

What's New?

Helen E. Ellis Case:

- April:** "Birdhouses Made of Local Materials found in the Backyard" Creations by Edmund Toohey.
- May:** "Vintage Glass" a collection of Depression and milk glass from Alice Strebel.
- June:** "Lighthouses Around the World" Anne Marie and John Faria share a special collection.

Patron Appreciation Sale at Michael's Bookstore!

**Tuesday, April 18-
Saturday, April 29, 2017**

Library Hours

**Books: 3 for \$5
CDs and DVDs: 3 for \$2**

Tech Bytes

Check on the SAILS e-catalog page for "Research Tools & Online Articles." Newspaper and periodical articles answer current health, business questions and more.

Services

- Free Wi-Fi
- Magnifiers for Visually Impaired
- SAILS Library Network 24/7 borrowing
- Commonwealth Catalogue
- Homebound Delivery Service
- Children's Programs
- Genealogy: Ancestry.com/HeritageQuest
- Manton Community Room
- Library Bridge Club and Library Book Club
- Westport Needleworkers
- Museum Passes

Call the Library for more info...

Library Hours

Monday & Thursday 12:00-8:30
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 10:00-5:00
Saturday 9:00-4:00
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Spring



Perspectives:

"You've Got A Friend"

"Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too hard to read." – Groucho Marx

I agree with Groucho; a book may indeed be one of our best friends. Maybe that is why civic and nonprofit groups, like FOWL, have been the best friends of public libraries in America since their inception. In 1898, a U. S. Board of Education survey found only 637 public libraries in the United States, primarily on the East Coast. Soon after, a library boom began in a cooperative effort between civic and governmental entities in an effort to provide education and social enlightenment to the citizenry who did not have access to private libraries. Although the philanthropist Andrew Carnegie provided grants for 1679 of these new libraries, community groups were instrumental in getting libraries built, equipped and filled through fundraising and private donations. Most of these libraries continue to serve their communities, supported by local and state tax dollars and by private donations and friends groups. If you have checked out a book recently, you may have noticed an insert about potential changes in SAILS delivery due to state funding concerns. Please read Sue Branco's piece in this issue for more information on library system funding.



April marks the beginning of our "season" when we begin collecting books, CDs and DVDs and sorting them for our upcoming book sales. FOWL members bring their time and energy to this effort every year as faithful friends of our Library. In everything we do for our Library, we carry on a proud American tradition of over 100 years, which sends the message: "You've got a Friend". Thank you for all you do to add to this history in Westport.

**Denise Micale, President, FOWL
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Kids' Corner

Preschool to Grade 3

Good Night! Good Night!

Carin Berger

Three little bunnies do not want to go to bed, and they use every excuse they can think of to stay up just a little longer.

**Ketzel the Cat Who Composed**

Leslea Newman

One day, while out for a walk, Moshe heard a small, sad sound that he'd never heard before. It was a tiny kitten. "Come on, little Ketzel," Moshe said, "I will take you home and we will make beautiful music together."

**Hug This Book!**

Barney Saltzberg

The imaginative humour of this book is balanced by earnest devotion, traits to which the young audience will relate.



Grades 4-8

Me and Marvin Gardens

Amy King

Obe Devlin has problems. His family's farmland has been taken over by developers. His best friend Tommy abandoned him for the development kids.

**Flying Lessons & Other Stories**

editor, Ellen Oh

Whether it is basketball dreams, family fiascos, first crushes, or new neighborhoods, this bold anthology celebrates the uniqueness and universality in all of us.

**Life in Motion: An Unlikely Ballerina (a Young Readers Ed.)**

Misty Copeland

Misty Copeland makes history, telling the story of her journey to become the first African-American principal ballerina at the prestigious American Ballet Theatre.



Young Adult

Caraval

Stephanie Garber

Scarlett has been told that everything that happens during Caraval is only an elaborate performance but she nevertheless becomes enmeshed in a game of love, heartbreak, and magic with the other players in the game.

**Afterward**

Jennifer Mathieu

A tragic kidnapping leads to an unlikely friendship in this novel about finding light in the midst of darkness from the author of *The Truth About Alice*.

**A List of Cages**

Robin Roe

When Adam Blake lands the best elective ever in his senior year, serving as an aide to the school psychologist, he thinks he's got it made.



Please note.

Summer Student Newsletter coming out at the end of June. Build a Better World is the theme for 2017. Learn about our summer activities!

A Chat with William Riley, Library Patron and Westport Resident

by Carol Vidal



Hello Mr. Riley. Thank you for taking the time to talk to us today for our Chat article. How long have you been coming to the Westport Library?

I moved to Westport about fifteen years ago and I have been utilizing the library services ever since. It's a great library with a very dedicated staff. The staff go above and beyond to help me, especially when I'm looking for an elusive book title that I can't seem to locate. No matter how obscure the title, they always seem to find it for me.

What is your most favorite service in the Library?

I would have to say that the search feature of Sailsinc.org is my favorite. The library has good resources but Sailsinc.org adds a new dimension by affording me the ability to get almost any book, cd or dvd through this online service. I sometimes have as many as a dozen books on reserve that are coming from area libraries in the Sails network. This service opens up a whole new world of accessibility. The Westport Library is to Sails as a toe is to the body.

You obviously have an interest in a variety of book genres from the books you showed me that you were reading. What are your favorite topics?

Currently I'm reading *Pillar of Sand; Can the Irrigation Miracle Last?* by Sandra Postel, *Restoring Heritage Grains* by Eli Rogosa, *The Third Plate* by Dan Barber about the future of food and a book on particle physics. I like books about ancient civilizations, the environment, gardening, travel, economics and sailing. I even occasionally like a YA (young adult) series of books by Andrew Ranson. One book I highly recommend is *Guns, Germs and Steel* by Jared Diamond. It is an interesting argument that geographical and environmental factors shaped our world today. Using Sailsinc.org, I can also look up the video and watch the PBS series.

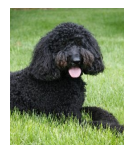
I heard from one of the staff that you were able to offer some assistance in helping when they were shorthanded?

The Westport Library does not have a bountiful budget from the Town so if I can lend a hand to show my appreciation, I'm only too happy to help when they ask. Recently I gave a bumper sticker to Susan Branco that she keeps on her bulletin board in her office. It reads;

"Libraries will get you through times of no money better than money will get you through times of no libraries."

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

Call to book a ten minute slot from 9:30-10:30 a.m.
(limit of 6 each session)



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| Saturday, April 1 | 9:30-10:30 a.m. |
| Saturday, May 6 | 9:30-10:30 a.m. |
| Saturday, June 17 | 9:30-10:30 a.m. |

Events

FOWL Board Meetings: Monday, April 24 and Thursday, June 8 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.

On exhibit in the Manton Community Room:

April: "Collective Work of local artist, Sharon Andrade"
An exhibit of acrylics and oils.

May: "Works in Watercolor" by artist, Maryteresa Hicks
Opening: Saturday, May 6th 2:00-4:00 p.m.

June: "The Ageless Atelier" painting class (Westport COA) Acrylics, Oils and Watercolors
Opening: Saturday, June 3rd 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Especially for Kids:

Two story programs:

Story Hour: ages 3 and up, Tuesdays, 10-11:15 a.m. Books on a different theme each week, with a craft project. (registration is necessary)

Lap-Sit: under 3, Wednesdays, 10-10:30 a.m. Stories, music and finger-plays with free play following the program. (registration is necessary)

Please call for our Spring schedule.

Poetic One Liners

Poets are like painters. They create a colorful word palette with intensity and mood. The end result can startle, inform, entertain, and just maybe provide us with a new way of looking at life. Can you match these memorable lines with their famous poets?

1. *Do not go gentle into that good night*
2. *I know why the caged bird sings*
3. *Hope is the thing with feathers*
4. *The place where the sidewalk ends*
5. *A poem lovely as a tree*
6. *My candle burns at both ends*
7. *Once upon a midnight dreary*
8. *O, my luv is like a red, red, rose*
9. *To be or not to be*
10. *Water, water, everywhere*
11. *What happens to a dream deferred?*
12. *Two roads diverged in a yellow wood*

- a. Langston Hughes
- b. Robert Frost
- c. Samuel Taylor Coleridge
- d. Joyce Kilmer
- e. Edna St. Vincent Millay
- f. Maya Angelou
- g. Edgar Allan Poe
- h. Robert Burns
- i. Dylan Thomas
- j. William Shakespeare
- k. Emily Dickinson
- l. Shel Silverstein



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.

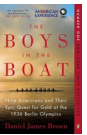
April 21—Submission by Michel Houellebecq

Paris, 2022. François is bored. He's a middle-aged lecturer at the Sorbonne and an expert on J. K. Huysmans, the famous nineteenth-century "decadent" author. But François's own decadence is considerably smaller in scale.



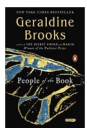
May 12—The Boys in the Boat by Daniel Brown

Out of the depths of the Depression comes an irresistible story about beating the odds and finding hope in the most desperate of times—the improbable, intimate account of how nine working-class boys from the American West showed the world at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin what true grit really meant.



June 9—People of the Book: A Novel by Geraldine Brooks

This work traces the harrowing journey of the famed Sarajevo Haggadah, a beautifully illuminated Hebrew manuscript created in fifteenth-century Spain. When it falls to Hanna Heath, an Australian rare-book expert, to conserve this priceless work, the series of tiny artifacts she discovers in its ancient binding only begin to unlock its deep mysteries.



Save the dates:

Sixth Annual Summer Paperback Sale (adult fiction): July 24-August 4, Community Room during Library hours. A great opportunity to find a few paperbacks to read in the last weeks of summer. Many hundreds of books covering 3-4 tables. Includes the larger soft-covers, the format most new authors and literary fiction are published in today, as well as the familiar 'pocket' size. Potboiler or prize-winner, it will be there. Stock replenished often. All books \$1 - \$2.00.

BIG! FOWL's 2017 Annual Used Book Sale: Community Room. Members' Preview; Friday, September 8; Public Sale; Saturday, September 9 – Saturday, September 16 during Library hours, but closes at 1 pm on 2nd Saturday. Over 30,000 books in 20 categories, fills entire Community Room. One of the largest sales in the area. Hundreds of children's books are \$.25 each to encourage reading. Other books \$1 - \$2 plus a selection of specially-priced books.

Please Note: Because we've expanded our book donation period in 2017 to April through August, we'll need returning and new volunteers to sort thousands of books and sell them at our Summer Paperback Sale and our huge September Annual Book Sale. Please contact Sue Shaw at sueshaw@earthlink.net or 203-450-5906 to volunteer or for information regarding book donations.

New to the Collection Highlights

Adult Fiction:

Garden of Lamentations Deborah Crombie

Scotland Yard detectives Duncan Kincaid and Gemma James are drawn into separate investigations that hold disturbing—and deadly—complications for their own lives in this powerful mystery in this bestselling series.



Mississippi Blood Greg Iles

The endgame is at hand for Penn Cage, his family, and the enemies bent on destroying them in this revelatory volume in the epic trilogy set in modern-day Natchez, Mississippi.



Say Nothing Brad Parks

A man warns Judge Scott Sampson to do exactly as he is told in a drug case he is about to rule on. If the judge fails to follow instructions, the consequences for the judge's children will be dire.



Adult Nonfiction:

The Complete Mediterranean Cookbook America's Test Kitchen



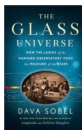
This Close to Happy Daphne Merkin

In this dark yet vital memoir, Merkin describes not only the harrowing sorrow that she has known all her life, but also her early, redemptive love of reading and gradual emergence as a writer.



The Glass Universe Dava Sobel

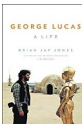
Glass photographic plates that Harvard University amassed over the decades through the generous support of Mrs. Anna Draper, widow of a pioneer in stellar photography, enabled women to make extraordinary discoveries that attracted worldwide acclaim.



Adult Biography:

George Lucas: a Life Brian Jay Jones

Revelatory look into the life and times of the man who created Luke Skywalker, Han Solo, and Indiana Jones. The essential biography of the influential and beloved filmmaker.



My Life, My Love, My Legacy Coretta Scott King as told to Dr. Barbara Reynolds

The life story of Coretta Scott King, the wife of Martin Luther King Jr., founder of the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change and singular twentieth-century American civil and human rights activist.



Large Print Fiction:

Inheriting Edith Zoe Fishman

About a single mother who inherits a beautiful beach house with a caveat—she must take care of the ornery elderly woman who lives in it.



Computer 101 volunteer needed:

Interested in answering all sorts of computer questions? Volunteer one evening a week at the Library...contact a staff member for more information.

The Nowhere Man

Gregg Hurwitz

Spoken about only in whispers, the Nowhere Man can be reached only by the truly desperate. He can and will do anything to save them.



Fatal

John Lescroart

A riveting standalone novel about the unexpected, shattering, and lethal consequences of a one-night stand on a seemingly happily married couple.



Large Print Nonfiction:

The Undoing Project

Michael Lewis

How a Nobel Prize-winning theory of the mind altered our perception of reality.



Adult DVDs:

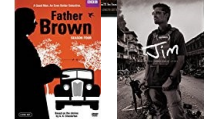
Crimson Field

Father Brown (season 4)

Jim: the James Foley Story

Shetland (season 3)

Sully



Adult Books on CD: Fiction

- Night School: A Jack Reacher Novel** Lee Child
- The Sleeping Beauty Killer** Mary Higgins Clark
- The Whole Town's Talking** Fannie Flagg
- Swing Time** Zadie Smith

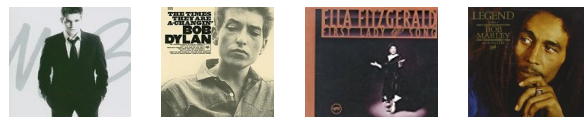
Adult Books on CD: Nonfiction

Hidden Figures Margot Lee Shetterly



Music CDs:

- It's Time** Michael Buble
- The Times They Are A-Changin'** Bob Dylan
- Ella: the First Lady of Song** Ella Fitzgerald
- Legend** Bob Marley and the Wailers



World of Books

Support State-Funded Services

Municipal funding, trusts, donations and state grants support our annual budget. But what about those other hidden services that are funded at the state level through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) and the Massachusetts Library System, and help to provide the following?

- ♦ Access to online databases that enable all ages to search newspaper and periodical articles, including *Boston Globe* articles (1980-present) and *New York Times* articles (1985-present), along with popular and scholarly magazines. Answers to relevant medical questions and financial concerns, just to name a few, can be searched (a service funded by Institute of Museum and Library Services to MBLC).
- ♦ Technology funding to SAILS Library Network for computer upgrades and ongoing maintenance of our public e-catalog pages.
- ♦ A delivery van that pulls up to the Westport Library's front door (currently 6 days/week) with books, DVDs, audio CDs and music CDs requested from libraries throughout the Commonwealth. Online patrons order materials from network libraries at any time of day or night so they might complete a college assignment or borrow an audio book for an elderly neighbor. The variety of materials that patrons request never ceases to amaze the Library staff; meanwhile, state funding cuts are being addressed to limit weekly deliveries.

State Senator Michael J. Rodrigues, and Representative Paul A. Schmid III remain strong advocates of state funding.

Please let them know how important these resources are to your families, and how your local library supports these services.

State Senator Michael Rodrigues (email):

Michael.Rodrigues@masenate.gov

Representative Paul Schmid (email):

Paul.Schmid@mahouse.gov

Of course, attendance at Annual Town Meeting is so important to support our Library budget.

Thank you, Sue Branco

A Special Trust...

Did you know that the Prudence M. Chadwick Trust supports Library services for the visually-impaired?

- ♦ Check out our new shelving area for large print fiction/nonfiction titles. Pull up a chair and browse our collection.
- ♦ Check out an audiobook on CD to listen to in the comfort of your home.
- ♦ Check out some music CDs from our growing collection.
- ♦ Check out issues of *Readers Digest* in large print.
- ♦ A desktop magnifier and 2 handheld magnifiers are available to help with reading and writing at the Library. Newspaper and magazine print has become mighty "fine".
- ♦ Our Homebound Delivery volunteer can visit you at home with books, CDs and DVDs from our collection and the SAILS Library Network.

We are just a phone call away (508-636-1100). A Librarian is always ready to help.

Spotlight



As Library Principal Clerk, Jane Young knew just about everyone in town. Many of you already know that we lost our beloved friend and coworker on January 14, 2017. I had the honor and pleasure of working by Jane's side for 28 years; in fact, we started our jobs within two months of each other. We pondered our first computer together as the library system went online in 1989 and worked through the building/renovation project of 2008 – 2009. And, always, Jane's office-management skills and her gracious humanity were assets to the Library.

Jane was the full package, bringing a strong work ethic and the belief that one must always do the best job possible. She was the go-to person when seeking the right book; and, when success was not immediately possible, Jane would simply state, "I will get back to you"—and she always did.

We may not have always agreed on policy and strategy, but I never questioned the motivation behind Jane's input, as her every impulse was to help alleviate difficulties for all around her, to improve the Library, to streamline our processes, and to ultimately satisfy our patrons. Her civic pride and dedication to the public good was beyond compare, and I continue to hear from individuals who seem unable to praise Jane enough.

Her generosity of spirit and willingness to share knowledge quickly set our Library aides on the proper course, and she was the first to jump up when a patron, or a coworker, needed help. Jane intuitively knew when my workload was becoming untenable, and invariably chose the perfect moment to manage additional tasks herself, or delegate them to staff members. Under the worst circumstances, everyone knew that Jane could hold down the fort.

When time allowed, Jane loved to work in the History Room, researching and cataloguing new materials. I always knew that she would wish to volunteer in this way after retirement. We all looked forward to many more years with Jane, and it is difficult to accept that she is no longer with us.

Well, dear friend, we will always miss you and appreciate having known you.

Sue Branco, Library Director
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Bring your Lees receipts to the Library—we earned \$3,148 in 2015.



Thank you, Lees Market.

Keep those receipts coming!

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Become a member — Join today

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 2016, member dues and book sales contributed over \$25,000 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
Buttonwood Park Zoo
Harvard University Art Museums
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
New Bedford Whaling Museum
MASSPARKS Pass
Providence Children’s Museum
Roger Williams Park Zoo

- Michael’s Bookstore 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

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\$20 Family \$100 Bibliophile
\$30 Sponsor \$ _____ Other

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