

Speaking Volumes

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FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Please join me in extending a warm welcome to our new Assistant Director, Theresa Maturevich. Theresa comes to us from Concord where she was the Loring N. Fowler Memorial Branch Librarian. She brings a wealth of experience to her new position having worked in adult services in Bedford and Beverly, and youth services in Stoneham. After earning her Bachelor's degree in psychology from the UMass Amherst, she worked for six years as a medical health counselor. She earned her Master's in Library Science at Simmons College.



Above: Family Cooking Club, families sign-up to learn the basics behind making simple but delicious recipes.

Left: Peter Struzziero recently brought his Star Wars Symposium to the Library.

Firefighter Josh Fiore of the Winchester Fire Department teaches the kids all about fire safety.



Theresa Maturevich, new Assistant Director

Theresa will be guiding our technology developments, coordinating our volunteers, and working with our many volunteer committees. Take a moment to introduce yourself; she would love to meet you.

Ann Wirtanen, Director

THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY OFFERS MORE THAN YOU MAY KNOW

A recurrent comment among newcomers to the Winchester Children's Library is amazement at how much the Library offers. Thanks to grants from the Friends of the Library, En Ka, Rotary Club, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, and other donors there is never any cost for any program.

A signature feature of children's programs is that there is something for so many age groups. Pattycake Place, offered every week for children under two, provides an initial exposure to books, fingerplays, and a few songs, as well as allowing caretakers to exchange parenting tips and companionship. There is even Baby Yoga and Baby Sign several times a year.

The next step for 2-3-year-olds is Step Into Storytime; this drop-in program is offered two times every week. Preschool Storytime Club for 3-5-year-olds is offered twice a week, too. Registration is required for this program.

Once in school, stand-alone programs are offered after school. The most popular programs (often overbooked) have a STEM connection. Lego Robotics and LegoPalooza make Legos more than a building toy. Other popular programs for grades 1-5 include animal science programs and magicians.

CURIOUSER AND CURIOUSER

In today's internet world, articles that include lists and statistics are inevitably popular. In that spirit, here are some 2015 statistics and lists that highlight the scope, complexity, and diversity of our Library.

Statistics:

Circulation is staggering; almost 500,000 items were circulated in 2015 to over 266,000 visitors. And users loved the convenience of requesting items as 123,694 items were placed on hold for pick up and 1,435 items were hand-delivered by volunteers. We also sent almost 50,000 books to other libraries.

Our volunteers were energetic; they contributed 2,219 hours, including reading to 4,009 children by 31 teen ROAR volunteers.

Programs were as popular as ever, with 812 different programs offered to a total attendance of 12,138 — including 2,147 adults and 9,991 children.

We issued 1,202 new library cards bringing the total to 16,314 registered borrowers. We also distributed over 2,000 museum passes, bought 6,352 new books and 1,817 new audio visual items, and repaired 807 books.



Almost 500,000 items were checked out of the Library in 2015.

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When students reach grades 5 and 6, transitional programs are offered to help make the students feel comfortable making the move from downstairs to upstairs. Programs such as Reading Rocks for third, fourth, and fifth graders and Authorfest for preschool through middle school are made possible by working together with the schools and the Winchester Foundation for Educational Excellence.

In the summer, in addition to the Summer Reading Program, there is ROAR which provides opportunities for middle school

Lists:

So what did people want? In non-fiction, the most popular subject areas were: Biography, Food & Drink, Travel, Drawing & Decorative Arts, Diseases/Health/Medical, History, Financial/Economics, Management, Higher Education, and Sports.

The top 10 books, however, were largely fiction: *All the Light we Cannot See* (Anthony Doerr); *The Invention of Wings* (Sue Monk Kidd); *Learning to Die in Miami* (Carlos Eire, a Winchester Reads non-fiction selection); *Orphan Train* (Christina Baker Kline); *The Girl on the Train* (Paula Hawkins); *Go Set a Watchman* (Harper Lee); *Being Mortal* (Atul Gawande, non-fiction); *Wonder* (R.J. Palacio); *Big Little Lies* (Liane Moriarty); and *The Boston Girl* (Anita Diamant).

And among the most popular reference books were:

(1) *Index of Pre-1917 Homes*, (2) *Ranking America's Fifty States*, (3) *A Guide Book of United States Coins*, (4) *World Book*, (5) *Mosby's Medical Dictionary*, (6) *College Rankings*, and (7) *World Painting Index*.

and high school students to read to younger children at locations all around town.

But it's not all programs. The Children's Library has staff available during the days and some evenings for drop-in reading advice, as well as a separate story room with learning cubes. There are lots of ways to get information about the Children's Library—start online at <http://www.winpublib.org/children-and-teens/childrens-room-homepage> or on their Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/winchildlib>).

ART IN THE LIBRARY

Throughout its history, the Winchester Public Library has been the recipient of many generous gifts of art. Several of these items are on permanent display in the Library, including murals, ceremonial silver, stained glass windows, and paintings.

We've now published a brochure highlighting some of these treasures. The brochure, available for free at the circulation and reference desks, gives information not only about our more well-known artifacts, such as the Winchester Bowl and the Tiffany Windows, but also highlights lesser-known items such as an original printing of the Emancipation Proclamation, a signed photograph of Robert E. Lee, and several beautiful oils of the local area as it appeared in the 19th century.



INTERESTED IN JOINING A BOOK CLUB?

The Library hosts a wide variety of book groups, and everyone is welcome to join. Group discussion is informal and no long-term commitment is required. Copies of the book club selections are typically available at the reference desk a month before each meeting, or you can place requests online.

You can always check out the clubs and their most recent offerings at <http://www.winpublib.org/books-and-media/book-groups>. Here's a sample of what's currently going on:

Big Fat Book Club: *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah

Classics Book Club: *The Good Soldier* by Ford Madox Ford

Coffee and Books – Jenks Center: *Where'd You Go, Bernadette* by Maria Semple

Hot Reads: *America's First Daughter* by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie

2nd Tuesday Women's Reading Group: *Orphan Train* by Christina Kline

Winchester Public Library Book Discussion Group: *Mrs. Jack; A Biography of Isabella Stewart Gardner* by Louise Tharp

WINCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Ann Wirtanen, *Director*

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Children's Events Summer 2016: a sampler

June 28

Summer Reading Kick-Off featuring The Magic of David Hall
Tuesday, 3:30p-4:30p

Kids ages 4+ join us for an awesome Summer Reading Kick-off Show with Magic Dave and his bunny Hocus! Sign-ups will be available online through the Children's Calendar three weeks prior to the program.

July 8

Kidstock presents Goldi-Lochness Friday, 10:30a-11:30a

Kids ages 4+ join us for a fun-filled Kidstock performance!
No registration necessary.

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Mystic Drumz Tuesday, 3:30p-4:30p

Kids ages 5+ sign-up to join Mystic Drumz for an exciting and educational performance! Sign-ups will be available online through the Children's Calendar three weeks prior to the program.

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Kidstock presents Little Red Robbing Hood Friday, 3:30p-4:30p

Kids ages 4+ join us for a fun-filled Kidstock performance!
No registration necessary.

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ToBe Fit with Foodplay Tuesday, 4p-5p

Join Foodplay the juggling nutrition magician for an awesome afternoon of learning and fun!! Sign-ups will be available online through the Children's Calendar three weeks prior to the program.

August 12

Kidstock presents Planet of the Grapes Friday, 3:30p-4:30p

Kids ages 4+ join us for a fun-filled Kidstock performance!
No registration necessary.

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Summer Reading Party! Thursday 3p-4:30p

Kids ages 4+, did you complete your reading goal? If so, join us at Town Hall for an exciting party to wrap Summer Reading! More details TBD.

But wait, there's more:

- Drop in Family Storytimes
- Drop in Music Programs for Preschoolers
- Drop in Craft Programs
- LEGO WeDo Science Workshops

All summer long!

FRIENDS OF THE WINCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMS, FALL 2016

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, AT 7:00 PM

7th annual collaborative program with the Winchester Historical Society, *A History of Lighthouses in America* by Eric Jay Dolin. His new book, which was published in April 2016, has received pre-publishing accolades from the American Lighthouse Foundation as “the best history of American lighthouses ever written” and from *Lighthouse Digest* as “no other book on the topic is as detailed and well written.”

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, AT 7:00 PM

The Ghost Army of World War II by author and filmmaker Rick Beyer. His book and documentary film detail the story of a top-secret unit that used inflatable tanks, sound effects, and illusion to deceive the Nazis and helped pave the way for the final drive to Germany. The 23rd Headquarters Special Troops’ critical role in World War II remained a secret for more than 40 years after the war.

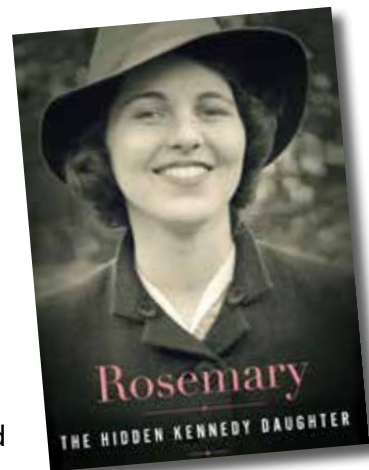
All programs are free and open to the public.

WINCHESTER READS

The Winchester Reads selection for Summer/Fall 2016 is local author Kate Clifford Larson’s book, *Rosemary, The Hidden Kennedy Daughter*, a case study of the plight of the intellectually disabled. Copies of the book and further information are available at the Library.

And please consider becoming a committee member for Winchester Reads. The Winchester Reads Committee came into existence in 2002 after the 9/11 tragedy to encourage Winchester residents to become involved in their neighborhood and community through the shared experience of reading and discussing one book together. Since then, we’ve selected books, scheduled author readings, and planned events.

If you are interested in applying to serve on the Committee, email Theresa Maturevich, Assistant Director at tmaturevich@minlib.net. We are seeking a diverse group of people to collaborate with in selecting future books and developing complementary programs.



IN BRIEF. . .

We didn't want Barbara Yuan's retirement as assistant director to pass without a heartfelt thank you for her 25 years of service.

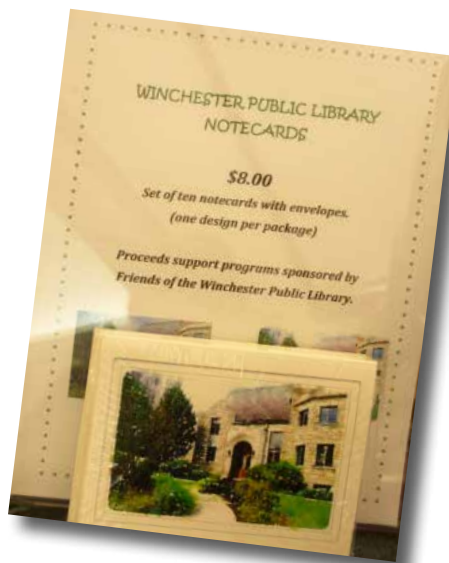


If you are a fan of the Winchester Public Library, and want to contribute your time and intellect to a worthwhile community effort, please consider joining the Board of the Friends of the Winchester Library. For more information, email Kathy Ho at Kathyho715@gmail.com. And thanks!



The Library has a new beverage policy: Non-alcoholic drinks, in cups with lids, can now be brought into the library (except for the children's area). There's still a strict no food policy.

The Friends' notecards, showing the front of the Winchester Library, can be bought at the front desk at \$8 for a package of ten, including envelopes.



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LIBRARY HOURS

Monday – Thursday: 9:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m

Children's Room closes at 8:00 p.m.

Monday – Thursday
All other hours are the same as above.

Please note that the Library is closed on all legal holidays and on Sunday during the summer months.

Who are the Friends of the Winchester Public Library?

The Friends of the Winchester Public Library ("The Friends") is the grassroots organization that supports your Library's continuing excellence. We raise funds for publications, equipment, and services which are not included in the town's budget but which enhance the Library's mission of improving the quality of life for Winchester residents.

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