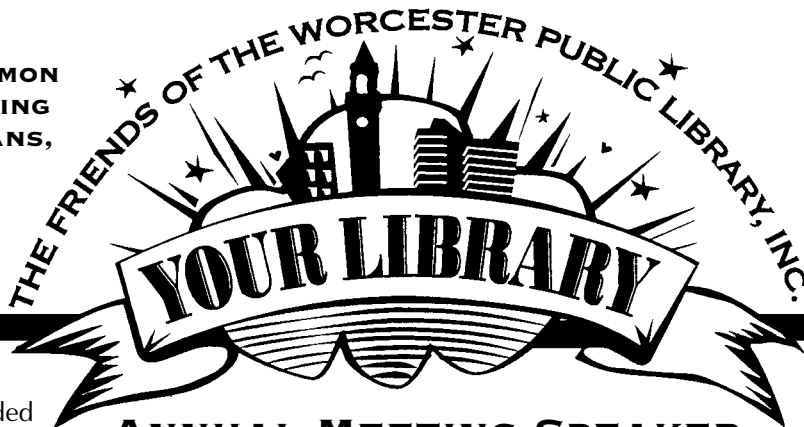


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**PUBLISHED QUARTERLY**

**SUMMER 2008**

Over 90 people attended the Friends' annual meeting on April 6 to hear Kenneth Moynihan speak about Worcester's early history. The former *Worcester Magazine* staffer, Professor Emeritus of History at Assumption College, and current Op-Ed Columnist for the *Worcester*

**ANNUAL MEETING SPEAKER  
HIGHLIGHTS EARLY WORCESTER**

*Telegram & Gazette*, wrote the local bestseller, *A History of Worcester: 1674 – 1848*, published in November 2007. Mr. Moynihan also fielded questions from a knowledgeable audience and signed copies of his book.

President Alice Welch reviewed the Friends' activities and achievements in 2007, which included dozens of educational

and engaging programs for children, teens, and adults. Officers elected for 2008-09 are: Alice

Welch, president; Christine Weinrobe, vice president; Ann Spitaels, recording secretary; Paul Reynolds, corresponding secretary; and David Boulay, treasurer. New at-large member is: Brenda Simpson. Continuing at-large members are: Irene Adamaitis, Helen Alisch, Gordon Branche, Terry Dorsey, Russell Eames, Joanne Frew, Jeanne Gallagher, Veronica Griffin, Gail Holland, Mary Lynch, Deborah McNamara, Nancy Miller, James Murphy, Albert O'Donnell, Kathleen O'Leary, Sophie Rapaport, Paul Reynolds, Janet Sprague.

**FRIENDS FINANCIAL REPORT**

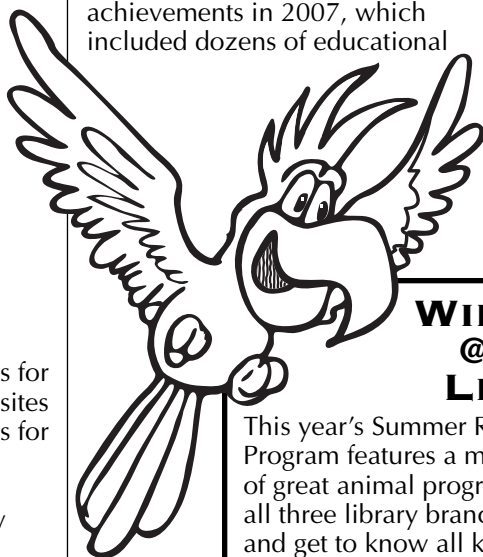
Friends' annual report includes the following for the fiscal year that ended January 31:

**INCOME:**

- \$16,401 Membership dues
- \$35,907 Total book sales (store, internet, special sales)
- \$2,353 Miscellaneous donations

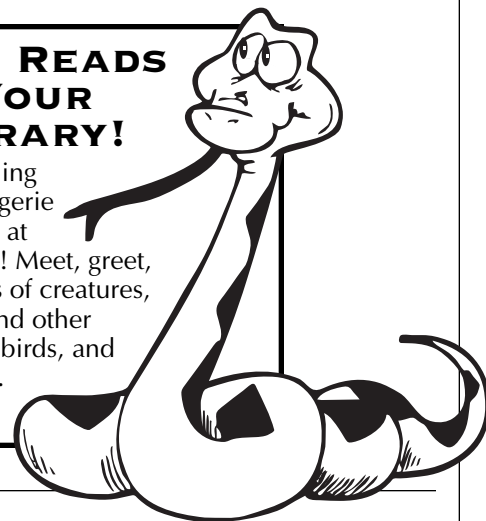
**EXPENDITURES:**

- \$4,580 Passes to 13 cultural destinations used by over 2,200 people
- \$10,899 Friends-sponsored programs for children and teens at three sites
- \$1,455 Friends-sponsored programs for adults at three sites
- \$2,188 Bookstore improvements, including shelving, window shades, signage
- \$3,482 Book sale expenses, including advertising, internet fees
- \$8,612 Newsletter
- \$2,693 Miscellaneous operational expenses

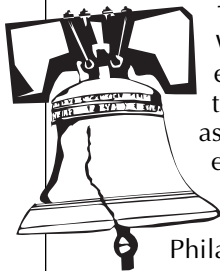


**WILD READS  
@ YOUR  
LIBRARY!**

This year's Summer Reading Program features a menagerie of great animal programs at all three library branches! Meet, greet, and get to know all kinds of creatures, including super snakes and other rocking reptiles, brilliant birds, and more – all at *your* library. Don't misssss out!



**A PHILADELPHIA (TO WORCESTER) STORY**



The Friends of the Worcester Public Library extend a warm welcome to Doreen Velnich, who assumed the Head of Reference Division position at the main library on March 17. A native of

Philadelphia, Doreen's career spans over 20 years in various capacities at The Free Library of Philadelphia. Within that public system, she worked in more than

30 branches, 2 regional libraries, and the central library.

Over the years her responsibilities have included heading the government documents department, coordinating special programs for all ages, and working for the Philadelphia Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. In addition, she has served as a librarian at the Wissahickon Valley Public Library, the school district of Philadelphia, and The Pedagogical Library – all in Pennsylvania.

Coincidentally, Doreen decided to move to Massachusetts to be closer to her daughter, who lives in Boston, at the same time Jane Peck retired after 36 years at the Worcester Public Library. She says Worcester was her first choice of relocation possibilities in the state, because she liked the size of our city and library. "Worcester is just the right size library. It has plenty of resources; a friendly, knowledgeable staff; and a great location. I'm so glad to be here," Doreen says.

## FRIEND-LY NOTES

✦ **Kudos to Al O'Donnell**, who gives many hours of his time to the Friends, delivering newsletters to various locations around the city, helping with mailings, and doing the heavy lifting for book sales.

✦ **Membership Chair Nancy Miller has stepped down** after 10 years working

to expand our family of Friends. Thank you, Nancy, for a job well done! Warm welcome and appreciation to **Jeanne Gallagher**, who has taken over the membership position.

✦ **Welcome to Valerie Forkey**, the new assistant manager of The Library Bookstore. She and manager Russ Eames make the store a satisfying book-shopping experience.

✦ **The Library Bookstore has a good selection** of titles from the Worcester Public School Summer Reading list. The prices are great, too!

✦ **Save money this summer** by making the most of the Library's free passes for 13 cultural attractions in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Reserve passes online at [www.worcpubliclib.org](http://www.worcpubliclib.org).

## SUMMER 2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS *All programs are free!*

### MAIN LIBRARY

#### "Books for the Beach" Sale

**Saturday, June 14, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.**

Mostly fiction; 25 cents each.

#### Let's Talk About it!

**Tuesdays, 7 to 8:30 p.m.**

Third annual Jewish literature discussion series. Funded by the American Library Assoc. and NextBook; facilitated by Patricia L. Bizzell, Ph.D., of the College of the Holy Cross. Books available at the Main Library. Banx Room.

#### **June 10: Exodus, the Second Book of Moses**

#### **July 1: Lost in Translation,**

Eva Hoffman

#### **July 22: Centaur in the Garden,**

Moacyr Scliar

#### **August 12: Kaaterskill Falls,**

Allegra Goodman

#### **September 2: Out of Egypt,**

Andre Aciman

#### Worcester UNCommon Film Series

**Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. Saxe Room.**

Worcester Musicians – Past, Present, and In-Between. Presented by the library and radio station 91.3 FM, WCUW

#### **June 10: So Glad I Made it – The Saga of Roger Salloom**

Documentary about this Worcester-born singer-songwriter, 2006.

#### **June 17: Anything for Jazz**

Short film about the late Worcester native and jazz pianist Jaki Byard, 1980.

#### **June 17: Down by Law**

A "neo-beat-noir-comedy" with former Worcesterite John Lurie, 1986.

#### **June 24: So Wrong, They're Right**

Includes interview with Bob Jordan, local arts mainstay for 30 years, 1995.

#### **July 1: Genghis Blues**

Clark University grad Paul Pena spotlights Tuvan throat singing, 1999.

### Friends Film Festival

**Saturdays, 2 p.m. Saxe Room**

#### – Get a Room –

#### **June 7: My Bodyguard**

Hotel manager's son hires body guard to protect him from a school bully (Matt Dillon), 1980. (PG)

#### **June 14: Flying Down to Rio**

Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers in their break-through musical and first dance film together, 1933. (NR)

#### **June 21: Pretty Woman**

Wall Street knight (Richard Gere) sweeps streetwalker (Julia Roberts) into elegant world of a high-class Hollywood hotel, 1990. (R)

#### **June 28: A Hole in the Head**

Carefree widower and father Frank Sinatra asks his brother for a loan, but doesn't like the terms, 1959. (NR)

#### – Stars We've Loved and Lost –

#### **July 5: Casanova**

(Heath Ledger) Ladies man tries to win the heart of a woman who thinks he's a heel, 2005. (R)

#### **July 12: Judgement at Nuremburg**

(Richard Widmark) Stellar cast (including Spencer Tracy, Marlene Dietrich) portrays WWII war crime trials, 1961. (NR)

#### **July 19: Poseidon Adventure**

(Shelley Winters) Gene Hackman is a priest who leads survivors to safety from capsized luxury liner, 1972. (PG)

#### **July 26: Planet of the Apes**

(Charlton Heston) Legendary science fiction masterpiece, 1968. (G)

#### – Head to the Beach! –

#### **August 2: Beaches**

Two very different women (Barbara Hershey and Bette Midler) share a 30 year friendship, 1988. (PG-13)

#### **August 9: From Here to Eternity**

Frank and hard-hitting look at life on a Hawaiian army base, 1953. (NR)

#### **August 16: Cast Away**

Plane crash leaves Tom Hanks stranded on a remote island, 2000. (PG-13)

#### **August 23: Six Days Seven Nights**

Pilot Harrison Ford and New York fashion editor Anne Heche get marooned on deserted island, 1998. (PG-13)

#### **August 30: Summer of '42**

Three 15-year old boys find first loves on summer vacation in New England, 1971. (PG)

### Children's Activities

⇨ programs require registration; sign up in Children's Room.

#### Babytime

**Every Tuesday, 10 a.m.**

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

#### Lil' Todkins

**Wednesdays, 10 a.m.**

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

#### Sail On!

**Friday, May 30, 10:30 a.m.**

Drop-in program with stories and songs about boats and sailing.

#### ⇨ Wild Reads @ Your Library Monday, June 23

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

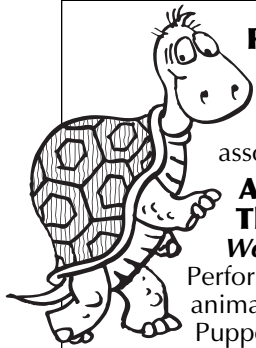
#### PJ Storytime

**Tuesdays, June 24, July 22,**

**August 12, 7 p.m.**

Family program with stories, fun, and a bedtime snack.





### Reptiles Rock!

Wednesday, June 25, 10 a.m.

Meet and greet an assortment of live reptiles.

### Adventures from Thornton Burgess

Wednesday, July 2, 7 p.m.

Performance of these classic animal tales by Gerwick Puppets.

### Kid Flicks

Fridays, July 11, 18, 25, 10:30 a.m.

Wild side movies for children.

### Summer Reading Roundup

Friday, August 1

Celebrate your summer reading accomplishments.

### Grants Resource Center

#### Orientation

Wednesdays, June 4, August 6, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Registration required; call 508-799-1655, opt. 3. Overview of resources for non-profit organizations. 3rd floor.

### Genealogy Programs

Registration required; call 508-799-1670.

#### Special Topic: Finding Your New England Yankee Ancestors

Wednesday, June 4, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Genealogy resources helpful for ethnic groups. Banx Room

#### Special Topic: Immigration & Naturalization

Wednesday, June 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

How to track your ancestors across the ocean. Banx Room

#### It's All Relative

Wed., July 9, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Introduction to the library's genealogy collection. Banx Room

#### Special Topic: Printed Sources

Wednesday, August 6, 2:30-4 p.m.

Tips on using books, magazines, and other printed materials for family research. Banx Room

### Great Books Discussion Group

Participants must read book first.

Wednesday, June 4, 7-9 p.m.

*The Adventures of Augie March*, Saul Bellow. Banx Room

### Public Meetings

#### Worcester Public Library Board of Directors

Tuesday, June 10, 5 p.m.

Green Room

## JOIN OUR CIRCLE OF FRIENDS!

Your Friends membership dues are eligible for your company's matching gift program. Join online at [www.worcpublib.org](http://www.worcpublib.org), or pick up a coupon at The Library Bookstore.

### Friends of Worcester Public Library Board

Tuesday, June 17, 4 p.m.

Green Room

### FRANCES PERKINS BRANCH

#### Adult Programs

#### Brown Bag Mystery Discussion Group

Thursday, June 5, 12:15 p.m.

Theme: Literary Murders. Bring a lunch. Dessert/coffee provided.

New members welcome! No meetings in July and August.

#### Poetry Reading and Book Signing

Thursday, June 12, 7 p.m.

Poets Julia Lisella and Emily Ferrara read from their most recent work.

#### (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](http://www.worcpublib.org).)

June 27: *The Violin* (Drama; Mexico)

July 25: *August the First* (Drama; USA)

August 22: *Noise* (Drama; Australia)

### Children's Activities

#### Babytime

Mondays, 10 a.m.

Drop in for lap-sit rhymes and music. Up to 16 months with adult; please no siblings.

#### Top Notch Toddlers (TNT)

Tuesdays, 10 a.m., June 3, 10, 17, 24;

August 12, 19, 26.

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

#### Young Adult Council (YAC)

Thursdays, June 19, July 17,

August 21, 5 p.m.

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

#### P.J. Storytime

Fridays, June 20, July 18, August 15, 7 p.m.

Drop in for bedtime story and snack.

#### YATA Gallery

July 1-July 31

Annual *You Are The Artist* exhibit of art by children from birth to age 12.

### Magic by Scott Jameson

Tuesday, July 1, 11 a.m.

Classic interactive magic tricks and juggling.

### Wild Reads @ the Library

Live Animal Programs

Tuesdays at 11 a.m.

July 8: Snakes are Super!

July 15: Hands-on with Exotic Animals

July 22: Reptiles Rock!

July 29: Out of Africa

August 5: Birds in Their Habitat.



### GREAT BROOK VALLEY BRANCH

#### Children's Activities

#### Kids' Flicks

Thursdays, 3 p.m.

#### Higgins Armory Museum Program

Tuesday, June 3, 3 p.m. Kids Quest.

Wednesday, June 4, 3 p.m. Build a medieval castle.

Tuesday, June 10, 3 p.m. Kids Quest.

#### Get the Buzz

Wednesday, June 18, 3 p.m.

Learn about bees and honey; create a beehive craft.

#### Wild Reads @ Your Library!

Monday, June 23 Summer Reading Kick-off.

Wednesday, July 2, 3 p.m. Create your own flag for the 4th.

Tuesday, July 8, 3 p.m. Discover some super snakes!

Tuesday, July 15, 3 p.m. Have an Animal World experience.

Wednesday, July 16, 3 p.m. Make paper cup wild animals.

Tuesday, July 22, 3 p.m. Meet and greet rainforest reptiles!

Tuesday, July 29, 3 p.m. Learn about creatures from Africa.

Wednesday, July 30, 3 p.m. Make a wind chime.

Friday, August 1 Summer Reading Round-up

Wednesday, August 13, 3 p.m. Create a backpack buddy keychain.

Wednesday, August 27, 3 p.m. Make book covers for your school books.



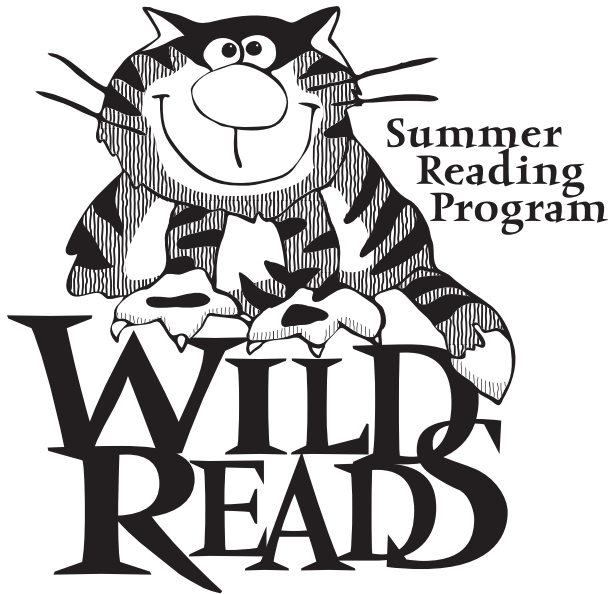
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## SPECIAL EXHIBITS

**June: Worcester Public Schools**

**July: Color Exploration  
by Susan Matusen**

Opening reception Thursday,  
July 10, 6-9 p.m.

**August: Worcester Center for Crafts**

## FRIEND-LY BOOK LIST

Here are some recent books to get you started on a "greener" lifestyle:

- ◆ **Easy Green Living:** Renee Loux, 2008.
- ◆ **Green Babies, Sage Moms: The Ultimate Guide to Raising Your Organic Baby,** Lynda Fassa. New American Library, 2008.
- ◆ **Green Chic: Saving the Earth in Style,** Christie Matheson. Sourcebooks, 2008.
- ◆ **Green Remodeling: Your Start Toward an Eco-friendly Home,** John D. Wagner. Creative Homeowner, 2008.
- ◆ **365 Ways to Live Green: Your Everyday Guide to Saving the Environment,** Dian Gow McDilda. Adams Media, 2008.
- ◆ **True Green @ Work: 100 Ways You Can Make the Environment Your Business,** Kim McKay, et al. National Geographic Society, 2008.

## 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

**The Library Bookstore**  
Phone: 508-799-1686 (for store and  
Friends of Worcester Public Library)  
Tuesday through Thursday,  
11 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Friday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**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

**Great Brook Valley Branch**  
89 Tacoma Street  
Phone: 508-799-1729  
Monday through Friday  
2 to 5 p.m.  
Closed Saturday and Sunday

**Worcester Public Library Website: [www.worcpublic.org](http://www.worcpublic.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 Friends link, scroll to [abebooks.com](http://abebooks.com), click, choose Bookstores and enter Friends of Worcester Library.

## LIBRARY HOLIDAYS

The main library and branches will be closed:  
Independence Day – Friday, July 4  
Labor Day Weekend – Saturday, August 30 through Monday, September 1