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WELCOME BACK, LUCY!

Lucy Gangone, Massachusetts native and former Associate Librarian at the Worcester Public Library, has come home! On March 30 she assumed the position of Head Librarian, replacing Penny Johnson, who retired in February. Prior to her return to Worcester, Lucy worked as Deputy Director of the Hartford (CT) Public Library and most recently as Director of the Sumter County Library System in Central Florida. Recently she took some time out of her busy schedule to talk about the library.

How does it feel to be back in Worcester?

It's wonderful. I've always loved this city and the neighborhoods. This library is just a gem. It's great to have a new building to work in. Coming from a rural library system in Florida, we're able to offer so much more here. I'm also really happy to be working again with the Friends, who have been so supportive. When I was here in the 90s, one of my responsibilities was to be liaison with the Friends, and it's not a job I'm giving up!

The library is now 150 years old. Looking forward, what do you think are its strengths and challenges?

This library is rich in tradition. Other strengths include our knowledgeable staff, our collections, the building, and its location. Our challenge is getting our services out into the neighborhoods, because many people can't get to the Main Library. We're looking at mobile library services, such as making our card catalog accessible on cell phones, PDAs, and other handheld devices. In

addition, we're working on a marketing plan to inform the community about our hours, locations, and programs.

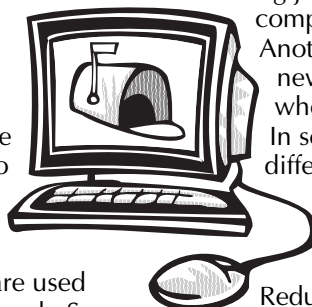
How does a library stay relevant in this electronic age?

Our role is always evolving. The stereotype of going to the library to get a book to read or a question answered has changed. We have 70 public computers that are used over 10,000 times per week. Some people come in, find what they're looking for, and leave. Others come for social networking, to jump on the Internet, check their e-mail, read the newspaper, browse through a magazine, or attend a program. We are a place to be, a gathering place. Libraries will never become obsolete.

What is the library's most important role in this community?

It's to connect with those who live and work in greater Worcester, to help them improve their quality of life.

One way we do that is by working with people who need to find employment. They may need help developing a resume, finding job sites to apply to, and completing online applications. Another way is by working with new arrivals to the United States who have settled in Worcester. In so many ways we make a difference in people's lives.



A MONTH OF SUNDAYS!

Reductions to the Library's 2009-10 budget made it necessary to close the Main Library on Wednesday mornings and Mondays in April. Thanks to PILOT funds from Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), the Library reopened on Wednesday mornings in early July. Starting October 4, it will be open for 30 – or a whole month – of Sundays from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. The Sunday hours are made possible by the Alden Trust through the WPL Foundation, and the WPI PILOT funds.

A CELEBRATION OF AUTHORS

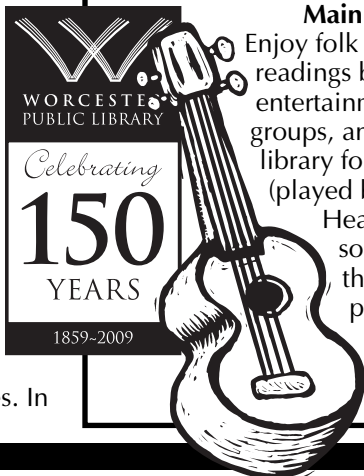
Worcester Public Library Foundation presents the fourth annual **A Celebration of Authors** on Friday, October 2 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Main Library. Featured authors include **Marilynne Robinson**, the author *Gilead*, which won the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for fiction and the 2004 National Book Critics Circle Award for Fiction; **Elinor Lipman**, author of nine novels and a story collection, including *The Inn at Lake Devine*, *Isabel's Bed*, *The Pursuit of Alice Thrift*, *My Latest Grievance*, and *The Family Man*; and **Nicholas Basbanes**, former Worcester Sunday Telegram literary editor, nationally syndicated columnist, and author of *A Gentle Madness*:

150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION EXTRAVAGANZA!

Sunday, November 8, 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Main Library

Enjoy folk music by Chuck & Mud, readings by local celebrities, entertainment by WPI musical groups, and an "interview" of library founder Dr. John Greene (played by Bill Sigalis) by former Head Librarian Penny Johnson – and more! In addition, there will be historical displays throughout the first floor, and refreshments catered by **Worcester Technical High School**.



Bibliophiles, Bibliomanes, and the Eternal Passion for Books.

Tickets for the cocktail reception, author program, and book-signing with desserts are \$35, \$30/Friends of Worcester Public Library, \$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 Maria Lockheardt at 508.799.1656 or mlockheardt@wplfoundation.org.

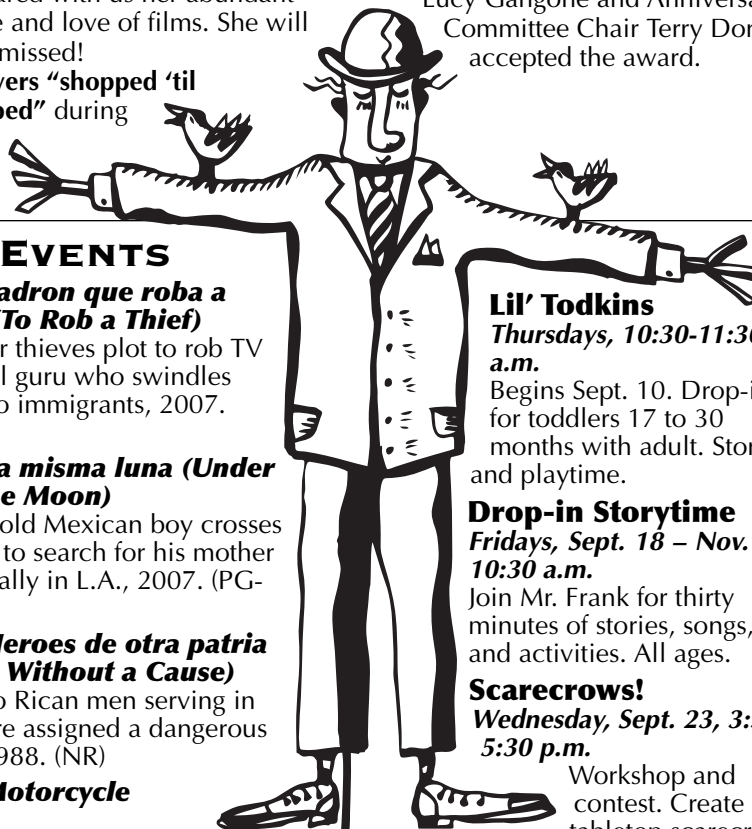
FRIENDLY NOTES

➤ **Fond farewell to Sibyl Farson**, who has moved to California. Longtime movie reviewer for the *Telegram & Gazette* and valued member of the Friends' movie committee, Sibyl generously shared with us her abundant knowledge and love of films. She will be deeply missed!

➤ **Book lovers "shopped 'til they dropped"** during

June's 25 cent book sale, purchasing 1,300 titles in one day!

➤ **The Library was lauded** on June 4 by the Worcester Chamber of Commerce's Breakfast Club in honor of its 150th anniversary. Head Librarian Lucy Gangone and Anniversary Committee Chair Terry Dorsey accepted the award.



FALL 2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All programs are free!

MAIN LIBRARY

Chinese Moon Festival

Saturday, Sept. 26, 2 p.m.

Celebrate this Chinese tradition with music, dance, and moon cakes. Features Mulan Performing Group and other local Chinese performers. All ages. Saxe Room.

Sisters in Crime – It's a Mystery to Me

Wednesday, Oct. 21, 7 p.m.

Authors Gary Goshgarian, Hank Phillippi Ryan, and Mary-Ann Tirone-Smith describe the writing process – from getting ideas to establishing a daily writing schedule. Saxe Room.

Friends Big Fall Book Sale

Friday and Saturday, Nov. 6 & 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Members Preview: Thursday, Nov. 5, 3 to 5 p.m.)

Thousands of books at bargain prices. Saxe Room.

Friends Film Festival

Saturdays, 2 p.m. Saxe Room

– Fresh New Fashion Films –

Sept. 5: *Zoolander*

Male model Ben Stiller foils fashion designer Will Ferrell's evil scheme, 2001. (PG-13)

Sept. 12: *The Devil Wears Prada*

Anne Hathaway works for high fashion editor-in-chief Meryl Streep, 2006. (PG-13)

Sept. 19: *Cover Girl*

Cover girl Rita Hayworth becomes an instant Broadway star, 1944. (NR)

Sept. 26: No film shown.

– Hispanic Heritage Month –

Note: all movies this month are Spanish with English subtitles.

Oct. 3: *El Cimarron*

Couple in 19th-century Africa is kidnapped and brought to Puerto Rico, 2007. (NR)

Oct. 10: *Ladron que roba a ladron (To Rob a Thief)*

Two former thieves plot to rob TV infomercial guru who swindles poor Latino immigrants, 2007. (PG-13)

Oct. 17: *La misma luna (Under the Same Moon)*

Nine-year old Mexican boy crosses the border to search for his mother living illegally in L.A., 2007. (PG-13)

Oct. 24: *Heroes de otra patria (Heroes Without a Cause)*

Two Puerto Rican men serving in Vietnam are assigned a dangerous mission, 1988. (NR)

Oct. 31: *Motorcycle Diaries*

Young Che Guevara and his friend journey around South America on a leaky motorcycle, 2004 (R)

– Dangerous Liaisons –

Nov. 7: *Dangerous Liaisons*

Two 18th-century French aristocrats have fun destroying the lives of naïve acquaintances, 1988. (R)

Nov. 14: *Fatal Attraction*

Glenn Close gets progressively angrier after a weekend extramarital affair with Michael Douglas, 1987 (R)

Nov. 21: *No Way Out*

Naval Officer/CIA agent Kevin Costner has affair with the Secretary of Defense's mistress, 1987. (R)

Nov. 28: *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*

Zany live action and animated, private-eye story, 1988. (PG)

Children's Activities

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

Babytime

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

Begins Sept. 10. Up to 16 months with adult; lap-sit rhymes and more.

Lil' Todkins

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

Begins Sept. 10. Drop-in for toddlers 17 to 30 months with adult. Stories and playtime.

Drop-in Storytime

Fridays, Sept. 18 – Nov. 20, 10:30 a.m.

Join Mr. Frank for thirty minutes of stories, songs, and activities. All ages.

Scarecrows!

Wednesday, Sept. 23, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Workshop and contest. Create a tabletop scarecrow

to enter contest. Vote for your favorite starting Sept. 29.

Oct. 30, 3:30 p.m.

Scarecrow winner celebration. Pick up your entry by Nov. 13.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Thursday, Oct. 8, 10 a.m.

Read for the Record: Help set a new record of people reading the same children's book on the same day, by joining this reading of Eric Carle's classic children's story.

MCBA Book Club

Wednesdays, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, 7 p.m.

Grades 4-6 read and discuss Mass. Children's Book Award books. Check library website for MCBA blog and books list. Call 508-799-1671 to register. Parents welcome.

Young Adults

Anime Wings

*Fridays, Sept. 18, Oct. 2, 16, 30,
Nov. 13, 27, Dec. 11, 3 – 5 p.m.*

Ages 12-18. Watch and discuss Japanese anime and more. Saxe Room.

Manga for Teens

*Fridays, Sept. 25, Oct. 9, 23, Nov. 6,
20, Dec. 4, 18, 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 Advisory Group (TAG)

*Tuesdays, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10,
Dec. 8, 3:30 – 5 pm*

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

Grants Resource Center

Orientation

*Thursdays, Sept. 24, Oct. 22,
Nov. 19, 2:30 p.m.*

Overview of foundation funding resources available for non-profit organizations. Registration required; reserve on library website or call 508-799-1655, option 3. Third Floor.

Genealogy Programs

Registration required on the library website or call 508-799-1670.

Where and When in Worcester

Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2:30 p.m.

Library resources about the history of Worcester.

It's All Relative

*Tuesday, Sept. 22, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2:30 p.m.,
Wednesday, Nov. 25, 9:30 a.m.*

Introduction to the library's genealogy collection.

Finding Your French-Canadian Ancestors

Wednesday, Oct. 7, 9:30 a.m.

Finding Your New England Yankee Ancestors

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 6:30 p.m.

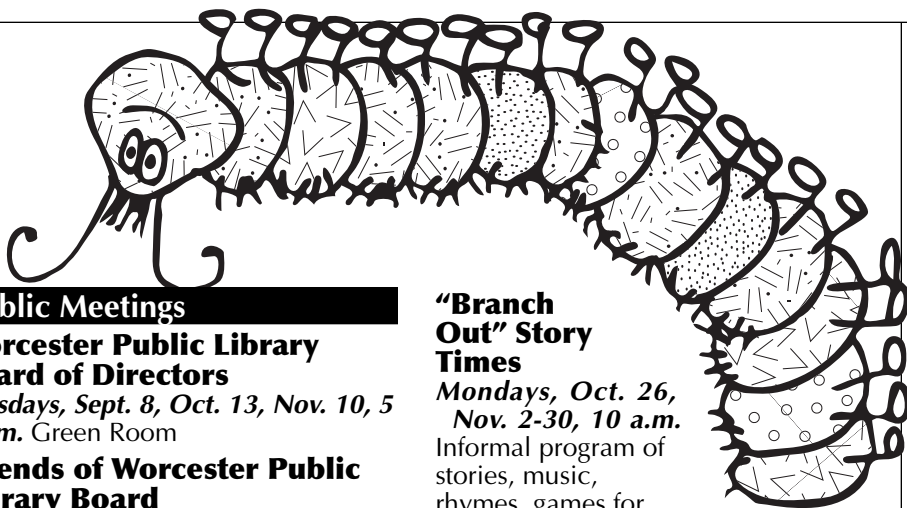
Swedgen Road Tour 2009

Saturday, Oct. 3, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Genealogists from Sweden and the U.S. present workshops and assist on researching Swedish roots.

HELP EXPAND OUR CIRCLE OF FRIENDS!

Never miss a newsletter! In addition to a subscription to Your Library, members receive a 10% discount on used books in The Library Bookstore and invitations to special events. Print a form at www.worcpubliclib.org, pick up a membership envelope at the library, or call us at 508-799-1686.



Public Meetings

Worcester Public Library Board of Directors

Tuesdays, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, 5 p.m. Green Room

Friends of Worcester Public Library Board

Tuesdays, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, 4 p.m. Green Room

FRANCES PERKINS BRANCH

Adult Programs

Brown Bag Mystery Discussion Group

Thursdays, Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, 12:15 p.m.

New members welcome! Sept. 3, share your summer reading favorites. Bring your lunch; dessert and coffee provided.

(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.worcpubliclib.org.)

Sept. 25: The Window/La Ventana (Spain)

Oct. 23 & Nov. 27: To be announced.

Children's Activities

Young Adult Council (YAC)

Thursdays, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, 5 p.m.

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

Scarecrows! Workshop

Thursday, Sept. 24, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Make a tabletop scarecrow.

Read for the Record

Thursday, Oct. 8, 7 p.m.

Help reach a goal of one million people reading Eric Carle's *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. Listen to the story and enjoy caterpillar cake. Drop in.

"Branch Out" Story Times

*Mondays, Oct. 26,
Nov. 2-30, 10 a.m.*

Informal program of stories, music, rhymes, games for everybody who's not in school yet. Call 508-799-1687 to register for this 6-part series.

Thanksgiving "Bring-a-Can" Story Time

Thursday, Nov. 12, 7 p.m.

Thanksgiving stories and crafts. No registration, but please bring canned goods for the Worcester Food Bank.

GREAT BROOK VALLEY BRANCH

Children's Programs

Space is limited; call or come early!

Kids' Flicks

*Thursdays, Sept. 3, 17, Oct. 1, 15,
Nov. 12, 3 p.m.*

Wonderful Wednesdays

Wednesdays, 3 p.m.

Stories and crafts at the library:

Sept. 9 Racquet Rendezvous

Create and play a racquet game with a friend.

Monday, Sept. 21 Cornfield Capers

Make a tabletop scarecrow decoration. (Note: takes place on Monday.)

Oct. 7 Super Sloops

Observe Columbus Day by crafting a Spanish sailing ship.

Oct. 21 Spooky Spirit Jugs

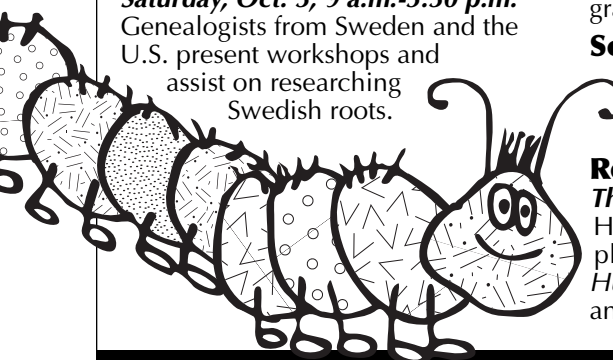
Make a ghostly lantern for Halloween.

Nov. 4 Fun with Food

Celebrate National Nutrition Month.

Nov. 18 Fall Fashion

Craft a pin or magnet from Indian Corn.



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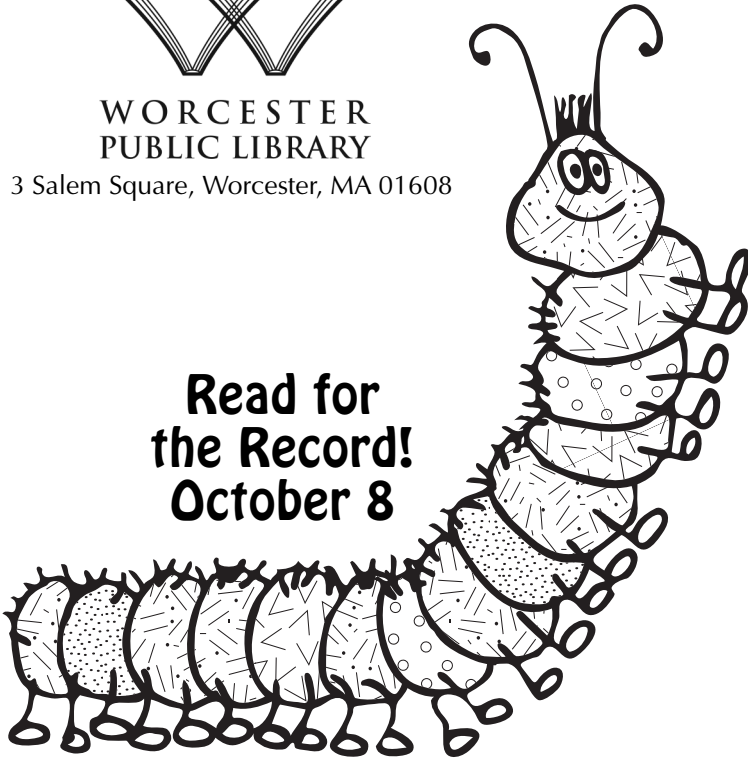


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**Read for
the Record!
October 8**



SPECIAL EXHIBITS

September: Sam Lalos, Paintings

October & November: Worcester Public Library, 150th Anniversary Celebration

FRIEND-LY BOOK LIST

The following books in the library collection let us look back through another's eyes:

- ✦ **Closing Time: A Memoir**, by Joe Queenan, Viking, 2009. Ups and downs of growing up poor in Philadelphia in the 1960s.
- ✦ **Busted: Life Inside the Great Mortgage Meltdown**, by Edmund Andrews, W.W. Norton & Co., 2009.
- ✦ **Ted Kennedy: Scenes From an Epic Life**, Simon & Schuster, 2009. Much talked about collaborative work by the photographers and writers of the Boston Globe.
- ✦ **Walter Cronkite: His Life and Times**, by Doug James, 3MPress, 1991.
- ✦ **Michael Jackson: Body and Soul**, an Illustrated Biography, by Geoff Brown, 1984.
- ✦ **Julie Andrews: an Intimate Biography**, by Richard Stirling, St. Martin's Press, 2008.
- ✦ **Losing it - and Gaining My Life Back One Pound at a Time**, by Valerie Bertinelli, Free Press, 2008.

LIBRARY HOURS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

Main Library
3 Salem Square
Phone: 508-799-1655
Tuesday and Wednesday,
9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Thursday, Friday and Saturday
9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: closed until Oct. 4, then
open 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Closed 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

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

Worcester Public Library
Website: www.worcpublic.org
Explore library's website for
important library information
and easy referencing.

LIBRARY HOLIDAYS

The main library and branches
will be closed:
Labor Day Weekend –
Saturday, Sept. 5 through
Monday, Sept. 7
Columbus Day – Monday,
October 12
Veteran's Day – Wednesday,
November 11
Thanksgiving Day – Thursday,
November 26