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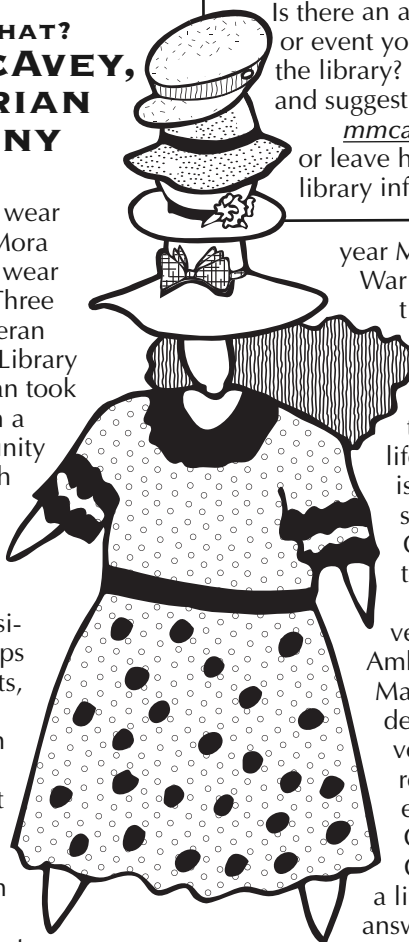
FALL 2011

WHO DOES WHAT? MORA MCAVEY, A LIBRARIAN WITH MANY HATS

Librarians usually wear several hats, but Mora McAvey seems to wear more than most. Three years ago, the veteran Worcester Public Library Reference Librarian took on a new job with a long title: Community Services, Outreach and Programs Librarian/Grants Collection Supervisor. In the newly-created position, Mora develops programs for adults, conducts library outreach events in the community, manages the grant resource center, and conducts regular orientation sessions for non-profits seeking grant information. She also continues to be the health subject specialist, a role she has held for most of her 26 years at the library.

"I'm constantly thinking of what people want and how I can make it happen," says Mora. Successful programs she has organized include the Cultural Heritage Showcase Series in 2010. "We had our biggest crowd ever for the Chinese New Year celebration," she recalls. Always looking for ways to work with other organizations, this

Is there an adult program, speaker, or event you would like to see at the library? Please email your ideas and suggestions to Mora McAvey: mmcavey@worcpublib.org or leave her a note at the main library information desk.



year Mora facilitated the Civil War Film Series, a collaboration with the GAR (Grand Army of the Republic), which began in the spring and continues throughout the fall. The lifelong Worcester resident is also the library's representative on the Worcester Cultural Coalition, helping to market the city.

A graduate of the University of Massachusetts/Amherst, Mora earned her Master of Library Science degree from Syracuse University, and in 2008 received a Master of Science in Professional Communication from Clark University. She says a lively curiosity and love of answering questions drew her to library work. That, plus

experiencing an unfriendly librarian as a child, left her with a very strong idea of what a library should be. "The greatest thing about a public library is that it is open to everyone; there are no biases," she says. "I want people to feel welcome here."

CELEBRATING GOOD WRITING

The Worcester Public Library Foundation's sixth annual **A Celebration of Authors** event takes place on Thursday, October 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Main Library, 3 Salem Square. Accomplished author and Worcester native, Jock Herron, will be the event's Master of Ceremonies. He will be joined by Matthew Pearl, who wrote three New York Times bestsellers, including *The Dante Club*, *The Poe Shadow*, and *The Last Dickens*; Andre Dubus III, author of *House of Sand and Fog*; and Anita Diamant, author of *The Red Tent* and *Day into Night*.

Tickets for the cocktail reception, author program, and book-signing with desserts are \$35, \$30/Friends of WPL, \$100/sponsors. Sponsors may join the authors for an exclusive reception at 6:00 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Worcester Public Library Foundation and its efforts to enhance library services. To purchase tickets, contact Julie Glavin at 508-799-1656 or jglavin@wplfoundation.org

JULIE GLAVIN JOINS LIBRARY FOUNDATION

Veteran development officer Julie A. Glavin has joined the Worcester Public Library Foundation as Executive Director. The Worcester native started with the foundation on August 1, assuming the position left vacant in

March after Maria Lockheart took a position at Wellesley College. Prior to joining the foundation, Julie was Director of Development at Notre Dame Academy. She has also worked in the devel-

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BOOKS AND JAVA

Java lovers rejoice! Thanks to the Friends, by mid-September library patrons will be able to enjoy a coffee break without leaving the building. Visit The Library Bookstore, just inside the parking lot entrance, to purchase coffee, tea, or hot cocoa. All proceeds will benefit library services. See page 4 for bookstore hours.

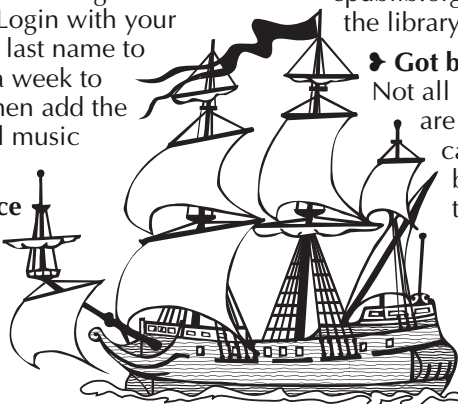
opment offices of Anna Maria College, Fisher College, and Assumption College. "Julie brings an excellent skill set and lots of experience and energy to the position," said Bob Nolan, president of the foundation board of directors.

FREE DIGITAL DOWNLOADS

Find these new electronic resources at the *Digital Downloads* link on the library website:

Freegal (rhymes with "legal") offers hundreds of thousands of songs in the Sony Music catalog. Login with your library card and your last name to download one song a week to your computer and then add the song to your personal music player.

Gale Virtual Reference Library and Infobase ebooks have high quality reference books for online research and scholarship information.



Access over 3,000 ebooks, eaudio-books and evideo at **OverDrive**.

Coming soon: borrowing a **Kindle** or **NookColor** from the library.

FRIEND-LY NOTES

➤ **Sunday openings** at the main library will resume October 16, 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

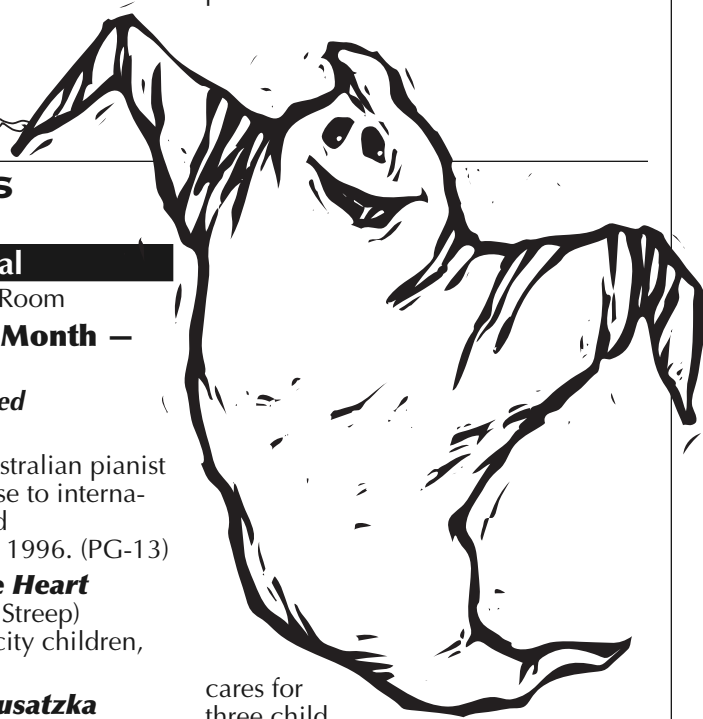
➤ **Visit Old Ironsides for free!** A pass to the USS Constitution Museum in Boston is now available at the main library. For a full list of museums and to reserve a free pass, go to www.worcpublib.org, or visit or call the library.

➤ **Got books to donate?** Not all book drop boxes are for non-profit causes. Every book donation to the library, how-

ever, directly benefits valuable library services and programs. Bring your unwanted books to the main library, or call the bookstore at 508-799-1686 to arrange for a pick up.

➤ **Get your WOO card** at The Library Bookstore to enjoy discounts at over 50 Worcester-area arts and cultural institutions, restaurants, hotels, and retailers — and earn points for prizes. Cards cost \$20 and never expire.

➤ **Every penny counts** when funding library programs, so please send in your membership renewal dues — and even if it is at a lower level. If you're not yet a Friend, please join today! Visit worcpublib.org/support/friendmembershiponline.htm to join or renew online with PayPal or a credit card. To pay by check, pick up a membership envelope at the library or go to worcpublib.org/support/friendswpl.htm and "click here for a printable form."



cares for three child refugees from London during WWII and uses her magic to help the Allies, 1971. (G)

Oct. 15: **All My Friends Are Funeral Singers**

Fortune teller must choose between her comfortable co-existence with a motley group of ghosts and letting them go, 2009. (NR)

Oct. 22: **I Married a Witch**

Salem witch burned at the stake returns to haunt the descendants of the Puritans who let her smolder, 1942. (NR)

FALL 2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All programs are free!

MAIN LIBRARY

Civil War Film Series

The Worcester Public Library and the GAR (Grand Army of the Republic) present a film and discussion series to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War.

Andersonville, Tuesday, September 6, 4 p.m.
3-hour showing; Banx Room.

Cold Mountain, Tuesday, October 4, 4 p.m.
2-hour showing; Banx Room

Gone With The Wind, Tuesday, November 1, 4 p.m.
4-hour showing; Banx Room

Civil War Discussion Tuesday, December 6, 4 p.m.

Reynaldo Rodrigues, Secretary, GAR Memorial Hall Board of Trustees, will lead a discussion of the films shown in this series.

Friends' Fabulous Fall Book Sale

Friday and Saturday, Nov. 4 & 5,
10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Members Preview, Thursday, Nov. 3,
3-5 p.m.

All types of books, with prices starting at 50 cents. Saxe Room and Lobby.

Friends Film Festival

Saturdays, 2 p.m. Saxe Room

— Classical Music Month —

Sept. 3: **Labor Day weekend, library closed**

Sept. 10: **Shine**

Real-life story about Australian pianist David Helfgott, who rose to international fame and suffered psychological collapse, 1996. (PG-13)

Sept. 17: **Music of the Heart**

Gifted musician (Meryl Streep) teaches violin to inner-city children, 1999. (PG)

Sept. 24: **Madame Sousatzka**

Eccentric Russian piano teacher (Shirley MacLaine) coaches young Indian prodigy in music and life, 1988. (PG-13)

— Spooks and Spells —

Oct. 1: **The Ghost and Mrs. Muir**

Young widow (Gene Tierney) moves into seaside house, where a sea captain's cantankerous ghost (Rex Harrison) tries to drive her away, 1947. (NR)

Oct. 8: **Bedknobs and Broomsticks**

Apprentice witch (Angela Lansbury)

Oct. 29: Hocus Pocus

Three witches (Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker, Kathy Najimy) make mischief when they are accidentally conjured up from 17th-century Salem, 1993. (PG)

— The Working World —

Nov. 5: The Corporation

Documentary examines the most dominant institution on the planet in our lifetime and how it has affected all corners of the globe, 2003. (NR)

Nov. 12: Patterns

Ruthless company head systematically tries to force out long-time number two man after hiring his future replacement, 1956. (NR)

Nov. 19: Office Space

Corporate cubicle slave decides to get fired by neglecting his work, but gets promoted instead, 1999. (R)

Nov. 26: Nine to Five

Secretaries Dolly Parton and Jane Fonda and office manager Lily Tomlin take revenge on their egotistical, sexist boss, 1980. (PG)

Children's Activities

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

PJ Story Time

Tuesdays, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, 6 p.m.

Come in your pajamas and enjoy an evening of stories and a bedtime snack. Children's Program Room.

Scarecrows!

Workshop and Contest

Saturday, Sept. 24, 1-4 p.m.

Create a tabletop scarecrow to enter contest.

Materials provided or bring your own. Vote for your favorite during September and October. Children's Room Ellipse.

Chess Club

Saturdays, Sept. 24, Oct. 8, 22, Nov. 5, 19, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Drop in to play chess with other kids, ages 8 to 12. Chess boards provided; basic understanding of the game recommended. Children's Program Room.

Kid Flicks

Fridays, Sept. 30, Oct. 14, 28, Nov. 25, 3:30-5 p.m.

Matinee movies for school age children. Children's Program Room.

Mother Goose on the Loose

Thursdays, Oct. 6 – Nov. 17, 10 a.m.

Stories and fun for toddlers 24-36 months and their caregivers. Children's Program Room. Registration starts Sept. 20.

MCBA Book Club

Wednesdays, Oct. 26, Nov. 30, 7 p.m.

Calling students in grades 4-6 and their parents! Read and discuss books nominated for the 2011-12 Massachusetts Children's Book Award. Read at least 5 and vote for your favorite in February 2012. List of books posted in the Children's Room and online at www.salemstate.edu/academics/schools/3698.php. Call 508-799-1671 to register.

YOUNG ADULTS

Anime Wings

Fridays, Sept. 9, 23, Oct. 7, 21, Nov. 4, 18, 3-5 p.m.

Watch and discuss Japanese anime and more. Ages 13-18. Banx Room.

Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

Tuesdays, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, 3:30-5 p.m.

Teens 13-18 are welcome to help plan programs. Pizza served. Banx Room.

Manga for Teens

Fridays, Sept. 16, 30, Oct. 14, 28, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Learn to draw comics in the Japanese style with Andy Fish, graphic artist and teacher. Ages 13-18. Register at Information Desk.

Teen Book Discussion

Wednesdays,

Sept. 28, Oct. 26,

Nov. 30, 6-8 p.m.

Get together with other teens to discuss your favorite books. Oak Room.

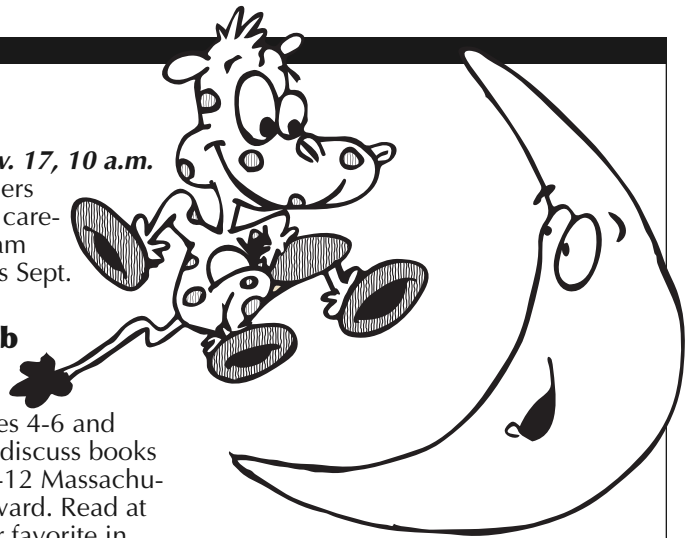
Great Books Discussion Group

Participants must read book first, 7-9 p.m. Banx Room.

Wednesday, Sept. 7: Darkness at Noon - Arthur Koestler

Wednesday, Oct. 5: Tender is the Night - F. Scott Fitzgerald

Wednesday, Nov. 2: The Good Terrorist - Doris Lessing



Grants Resource Center

Orientation

Workshops on foundation funding resources for non-profit organizations will be offered from time to time. Please call 508-799-1663 for the next scheduled workshop.

Genealogy

Family History Thursdays

Monthly genealogy programs on select Thursdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Registration required; call Joy Hennig at 508-799-1670.

Sept. 15, It's All Relative

Oct. 27, Vital Records

Nov. 17, U.S. Census

Public Meetings

Worcester Public Library Board of Directors

Tuesdays, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, 5 p.m. Green Room

Friends of Worcester Public Library Board

Tuesdays, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, 4 p.m. Green Room

FRANCES PERKINS BRANCH

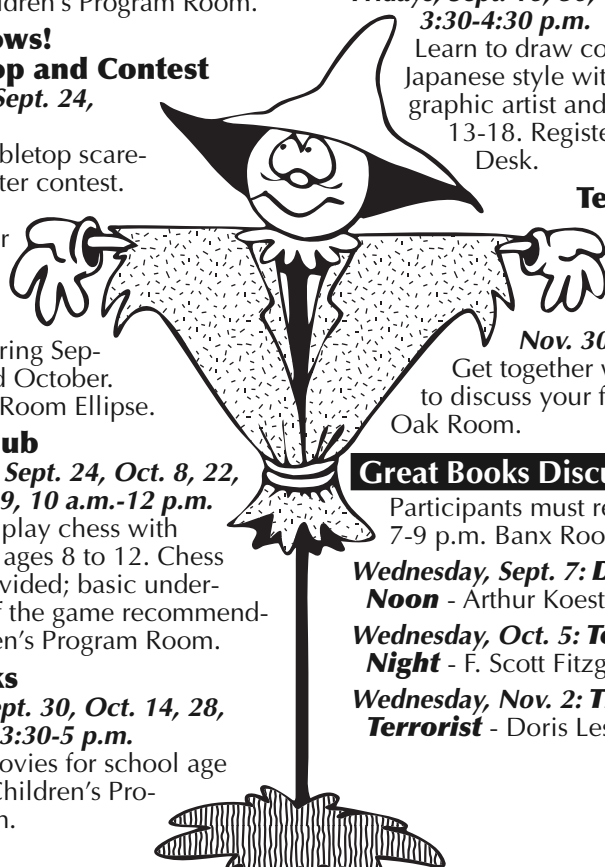
Children's Programs

There will be activities for children and adults this fall at the Frances Perkins Branch in Greendale. For program information, call 508-799-1687 or visit the branch during open hours — until 9 p.m. on Monday, Thursday and Friday. Please join us!

GREAT BROOK VALLEY BRANCH

Children's Programs

Join us at the Great Brook Valley Branch this fall for fun after-school activities! For program information, call 508-799-1729 or stop by the branch Monday through Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. We hope you'll be there!



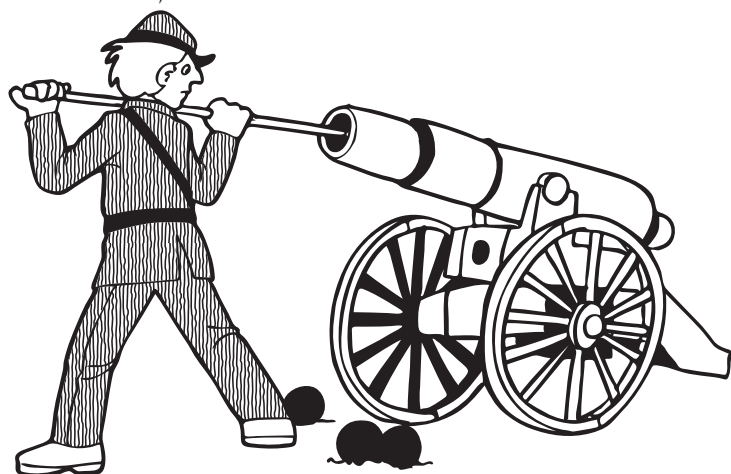
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Fall Films at Library!

SPECIAL EXHIBITS

September: Worcester Youth Center

October: Worcester Public Library

November: Saint Peter-Marian High School

FRIEND-LY BOOK LIST

Local Flavors: a sampling of books about Massachusetts.

✦ *The Martha's Vineyard Cookbook, Over 250 Recipes and Lore from a Bountiful Island* 4th ed., by Louise Tate King and Jean Stewart Wexler, 2009.

✦ *Reasonable Doubt: The Fashion Writer, Cape Cod, and the Trial of Chris McGowen*, by Peter Manso. Newest title investigating the famous crime of passion in Truro, 2011.

✦ *Cape Cod Lighthouses and Lightships*, by Arthur P. Richmond. An illustrated history with directions to various sites, 2010.

✦ *Tornado: 84 Minutes, 94 Lives*, by John M. O'Toole. The devastating 1953 whirlwind that swept through Worcester. 1993.

✦ *Fatal Forecast: An Incredible True Tale of Disaster and Survival at Sea*, by Michael Tougias. Two small lobster boats are stranded in an incredible storm, 2007.

✦ *Silver Girl: A Novel*, by Elin Hilderbrand. After her husband cheats investors big-time, Meredith escapes with a friend to Nantucket, 2011.

✦ *Wrecked*, by Carol Higgins Clark. A couple vacationing at the Cape have anything but a relaxing time, 2010.

LIBRARY HOURS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

Main Library
3 Salem Square
Phone: 508-799-1655

Tuesday, Wednesday,
9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Thursday, Friday, Saturday
9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Closed Monday.
Sunday, starting Oct. 16,
open 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The Library Bookstore
Phone: 508-799-1686 (for
store and Friends of the
Worcester Public Library)
Tuesday and Wednesday,
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Thursday, Friday, Saturday,
10 a.m. to 5 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 to 5:30 p.m.
Friday, 1 to 9 p.m.
Closed Saturday and Sunday

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tion and easy referencing:
www.worcpublic.org

LIBRARY HOLIDAYS

The main library and branches will be closed:
Labor Day Weekend – Saturday-Monday, September 3-5
Columbus Day – Monday, October 10
Veteran's Day – Friday, November 11
Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 24