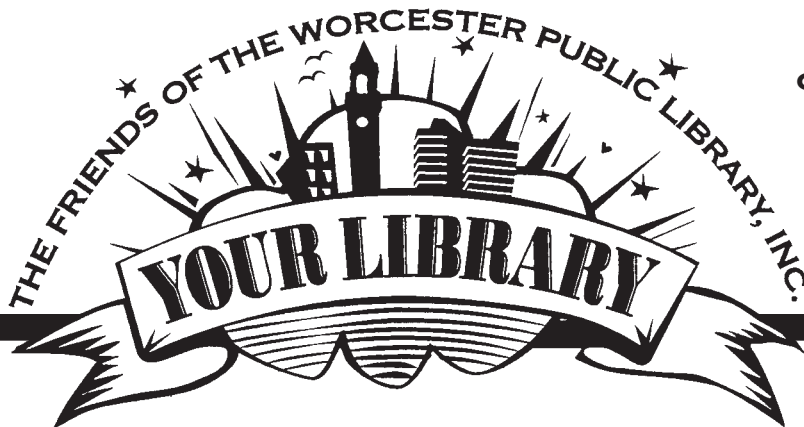


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FALL 2004

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Greetings,
The Friends of the Worcester Public Library board has taken on some new energetic members as it says a fond farewell to Diana Cohen. Diana has been instrumental in her leadership to create a clear vision and mission for our board.

We continue to dedicate ourselves to the Worcester community with support of programs, museum passes, book sales, and the Books 'n' More Store. Revenues from the store – run by volunteer Russ Eames – make possible many programs for children in the main library and branches. Exposure to these quality programs hopefully will guarantee that libraries and reading become part of the children's daily lives.

Our new members – Alice Welch, Betty Jenewin, Mary True, and Kathleen O'Leary – bring new energy, intelligence, and commitment to the board, and they are already involved. Some of our plans are to have adult programs that will educate and entertain. The litany of children's programs will continue with expanded museum passes for families or individuals.

If you have any suggestions or ideas for programs or speakers, please leave them at the information

desk marked for Friends. We need your input and support! As Worcester plans a new era for downtown, the library appears to have led the charge as the jewel of this area.

Mary Lynch and Veronica Griffin
Co-Presidents, Friends of the
Worcester Public Library

FRIENDLY NOTES

✦ **Four Doherty High School students** assisted patrons of the Friends' "Beach and Backyard Bargains" book sale in June, up to and including book-carrying service for those who needed it!

The ESL (English as a second language) volunteers were Leena and Leeda Saffa, Royce Hashimi, and Efraim Malave.

✦ **Success of the June book sale** was achieved thanks to the friendly help of Arthur Weinberg, Veronica Griffin, Gail Holland, Betty Jenewin, Lee Bova, Diana Cohen, Janet Sprague, Nancy Miller, Delia Trainor, Gordon Branche, Kathleen O'Leary, David Boulay, Mary Lynch, and Julie Barrow.

✦ **The blooms of summer** adjacent to the library's main entrance were, once again, a credit to the ongoing efforts of Ruth and Phil Heywood on behalf of the Worcester Garden Club. Hearty salvia were added to the day lilies, marigolds, and ageratum brightening the garden this year.

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATES OUR FREEDOM TO READ

By Penny Johnson, Head Librarian

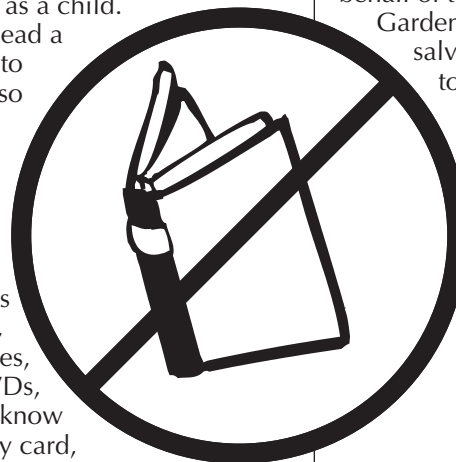
Libraries celebrate two "events" each September. One is Banned Books Week, which has been observed during the last week in September since 1982. This annual event reminds Americans not to take a precious democratic freedom – the freedom to read – for granted.

Banned Books Week is sponsored by the American Booksellers Association, the American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression, the American Library Association (ALA), the Association of American Publishers, the American Society of Journalists and Authors, and the National Association of College Stores. It also is endorsed by the Library of Congress Center for the Book.

While few books are actually "banned" these days, many are challenged by people who want to remove them from libraries. "Most challenged" titles include the popular Harry Potter series of fantasy books for children by J.K. Rowling, because some believe the books promote witchcraft to children. Other challenged books include Mark Twain's *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, for its references to race, and Maya Angelou's *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, for the description of rape she suffered as a child.

This year the theme is "Elect to Read a Banned Book." We encourage you to read a challenged or banned book so that you can judge the value of the book yourself.

Since 1987, September has been Library Card Sign-Up Month. Libraries want to remind parents that the most important school supply of all is "@ your library": it is a library card! While cards are free, they give access to books, magazines, audio and videotapes, CDs and DVDs, computers, and the Internet. If you know someone who doesn't have a library card, take that person to your library, "Get Carded @ Your Library," then "Check It Out @ Your Library."



FALL 2004 CALENDAR OF EVENTS *All programs are free!*

MAIN LIBRARY

Friends Film Festival

Saturdays at 2 p.m., Saxe Room

*Commentary by Sibyl Farson, retired entertainment writer.

— Acting Political —

Sept. 11: "Wag the Dog"

Election-year "war" diverts voter interest from presidential sex scandal; Dustin Hoffman, Robert DeNiro, Anne Heche, 1997. (R)

Sept. 18: "The American President"**

Comedy with Michael Douglas as widower president who falls for lobbyist Annette Bening, 1995. (PG13)

Sept. 25: "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington"

Frank Capra's classic ode to innocence with small-towner James Stewart as U.S. senator resisting corruption, 1939. (NR)

— Scary Stuff —

Oct. 2: "Alien"

A landmark of science fiction and horror, with Sigourney Weaver and a monster in outer space, 1979. (R)

Oct. 9: "Silence of the Lambs"

Descent into the hell of madness with Anthony Hopkins as Hannibal Lecter, Jodie Foster as FBI agent, 1991. (R)

Oct. 16: "Psycho"**

The Bates Motel and classic shower scene earn film immortality for Tony Perkins, Janet Leigh, 1960. (R)

Oct. 23: "The Exorcist"

Linda Blair as young girl possessed by devil, Ellen Burstyn as her horrified mother, in Friedkin classic, 1973. (R)

Oct. 30: "Halloween"

Babysitter Jamie Lee Curtis tries to survive night of terror with psychotic murderer on the loose, 1978. (R)

— Historical Drama —

Nov. 6: "Plymouth Adventure"

Life aboard the Mayflower with Spencer Tracy, Gene Tierney, Van Johnson, Lloyd Bridges, 1952. (NR)

Nov. 13: "JFK"

Kevin Costner as New Orleans DA investigating Kennedy assassination, 1991. (R)

Nov. 20: "The Lion in Winter"**

Katharine Hepburn, Peter O'Toole debate future of 12th-century England's throne; Anthony Hopkins debuts, 1968. (PG)

Nov. 27: "The Crucible"

Daniel Day-Lewis, Winona Ryder revisit Salem witch trials with a new, nasty perspective, 1996. (PG13)

Children's Activities

For updated information, pick up current monthly schedule at children's information desk.

Baby Time

Every Tuesday, 10 a.m.

For infants up to 16 months, a drop-in, lap-sit with rhymes, chants, music, and pictures, followed by playtime.

Lots for Tots

Every Friday, 10 a.m.

For toddlers from 16 to 24 months, a drop-in language enrichment program with rhymes, books, and surprises, followed by playtime with toys and music.

Drop-in Story Times

Thursdays, Sept. 23, 30, 10 a.m.

For all ages, in Children's Room Ellipse.

Toddler Time

Thursdays, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28; Nov. 4, 18, 10 a.m.

For children 24 to 36 months, registration required. Parent/caregiver must attend with child.

Homeschool Families Program

Wednesday, Sept. 15, 10 a.m.

With librarian Bob Caldwell, learn about library's free print and electronic resources, services, and programs for homeschoolers; tour children's room!

Fire Safety for Preschoolers

Thursday, Sept. 16, 10 a.m.

For children aged 3-6, American Red Cross Emergency Services program on fire safety. Groups please call 508-799-1672.

Talk Like a Pirate Day

Saturday, Sept. 18, 11 a.m.

National Talk Like a Pirate Week ends with performance by pirate storyteller! Wear pirate clothes if you'd like to be in Pirate Parade afterward. Kids under 8 must be seated with adult. Open to all, Saxe Room.

Higgins Armory Series

Thursdays, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 4 p.m.

"When the pen is mightier than the sword: Arms and Armor of Shakespeare" enlists kids aged 8-12 in swashbuckling swordfight scenes from Shakespeare's writing. Learn about English Renaissance armor from museum educators and visit museum free on Oct. 28. Groups please call ahead.

MCBA Reading Club

New! Join 4th, 5th, and 6th graders and parents to discuss books nominated for 2004-2005 Massachusetts

Children's Book Award, Tuesdays, Oct. 19, *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen; Nov. 9, *Fair Weather* by R. Peck, 7 p.m., children's room. Call 508-799-1672 to register.

Thunderbirds and Deetkatoos

Wednesday, Nov. 17, 7 p.m.

Celebrate Children's Book Week at family story time with Native American legends, music, games, and food.

Young Adults

Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

Wednesdays, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, 3:30 p.m.

For teens 13-18, join original TAG members, Green Room, 4th floor. Share ideas about how library can better serve teens; help plan next poetry slam while enjoying fun and pizza! Call Anne or Joy at 508-799-1672.

Grants Resource Center

Tuesdays, Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, 9:30 a.m.

Orientation to funding research process, using resources of Cooperating Collection of the Foundation Center in NY. Registration required, 508-799-1655.

Genealogy Programs

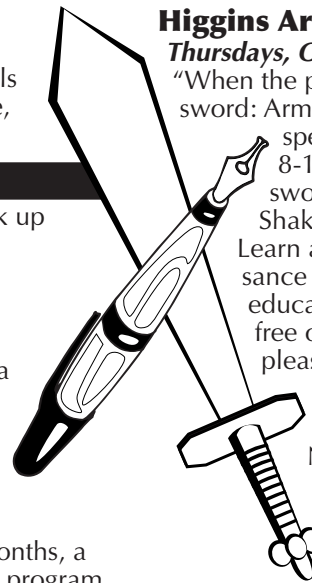
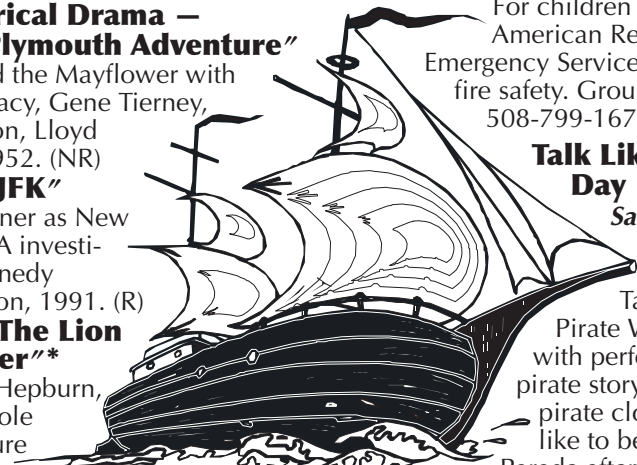
Banx Room, register at 2nd floor reference desk or call 508-799-1670.

Printed Sources

Wednesday, Sept. 1, 9:30 a.m.

It's All Relative

Wednesdays, Sept. 15, 2:30 p.m.; Oct. 20, 9:30 a.m.; Nov. 17, 6:30 p.m.



Genealogy and the Internet

Wednesday, Oct. 6, 6:30 p.m.
(3rd floor computer lab, limited to 10 participants)

The Census

Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2:30 p.m.

Public Meetings

Worcester Public Library Board of Directors

Tuesdays, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, 5 p.m.

Friends of Worcester Public Library Board

Tuesdays, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, 4 p.m., Green Room

GREAT BROOK VALLEY BRANCH

Children's Activities

Kid Flicks

Thursdays, Sept. 2, 9, 16, 30; Oct. 7, 21, 28; Nov. 4, 18, 3 p.m.

Weathering the Storm

Thursday, Sept. 16, 3:30 p.m.
Find out from the Red Cross what to do in case of severe weather.

Autumn Leaves

Wednesday, Sept. 22, 3 p.m.
Make an album for your leaf collection and listen to "The Giving Tree" being read aloud.

Helpful Puppies, Here!

Thursday, Sept. 23, 3:30 p.m.
Come meet puppy "pals" being trained to assist their owners, as part of NEADS program.

Let's Get Scary

Tuesday-Thursday, Oct. 12, 13, 14, 3 p.m.
For three days of scary fun, create Halloween crafts, help decorate library, make horrible treat of gummy worms and chocolate pudding.

Higgins Armory Series

Mondays, Oct. 18, 25; Nov. 1, 3 p.m.
"When the pen is mightier than the sword: Arms and Armor of Shakespeare."

Music, Music, Music!

Wednesday, Oct. 20, 3:30 p.m.
We'll make our own percussion instrument with Mr. Frank.

Party Time

Thursday, Oct. 28, 3:30 p.m.
Scary stories, Halloween music, ghoulish treats to eat!

Museum Field Trip

Friday, Nov. 5, 3 p.m.
Our trip to Higgins Armory Museum is limited to 16 people.

Native American Story

Wednesday, Nov. 24, 3 p.m.
How does a boy become a man? Listen to the book "Arrow to the Sun." Make your own dream catcher to soothing native American flute music.

FRANCES PERKINS BRANCH

Book Sale

Thursday, Friday, Sept. 23-24, 1-8 p.m.
Plan ahead for winter reading at our book sale!

Children's Activities

Toddler Time

Thursdays, Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 4, 10 a.m.
For children 17-36 months old and parent/caregiver, a drop-in language enrichment program of stories, rhymes, and activities.

PJ Story Time

Fridays, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, 7 p.m.
An evening of bedtime stories and light snack with your family.

Puppy Pals

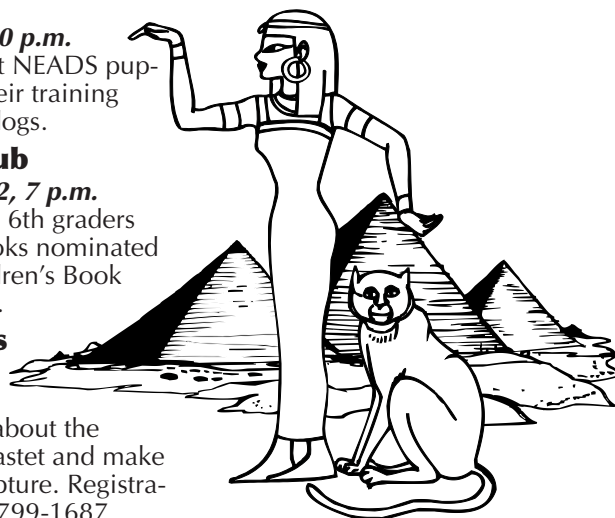
Thursday, Sept. 30, 3:30 p.m.
Family program to meet NEADS puppies and learn about their training and future as assistive dogs.

MCBA Reading Club

Fridays, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, 7 p.m.
New! Join 4th, 5th, and 6th graders and parents discuss books nominated for Massachusetts Children's Book Award. Book titles TBA.

Ancient Goddesses

Friday, Oct. 22, 3:30 p.m.
Kids 8 and older learn about the Egyptian cat goddess Bastet and make their own goddess sculpture. Registration required, call 508-799-1687.



The Halloween Party

Friday, Oct. 29, time TBA
Once again, time to wear your best costume for an evening of spooky stories and Halloween treats! Call 508-799-1687 for information and to donate to the treats table.

Fire Safety Program

Monday, Nov. 1, 10 a.m.
For preschoolers, American Red Cross Emergency Services program on fire safety.

Thunderbirds and Deetkatoos

Friday, Nov. 19, 7 p.m.
Celebrate Children's Book Week at family story time with Native American legends, music, games, and food.

Reading Group

Brown Bag Mysteries

Thursdays, Sept. 9, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, 12:15 p.m.
The brown-bag lunch group meets for lively discussion; watch for posting of book titles at the branch.

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**September: Mixed Bag
Paintings by Sid Solomon**

**October: Paintings
Works by Perez Palin**

**November: Worcester Abstract
Painters**

Reception for 12 artists, Wednesday,
November 3, 6-8 p.m.

FRIEND-LY BOOK LIST

National Book Award Winners

YOUNG PEOPLE'S LITERATURE

♣ *Homeless Bird*, Gloria Whelan, 2000

FICTION

♣ *Three Junes*, Julia Glass, 2002

POETRY

♣ *The Singing*, C.K. Williams, 2003

NONFICTION

♣ *In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the
Whaleship Essex*, Nathaniel Philbrick, 2000

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

Books 'n' More Store
Open four days a week;
closed on Fridays.
Note: Current hours posted on
door.

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

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

Worcester Public Library Website Address: www.worcpublib.org

Explore the library's website for important and interesting library
information and easy referencing.

LIBRARY HOLIDAYS

The main library and/or branches will be closed:
Labor Day - Saturday, September 4 and Monday, September 6
Columbus Day - Monday, October 11
Veterans Day - Thursday, November 11
Thanksgiving - Thursday, November 25