

SPRING 2024



# Speaking Volumes

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## SPRING INTO READING

### THE FRIENDS OF THE WINCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENT THE WINCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE

A wonderful event is again sprouting up this April at the Library — the Friends are excited to present the Winchester Public Library Open House on Saturday, April 27, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. This year's theme is Spring into Reading, and what better way to greet the new season than with a fun-filled afternoon at the Library!

Like last year, the Open House is an invitation to the entire community to visit the Library and discover more about what the Library offers. This special day, geared for all ages, promises everyone a busy two hours of fun. The Friends will host a silent auction with a wide array of baskets and gifts donated by local businesses to bid on, a bake sale, crafts, and the very popular scavenger hunt for kids with prizes and goody bags. There will be information tables where Open House patrons can learn more about the variety of services the Library offers and explore the many devices in the "Library of Things," lawn games (weather permitting), and more features and activities.

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## SPOTLIGHT ON LINDA ROSSETTI AND THE IN TRANSITION CONVERSATION SERIES



Transition, change, transformation — all may sound like uncomfortable scenarios, but everyone at some point encounters change in their personal or professional lives. As challenging as the prospect may be, it is possible to navigate through these transitional situations.

Author, podcaster, and Winchester resident Linda Rossetti experienced her own significant career disruption and by her own resolve turned that upheaval around — an effort that helped her and has now helped many others. This "fascinating journey of discovery," as Linda describes it, led to her first book,

*Women & Transition: Reinventing Work and Life*. Perfectly described on Linda's website, "the book helps women increase their understanding of what is happening at times of transition and offers a toolkit specifically designed to help women navigate transition successfully...[and] enables women to reframe transition into the positive and optimistic inflection point that it represents."

For the last couple of years, Linda has brought the knowledge and ideals she expressed in her book to the Winchester Public Library with a monthly series entitled "In Transition Conversation Series." The first Monday of every month, Linda leads "an informal and supportive conversation about how to successfully navigate times of upheaval in our careers and in our lives." Drawing from her research and personal experience, Linda offers tips and welcoming conversation in an effort to help all participants through whatever transitional or disruptive situation they may be in. The series is offered both in person and via Zoom.

Linda recently released her second book, *Dancing with Disruption: A New Approach to Navigating Life's Biggest Changes*, and she hosts a podcast, "Navigating Life's Disruptions with Linda Rossetti." For more information on Linda Rossetti, please visit her website at [www.lindarossetti.com](http://www.lindarossetti.com).

### Next In Transition Conversation Series:

MONDAY, MAY 6, 12:00–1:00 PM

Small Meeting Room, Winchester Public Library

## MAY HIGHLIGHTS

(For a complete, current calendar of Library events, visit <https://www.winpublib.org/events/>)

**EVERY FRIDAY, 3:50–5:00 PM**

### **Board Game Afternoon**

This program is for students in grades 6–12 only. No adults!

Teens, drop in to the Large Meeting Room on Friday afternoons to play board games and hang out with your friends! We'll provide a variety of games, old and new, and snacks for this unstructured game time. If there's an important (to you) game that we don't have, let us know!



LARGE MEETING ROOM

Registration is not required.

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**FRIDAY, MAY 10, 4:00–5:00 PM**

### **Kids' Art with Studio on the Common**

Create amazing projects with artists from Studio on the Common, Winchester's gift shop, art studio, and crafts center! We'll be in the Storytime Room getting crafty with all kinds of fun art supplies! For kids in grades 2–5.\*\*

\*\* FOR ALL CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING: Parents/caregivers must remain in the building while a child younger than 8 years old is attending a Library program.

STORYTIME ROOM

**Registration is required**

and will open Friday, April 19, at 9:00 AM.

You may register through the Library's online calendar.

Questions? Call 781.721.7171 x326;  
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**SATURDAY, MAY 11, 10:30 AM–Noon**

### **Motoko Tells Tales of Now & Zen**

Award-winning Japanese storyteller Motoko offers a performance for children and adults filled with humor, charm, and elegance. She regales audiences with hilarious tales from her old country, as well as poignant personal stories from her childhood in Osaka and her experiences as an immigrant to the U.S. Motoko is the recipient of the National Storytelling Network's 2017 Circle of Excellence Award.



LARGE MEETING ROOM

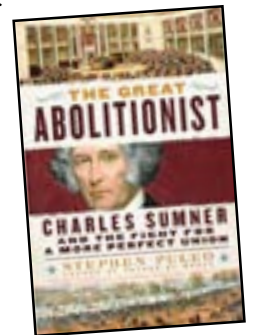
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**WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 7:00–8:00 PM**

### **Author Talk: Stephen Puleo on The Great Abolitionist**

Author Stephen Puleo will discuss his new book, *The Great Abolitionist: Charles Sumner and the Fight for a More Perfect Union* (to be released on April 23, 2024). Sumner, an outspoken antislavery U.S. senator from Massachusetts, was beaten nearly to death on the Senate floor in 1886 by a South Carolina congressman, but returned to the Senate to serve another 18 years. Copies of Mr. Puleo's books, provided by Book Ends, will be available for purchase. You can place a hold on a library copy through the Library website.



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Spring 2024

Dear Neighbors and Library Lovers,

Thanks to your generous donations to the Friends of the Winchester Public Library, our Library is busier than ever, offering high-quality programs and enhanced services while providing a welcoming and inviting space for kids, teens, and adults alike.



Main circulation floor.



Chinese calligraphy lecture and demonstration sponsored by the Friends.

We hope you have had a chance to stop by the Library this year to check out books, magazines, music, movies, and museum passes; to use the computers, borrow from the Library of Things, attend a free lecture; to join a board game afternoon, craft night, book club discussion; or to bring the kids or grandkids to Itsy Bitsy Readers. There is so much going on at the Library!

Your generous donations allow the Friends to fund initiatives such as new children's and teen programs, guest speakers, museum passes, updated technology, and new Library furniture. Just this year, your donations funded:

- Free passes or reduced admission to 17 museums
- Free children's programs like Rockabye Beats, where kids 6 and under rock together to the ABCs and 123s
- Free teen programs including Teen Craft Time, giving teens the chance to connect safely with one another outside of school
- Free lectures and performances
- Free adult programs such as the Monday Night Mystery Book Club
- New furniture and charging stations for the Library's new Young Adult space



The recently renovated Children's Room.

### Who We Are

**The Friends of the Winchester Public Library** is an all-volunteer run 501(c)(3) charitable organization. The Friends operates independently of the Winchester Public Library administration and the Library Board of Trustees. 100% of the funds raised by the Friends directly support many Library programs, services, and projects to ensure that these vital initiatives continue to thrive.

This year, our goal is to raise over \$60,000. All donations to the Friends fund programming, services, and enhancements that benefit the Winchester Public Library and the entire Winchester community.

**Please Join Us!**

### Our Mission

The mission of the Friends of the Winchester Public Library is to enhance and support our community's Library by raising funds and advocating for programs and services not funded by the Town.



**Friends Speaker Series  
Fall/Winter 2023**

Michelle Liebetreu—*Our Unique Mystic River Watershed*

Author Dan Gagnon—*A Salem Witch: The Trial, Execution and Exoneration of Rebecca Nurse*

Author Sol Gittleman—*An Accidental Triumph: The Improbable History of American Higher Education*

*Steeped in Secrecy: The Boston Tea Party at 250*—presented by Clair Evans and Debra Dudek

**We can't do it without you!** We need your financial assistance so that the Friends can continue to support the many wonderful programs and enhanced services that the Town budget doesn't fund. One hundred percent of your donation is used directly to support these programs and services. Thank you to all who have given so generously in the past. Please consider giving this year.



A corner in the Children's Room.



Community jigsaw puzzle.

**Spring into Reading at this Year's Library Open House.** Whether you are new to the Library or a long-time friend, we invite you to stop by the Library's Open House on April 27 for a silent auction, scavenger hunt, children's crafts, and technology tips. Come and rediscover the many reasons to support your Library!

**Thank you!**

Meg Mehm  
President, Friends of the Winchester Public Library

**Library Patrons and Programs by the Numbers**

168,254 visits to the Library this year—a 14% increase

8,315 kids attended children's programs—a 19% increase

356 teens joined the teen programs—a 154% increase

1,263 adults participated in adult programs

**Your donations to the Friends supported**

386 children's programs—a 51% increase

104 teen programs—a 142% increase

186 adult programs—a 47% increase

**Please donate to the Friends of the Winchester Public Library**

*Yes, I want to support my Library!*

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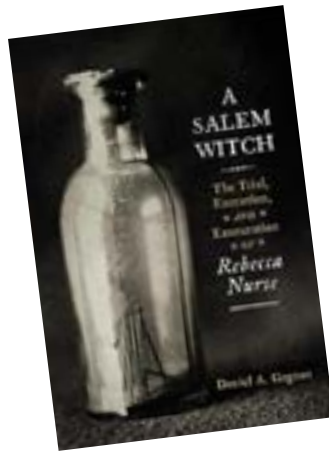
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*Please remember to check if your employer will match your donation!*

Questions? Comments? We would love to hear from you. Please e-mail us at [friendsofwinpublib@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofwinpublib@gmail.com)

# HISTORY CLOSE TO HOME

From September through May, the Friends of the Winchester Public Library sponsor a Speaker Series at the Library. Last October, in one of the many talks in the current series, local author Dan Gagnon presented his book *A Salem Witch: The Trial, Execution, and Exoneration of Rebecca Nurse*. Nurse was a seventy-one-year-old grandmother falsely accused of witchcraft and put to death. Gagnon laid out the remarkable complexity of the background to the fevered social turmoil of 1692 Salem and introduced the specific people and events that led to Nurse's condemnation and execution. That she was innocent was no protection at the time, but two centuries later her descendants memorialized her innocence with a granite obelisk erected in Danvers. Gagnon provided a fresh look at a time and place that has been repeatedly studied, and the near-capacity audience was interested and appreciative.



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## DID YOU KNOW . . . ?

The Children's Room has been renovated twice, first in 1996 and then in 2021, which included extending the room 12 feet out toward the pond.



In addition to books and other media (of course!), the Library has the "Library of Things" — funded by the Friends! — an incredible collection of material things that anyone can borrow with their Library card. The full list can be found by the check-out desk in the main lobby or online, but a small sample of the "Things" includes a karaoke machine, cassette-to-digital converters, Cricut Mug Press, light therapy lamp, Franklin T9 Hotspot, CD player with speakers, metal detector, Nintendo Switch, knitting loom kit, beach tent, Sport-Brella Umbrella Canopy, and SO much more!



The Children's Library has their own version of the "Library of Things," called the "K LoT." Stop by and see what's available — the "K LoT" is behind the check-in desk.



After listening to the children, the Children's Room no longer uses the Dewey Decimal System for the nonfiction section and now files books by subject.

There are 43 Libraries in the Minuteman Network. You can borrow a book from any of them — or have it sent to Winchester — and return it to any of them. How convenient!



If you need to send a fax, scan, or print a document, you can use the self-service equipment in the Reference Room. Scanning is free but there is a small charge to fax or print.



You can see all the Book Club choices available for checkout in one place on the Book Club table in the Reference Room.



The earliest known map of Winchester can be found upstairs in the Main Library — stop by and take time to explore it!

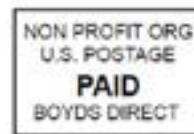


If you're a fan of jigsaw puzzles, stop by the Reference Room and work on the current Community Puzzle. Yes, it's a real, actual jigsaw puzzle — a hands-on and fun distraction!



If you have the MinLib app on your phone — and you should! — it contains your library card barcode (for self-checkout).

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**LIBRARY HOURS**

Monday–Thursday, 9:30 am–9:00 pm\*  
Friday–Saturday, 9:30 am–5:30 pm  
Sunday, 2:00–5:00 pm  
\*Children’s Room closes at 8:00 pm  
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To learn more about the Friends of the Winchester Library Spring into Reading Open House event, including the latest updates, please visit the Library’s website or scan the QR code on the accompanying image here.

We look forward to meeting and seeing you on Saturday, April 27, when we can all “spring into” the new Library season together!



**LOOK  
INSIDE!**