What’s New?

Helen E. Ellis Case:

January: Paws for a Moment
Enjoy a special collection of crystal and hand-painted cats shared by Anne Marie Faria.

February: Nantucket Baskets and More, Patricia Wilde Butler shares unique homemade creations.

March: Knitting for the Needy “Cast-Offs of Westport” display items to cheer patients and those less fortunate.

On exhibit in the Manton Community Room:

Opening: Saturday, February 4th 2:30-4:00 p.m.

Tech Bytes

Can’t find a book, CD or DVD in SAILS? Wait no longer... Under “Links of Interest” on the e-catalog page, click on Commonwealth Catalog. Search through millions of items in libraries across Massachusetts. Items are delivered 6 days a week to our library doorstep.

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
Sunday CLOSED

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Perspectives: The Library Has More Than Walls

Some libraries have wheels. Some of you, especially my fellow baby boomers, may have fond memories of the bookmobile visiting your neighborhood, bringing the library to you. I know that it was an important part of my early years, resulting in a lifelong love of learning.

Our Westport Library goes even farther. On September 28, 2016, under the able leadership of our treasurer Ned Daniels, FOWL, along with a generous anonymous donor, sponsored a visit from celebrated children’s author and performer Bill Harley to the 4th and 5th graders at Westport Elementary School.

At the Library, his books were put on display for our young patrons to borrow and enjoy. This effort, extending far beyond our Library’s physical walls, is the latest example of the many ways the Library reaches out to the community in a tangible way.

And farther yet. The Chat in this issue of @the Library features the Cast-Offs of Westport, whose charitable work benefits a number of organizations in the area. The Westport Food Bank has a permanent space for collection in the Library lobby. Our museum and park passes provide entertainment and education opportunities for individuals and families to explore in Massachusetts. Many community groups use the Library’s space and resources for activities that reach out to Westport, the South Coast and beyond.

Bookmobiles may have become rare in our mobile, technology-filled world, but today’s public libraries provide services and resources that help us connect to each other. We hope to continue to “grow” our Library’s vibrancy to reach out beyond its physical walls, to collaborate with businesses and groups in our community, and work to engage people in all the good things that can begin at the Library.

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FOWL Board Meetings:
Thursday, February 9 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.

In The Manton Room:
Story Hour and Lap Sit will resume for the Winter Session later in January. Call for the start-up dates and times.
February 4: “Take Your Child to the Library Day” drop in craft 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
February 21: A Makerspace Workshop for ages 8 and up. This is a STEAM based workshop which includes: 3D printing, 3D software design, 3D carving, and 3D scanning as well as other custom tailored activities such as various robotics and crafts from 2-4 p.m.
February 23: a family board games night—drop in from 6-8:15 p.m.

Children’s Area Display Wall:
During February, a Valentine mural by Girl Scout Troop 807 with leader, Jen Mooney, perks up these chilly days.

March 24: or snow date March 31, the Library will hold a family evening featuring Creatures Teachers at 7:00 p.m. Richard Roth will bring his critters and explain the diverse habitats of our planet and the animals that live within them. The program is provided by a grant from the Helen E. Ellis Charitable Trust.

You can help

Computer 101 volunteer:
Interested in answering all sorts of computer questions? Volunteer one evening a week at the Library…contact a staff member for more information.

Festive Christmas book tree decorated the lobby of the Library this holiday season and generated a lot of interest and comments.

Read For Fun, Followed By Optional Lunch

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

January 13 - The Magic of Ordinary Days
by Ann Howard Creel

Olivia Dunne, a studious minister’s daughter who dreams of becoming an archaeologist, never thought that the drama of World War II would affect her quiet life in Denver. But when an exhilarating flirtation reshapes her life, she finds herself in a rural Colorado outpost, married to a man she hardly knows.

February 10 - 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 and unexpectedly plunges Hanna into the intrigues of fine art forgers.

March 10 - Submission
by Michael Houllebecq

It’s 2022. François is bored. He’s a middle-aged lecturer at the New Sorbonne University and an expert on J. K. Huysmans, the famed nineteenth-century novelist associated with the Decadent movement. But François’s own decadence is of considerably smaller scale.

The Board of the Friends of the Westport Library recently approved the transfer of funds from the Nancy Buol Memorial and the Jennie Habib Memorial to the Westport Free Public Library. Nancy Buol is the mother of board member, Karen Nourse and Jennie Habib is the mother of board member, Michael Habib. Funds will be used for adult literature and children’s literature.
New to the Collection Highlights

Adult Fiction:

The Twenty-Three  Linwood Barclay
The small town of Promise Falls, New York, has found itself in the midst of a full-blown catastrophe. Hundreds of people are going to the hospital with similar flu-like symptoms.

The Flame Bearer  Bernard Cornwell
The next installment of Bernard Cornwell’s bestselling series chronicling the epic saga of the making of England.

Victoria  Daisy Goodwin
Captivating novel of youth, love, and the often painful transition of Queen Victoria from immaturity to adulthood.

Adult Nonfiction:

How to Bake Everything  Mark Bittman
Here is the simplest way to bake everything—from American-favorite recipes with more than 2,000 recipes and variations.

The General vs. the President  H.W. Brands
The contest of wills between Truman and MacArthur unfolds against the turbulent backdrop of a faraway war and terrors conjured at home by Joseph McCarthy.

The Book of Joy  Dalai Lama
Nobel Peace Prize Laureates His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu have survived more than fifty years of exile and the soul-crushing violence of oppression. Despite their hardships—or, as they would say, because of them—they are two of the most joyful people on the planet.

Adult Biography:

My Own Words  Ruth Bader Ginsburg
The first book from Ruth Bader Ginsburg since becoming a Supreme Court Justice in 1993—a witty, engaging, serious, and playful collection of writings and speeches.

A Truck Full of Money  Tracy Kidder
The story of Paul English, a kinetic and unconventional inventor and entrepreneur, who as a boy rebelled against authority.

Born to Run  Bruce Springsteen
Bruce Springsteen has privately devoted himself to writing the story of his life, bringing to these pages the same honesty, humor, and originality found in his songs.

Large Print Fiction:

This Was a Man  Jeffrey Archer
In Whitehall, Giles Barrington discovers the truth about his wife Karin from the Cabinet Secretary. Is she a spy or a pawn in a larger game?

Cakewalk  Rita Mae Brown
The night a riot breaks out at the Capitol Theater movie house—during a Mary Pickford picture, no less—you can bet that the Hunsenmier sisters, Louise and Julia, are nearby.

The German Girl  Armando Lucas Correa
Twelve-year-old Hannah Rosenthal’s harrowing experience fleeing Nazi-occupied Germany with her family and best friend, only to discover that the overseas asylum they had been promised is an illusion.

Adult DVDs:

Agatha Christie’s Partners in Crime
Bridge of Spies
The Night Manager  season 1
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2

Adult Books on CD: Fiction

The Pursuit  Janet Evanovich
Razor Girl  Carl Hiassen
The Book That Matters Most  Ann Hood
Dishonorable Intentions  Stuart Woods

Music CDs:

747  Lady Antebellum
Live in Paris  Diana Krall
Shatter Me  Lindsey Stirling

Michael’s Bookstore

When you visit the Library, check out our new bookstore signage honoring one of our FOWL board members, Michael Habib. Michael served as president of FOWL from 1989-2011 and initiated the paperback carousel in the lobby and the FOWL bookstore in the late 1990s. Along with his work stocking the bookstore, he is our special and rare books guru, devoting many hours, with the forbearance and assistance of his wife Evelyn, to researching and selling books to benefit the Library. Thank you, Michael, for your enduring dedication to FOWL and the Library.
Kids' Corner

Grades K-4

**Coyote Moon**
Maria Gianferrari
A mother coyote stalks prey to feed her hungry pups. She encounters a mouse, a rabbit, a flock of angry geese, and finally an unsuspecting turkey on the library lawn.

**The Deadliest Creature in the World**
Brenda Z. Guiberson
Spectacular illustrations will inspire young readers to choose which creature they think is the deadlest in this newest picture book.

Grades 5-8

**One Half from the East**
Nadia Hashimi
A coming-of-age journey set in modern-day Afghanistan that explores life as a *bacha* *posh*—a preteen girl dressed as a boy.

**Mark of the Plague (Blackthorn Key)**
Christopher Rowe is back and there are more puzzles, riddles, and secrets to uncover in this follow-up to *The Blackthorn Key*.

Young Adult

**Swan Riders**
Erin Bow
Treacherous twists await Greta as the stakes get even higher in this stunning follow-up to the "masterful" novel, *The Scorpion Rules*.

**In the Shadow of Liberty**
Kenneth Davis
Powerful stories of five enslaved people who were "owned" by four of our greatest presidents. This book helps set the record straight about the role slavery played in the founding of America.

**TumbleBook Library**

*TumbleBooks: Library e-Books for e-Kids!*

The Library now has the Tumble Book Library for use by its young patrons. Tumblebooks are fun, free online books for kids. The collection can be accessed online from a computer at the Library, from home through a direct link on the Library web site, or via any reading/mobile device that has an internet connection (for example: Color Nook, Kindle Fire, Ipads and Ipod Touch).

The TumbleBooks collection includes animated, talking picture books with fiction, non-fiction and foreign language titles, chapter books, enhanced novels, ebooks, reading comprehension quizzes, education games, math stories, videos from *National Geographic* and *TumbleTV* which consists of pre-set playlists of a sequence of books. The materials are suitable for children in kindergarten through grade six.

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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

- **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

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- **Membership levels:**
  - $10 Individual
  - $20 Family
  - $30 Sponsor
  - $50 Patron
  - $100 Bibliophile
  - $______ Other

FOWL is a 501c3 non-profit; your donation is tax deductible.

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

- [ ] Book Sale Committee
- [ ] PR/Marketing

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