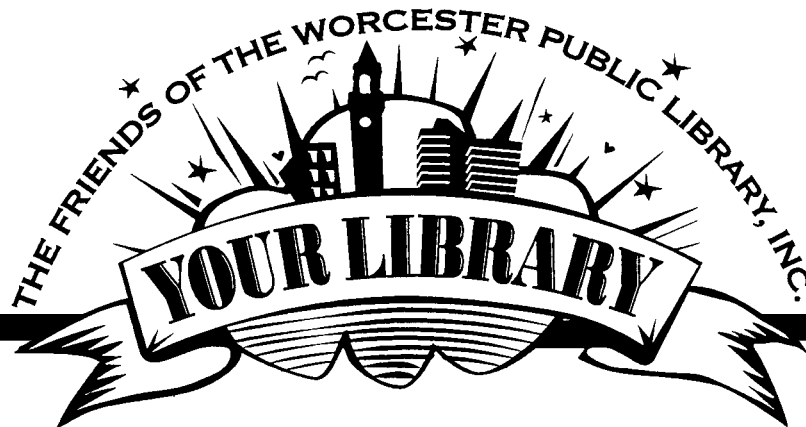


DON'T FORGET:

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**"CATCH THE BEAT"
GREAT MUSIC AND
READING COMBOS
FOR THE SUMMER
READING PROGRAM!**



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FRIENDS ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS HEROES: AT SEA...AND AT THE LIBRARY

• A mesmerized audience heard the chilling true story of a fight for survival during the blizzard of 1978 at the FWPL's annual meeting on April 19. Award-winning local author Michael Tougias showed slides of the storm and played actual audio recordings of rescue efforts that night, while relaying the harrowing sequence of events described in his book, *Ten Hours Until Dawn: A True Story of Heroism and Tragedy Aboard the Can Do*.

• Veronica Griffin presented the Best Friend award to a young library "hero," Efrain Malave, who has given many hours to the Friends book sales and is an active member of the Teen Advisory Group and founder of Teen Knit-

ters. A senior at Doherty High School, Efrain hopes to spend next year in China teaching oral English.

• President Alice Welch gave an overview of the Friends' activities in 2006, including the very successful

year-long FWPL 50th anniversary celebration and the completion of the beautiful new Library Bookstore. Officers elected for 2007-08 are: Alice Welch, president; Christine Weinrobe, vice president; Ann Spitaels, recording secretary; Gail Holland, corresponding secretary; and David Boulay, treasurer. New at-large members are Michaela Curran, Jeanne Gallagher, Deborah McNamara, and Sophie Rapaport. Continuing at-large members are Irene Adamitis, Helen Alisch, Gordon Branche, Russell Eames, Joanne Frew, Veronica Griffin, Mary Lynch, Nancy Miller, James Murphy, Albert O'Donnell, Kathleen O'Leary, Paul Reynolds, Janet Sprague.

FRIENDS FINANCIAL REPORT

FWPL's annual report includes the following for the fiscal year that ended Jan. 31:

\$16,506	Membership dues
\$28,863	Total book sales (store, internet, special sales)
\$ 4,034	Misc. donations
\$ 5,985	Value of museum passes to 12 cultural destinations used by 2,170 people
\$ 5,662	Cost of 176 programs for 7,306 kids at Main Library
\$ 1,578	Cost of 86 programs for 1,578 kids at Perkins Branch
\$ 517	Cost of 108 programs for 1,110 kids at Great Brook Branch
\$ 732	Cost of 39 programs for 669 teens at Main Library

BRANCHES HAVE NEW LIBRARIAN

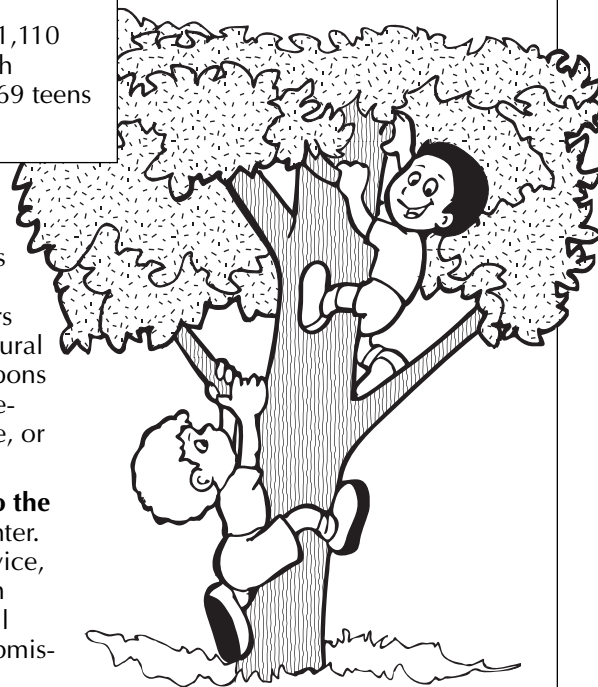
Nancy Clune has joined the Worcester Public Library staff as Branch Division Head, which includes overseeing the Frances Perkins and Great Brook Valley branches. Prior to assuming her new position, Clune served as the Assistant Director of the Lawrence Library in Pepperell and as a Reference Librarian at the Acton Memorial Library. She holds a Master's degree in Creative Writing from Boston University and a second Master's degree in Library Science from Simmons College.

FRIEND-LY NOTES

◆ **Watch the DVD at home** when you can't get to the Friends Film Festival. Each new DVD purchased for the Saturday afternoon movie viewings in the Main Library is donated for library patrons to borrow.

◆ **Reserve a day pass to any Massachusetts State Park.** The "No Child Left Inside" program is designed to help today's children re-connect with the great outdoors and enjoy exploring our great natural treasures. Passes or discount coupons are also available for eleven museums. Log on to the library website, or ask at the library reference desk.

◆ **Reference questions emailed to the library** increased by 30% this winter. To take advantage of this free service, go to the library website. Click on "Ask a Librarian" to send an email with up to three questions per submission. A staff member will respond within 24 hours.



SUMMER 2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS *All programs are free!*

MAIN LIBRARY

Beach Blanket Book Sale

Saturday, June 2, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Great summer reading fiction for 25 cents each! Parking lot lobby.

Book Discussion Series

Thursdays, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Let's Talk About It:

Modern Marvels: Jewish Adventures in the Graphic Novel. Facilitated by Wellesley College Prof. Anna Ronnell and graphic artist Andy Fish. Funded by grant from American Library Assoc. and NextBook Pub. Co. Participants must register for entire series; call 508-799-1725. Banx Room. Refreshments

July 5: *A Contract with God*, Will Eisner

July 12: *The Complete Maus*, Art Spiegelman

July 26: *Julius Knipl: Real Estate Photographer*, Ben Katchor

August 2: *The Quitter*, Harvey Pekar

August 9: *The Rabbi's Cat*, Joann Sfar

Friends Film Festival

Saturdays, 2 p.m. Saxe Room

— Fathers' Days Flicks —

June 2: *I Am Sam*

Mentally retarded man (Sean Penn) fights for custody of his daughter, 2002. (PG-13)

June 9: *A Hole in the Head*

Endearing Frank Sinatra sleeper about a boy and his father, 1959. (NR) Banx Room.

June 16: *Father of the Bride 2*

Steve Martin and Diane Keaton are expecting a baby — so is their daughter, 1995. (PG)

June 23: *Father Goose*

Cary Grant is a loner whose isolation is disturbed by Leslie Caron and 7 little girls, 1964. (NR)

June 30: *The Pursuit of Happiness*

A down-and-out dad (Will Smith) improves his family's life, 2006. (PG-13)

— "Catch the Beat" Dance Movies —

July 7:

Drumline

Cocky Brooklyn kid (Nick Cannon) becomes marching band star, 2002. (PG-13)



Worcester Artists on a Greek Odyssey

Saturday, June 9, 2 to 4 p.m.
Reception with Greek food and music launches the exhibit of paintings by local artists who traveled together to Greece in 2005. Saxe Room.

July 14: *An American in Paris*

GI Gene Kelly stays in Paris after the war to become an artist. Nina Foch, Leslie Caron, 1951. (NR)

July 21: *White Nights*

Politics and dancing with Mikhail Baryshnikov, Gregory Hines, Isabella Rossellini, Helen Mirren, 1985. (PG-13)

July 28: *Top Hat*

Classic Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers musical, 1935. (NR)

— Days of Wine and Roses —

August 4: *Days of Wine and Roses*

Jack Lemmon and Lee Remick are a besotted couple with troubles, 1962. (NR)

August 11: *French Kiss*

Trip to France changes couple's plans for marriage. Meg Ryan and Timothy Hutton, 1995. (PG-13)

August 18: *Sideways*

Two male friends take a California wine-tasting tour. Paul Giamatti, Virginia Madsen, 2005. (R)

August 25: *The Name of the Rose*

Gothic medieval mystery thriller with Sean Connery, 1986. (R)

Documentary Film Series

Thursdays, 7 p.m. Saxe Room

Organized by film presenter and critic Robert Newton.

June 7: *Sacco & Vanzetti*

Two anarchist Italian immigrants accused of murder in 1920.

June 14: *Ourtown*

Maine town fights Walmart opening.

June 21: *Sacco & Vanzetti* encore

June 28: *Dixie Chicks: Shut Up & Sing*

Personal and professional consequences of speaking up.

July 5: *Sacco & Vanzetti* encore

July 12: *American Blackout*

Voter disenfranchisement from Florida 2000 to Ohio 2004.

August 2: *Sir! No Sir!*

One of the most vibrant and wide-spread upheavals of 1960's.

August 9: *An Inconvenient Truth*

Former VP Al Gore examines global warming.

August 16: *Home Game*

Palestinian youth struggle to keep their home and win basketball championship.

August 23: *Yellow Brick Road*

People with disabilities perform The Wizard of Oz.

August 30: *Fish Can't Fly*

Gay men and women explore their faith journeys.

Children's Activities

programs require registration; sign up in Children's Room.

Catch the Beat

beginning June 19

Sign up for Summer Reading Program.

Baby Time

Every Tuesday, 10 a.m.
Up to 16 months with adult; lap-sit rhymes and more.

Toddler Time Storytime

Wednesdays, July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 8, 10:30 a.m.
 Ages 17-36 with adult.

Preschool Fiesta Time

Thursdays, July 12, 19, 26, August 2, 10:30
 Discover the world of music with sing-along favorites in Spanish. Mini performance on last day. Ages 3-5. Limited space.

Kid's Friday Flicks

July 13, 10:30 a.m.

Happy Feet (PG)

July 20, 2:30 p.m.

Mad Hot Ballroom (PG)

July 27, 10:30 a.m.

Curious George (G)

August 3, 2:30 p.m. *Jump In* (TVG)

Meet Sarah Beth Durst

Saturday, June 9, 2 p.m.
Author reads from her new book, *Into the Wild*.

Family Concert

Wednesday, June 20, 11 a.m.
Summer Reading Kick-off with music by Les Julian. Saxe Room



John Philip Duck

Tuesday, July 10, 3 p.m.

📖 Ducks march to John Philip Sousa. Play conductor game. Ages 8-11.

Campfire Songs & Stories

Wednesday, July 11, 7 p.m.

Silliness around the fire. Bring your own log! Ages 4-8. Drop in.

Funtastic Fable Maker

Thursday, July 12, 2 p.m.

Performance by Central Mass. Repertoire Theater.

Catch the Beat & Solve the Case

Tuesday, July 17, 3 p.m.

📖 Crack "The Case of the Air Guitar" and more. Ages 8 to 11. .

Magic Matt

Wednesday, July 18, 2 p.m.

All ages welcome. Saxe Room.

Family Concert

Thursday, July 19, 6 p.m.

Music and stories by Tom O'Carroll. Saxe Room.

Cool Body Jive

Tuesday, July 24, 3 p.m.

📖 Make up music with your heads, hands, and feet. Ages 8-11.

Dance With Me

Wednesday, July 25, 6 p.m.

📖 Learn Latin style dance steps from Salsa Storm Dance Studio. Ages 4 and up. Saxe Room

The Secrets of Bubbles

Thursday, July 26, 7 p.m.

Bubble show by Keith Johnson.

Roll With It

Tuesday, July 31, 3 p.m.

📖 Play guitar hopscotch. Ages 8-11. Register alone or as group.

Tunes-n-Tales

Tuesday, August 7, 3 p.m.

📖 Music, stories, and craft. Ages 8-11.

Peter & the Wolf

Wednesday, August 8, 6:30 p.m.

Performance by Ritmos Academy for all ages. Saxe Room.

Nautical Nonsense

Wednesday, August 15, 11 a.m.

Nonsensical sea songs, crafts, stories. Ages 4-8. Drop in.

Grants Resource Center

Orientation

Tuesdays, June 5, July 17, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Registration required; 508-799-1655.

Genealogy Programs

Registration required; call 508-799-1670

Special Topic: Immigration and Naturalization

Wednesday, June 13, 6:30 p.m.

It's All Relative

Wednesday, July 11, 9:30 a.m.

Introduction to the Library's genealogy collection.

Special Topic: Genealogy and the Internet

Wednesday, August 15, 6:30 p.m.

Public Meetings

Worcester Public Library Board of Directors

Tuesday, June 12, 5 p.m.

Green Room

Friends of Worcester Public Library Board

Tuesday, June 19, 4 p.m.

Green Room

FRANCES PERKINS BRANCH

Visit our ongoing mini-book sale!

Watch for announcements about Independent Movie Nights.

Children's Activities:

Catch the Beat

Starting Thursday, June 21

Sign-up begins for children, teens, and adults summer reading program and Kids vs Adult Reading Challenge Championship.

Baby Time

Mondays, 10 a.m.

Lap-sit rhymes for ages up to 16 months with adult.

Top-Notch Toddlers (TNT)

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.

Drop in story time for ages 17-30 months with adult.

P.J. Story Time

Fridays, June 15, July 20, August 17, 7 p.m.

YATA! Artists' Reception

Thursday, June 21, 7 p.m.

You Are The Artist! art by children ages 0-12. Greet the artists and preview their work. Refreshments. Exhibit continues July 2-31.

The Jammy Beat Show

Wednesday, June 27, 2 p.m.

Sing, clap, and hop with Scott Kepnes. All ages; children 7 and under with adult. Camp groups call ahead: 508-799-1687.

Catch the Beat

Wednesdays, July 18, August 1, 2 p.m.

Reading Challenge Parties! Kids and adults tally reading feats with games and refreshments. Bring reading log books.

Stories That Rock

Tuesday, August 14, 1 p.m.

Mark Binder cures summertime blues. All ages; children 7 and under with adult. Camp groups call ahead: 508-799-1687.

Catch the Beat

Thursday, August 16, 1 p.m.

Summer Reading Program awards for Kids vs Adults Reading Challenge; refreshments.

GREAT BOOK VALLEY BRANCH

Children's Activities:

Catch the Beat

June 25 -29, 2-5 p.m.

Sign up for summer reading program, receive kit and your own recorder.

Kids Flicks:

Thursday, July 5, 3-5 p.m.: Drumline
Friday, July 13, 3-5 p.m.: Trumpet of the Swan

Friday, August 3, 3-5 p.m.: The Pied Piper

Recorder Lesson

Friday, June 29, 3:30-5 p.m.

Join us as we begin to learn to play the recorder.

Let's Make Music!

Friday, July 6, 3:30-5 p.m.

Recorder practice. Refreshments.

Medieval Music Makers

Tuesdays, July 10, 17, 24, 3:45-5 p.m.

Higgins Armory Museum staff introduce children to medieval instruments. Refreshments.

Trumpet of the Swan

Thursday, July 12, 3-5 p.m.

Read aloud and discuss this favorite E.B.White book.

Afternoon of Music and Art

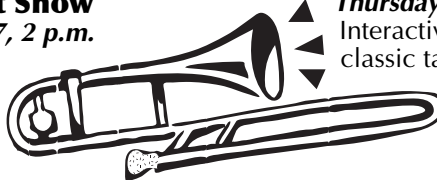
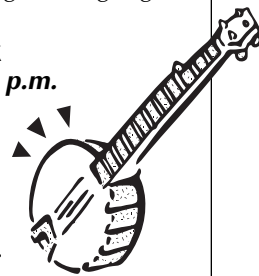
Thursday, July 26, 3-5 p.m.

Listen to music and create art. Materials provided. Refreshments.

The Pied Piper

Thursday, August 2, 3-5 p.m.

Interactive reading of this classic tale. Bring your recorders! Refreshments.



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SPECIAL EXHIBITS

June: Greece painting group: Worcester Artists on a Greek Odyssey

July: New Mexico painting group: Searching for the O'Keeffe Landscape

August: Ginny Gillen: African, Pre-Columbian, Native American designs in clay

FRIEND-LY BOOK LIST

Travel titles with a twist from WPL travel subject specialist Helena Ilvonen:

✦ ***Dog-Friendly New England: A Travelers' Companion***, Trish Blanchet, Countryman Press, 2006

✦ ***Girlfriends Getaways in North America***, Marybeth Bond, National Geographic, 2007

✦ ***Walking the DaVinci Code in Paris***, Peter Caine, Avalon Travel Publishing, 2006

✦ ***There is Room at the Inn: Inns and B&Bs for Wheelers and Slow Walkers***, Candy Harrington, Demos Medical Publishers, 2006

✦ ***Volunteer Vacations: Short-term Adventures That Will Benefit You and Others***, Bill McMillon, Chicago Review Press, 2006

✦ ***Ramble: A Field Guide to the U.S.A.***, by Eric Peterson, Speck Press, 2006

LIBRARY HOURS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

Main Library
3 Salem Square
Phone: 508-799-1655
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday and Saturday
9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Closed Sunday and Monday

Great Brook Valley Branch
89 Tacoma Street
Phone: 508-799-1729
Monday through Friday
2 to 5 p.m.
Closed Saturday and Sunday

**Frances Perkins Branch
at Greendale**
470 West Boylston Street
Phone: 508-799-1687
Monday and Thursday
9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Tuesday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday 1-5:30 p.m.
Friday 1-9 p.m.
Closed Saturday and Sunday

The Library Bookstore
Phone: 508-799-1686 (for
store and Friends of the
Worcester Public Library)
Tuesday through Friday,
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.;
Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Worcester Public Library
Website:**

www.worcpublib.org
Explore library's website for important library information and easy referencing. To browse list of special donated books for sale by the Friends, click on FWPL link, scroll to abebooks.com, click, choose Bookstores and enter Friends of Worcester Library.

LIBRARY HOLIDAYS

The main library and/or branches will be closed:
Independence Day –
Wednesday, July 4