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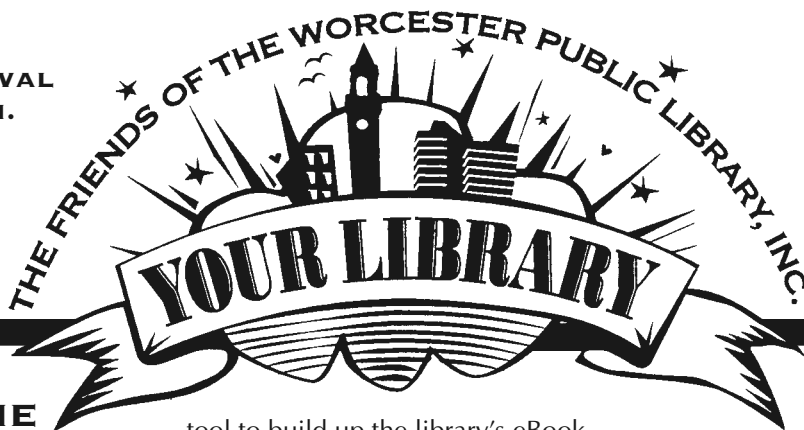
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NEED RESUME HELP?

The Main Library offers a free resume editing service for job seekers on

Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00

p.m. with Dr. Terry

Chapman, a career

guidance profes-

sional. Bring your

typed resume on

paper, floppy, or

flash drive.

Your resume

is reviewed

and edited to

help you market

yourself for a posi-

tion that best suits your

career goals. Learn how to

prepare for a job inter-

view and inquire about computer

classes, job databases, job-search

tools and books, and other career

resources. Please call 508-799-

1655, extension 3 for a

reservation or come in person to

the second-floor reference desk to

make an appointment for 10,

10:30, or 11:00 a.m. Walk-in serv-

ice available from 9-10 a.m. Dec.

6, 13, 20, 27.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE E-READERS ARE HERE!

Don't have an e-Reader and want

to try one? Borrow a Kindle or

NOOK Color from Worcester

Public Library through our

new e-Reader

lending service.

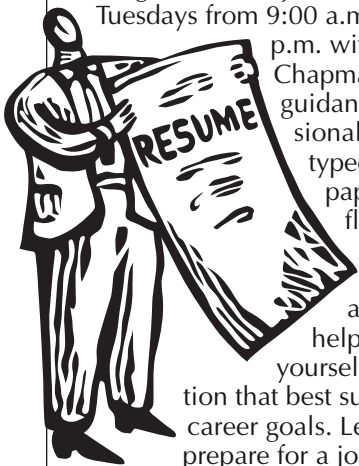
This pilot program

is exploring how

e-Readers can be used

effectively as

an alternate



tool to build up the library's eBook collection and to see how new technologies can enhance reading and learning.

A library card holder 18 and older,

with an account in good standing and

at least a 3-month borrowing history,

can borrow an e-Reader. The check-

out limit is one per household at any

time. The e-Readers are pre-loaded

with some eBooks. You also can sug-

gest a title to be loaded onto the

reader before you check it out.

For more information about the e-

Reader lending program, call

508-799-1655 extension 3 or visit

[http://www.worcpublib.org/
resources/ereader.htm](http://www.worcpublib.org/resources/ereader.htm)

SIT 'N SIP

First came coffee, tea, hot cocoa, and cider

available for purchase at the Worcester Public

Library Bookstore (a resounding success, we

hear!). Now, you can sit and sip that java—

thanks to the generosity of the library

Friends who purchased tables and

chairs to be placed in and just

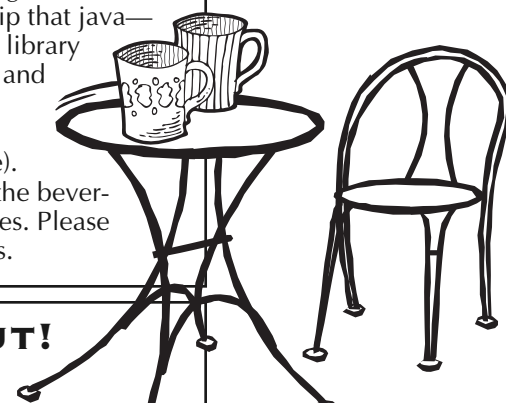
outside the bookstore (first left

inside the parking lot entrance).

Remember all proceeds from the beverage

sales benefit library services. Please

see page 4 for bookstore hours.



Have questions? Contact Pingsheng Chen, Reference Supervisor and E-Resources Librarian at

pchen@worcpublib.org

Click on the Wowbrary logo at left.

CHECK THIS OUT!

The 2011 Summer Reading

Program immersed 1,610

Worcester children at all

three library branches in reading

10,466 books on a *One World, Many*

Stories theme. For the first time, the library

participated in a national summer reading

collaborative that included books and

programs for children, teens, and

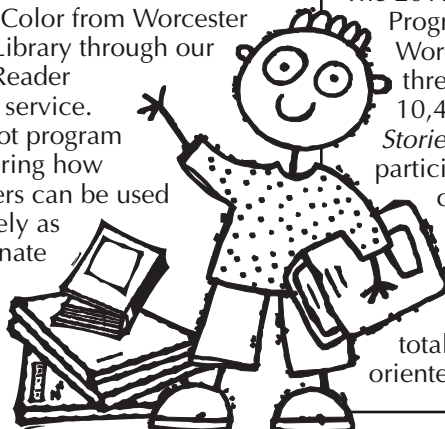
adults. Nearly 2,000 t-shirts,

designed by Fowzia Sherzai, chil-

dren's librarian, were given away. A

total of 1,115 kids enjoyed 30 world-

oriented programs.



CELEBRATING AUTHORS

On October 6, 2011, the Worces-

ter Public Library Foundation

celebrated its sixth annual *A*

Celebration of Authors event.

The evening featured readings

and remarks from renowned

authors Anita Diamant, Andre

Dubus III, Matthew Pearl, and

emcee Jock Herron. The authors

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offered an entertaining, informative glimpse into their writing. Guests enjoyed an exciting program, a dessert reception, and book signing. Many thanks to all Friends in attendance and for the support behind the scenes!

The Foundation is pleased to announce two major donations: The Fuller Foundation gave \$10,000 to purchase new computer equipment for the Frances Perkins Branch. The Verizon Foundation gave \$10,000 to upgrade computer monitors and support additional programming needs for Literacy Volunteers of Greater Worcester. Thank you for your generosity!

FRIEND-LY NOTES:

✦ **Special thanks to Friends Board member Terry Dorsey** and her dedicated team of “scoopers” who organized the October 16, 2011 celebration of the 10th anniversary of the “New Edition” of the Main Library. Sundaes, cakes, and balloon creations were served up along with music by Chet Williamson.

✦ **Welcome to three new Friends Board members:** Julie Barrow, Gary Hagenbuch, and Catherine Spingler.

✦ **Warm wishes to Don Reid**, owner of Ben Franklin Bookstore and Antiquarian Books formerly of Salem

Street. Four books were donated to the library in Don’s name for being such a great neighbor. All the best, Don!

✦ **Friends donated \$250** to the library’s effort to restore the Union Hill School library.

✦ **Every penny counts** when funding library programs, so please send in your membership renewal dues — even if it is at a lower level. Not a Friend yet? Join today! Pick up a membership form at the library or download one from www.worcpubliclib.org/support/friendsform.htm

WINTER 2011-12 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All programs are free!

MAIN LIBRARY

Civil War Discussion

Tuesday, Dec. 6, 4 p.m.

To commemorate the American Civil War’s 150th anniversary, Reynaldo Rodrigues, Secretary, Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall Board of Trustees, leads a discussion of the films shown in this series: *Andersonville*, *Cold Mountain*, and *Gone with the Wind*. Banx Room.

The Narnia Code: Overview and Discussion

Saturday, Jan. 21, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Stan Bohall, a C.S. Lewis specialist, provides an overview and facilitates discussion of the key themes in Michael Ward’s book and DVD, *The Narnia Code*. Banx Room.

Friends Film Festival

Saturdays, 2 p.m. Saxe Room

— Good Deeds —

Dec. 3: *It Could Happen to You*

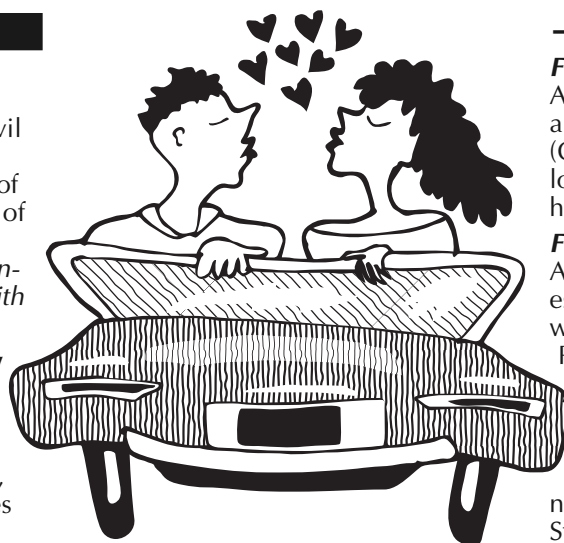
Romantic comedy about a cop’s (Nicolas Cage) promise to a coffee-shop waitress (Bridget Fonda) that ultimately changes both their lives, 2004. (PG)

Dec. 10: *Millions*

Two boys are the unwitting benefactors of bank robbery loot shortly before the United Kingdom switches its currency to the Euro and agonize over what to do with the money, 2005. (PG)

Dec. 17: *Up*

Uplifting tale of an elderly man who dreams of adventure when he ties balloons to his house, flies away to South America, and then discovers a young stowaway, 2009. (PG)



Dec. 24 and 31 – Library closed

— Escapes —

Jan. 7: *My Family and Other Animals*

An English family headed by a middle-aged widow relocates to sunny Greece shortly before World War II, 2006. (NR)

Jan. 14: *The Holiday*

Two women (Kate Winslet and Cameron Diaz) trade homes in this romantic comedy only to find that a change of address alters their lives, 2006. (PG)

Jan. 21: *Enchanted April*

Determined to escape their drab lives and inattentive husbands, two English women find paradise in the Italian Riviera in this enchanting adventure, 1991. (PG)

Jan. 28: *Under the Tuscan Sun*

While on vacation, a newly divorced writer (Diane Lane) buys a villa in Tuscany on a whim, hoping it will change her life for the better, 2003. (PG-13)

— Great Kisses —

Feb. 4: *Shakespeare in Love*

A young Shakespeare, out of ideas and cash, meets his ideal woman (Gwyneth Paltrow), falls madly in love, and is inspired to write one of his most famous plays, 1998. (R)

Feb. 11: *Roman Holiday*

A bored princess (Audrey Hepburn) escapes her guardians and falls in love with an American newsman (Gregory Peck) in Rome in this sweet romantic film classic, 1953. (NR)

Feb. 18: *Ghost*

After being killed during a bungled mugging, a man’s love for his partner enables him to remain as a ghost. Stars Demi Moore, Patrick Swayze, and Whoopi Goldberg, 1990 (PG-13).

Feb. 25: *Carmen Jones*

A contemporary, jubilant version of the Bizet opera with a passionate, sexy cast featuring Dorothy Dandridge and Harry Belafonte, 1954. (NR)

Children’s Activities

☞ Programs require registration; please sign up in Children’s Room.

Gaming for Kids

Fridays, Dec. 2, 16, Jan. 13, 27, Feb. 10, 24, 3 p.m.

For more information, please call 508-799-1671. Children’s Program Room.

Chess Club

Saturdays, Dec. 3, 11, Jan. 14, 28, Feb. 11, 25, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

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

PJ Storytime

Tuesdays, Dec. 6, Jan. 3, Feb. 7,
6 p.m.

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

Kid Flicks

Fridays, Dec. 9, 23, Jan. 6, 20, Feb. 3,
17, 3:30-5 p.m.

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

Worcesteroooners LEGO® Club

Saturdays, Dec. 10, Jan. 7, 21, Feb. 4,
18, 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m.

Let your imagination soar as you build amazing creations from LEGO® pieces, which are supplied. Drop in; ideal for ages 4-12 with parent or caregiver. Children's Program Room.

Read to Nemo

Tuesdays, Dec. 13, Jan. 17, Feb. 21,
6-7 p.m.

Have fun reading to Nemo, a Newfoundland trained as a reading therapy dog. Ages 5-10. Children's Program Room.

Drop-in Storytime

Fridays, 10:30 a.m.

All ages. Children's Program Room.

Dec. 23: **Polar Express**

Jan. 27: **Winter Birds**

Feb. 24: **Furry Friends**

Worcesteroooners Cartooning

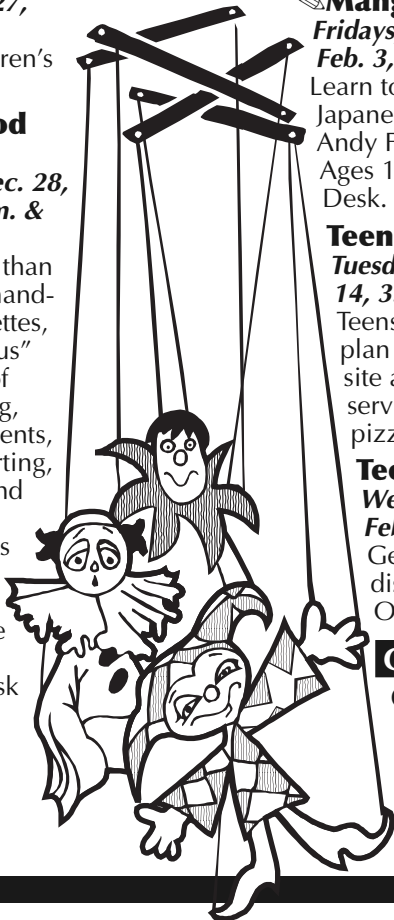
Tuesday, Dec. 27,
10:30 a.m.

Ages 5-9. Children's Program Room.

Tanglewood Marionettes

Wednesday, Dec. 28,
12 p.m., 3 p.m. &
6 p.m.

Featuring more than 20 beautifully hand-crafted marionettes, "The Fairy Circus" is a showcase of puppets dancing, playing instruments, juggling, contorting, transforming, and flying to the music of famous composers. All ages. Free tickets available at Children's Room Help Desk beginning Dec. 13.



Tiki Storytime

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 10:30 a.m.

All ages are invited to drop-in and celebrate Polynesia with stories, songs, and crafts.

MCBA Book Discussion

Wednesdays, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Calling students in grades 4-6! Read and discuss books nominated for the 2011-12 Massachusetts Children's Book Award. Read at least five and vote for your favorite in Feb. 2012. Come alone or bring a friend or parent. Children's Room Ellipse. Call 508-799-1671 to register. Book list is available at

www.salemstate.edu/academics/schools/3698.php

Dec. 28: **Where the Mountain Meets the Moon**, Grace Lin

Jan. 25: **Cracker! The Best Dog in Vietnam**, Cynthia Kadohata

Feb. 22: **Operation Redwood**, S. Terrell French

Young Adults

Anime Wings

Fridays, Dec. 2, 16, 30, Jan. 13, 27,
Feb. 10, 24, 3-5 p.m.

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

Manga for Teens

Fridays, Dec. 9, 23, Jan. 6, 20,
Feb. 3, 17, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Learn to draw comics using this Japanese style with graphic artists Andy Fish and Jamie Buckminster. Ages 13-18. Register at Information Desk.

Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

Tuesdays, Dec. 13, Jan. 10, Feb. 14,
3:30-5 p.m.

Teens 13-18 are invited to help plan programs, work on teen website and blog, discuss library services for teens — and enjoy pizza! Banx Room.

Teen Book Discussions

Wednesdays, Dec. 28, Jan. 25,
Feb. 29, 6-8 p.m.

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

Grants Resource Center

Orientation

Workshops on foundation funding resources for non-profit organizations. Please call 508-799-1663 for the next scheduled workshop.

Genealogy Programs

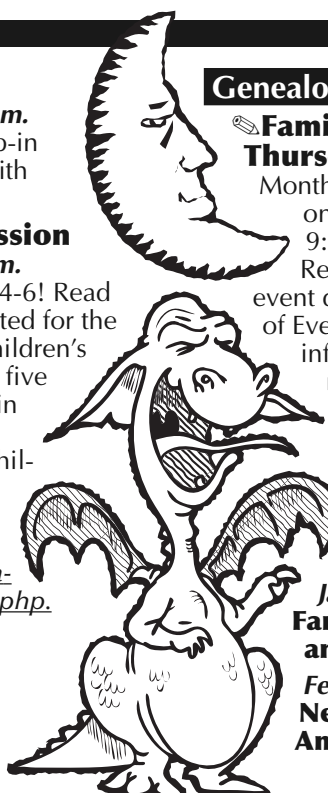
Family History Thursdays

Monthly genealogy programs on select Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Register online through event date on Library Calendar of Events page. For more information, call Joy Henig at 508-799-1670. Third floor, Main Library.

Dec. 15: **Crossing the Pond: Immigration Records**

Jan. 12: **Using the Family History Library and FamilySearch.org**

Feb. 23: **Finding Your New England Yankee Ancestors**



Great Books Discussion Group

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

Wednesday, Dec. 7: **One of Ours**, Willa Cather

Wednesday, Jan. 4: **Monsignor Quixote**, Graham Greene

Wednesday, Feb. 1: **The Winter of Our Discontent**, John Steinbeck

Public Meetings

Worcester Public Library Board of Directors

Tuesdays, Dec. 13, Jan. 10, Feb. 14,
5 p.m. Green Room.

Friends of Worcester Public Library Board

Tuesdays, Dec. 20, Jan. 17, Feb. 21,
4 p.m. Green Room.

FRANCES PERKINS BRANCH

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

GREAT BROOK VALLEY BRANCH

Children's Programs

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

Programs require registration.

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SPECIAL EXHIBITS

December: Sam Lalos' Sketchbooks and Sam's Friends: Paintings from Biddeford Pool, Maine

January: Photography by Ray Penric

February: Chinese Brush Paintings by Bayda Asbridge

FRIEND-LY BOOK LIST

Explore the complicated subject of hoarding. List compiled by librarians Anna Kung and Jillian Parsons.

✦ *The Secret Lives of Hoarders*, by Matt Paxton with Phaedra Hise, 2011. Engrossing look at extreme clutter, but one that can help hoarders find meaning in the chaos.

✦ *Stuff: Compulsive Hoarding and the Meaning of Things*, by Randy O. Frost and Gail Steketee, 2011. Answers the question what happens when our stuff begins to own us.

✦ *Dirty Secret: A Daughter Comes Clean About Her Mother's Compulsive Hoarding*, by Jessie Scholl, 2010. Explores the world of a hoarder and family members.

✦ *Buried in Treasures: Help for Compulsive Acquiring, Saving, and Hoarding*, by David F. Tolin, Randy O. Frost, Gail Steketee, 2007. How to dig out of clutter and chaos.

✦ *Overcoming Compulsive Hoarding: Why You Save and How You Can Stop*, by Fugen A. Neziroglu, 2004. How hoarding relates to obsessive-compulsive disorder.

✦ *Seven Layers of Organization: Unclutter Your Home, Unclutter Your Life*, by Christopher Lowell, 2005. How to purge your home and live clutter-free for life.

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.
Sunday, 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Closed Monday.

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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Website: Explore library's
website for library informa-
tion and easy referencing:
www.worcpublic.org

LIBRARY HOLIDAYS

The main library and branches will be closed:
Christmas – Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Dec. 24-26
New Year's – Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Dec. 31-Jan. 2
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Monday, Jan. 16
President's Day – Monday, Feb. 20