked to support changing needs of their communities including providing current technologies. Computer use has grown tremendously over the years, and our seven Westport Library public computers are in demand. Not everyone has the availability of a computer or a fast connection to the internet at home.

Internet access—perhaps once considered a mere convenience for patrons—has become a necessity. Our staff members support a growing number of computer-based tasks. Writing a resume, job searching, and submitting an on-line job application are daily routines in an ever-fluctuating economy. Applying to college, completing tutorials and taking online exams proctored by a staff member take place in our Library. Students of all ages research professional articles for course work. Health databases assist individuals with current medical questions.

Tasks completed on our computers include paying bills and printing forms from a website. Some patrons just stop in to check on local and global news and weather, check email, and print important messages. Microsoft Office products (Word, PowerPoint, Excel) are used daily with staff providing help with formatting and layout.

On a lighter note, individuals visit social media sites such as Facebook and YouTube. People locate coupons, boarding passes, recipes and concert tickets. Some visit with flashdrives to complete last-minute printing when their own printers have run out of ink. Wireless laptops, tablets, and smartphones are used to access our Wi-Fi Network.

One of our patrons, who doesn't have a computer at home, visits the Library four to five days a week. When asked how he uses the computer he responded with the following: check status of holds/checkouts/email; buy books online; research diseases, cooking, health; keep up on sports events not covered in regular media such as sailing; use Wikipedia to look up arcane words such as "spittle". His special interest: reading 8<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> c. medieval history.

And, of course, our computers are used daily to search books, music and DVDs throughout the SAILS Library Network. Please stop by and ask a staff member to assist you with using SAILS.

Our computer area is truly a community meeting place that encourages friendships and collaboration. People meet at the Library to help one another with computer-related questions and have forged friendships through common interests.

**Your Library Staff**

## Kids' Corner

### Preschool

**My Bike** Byron Barton  
A picture book about vehicles and things that go.

**Where Is Pim?** Lena and Olof Landstrom  
Pom is playing with Pim, until suddenly Pim disappears!

**Spots in a Box** Helen Ward  
A young guinea fowl concerned by his lack of spots sends off for some in the mail.

### Grades K-4

**Little Rhino: My New Team** Ryan and Krystle Howard  
A new chapter book series from Major League Baseball's 2006 National League MVP, Ryan Howard.

**Hissy Fitz** Patrick Jennings  
Humorous tale about a cat that makes Grumpy Cat seem cheerful.

**Nocturne: Creatures of the Night** Traer Scott  
Celebrated animal photographer Traer Scott takes the viewer on a journey through nighttime in the animal kingdom.

### Grades 5-8

**The Arctic Code** Matthew Kirby  
It is the near future, the earth has entered a new ice age. Eleanor Perry lives in Tucson, one of the most popular destinations for refugees of the Freeze.

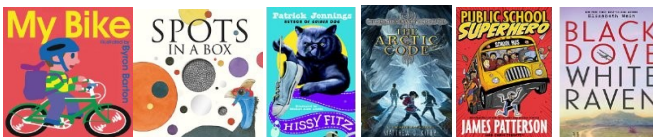
**Public School Superhero** James Patterson and Chris Tebbetts  
Kenny Wright is a kid with a secret identity. In his mind, he's Stainlezz Steel, super-powered defender of the weak.

### Young Adult

**Prairie Fire** E. K. Johnston  
Sequel to the acclaimed *The Story of Owen*. Fantasy fans will love returning to this alternate world.

**The Unlikely Hero of Room 13B** Teresa Toten  
This novel explores the complexities of living with OCD and offers the prospect of hope, happiness and healing.

**Black Dove White Raven** Elizabeth Wein  
Emilia and Teo's lives changed in a fiery, terrifying instant when a bird strike brought down the plane their stunt pilot mothers were flying.



## You can help

Bring your Lees receipts to the Library. We earned \$3,058.20 in 2014, twice as much as in 2013. Thank you to **Lees** for supporting this program. Keep those receipts coming!



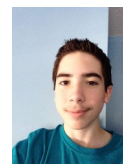
**Volunteers Needed: Aspiring reporters or photographers for newsletter** Contact Denise Micale [dsmicale@gmail.com](mailto:dsmicale@gmail.com).

### FOWL Book Sale Donations

May through August is collection period for your donations. Donation bin will be in the lobby. Please! no encyclopedias, textbooks, law books, magazines, books in poor condition, VHS tapes, cassette tapes.

## A Chat with...Logan Deree

By Denise Micale



Logan, an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Westport Middle School, is spearheading a book drive by the National Junior Honor Society to benefit the upcoming FOWL book sale.

*Nice to meet you, Logan. On behalf of FOWL, thank you and your fellow JHS members for the upcoming book drive at the Middle School. Tell me about your project.*

We've publicized it with handouts, projects and announcements at the Middle School and will be collecting young adult and children's books for two weeks. I hope to collect a number of boxes of books to donate to the Book Sale. Last year, the Honor Society did a clothes drive for Project 351. It took days to sort through all the clothes!

*Tell me a little bit about yourself.*

I moved to Westport from Rochester when I was four years old. I live with my parents, my older sister and our cat Boomer. We got him on July 4<sup>th</sup> so he was named in honor of fireworks. I play clarinet in the school band and recently took a RISD class on traditional style cartoon drawing. It took over three hours to draw a sequence that became a five second cartoon of a man being chased by a ghost down a hallway!

*Do you have a favorite book genre?*

I like fiction and action adventure. I once bought *Dark Life* by Kat Falls at a book sale for \$3.00. I also have the sequel, *Riptide*, which is about gangs in an underwater city. It's a *Hunger Games* type of story.

*Who has made a difference in your life?*

My third grade teacher, Mr. Tetrault, was a big influence on me. He was my first male teacher and made it fun to go to school. He even kept a pet turtle in his classroom!

*What would surprise people who know you to learn about you?*

I like a good romance novel, like the *Legend* trilogy series by Mary Liu.

*Any plans for the summer?*

I'm kind of an indoor person, but I hope to try to get outside more this summer, maybe play some badminton or ping pong.

*You're entering high school next fall. What have you taken away from your time at the Middle School?*

I've learned "you can't judge a book by its cover" and people can surprise you by contributions they make.

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## Events

### Save the dates:

**5th Annual Summer Paperback Sale (adult fiction):** July 27 - August 7, Community Room during Library hours. Great opportunity to find a few paperbacks to read the last weeks of summer. Many hundreds of books covering three or four tables. Includes the larger softcovers, the format most new authors and literary fiction are published in today, as well as the familiar 'pocket' size. Potboiler or prizewinner, it will be there. Stock replenished often. All books \$1 - \$1.50.

### BIG! FOWL's 2015 Annual Used Book Sale:

Community Room. Members' Preview: Friday, September 11; Public Sale: Saturday, September 12—Saturday, September 19 during Library hours, closes at 1 pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Over 8,000 books in 20 categories; fills entire Community Room. One of the largest sales in the area. All the hundreds of children's books are 25¢ each to encourage reading. Others \$1 - \$2 plus a selection of specially priced books.



**Allegro Chamber Players** Monday, July 6, 6:30-8:00, rain or shine. Concert featuring trio of musicians, Michael Monte on flute, Roberta Ricci on cello and George Vallatini on violin. Enjoy music ranging from classical to Broadway tunes, current hits and children's selections. Bring a lawn chair, blanket and snacks for agreeable weather. Rain—Community Room. Program is supported by the Westport Cultural Council through a grant from the Helen E. Ellis Charitable Trust administered by Bank of America.

**The Belle of Amherst**, a one-woman play by William Luce. Thursday, August 13, 7:00 p.m. in the Manton Community Room. Sponsored by FOWL, no admission fee.

Based on the life of poet Emily Dickinson from 1830 to 1886, and set in her Amherst, MA home, the 1976 play makes use of her work, diaries, and letters to recollect her encounters with the significant people in her life—family, close friends, and acquaintances. Linda Monchik, popular Southcoast actress, portrays fifteen different people in the play. She last performed here as Golda Meir in **Golda's Balcony** for an enthusiastic audience. The Friends of Westport Library are pleased to have her return for your enjoyment.

### Especially for Kids: "Every Hero Has a Story"

Ages 6 and up: **Heroes Reading Club** Tuesdays, 10-11, July 7-August 4.

Ages 18 months-5 years: **Beach Party Story Time**, Wednesdays, 10-10:30, July 8-August 5.

Monday, July 13, 7 p.m. **Animal World Experience** presents interactive storybook with live animals. Supported by Westport Cultural Council.

Monday, July 27, 7 p.m. **Yankee Doodle Magic Show** with Debbie and Tom O'Carroll supported by Helen E. Ellis Charitable Trust.

Tuesday, August 11 at 11 a.m. Daisy Dot presents **"Clowns are People, Too"** followed by Awards Picnic sponsored by Friends of the Westport Library.

### Rosie visits: Practice reading aloud to our canine friend.

Call to book a ten minute slot.  
Friday, July 17 10:30-11:30  
Friday, August 14 10:30-11:30



## Library Book Club

### Read For Fun, Followed By Lunch

The Westport Library Book Discussion group meets the second Friday of each month in the Community Room at 10:30 a.m. It's a wonderful assemblage of people from several local communities. We choose our selections on the recommendation of members. The conversations are lively and enjoyable and participating in the group is a great way to meet people.

Please join us or contact me for more information at [dsmicale@gmail.com](mailto:dsmicale@gmail.com).

### July 10: *Flight Behavior*

Barbara Kingsolver

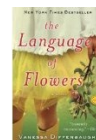
A suspenseful novel set in present day Appalachia. It is a breathtaking parable of catastrophe and denial that explores how the complexities we inevitably encounter in life lead us to believe in our particular chosen truths.



### August 14: *The Language of Flowers*

Vanessa Diffenbaugh

The Victorian language of flowers was used to convey romantic expressions: honeysuckle for devotion, asters for patience, and red roses for love. But for Victoria Jones, it's been more useful in communicating mistrust and solitude. After a childhood spent in the foster-care system, she is unable to get close to anybody, and her only connection to the world is through flowers.



### September 11: *The Elegance of the Hedgehog*

Muriel Barbery

We are in the center of Paris, in an elegant apartment building inhabited by bourgeois families. Renée, the concierge, is witness to the lavish but vacuous lives of her numerous employers. Translated from the French.



Your  
VOTE,  
Please!



Harvard University recently initiated a six year program to integrate its three main museums: The Fogg Museum, the Busch-Reisinger Museum and the Arthur M. Sackler Museum. These three museums were integrated into the Fogg Museum with the addition of two stories on top of the Fogg. The addition was designed by Renzo Piano.

Here is our question: is there enough interest from our FOWL members to spend \$250.00 to purchase a one year season pass to the Harvard Art Museums? From your emailed newsletter, print this page and complete the box below (or fill out one from a hard copy) and proceed to the Library. There you'll find a box for votes. Thanks.

Should FOWL purchase a \$250.00 Pass to the Harvard Art Museum?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Please leave your vote in the box at the Library.



## New to the Collection Highlights

### Adult Fiction:

***The Dream Lover*** Elizabeth Berg

A lush historical novel based on the sensuous Parisian life of the nineteenth-century writer George Sand.

***Compulsion*** Allison Brennan

Investigative reporter Maxine Revere has a theory: the five New York City murders for which Adam Bachman is being tried are just part of his killing spree.

***The Bone Tree*** Greg Iles

Highly anticipated second installment of an epic trilogy of blood and race, family and justice, featuring Southern lawyer Penn Cage.

***I Refuse*** Per Petterson

After thirty five years of estrangement, childhood best friends Tommy and Jim unexpectedly encounter one another in middle age.



### Adult Nonfiction:

***Meet Me In Atlantis*** Mark Adams

Adams gamely sifts through the eons of rumor, science, and lore to find a place that seems startlingly real indeed.

***A Good Place to Hide*** Peter Grose

The untold story of an isolated French community that banded together to offer sanctuary and shelter to over 3,500 Jews in the throes of World War II.

***Sapiens: a Brief History of Humankind*** Yuval Noah Harari  
Groundbreaking narrative of humanity's creation and evolution.

***The Mindful Diet*** Ruth Wolever

The first book to combine health psychology with cutting-edge nutrition research to deliver an up-to-the-minute method for eating *mindfully* and breaking the yo-yo diet cycle.

### Adult Biography:

***Born With Teeth*** Kate Mulgrew

Determined to pursue her own no matter the cost at 18, Kate left her small Midwestern town for New York, where, studying with the legendary Stella Adler, she learned the lesson that would define her as an actress: "Use it,"

***The Job*** Steve Osborne

A fabulous storyteller, Osborne crafts his memories into well-honed tales filled with drama, humor and heart.

***Hissing Cousins*** Marc Peyser

A lively, provocative double biography of first cousins Eleanor Roosevelt and Alice Roosevelt Longworth, two extraordinary women whose tangled lives provide a sweeping look at the twentieth century.

### Large Print Fiction:

***A Lady in the Making*** Susan Page Davis  
Millie Evans has changed, choosing to leave rather than join an outlaw gang with her brother.

***Echo in the Darkness*** Francine Rivers  
Turning away from the opulence of Rome, Marcus is led by a whispering voice from the past into a journey that could set him free from the darkness of his soul.

### Large Print Nonfiction:

***Soldier Girls*** Helen Thorpe  
Groundbreaking account of three women deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq; how their military service affected their friendship, their personal lives, and their families.

***The Wright Brothers*** David McCullough  
Two-time Pulitzer Prize winner David McCullough tells the dramatic story-behind-the-story about the courageous brothers Orville and Wilbur Wright, who taught the world how to fly.



### Adult DVDs:

***Grantchester* Season 1**

***Mr. Selfridge* Season 3**

***Still Alice***

***Wild***



### New on Blu-Ray:

***Avatar***

***Casablanca/The African Queen***



### Adult Books on CD: Fiction

***The Empty Throne***

***The Green Road***

***Cold Betrayal***

***14<sup>th</sup> Deadly Sin***

**Bernard Cornwell**

**Anne Enright**

**J.A. Jance**

**James Patterson &**

**Maxine Paetro**



### Adult Books on CD: Non-Fiction

***The Capital Dames***

**Cokie Roberts**

A riveting look at Washington, D.C. and the experiences, influence, and contributions of its women during this momentous period of American history.

## World of Books

## School's Out! Reinventing Summer Reading

By Denise Micale



The end of the school year, eagerly anticipated by kids everywhere, may mean the beginning of the often dreaded summer reading season for parents and guardians. Educators increasingly decry the “summer slide” in literacy skills their students experience which can affect success in school in all areas, not only reading. However, a recent *Washington Post* article by Dr. Erin Kelly noted studies show that students who read just four to six books over the summer maintain their skills. Literacy experts note that students who love the books they read become lifelong proficient readers and learners. Busy parents want their kids to avoid the slide but also want them to have a fun-filled and relaxing summer. So what can we do to avoid the summer slide, encourage a lifelong love of reading and help students embrace that summer reading list?

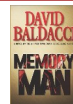
1. Set a consistent time each day for reading and read together (same or different books) if at all possible. Read aloud to your readers. Flexibility around trips and special family events is OK.
2. Talk about what you and your readers are reading daily. Ask specific questions about the characters, the plot, the setting, etc, and what your readers think about the book. It's OK if he/she doesn't like it! Talking about it might help you and your student find books he/she does like.
3. Tie the book into an activity, such as art, craft, food, outing or game. Make an appointment to take your younger child to read to Rosie, the Tail Waggin' Tutors Reading Program Dog at the Westport Free Public Library.
4. Help your readers start a summer book club to read and discuss the book with friends and classmates. Check out [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com) and [www.hubpages.com](http://www.hubpages.com) for tips and ideas on how to start a kids' book club.
5. Go online together to research the book and author, and to find interesting discussion questions and background information.
6. Make a trip to the library or bookstore and let your readers select books for summer reading. Help your readers select books at a comfortable level. If a child makes five or more errors in reading a page of fifty words, the book is too challenging. Some children may select books above or below their reading levels to share with siblings, and this is perfectly ok.
7. Encourage your readers to write this summer, too. It doesn't have to be about what they are reading. They can write their own story or poem and even illustrate it.

Encourage your children not to limit summer reading to books. They can read sports pages, magazines, and so on.

For more reading tips, go to [www.summerlearning.org](http://www.summerlearning.org), [www.pbs.org](http://www.pbs.org) and [www.readwritethink.org](http://www.readwritethink.org) to learn about creative ways to encourage a love of reading this summer—and beyond.

## Mystery Spotlight

## David Baldacci



By Carol Vidal

David Baldacci has written another bestseller. His latest book, *Memory Man*, can be added to a long list of blockbuster books (29) in a twenty year writing career beginning with *Absolute Power*. Whether you have read one or several of his books, you'll recognize his distinct writing style.

Suspenseful and mesmerizing, his thrillers have compelling and interesting supporting characters who mesh well, giving the reader a hard-to-put-down thriller. Baldacci's numerous, sudden and unexpected plot twists grab the reader's interest throughout his books.

In addition to his stand-alone novels, some books are part of a series which include the King and Maxwell team. These former secret service agents have compromised their original careers so they are now running a private investigation agency. The Will Robie books are based on a cold, ruthless hitman hired by the government as a last resort when all other agencies fail and the John Puller books are based on a combat veteran and military investigator who strives for the truth. One of his best known series is the Camel Club. Each man in the Club has special skills in fighting crime in the Washington, D.C. area. His A. Shaw series is about a band of highly trained government endorsed agents pursuing the most notorious criminals.

His latest book, *Memory Man*, is his first in a future series of books introducing Amos Decker. Decker has an unusual ability. Due to a football accident, he is unable to forget anything. He becomes a successful detective but when his entire family is murdered he is pitted against an unknown killer who clearly makes this personal. Decker's unique ability creates an intense, plot twisting pursuit of an equally intelligent protagonist.

For more on David Baldacci go to his official website: <http://davidbaldacci.com/>



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FOWL aids the mission; of the Westport Free Public Library.

All activities are run by volunteers—people who believe in a public library. Funds raised through member dues and book sales go to the Library to purchase books, CDs, DVDs, museum passes, and to fund children’s programs. FOWL is the largest funding source for these purchases. In 2014, member dues and book sales contributed over \$17,000 to Library funding. If you’re not yet a member, fill in the form to the right to join today.

FOWL’s services and activities:

Museum Passes:

- Boston Museum of Science
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
Buttonwood Park Zoo
New Bedford Whaling Museum

Bookstore at the Library located in the Library lobby

Summer Paperback Book Sale

Programs/Special Events

Annual Book Sale with Members’ Preview Night

Paperback Exchange Carousel located in the Library lobby

@ the Library Quarterly Newsletter

\*Membership levels:

- \$10 Individual \$50 Patron
\$20 Family \$100 Bibliophile
\$30 Sponsor \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other

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Yes, I would like to volunteer. I am interested in:

\_\_\_\_\_ Book Sale Committee \_\_\_\_\_ PR/Marketing

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