

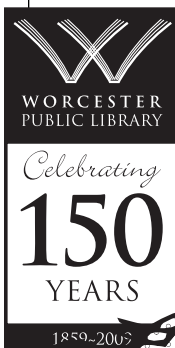
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AN AFTERNOON TEA WITH FRANCES PERKINS

You are cordially invited to an outdoor tea party with Frances Perkins at the Greendale (Frances Perkins Branch) Library on Wednesday, June 24 at 3:00 p.m. Actress Anne Marie Shea will portray Ms. Perkins, a Worcester native and the nation's first female cabinet member, serving as Secretary of Labor from 1933-1945. In addition to refreshments, the free event will feature a story time for all-ages and crafts for children. Please join us and learn about this fascinating woman!

Throughout 2009 the Worcester Public Library celebrates a century and a half of extraordinary service to the city and New England region. This celebration is supported in part by Friends of Worcester Public Library and the Worcester Public Library Foundation with a grant from



GREETINGS FROM NEW HEAD LIBRARIAN LUCY B. GANGONE

I want to thank the members of the Friends of the Worcester Public Library who have welcomed me so warmly to the library and to Worcester since I arrived on March 30. These are difficult economic times for the city. The library has had to share the bur-

den of municipal budget cuts with layoffs of ten valuable staff members and a reduction in hours open to the public. Fortunately, because of support from the Friends and the Worcester Public Library Foundation, the number and quality of programs offered to the public will not decrease. We are committed to doing whatever we can to minimize for our

A MAGICAL ANNUAL MEETING

There was standing room only when historical magician Robert Olson took the floor in the Saxe Room during the Friends of the Worcester Public Library annual meeting on April 19. He told the crowd, which ranged from toddlers to octogenarians, that he began studying the art of

NEW MAIN LIBRARY HOURS STARTING JULY 8

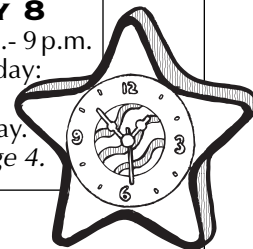
Tuesday-Wednesday: 9 a.m.- 9 p.m.

Thursday-Friday-Saturday:

9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Closed Sunday & Monday.

For current hours, see page 4.



illusion as a child in Brooklyn, NY, learning tricks from books on magic borrowed from his public library. After tapping his wand three times on the table, Mr. Olson became America's first magician, Richard Potter, who entertained

the rapt audience with amazing sleights of hand from the 1830's. Ending his program, Mr. Potter again used his wand to conjure up another figure from history, Dr. John Green, the founder of the Worcester Public Library.

Former Head Librarian Penny Johnson interviewed Dr. Green about his life and how he came to donate his private collection of 12,000 books to create the city's first public library. Dr. Green, played by local actor Bill Sigalis, invited the guests to share two large birthday cakes in honor of the 150th anniversary of the library's founding – and the 225th anniversary of his birthday, April 19, 1784.

The program was preceded by a brief business meeting, in which President Alice Welch gave an

address on the impact of these financial cuts. During times like these, people rely on their libraries more than ever.

I look forward to meeting and speaking with many of you in the near future. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me at (508) 799-1690 or lgangone@cwmars.org. (Editor's note: an interview with Lucy will appear in the Fall newsletter.)

FRIENDS' FINANCIAL REPORT

Friends' annual report includes the following for the fiscal year that ended January 31:

Income:

- \$16,843 Membership dues
- 41,703 Total book sale: store, internet, special sales
- 1,539 Miscellaneous donations

Expenditures:

- \$10,178 533 Programs for children and teens, all branches (12,867 Program participants)
- 24,102 Saxe Room flooring (gift to WPL)
- 2,584 Other programs and support
- 11,502 Bookstore and book sales expenses
- 7,325 Museum memberships: 1,827 Museum passes checked out from 2/1/08 – 1/31/09
- 7,717 Newsletters
- 3,565 Office expenses and overhead

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**YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY:
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If you're feeling the financial pinch and seeking **free** things to do, take a look at the library's summer calendar. You'll find movies for all ages (including a wonderful art film series), performances, book discussions, and workshops. In addition, the library has numerous passes to local museums and attractions, the latest books and videos to borrow, and personal computers for you to use. Check out the library website www.worcpublib.org for even more resources and programs. The world is literally a "click" away. And don't forget The Library Bookstore, where you can get great buys on books and lots more.

coupons. Reserve passes for 13 fantastic cultural attractions in Massachusetts and Rhode Island at www.worcpublib.org.

✦ **How to donate books?** The library accepts books, audio and videotapes, and DVDs in good condition. It does not accept

textbooks, computer books more than three years old, encyclopedias, magazines or condensed works, LP records, or items in poor condition. Please bring donated items to the first floor information desk. Call ahead for help carrying heavy boxes.

✦ **A hearty thank-you** goes to Irene Adamaitis, who has resigned from the Friends Board. Irene ran our book-sorting team and many successful book sales. She will be sorely missed!

overview of the year's activities and presented the "Friend of the Year" award to Tracy Dankwah, who helped start the popular Anime Wings program for teens. Terry Dorsey of the 150th Anniversary Committee then announced the winners of the Bookmark Design Contest:

Paige Caldwell, age 5, Molly Griffin, age 7, and Etintengo Brown, age 12.

In addition, the following slate of officers was approved: Alice Welch, president; Christine Weinrobe, vice president; David Boulay, treasurer; Ann Spitaels, recording secretary; Paul Reynolds, Corresponding secretary. Continuing at-large members are: Helen Alisch, Terry Dorsey, Russell Eames, Valarie Forkey, Joanne Frew, Jeanne Gallagher, Veronica Griffin, Mary Lynch, Nancy Miller, James

Murphy, Sophie Rapport, Janet Sprague, Delia Trainor.

FRIEND-LY NOTES

✦ **Your Friends need you!** Enthusiastic volunteers are needed to help in The Library Bookstore and assist with book sales, mailings, and other jobs. Pick up an application at the Main Library Personnel Office.

✦ **Being frugal is fun** when you save money by using the library's free museum passes and discount

SUMMER 2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS *All programs are free!*

MAIN LIBRARY

Beach & Backyard Book Sale
Saturday, June 20, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Mostly fiction; 25 cents each. Lobby.

Friends Film Festival

Saturdays, 2 p.m. Saxe Room

— Riveting Rivers —

June 6: *The African Queen*

Tramp steamer captain Humphrey Bogart and his prim passenger, Katherine Hepburn, travel together down the Ulonga-Bora during WWI, 1950. (NR)

June 13: *A River Runs Through It*

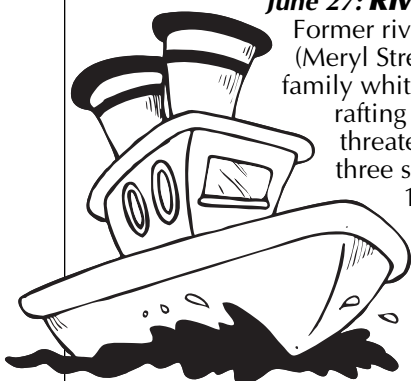
Two fly-fishing brothers (Brad Pitt and Craig Sheffer) come of age in early 20th-century Montana, 1992. (PG)

June 20: *River of No Return*

Homesteader with a past (Robert Mitchum) meets saloon singer (Marilyn Monroe) in gold-rush era Western, 1954. (NR)

June 27: *River Wild*

Former river guide (Meryl Streep) plans family white-water rafting trip that is threatened by three strangers, 1994. (PG-13)



— Fruit of the Vine —

July 11: *Bottle Shock*

Docudrama tells true story behind the "Judgment of Paris," a wine-tasting competition between Napa Valley and French wineries, 2008. (PG-13)

July 18: *A Good Year*

Workaholic London bonds trader (Russell Crowe) inherits a vineyard in southern France and embraces a new life, 2006. (PG-13)

July 25: *Year of the Comet*

A priceless bottle of wine brings together incompatible Penelope Ann Miller and Timothy Daly, 1992. (PG-13)

— Sydney Pollack Hits —

August 1: *Jeremiah Johnson*

Robert Redford abandons mid-1800s civilization and learns to survive in the Rocky Mountains, 1972. (PG)

August 8: *The Way We Were*

The relationship of sociopolitical opposites, Robert Redford and Barbra Streisand, unravels over the course of two decades, 1973. (PG)

August 15: *The Electric Horseman*

Champion rodeo rider (Redford) works to save a racehorse; ambitious reporter (Jane Fonda) pursues the story, 1979. (PG)

August 22: *Absence of Malice*

Miami reporter (Sally Field) leaks story about murder investigation with unintended consequences for liquor distributor Paul Newman, 1981. (PG)

August 29: *The Firm*

Harvard Law grad (Tom Cruise) joins Southern law firm he doesn't know is owned by the mob, 1993. (R)

Children's Activities

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

Babytime

Thursdays, through July 30, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Up to 16 months with adult; lap-sit rhymes and more.

Lil' Todkins

Thursdays, through July 30, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Drop-in for toddlers 17-30 months with adult. Stories and playtime.

Meet the Author

Thursday, June 11, 9:30 a.m.

Reading in Our City Week: Local author Cookie Nelson, reads her book *Siegfried*, the story of Worcester's beloved dinosaur.

Starship Adventure Blast-Off!

Tuesday, June 30

Summer Reading Club registration starts today. Win prizes, attend special events, have fun reading! Check at Children's Help Desk for additional programs.

Tuesday, June 30, 3 p.m.

Robert Rivest presents "Science in Motion," a mesmerizing blend of comedy and science.



Aldrich Astronomical Society Programs

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Amateur local astronomers present programs about exploring space.

July 7, Galileo's Vision

July 21, Apollo's Legacy

August 4, Make a Comet

Kid Space Flicks

Fridays, July 10, 17, 24, 31, 10:00 a.m.

Out-of-this-world movies for children.

Intergalactic Stories

Thursday, July 9, 2:30 p.m.

Scavenger Hunt

Wednesday, July 15, 2:30 p.m.

Search for space-themed items in the library.

Alien Cartooning with Mr. Frank

Thursday, July 16, 2:30 p.m.

Draw your own creatures from outer space.

How Astronauts Get Dressed

Thursday, July 23, 2:30 p.m.

Try on a real space suit made by Worcester's Davis Clark Company. Ages 6-9.

Stories Under the Stars

Wednesday, July 29, 7 p.m.

Starship

Adventure Finale

Friday, August 7

Celebrate your summer reading accomplishments.

Young Adults

📎 Anime Wings

Wednesdays, July 8 –

August 19, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Club for teens, 12-18. Watch and discuss anime and more. New members welcome.

Saxe Room.

📎 Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

Tuesday, June 9, 3:30-5 p.m.

Teens 13-18 welcome! Bring ideas about library services for teens. Green Room.

📎 Grants Resource Center

Workshops giving an overview of foundation funding for non-profits will be offered once a month, please call 508-799-1655 for times and dates.

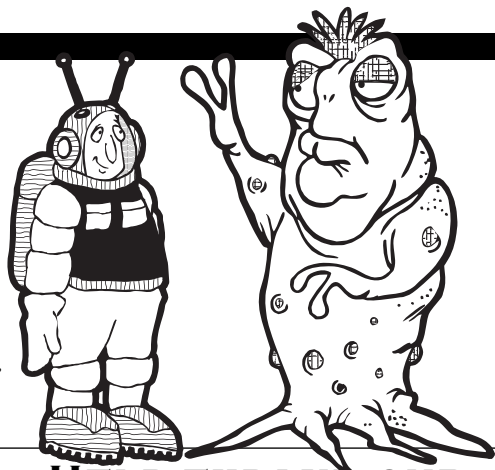
📎 Genealogy Programs

📎 Registration required; call Joy Hennig at 508-799-1670.

📎 Vital Records

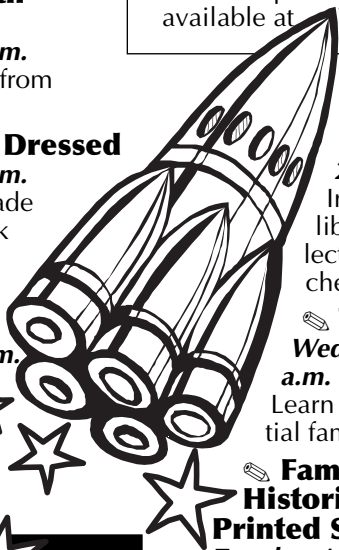
Wednesday, June 3, 2:30

Use birth, marriage and death records in family research.



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Your dues are eligible for your company's matching gift program. You can join online at worcpublib.org, or with a coupon available at The Library Bookstore.



📎 It's All Relative

Tuesday, June 16, 6:30

p.m., Wednesday, July

29, 2:30 p.m.

Introduction to the library's genealogy collection. August date TBA; check library website.

📎 The Census

Wednesday, July 15, 9:30

a.m.

Learn how to use this essential family research resource.

📎 Family Trees, Town Histories & Other Printed Sources

Tuesday, August 11, 6:30 p.m.

Discover the wealth of genealogical information found in books, magazines, and other printed sources.

Great Books Discussion Group

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

Wednesday, June 3: *The Taking*,

J. D. Landis

Public Meetings

Worcester Public Library Board of Directors

Tuesday, June 9, 5 p.m. Green Room

Friends of Worcester Public Library Board

Tuesday, June 16, 4 p.m. Green Room

FRANCES PERKINS BRANCH

Adult Programs

Brown Bag Mystery Discussion Group

Thursday, June 4, 12:15 p.m.

Bring a lunch. Dessert/coffee provided. New members welcome!

(Free) Fourth Friday Films

Ongoing series of independent and foreign films with English subtitles, 7 p.m. Meeting Room. For full film descriptions, click on the FPBL Film Series link on www.worcpublib.org.

June 26: Eldorado (Drama; Belgium)

Children's Activities

Top Notch Toddlers (TNT)

Tuesdays, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 10 a.m.

Drop in for stories, games, and music. 17-30 months with adult; please, no siblings.

Young Adult Council (YAC)

Thursdays, June 18, July 16,

August 20, 5 p.m.

For grades 7-12. Eat pizza and plan programs for teens! Drop-in.

P.J. Storytime

Fridays, June 19, July 17, August 21, 7 p.m.

Family drop-in bedtime story and snack.

Starship Adventure @ Your Library

Tuesday, June 30

Summer Reading Club registration starts today.

📎 Mad Scientist Rocket Show

Tuesday, July 7, 10:30 a.m.

Help Professor Von Schmartkopf (aka Jeff Boyer) get his home-made rocket to the moon! Admission requires free tickets, available starting June 15.

📎 Books in Space

Tuesday, August 4, 10:30 a.m.

Singer/songwriter/guitarist Jay Mankita performs "wonderfully crazy" songs about stars, planets, aliens, and flying ships. Admission requires free tickets, available starting July 13.

Back-to-School Party

Tuesday, August 18, 1 p.m.

Celebrate the inevitable! Drop-in fun and festivities for school-aged children and their adults.

GREAT BROOK VALLEY BRANCH

Children's Programs

For program information, call 508-799-1729, visit the library website at www.worcpublib.org, or stop by the branch during open hours. We'll be there – so we hope you'll be there, too!

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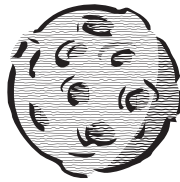
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SPECIAL EXHIBITS

June: Paintings by Rosalie and Sam Lazarus

July: Paintings by Tom Mahony

August: Paintings by Joseph Monumer

FRIEND-LY BOOK LIST

Before or after your flea market excursion, or for a trip down memory lane, check out the selection of books on antiques and collectibles on the third floor. Here is a sampling:

- ✦ ***Western Memorabilia: Collectibles of the Old West***, by William C. Ketchum.
- ✦ ***Post-War Tin Toys: a Collectible Guide***, by Jack Tempest
- ✦ ***The World of Salt Shakers***, by Mildred & Ralph Lechner.
- ✦ ***Golden Oak Furniture***, by Velma Suzanne Warren
- ✦ ***Warman's Companion: Collectible Dolls***, by Dawn Herlocher
- ✦ ***Comic Book Checklist and Price Guide***, by Maggie Thompson, et al.
- ✦ ***Collector's Encyclopedia of American Dinnerware***, by Jo Cunningham
- ✦ ***Collectible Costume Jewelry: Identification and Values***, by Cherri Simonds

LIBRARY HOURS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

Main Library
3 Salem Square
Phone: 508-799-1655
Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, 12:30 to 9 p.m.
Wednesday, starting July 8,
9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday,
9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Closed Sundays and Mondays.

The Library Bookstore
Phone: 508-799-1686 (for store
and Friends of the Worcester
Public Library)

Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Wednesday 12:30 to 5 p.m.
Thursday, Friday, Saturday
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

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 branches will be closed:
Independence Day – Friday and Saturday, July 3 & 4

