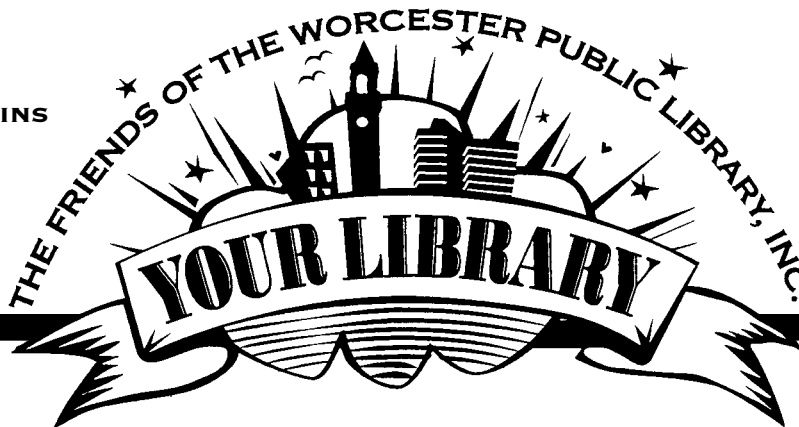


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FRIENDS REVIEW PRODUCTIVE YEAR

FWPL's annual meeting in April highlighted its services and programs that benefit library patrons and the general public (see accompanying statistics). For example, movies purchased for FWPL's weekly film series are donated to general circulation, the quarterly newsletter is available in the library and online, and Books 'n' More Store hours have been extended.

Officers elected are Veronica Griffin, president; Janet Sprague, vice presi-

dent; Ann Spitaels, recording secretary; Gail Holland, corresponding secretary; David Boulay, treasurer. The board of directors advocates on behalf of the library and is committed to the mission of the library.

New at-large board members are Terry Dorsey, Joanne Frew, Dottie Glew, Ann Quinn, and Paul Reynolds. Continuing members are Helen Alisch, Nancy Miller, Christine Weinrobe, Russell Eames, Kathleen O'Leary, Mary Whelan-True, Betty Jenewin, Mary Lynch, Gordon Branche, Albert O'Donnell, Allen Abusamra, James

Murphy, and Alice Welch.

The meeting also featured Massachusetts author Steven Almond as guest speaker.

BY THE NUMBERS

The Friends of the Worcester Public Library annual report includes the following for the fiscal year that ended Jan. 31:

- \$15,937 Member dues
- 15,141 Books 'n' More Store proceeds
- 5,252 Book sales
- 4,396 Value of FWPL-sponsored programs for children at three sites
- 4,635 Value of admissions to nine cultural institutions, via FWPL-sponsored museum passes (used by 815 library patrons)

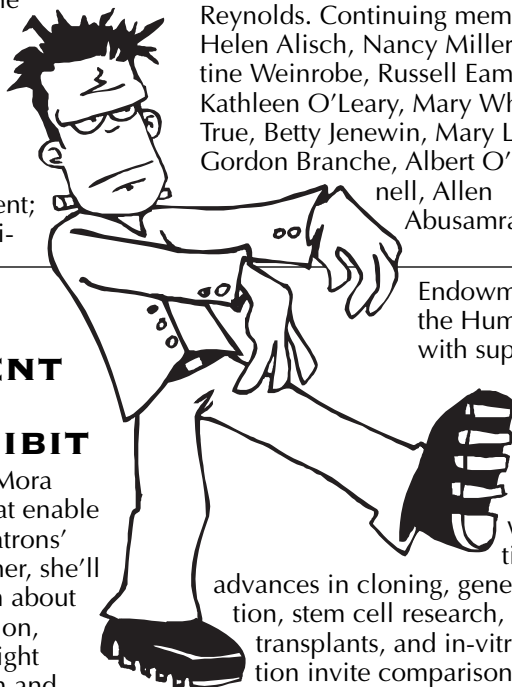
WHO DOES WHAT?

LIBRARIAN LINKS CURRENT ISSUES TO SUMMER EXHIBIT

As a reference librarian, Mora McAvey has resources that enable her to respond to most patrons' questions. And this summer, she'll acquire more information about that famous literary creation, Frankenstein, than she might have expected as a health and medicine specialist on the reference desk.

The monster provides a framework for a traveling exhibit at the Worcester Public Library June 28 - August 5. Coordinated by McAvey locally, and titled "Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature," it encourages visitors to examine the intent of Mary Shelley's novel and to discuss personal and societal responsibility in relation to science and other areas of life.

After a competitive application process to become an exhibit location, the library was one of 80 U.S. sites awarded a grant from the National Library of Medicine and National



Endowment for the Humanities, with support from the American Library Association.

At a time when scientific advances in cloning, gene manipulation, stem cell research, organ transplants, and in-vitro fertilization invite comparisons to the Frankenstein myth, the exhibit and related programs are especially topical. "What is a modern man?" asks McAvey. "With heart, hip, and knee replacements, is that still a human being?"

Shelley was only 18 when she published *Frankenstein* (subtitled *The Modern Prometheus*) in 1818. Interested in the science of her times, she used scientific experimentation as a metaphor to comment on cultural values. Her nameless monster - "Frankenstein" was actually the surname of the fictitious doctor who created him - was a sensitive and articulate creature that turned to violence

only after being rejected by humans. McAvey has developed a schedule of lectures by local experts, selected films, and other programs relating to the exhibit on the library's first floor. More than 40 films were made about Frankenstein, she notes, including the famous Boris Karloff version and a silent film by Thomas Edison. (See calendar for activities, pages 2-3.) In the Reference Department, McAvey's responsibilities include coordination of the online "24-7" MassAnswers service (soon to be merged into Question Point). She makes book selections for her subject area - a current example is *Photographic Atlas of the Body* - and suggests sites for the library's web page. Having worked in all areas of the library, she also can staff any desk as needed. Born and raised in Worcester, the UMass Amherst graduate has a Master of Library Science from Syracuse University. She worked at Worcester City Hospital as a librarian for both its nursing school and medical staff before joining the public library staff 20 years ago.

FRIEND-LY NOTES

➤ **For her outstanding service and dedication** to libraries of all types, FWPL president Veronica Griffin received the 2005 Central Massachusetts Library Champion Award at the annual meeting of the Friends of Central Massachusetts Regional Library System in May.

➤ **FWPL's first Best Friends Award** went to Ruth and Phil Heywood for their extraordinary ongoing work on the garden created at the library's main entrance by the

Worcester Garden Club.

➤ **FWPL's Toast to the Worcester Public Library** contest yielded 18 winners (six from each branch, chosen in a random drawing). Samples of their entries – stating in 25 words or

WE NEED MORE FRIENDS!

Please consider joining the Friends of the Worcester Public Library. A membership application on the library's website – worcestertpublib.org – makes it easy to do. If you're already a member, encourage friends to join!

less why they love the library – are posted for all to see. Mrs. Mack's Bakery donated creatively fashioned breads to the winners.

➤ **What's in a name?** The Books 'n' More Store is undergoing a face-lift, with new shelves, ceiling, and lights, plus improvements in heating and air conditioning. FWPL welcomes new-name ideas to match the new look at its major fundraising project; please drop off your ideas at the store (see page 4 for hours).

SUMMER 2005 CALENDAR OF EVENTS *All programs are free!*

MAIN LIBRARY

Special Events

Friends Fiction Sale

Friday, Saturday, June 10-11, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Beach & Backyard Bargains, Saxe Room.

Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature

This traveling exhibit was developed by the National Library of Medicine in collaboration with the American Library Association. It has been made possible by major grants from The National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, DC, and the National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, MD. (See related story on page 1.)

In addition, the library includes exhibits from educational, corporate, and community groups related to themes of biomedical research and robotics. Schedule subject to changes and additions; look for special Frankenstein flyer mid-June for complete listing. "Weird Wednesday" movies supplement Friends' July films; also see related youth programs in Children's Activities.

Grand Opening

Tuesday, June 28, time TBA

Gods and Monsters

Wednesday, June 29, 7 p.m.

Movie: Story of James Whale, director of *Frankenstein* and *Bride of Frankenstein*, 1998. (R)

Robotics

Thursday, June 30, time TBA

Demonstration: Intergenerational look at robots created by WPI Academy of Math and Science students.



Abbott & Costello Meet Frankenstein

Wednesday, July 6, 7 p.m.

Movie: Hapless freight handlers encounter Dracula, Frankenstein, Wolf Man, 1948.

Tuesday, July 12, program TBA

Young Frankenstein

Wednesday, July 13, 7 p.m.

Movie: In Dr. Frankenstein's castle, grandson repeats experiments; comedy with Gene Wilder, 1974. (PG)

Tuesday, July 19, program TBA

Edward Scissorhands

Wednesday, July 20, 7 p.m.

Movie: Artificial man befriended by local woman; Johnny Depp, Winona Ryder, 1990. (PG-13)

How Teenage Girl Created Biggest Myth

Tuesday, July 26, 7 p.m.

Lecture: WPI professor Lance Schachterle explores origin of Mary Shelley's myth about creativity, science, ethics.

Rocky Horror Picture Show

Wednesday, July 27, 7 p.m.

Movie: Newly engaged couple, in isolated area, visits bizarre residence of Dr. Frank-N-Furter; Susan Sarandon, Tim Curry, 1975. (R)

Tuesday, August 2, program TBA

Weird Science

Wednesday, August 3, 7 p.m.

Movie: In science-fiction comedy, two nerdy boys attempt to create perfect woman, 1985. (PG-13)

Friends Film Festival

Saturdays, 2 p.m., Saxe Room

*Former T&G film critic Sibyl Farson introduces film and its stars; film begins at 2:15.

— Lives of Composers —

June 4: **Yankee Doodle Dandy**

George M. Cohan portrayed by James

Cagney via nostalgic flashbacks and expert hoofing, 1942. (NR)

June 18: **Rhapsody in Blue**

Rags-to-riches classic story of George Gershwin, with Robert Alda, Joan Leslie, 1945. (NR)

June 25: **Amadeus***

Oscar-winning Austrian court rivalry depicted by Tom Hulce, F.Murray Abraham, as Mozart and Salieri, 1984. (R)

— Frankenstein Time —

July 9: **Frankenstein**

"It's alive!" Memorable monster in original classic with Boris Karloff, Colin Clive, 1931.

July 16: **Bride of Frankenstein**

The good doctor builds a mate for his monster; Boris Karloff and Valerie Hobson star, 1935.

July 23: **Son of Frankenstein**

Doctor's son returns to Transylvania to claim his inheritance; with Boris Karloff, Basil Rathbone, Bela Lugosi, 1939.

July 30: **Mary Shelley's Frankenstein**

Hoot of a film with all-star cast including Kenneth Branagh, Robert De Niro, Helena Bonham Carter, Tom Hulce, John Cleese, 1994. (R)

— Critics' Choice —

August 6: **Friendly Persuasion**

Amid Civil War struggles, Quakers resist fighting back; Gary Cooper, Dorothy McGuire, 1956.

August 13: **Houseboat***

Comedy with Sophia Loren as maid for single dad Cary Grant on Potomac River houseboat, 1958.

August 20: **Almost a Woman**

It's Latino Festival week; this coming-of-age story based on Esmeralda Santiago's book has intergenerational, cross-cultural appeal, 2001.

August 27: **Dead Poets' Society**

Conservative prep school boys revive

secret society, inspired by Robin Williams as their teacher, 1989. (PG)

Children's Activities

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

Baby Time

Every Tuesday, 10 a.m.

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

Lotta Tots

Every Friday, 10 a.m.

Ages 16-24 months with adult: books, songs, fingerplays, fun!

MCBA Book Discussion

Tuesday, June 7, 7 p.m.

Students grades 4-6 and parents welcome at family book club discussion of *Because of Winn Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo. Light refreshments.

Caribbean Kids Concert

Thursday, June 23, 11 a.m.

Sing, swing, sway, and limbo with performance of favorite kid songs and others set to Caribbean beat, Saxe Room.

Train Buddies Story Time

Wednesday, June 29, 7 p.m.

All aboard! Family evening of stories, music, fun.

Preschool Films

Fridays, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 10:30 a.m.

Worcesterooners

Wednesday, July 6, 2 p.m.

Join Mr Frank for monstrous cartooning fun! Drawing materials supplied.

Magical Moments

Thursday, July 14, 11 a.m.

Ed Popielarczyk's family program of stories, fun, magic; best for children age 3 and up.

TAG Team Story Time

Wednesday, July 20, 2 p.m.

Teen Advisory Group's program of monstrous fun. Build your own creature!

Peter Boie, Magician

Wednesday, July 27, 11 a.m.

Family program of magic, back by popular demand!

Kids Quest

Thursdays, Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25, 4 p.m.

Ages 6-12, explore epic journeys of ancient times with Higgins Armory Museum staff; Aug. 25 session at museum.

Start U Reading

Thursday, Aug. 25, 11 a.m.

Celebrate joy of reading with celebrity reader and the Ogre!

Young Adults

YA Book Club

Wednesday, June 1, 3:30 p.m.

Teens 13-18 invited to join inaugural club discussion: *The Da Vinci Code* by Dan Brown. Light refreshments.

Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

Wednesdays, June 8, July 13, Aug. 10, 3:30 p.m.

Join other Worcester teens to plan library services. Light refreshments.

Grants Resource Center

Tuesdays, June 7, July 5, 9:30 a.m. (no August program)

Orientation to funding research process, using resources of Cooperating Collection of the Foundation Center in NY. Pre-registration required.

Genealogy Programs

Banx Room, call 508-799-1670 to pre-register.

It's All Relative

Wednesdays, June 1, 6:30 p.m.; July 13, 2:30 p.m.

Introduction to library's genealogy collection.

City Directories & Newspapers

Wednesday, June 15, 9:30 a.m.

Vital Records

Wednesday, August 17, 6:30 p.m.

Public Meetings

Worcester Public Library Board of Directors

Tuesday, June 14, 5 p.m.

Friends of Worcester Public Library Board

Tuesday, June 21, 4 p.m., Green Room

GREAT BROOK VALLEY BRANCH

Children's Activities

Statewide summer reading program kickoff week begins June 27!

Bandannas and Ropes

Tuesday, June 28, 3:30 p.m.

Part 1 with Toni Zegarra of Montachusett Girl Scouts.

Decorate the Library!

Wednesday, June 29, 2-5 p.m.

Theme is great outdoors and camping.

Art of Mosaics

Thursday, June 30, 3:30 p.m.

Worcester Art Museum workshop with Katrina Stacey.

Around the 'Campfire'

Wednesday, July 6, 3:30 p.m.

S'mores with scary stories.

Mosaics Field Trip

Friday, July 8, 1:30 p.m.

See ancient mosaics at Worcester Art Museum and make your own!

More Bandannas and Ropes

Tuesday, July 12, 3 p.m.

Part 2 of Girl Scouts' program.

Campground Tenting

Tuesday, July 12, 3:30 p.m.

Outdoor living with Nester Chevalier, Mohegan Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Ojo de Dios

Wednesday, July 20, 3 p.m.

Learn how Mexico's Huichol Indians use the "eye of God" symbol and create your own.

I Scream for Ice Cream!

Tuesday, July 26, 3:30 p.m.

Girl Scouts' Toni Zegarra shows us how to make our own.

Summer Reading

Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2-5 p.m.

Celebrate the program's last day with ice pops, music, face painting, games!

Get Real, Get Fit!

Saturday, Aug. 13, 12-4 p.m.

At GBV's annual crime prevention cookout, library program includes dance class, fruit smoothie samples, computer programs.

Kids Quest

Monday, Aug. 22, 3:30 p.m.

Ages 6-12, epic time travel with Higgins Armory staff.

Kids Quest

Monday, Aug. 29, 3:30 p.m.

Ages 6-12, more myths of ancient travels.

FRANCES PERKINS BRANCH

Children's Activities

Toddler Time

Thursdays, June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, 10 a.m.

Ages 16-24 months with adult; songs, rhymes, stories, fun, then optional playtime.

PJ Story Time

Fridays, June 17, July 15, Aug. 19, 7 p.m.

Families welcome to share stories, fun, a bedtime snack.

You Are the Artist! (YATA)

Artists up to age 13 are invited to bring in their creations June 2-21 for 3rd annual exhibit, open to public July 5-26 when library is open.

Gallery Opening, Artists' Reception

Friday, June 24, 6:30 p.m.

Celebrate and salute young artists and their fabulous creations!

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SPECIAL EXHIBITS

- June: Mixed Media**
Paintings by William Grasette of Worcester.
- July: Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature**
NEH/American Library Assn. traveling exhibit.
- August: The Art of Woodburning**
Works by Yefim Gorodetsky of Holden.

FRIEND-LY BOOK LIST

Librarian-recommended in science fiction and fantasy:

Classic Adult

- ✦ *Something Wicked This Way Comes*, Ray Bradbury
- ✦ *Nemesis*, Isaac Asimov

New Adult

- ✦ *The Life of the World to Come*, Kage Baker
- ✦ *Ill Met by Moonlight*, Mercedes Lackey & Roberta Gellis

Teen Classic

- ✦ *The Dune Chronicles*, Frank Herbert

Teen New

- ✦ *The Supernaturalist*, Eoin Colfer

Children's Classic

- ✦ *The White Mountains*, John Christopher

Children's New

- ✦ *The City of Ember*, Jeanne DuPrau

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

Phone: 508-799-1686 (for
store and Friends of Worcester
Public Library)
Tuesday through Friday
11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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
Monday and Thursday
9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Closed Tuesday, Wednesday,
Saturday, 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:
4th of July: Saturday, July 2 and Monday, July 4