

What's New?

Helen E. Ellis Case:

October: *Monarch Butterfly Migration* Environmental artist, Joseph Ingoldsby explores issues of the monarch butterfly's decline looking at habitat loss using graphics and mounted specimens.

November: *Nautical Creations* Erika Hamer shares an exhibit of hand-made nautical items made with rope and cord. Her decorative and functional knot work includes bracelets and more.

December: *Deck the Halls* Library staff shares favorite home-made holiday ornaments.

Tech Bytes

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Perspectives:

"It is the generous giving of ourselves that produces the generous harvest." Orison Swett Marden, American inspirational author (1848-1924)

This past summer was a bit unusual even for the South Coast, but the late bloom ultimately brought a plentiful harvest, even in my often weed-filled garden. Our book sales in July and September were wonderfully fruitful, with the "seed" of generous book donations ultimately reaped by book buyers from near and far. It all would not happen without the time, energy, goodwill and hard work of our dedicated volunteers and Library staff. The monies raised comprise less than 50% of our annual income; most of the remainder comes from annual membership dues. Our 2017 membership drive begins in late October so you will be seeing those FOWL renewal envelopes shortly as the garden withers and the leaves reveal their fall splendor. Thank you, our fellow FOWLers, for your generosity that produces a harvest that enriches our Library and all it brings to our community in so many ways. A great example of this community spirit is the Makerspace program which was hosted at the Library this year and is the focus in this issue's *World of Books*. With your support, we will fund programs and materials to build on the garden of knowledge that is our Library.

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Your Library Connections:

The end of summer again reminds me of the variety of ways the Library connects to our patrons and our community. I especially wish to thank our seasonal residents for using the Library. These avid readers fully participate in libraries wherever they may be, seeking their favorite authors, bike-route maps, or directions to local restaurants. Summer patrons also attend programs and support the Friends of Westport Library.

Whether Westport is your full-time or part-time home, our dedicated staff, Trustees, and Friends help you to connect in the following ways:

- ◆Reserve books, eBooks, audiobooks, and DVDs.
- ◆Grab a paperback from the Friends rack or comb through Michael's Bookstore before heading on a trip or to the beach.
- ◆Use Wi-Fi to catch up on email or pay your bills—in the Library or on a sunny outdoor bench.
- ◆Perform research on one of our seven public computers.
- ◆Use our public scanner to send documents in a timely manner.
- ◆Peruse the *New York Times Book Review* section and *New York Review of Books*, or financial updates in the *Wall Street Journal* and *Barron's Weekly*.
- ◆Join an ongoing club or attend special events in the Manton Community Room.
- ◆Browse the quiet, comfortable Westport History Room.
- ◆Read all that annoying small print with the desktop or handheld magnifiers.
- ◆Share a comfy chair while reading aloud to a young friend.

The Library has something for everyone....stop by one day and check us out.

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Goodbye Days Jeff Zentner
Carver Briggs never thought the last text message he sent to his three best friends, Mars, Eli, and Blake, would lead to their deaths. He can't stop blaming himself for the accident and even worse, a powerful judge is pressuring to open up a criminal investigation.

A Chat with Suze Craig,
Editor of @ the Library

by Denise Micale



Suze, you've had a lot of professional editing experience before wielding your pen here during the last five years as our Editor.

Yes, I taught expository writing at a number of universities and colleges, including Harvard and the University of Maryland, where I met my husband, Russ. My career also included stints of teaching American Literature in the U.K. and Spanish in Spain. Teaching English as a second language can be humorous. I had students who were Taiwanese dentists; they were fascinated by the number and types of words we use for roads; what's the difference between turn-pike, thruway, causeway, highway?

Aside from your editing duties, you are quite busy here on your mini farm raising livestock.

There are two cows, Junia, Cocoa, and Cocoa's son Prez, thirty odd sheep and our ram, Hoover—named after the vacuum cleaner, not the president—due to his voracious eating habits. We also have a rooster and many hens; their eggs go to Gooseberry for sale. The great thing about hens is that they're omnivorous, except for, curiously, citrus. Don't think much of pineapple tops or banana skins, either.

What is your favorite spot away from Westport?

Our other home in Salobreña, Spain, is 900 feet above the Mediterranean Sea with a Moorish castle that dates back to the 10th century on one side and the Sierra Nevada mountains far away on the other. It's a beautiful place to escape close-up winter snow.

You've done a lot of reading professionally and personally through the years. Do you have a favorite book?

E. B. White is one of my favorite writers. I also enjoy whodunits by Jane Haddam, who writes up and down the U. S. East Coast, and by Donna Leon, who sets her books in Venice.

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Rosie visits: Practice reading aloud to our canine friend,
(accompanied by her handler/owner Sue Szekely.)

Call to book a ten minute slot. All children must be accompanied by an adult. (limit of six each session)



Saturday, October 21 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Saturday, November 4 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Saturday, December 2 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Events

FOWL Board Meetings: Thursday, October 12 and Thursday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m., Community Room. Dates occasionally change. Please call the Library (508) 636-1100 to confirm date if you plan to attend.

Holiday Closings: Oct. 9, Nov. 10, Nov. 11, Nov. 23 and Nov. 24.

On exhibit in the Manton Community Room

October 3–October 31:

Requiem for a Drowning Landscape

Environmental artist, Joseph Ingoldsby focuses his works on the coastal landscape of New England, the imprint of humans on land and sea, and the impact of climate change on its marine landscape and fisheries.

November 2–November 30

Two best in show photographers at the recent Westport Art Group Photography Exhibition share their works.

Waterlines by Richard Alan Cohen focuses on waterlines of sailboats sitting in their cradles in boatyards.

City Alleys by David Feigenbaum, focuses on these curious artifacts of turn-of-the-20th century development.

Opening reception: Saturday, November 18 from 2-4 p.m.

December:

Rebus for Children local mixed media artist Linda Rogers shares text and images based on *A Visit from St. Nick*

Opening reception: Saturday, December 9 from 2-4 p.m.

Do you have a question about using your laptop, notebook or general computer use? No question is too big or too small for our computer volunteer.



Thursdays 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Please register for a 1/2 hour slot by visiting the Library or calling 508-636-1100. All ages are welcome.

Especially for Kids:

BIGJOE
the storyteller

Joe Pagliuca a.k.a. Big Joe will share "not so scary" Halloween stories for the family on Friday, October 27 at 7:00 p.m. Costumes are optional. Registration is not necessary. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Westport Library. Refreshments will be served.



Call the library for information on our fall sessions of Story Hour for ages 3 & up and Lap-Sit for those under age 3.

Westport Library Book Club

Read For Fun, Followed By Optional Lunch

The Westport Library Book Club 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 briannamcavoy@gmail.com for more information.

October 13—*Rosemary, The Hidden Kennedy Daughter*

by Kate Clifford Larson

Rose Kennedy's diaries and correspondence, school and doctors' letters, and exclusive family interviews bring Rosemary alive as a girl adored but left far behind by her competitive siblings.



November 3—*1984* by George Orwell

London is a grim city in the totalitarian state of Oceania where Big Brother is always watching you and the Thought Police can practically read your mind. Winston Smith is a man in grave danger for the simple reason that his memory still functions. Drawn into a forbidden love affair, Winston finds the courage to join a secret revolutionary organization called The Brotherhood, dedicated to the destruction of the Party.



December 8—*The Lake House* by Kate Morton

Living on her family's lakeside estate in Cornwall, England, Alice Edevane is a bright, inquisitive, and precocious sixteen-year-old who loves to write stories. One midsummer's eve, after a beautiful party on the estate has ended, the Edevanes discover that their youngest child has vanished. He is never found, and the family is torn apart, the house abandoned.



Solve the Mystery: Complete the Title



by Jan Wenzel

Who's the best selling author of all time? If you answered William Shakespeare—you're correct—but did you know the Bard shares the top spot with mystery writer Agatha Christie? Fill in the words missing in the titles of these bestsellers and then browse the Library's collection to find out whodunit!

- Lillian Jackson Braun: The Cat Who Talked _____
- Sue Grafton: G is for _____
- Agatha Christie: Murder on the _____ Express
- Arthur Conan Doyle: The _____ of the Baskervilles
- Patricia Cromwell: _____ and Unusual
- Mary Higgins Clark: On the _____ Where You Live
- Edgar Allan Poe: The _____ Letter
- Alexander McCall Smith: The Number 1 _____ Detective Agency
- Joane Fluke: _____ Cupcake Murder
- Louise Penny: A _____ Reckoning

New to the Collection Highlights

Adult Fiction:

I Know a Secret Tess Gerritsen

Rizzoli and Isles are back working on a chilling and difficult case. The twists and turns will force Rizzoli and Isles to face difficult emotions and their own biases.



The Reason You're Alive Matthew Quick

David confronts his past to salvage his present. A poignant portrait emerges of an opinionated and good-hearted American patriot fighting to stay true to the country he loves but is rapidly changing in ways he doesn't understand.



The Lying Game Ruth Ware

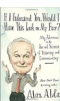
The four girls were best friends at Salten, a second rate boarding school set near the cliffs of the English Channel. The four became inseparable and were notorious for playing the Lying Game, telling lies at every turn to both fellow boarders and faculty.



Adult Nonfiction:

If I Understood You, Would I Have This Look On My Face? Alan Alda

Alan Alda has been on a decades-long journey to discover new ways to help people communicate and relate to one another more effectively. In this warm, witty, and informative chronicle, Alda finds inspiration in everything from cutting-edge science to classic acting methods.



The Inner Life of Cats Thomas McNamee

Our feline companions are much loved but often mysterious. The author blends scientific reportage with engaging, illustrative anecdotes about his own beloved cat, Augusta, to explore and illuminate the secrets and enigmas of her kind.



Large Print Fiction:

Knife Creek Paul Doiron

When Maine game warden Mike Bowditch is tasked with shooting invasive feral hogs that are tearing up the forest in his district, he makes a horrific discovery that leads to even more disturbing evidence.



A House Among the Trees Julia Glass

When a revered children's book author dies accidentally at his Connecticut home, he leaves his property and all its contents to his trusted assistant, who is moved by his generosity but dismayed by the complicated and defiant directives in his will.



The Best of Adam Sharp Graeme Simsion

Two decades ago, Adam Sharp's piano playing led him into a passionate relationship with Angelina Brown, an intelligent and strong-willed actress. They had a chance at something more but Adam didn't take it.



Adult Biography:

Letterman Jason Zinoman

In a career spanning more than thirty years, David Letterman redefined the modern talk show with an ironic comic style that transcended traditional television.



Daring to Drive Manal al-Sharif

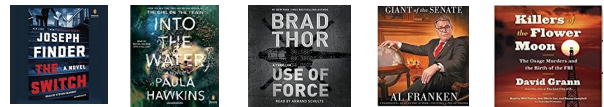
Intimate memoir by a woman in Saudi Arabia who became the unexpected leader of a courageous movement to support women's right to drive.



MEDIA

Adult Books on CD: Fiction

The Switch Joseph Finder
Into the Water Paula Hawkins
Use of Force Brad Thor



Adult Books on CD: Nonfiction

Al Franken, Giant of the Senate Al Franken
Killers of the Flower Moon David Grann

Adult DVDs:

John Wick, Chapter 2
Logan
Murdoch Mysteries season 10
Rare: Creatures of the Photo Ark
Madagascar: the land where evolution ran wild



New on Blu-Ray:

Citizen Kane
World War Z



Music CDs:

Heart Break Lady Antebellum
Melodrama Lorde
After Laughter Paramore
Traveller Chris Stapleton
Brave Enough Lindsey Stirling



Page 3 Solve the Mystery answers 1: Turkey, 2: Gumshoe, 3: Orient, 4: Hound, 5: Cruel, 6: Street, 7: Purloined, 8: Ladies', 9: Fudge, 10: Great.

Spotlight

Maker Spaces

by Linz Craig

Maker Spaces, Hackerspaces and the various other names for places that allow technologists and artists to explore the world of creation alongside each other are popping up all over the nation. Among a small group of people they are referred to with a level of reverence and fondness usually reserved for places of worship. The activities that take place within meet with more enthusiasm than the quarter swallowing machines at arcades and amusement parks by old and young alike. Because each Maker Space is different it's impossible to tell what kind of equipment or opportunities you will find beyond the doors of your local Space. Sometimes there is an abundance of woodworking and ceramic tools. In other Spaces one can find complete a kitchen and maybe even a chemistry hood (widely and sanitarily removed from each other). Stained glass, blacksmithing and electronics are mainstays at the Maker Space I frequent.

Because these Spaces are so community oriented, and the hardware is non-standardized, they tend to grow to expand as much room as is available with whatever pieces of equipment the members and local community can cobble together. Workshops, classes and safety orientations are provided by members as well, so the curriculum depends on who runs (or runs around within) the Space. One might find a well-documented set of tools with step by step instructions for every single item, or it may be a more *laissez faire* process with instructions to look on the ubiquitous internet for tutorials to get something up and running.

But the culture itself tends to be very similar across the world in the locations. Be they located in warehouse dweller sanctums, code monkey dens, gear head garages or huge, beautiful artistic messes, Maker Spaces' members are always curious, respectful, happy to push boundaries in search of new knowledge, or techniques, and value insightful camaraderie above all else. Did I say "all else?" Okay, that might not be entirely true. A sense of cleanliness might be valued a smidge higher since the pliers and blow torches always need to find their way back to their shelves or cubby no matter who uses them and what they have created.

And create people do. Maker Spaces birth art installations, tech startups, community outreach workshops, boats, fashionable (and not so fashionable) clothing, jewelry, dragons and myriad things that fly. Or at least things that are supposed to fly.... The inhabitants are always happy to help others learn how to stitch together pieces of code, solder electronics, print 3D models and, of course, burn themselves (as minimally as possible) with hot glue guns.

The manner in which these Spaces grow depends on what the inhabitants find most interesting so if you want to be able to work on the latest nanotechnology you'll need to start showing up and helping guide the growth discussion towards opportunities that will help you locate the tools and resources you will need. I'm sure you'll find at least one other wide-eyed eager co-adventurer who salivates heavily at the mere mention of the molecular scale. Got no idea what nanotechnology is? No better place to discover this and more than at your local Maker Space. As a gym for your brain, there is no better place to find the right mental weights and someone to spot you.

A Maker Space program took place at the Library the last week of February. Arthur and son Peter Evans supplied all the material needed for the workshop. Folks from six to 60+ attended. Funds were provided by the Manton Foundation.



World of Books

Nautical Knots & Family Ties

by Jan Wenzel

Erika Hamer has been tied up in knots for more than five decades. "I love it," she says of her nautical knot tying. "It's more than my hobby, it's my passion." That passion runs in the family. Her father, who learned knotting in the U.S. Merchant Marines, taught her. By the time she was 10, she was making square knot belts. Together they invented the Globe Knot used in a variety of ways from small earrings to knots six inches in diameter. Erika's and some of her late father's work, including hangings, will be on display in the Helen Ellis Case throughout November.



Nautical knotting requires a marlinspike, rope, and patience. "Like knitting and crocheting, knotting entails using the right tension and that comes from experience," says Erika, a member of the Cast-Offs Knitting Group, which meets at the library.

The *Ashley Book of Knots*, with directions and illustrations of thousands of knots, sits on a shelf at the Hamer home. "It is considered the definitive book on knotting," she says, noting its late author, Clifford W. Ashley, lived in Westport where some of his descendants still reside.

All of Erika's knotting creations have a practical purpose whether they are wreaths, cabinet draw pulls, trivets or key fobs, zipper pulls, earrings or traditional sailor bracelets. Even Fido can get a new leash on life with a collar or toy. Erica occasionally makes sea chest handles (beckets) considered to be the epitome of a knoter's art.

She sells her crafts at festivals, fairs, and farmers' markets. She teaches at camps and also gives lessons to kids and adults.

Her son, Raymond, inherited the knot gene. Now 47, he continues the family tradition in Biddeford, Maine.



Email Erika, busybee5@localnet.com for more information or to request a brochure.

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