

# Wilbraham Library News

Spring 2022

## Expert Tips, Tools for Finding Your Roots

### Discover Your Family History

Michael Engel, professor emeritus at Westfield State University, will take you on a journey of personal discovery Sunday, March 13, at 2 p.m. in a program titled "Discover Your Family History."

Learning about your family history tells you a lot not only about your ancestors but also about yourself. Their life experiences and their values and traditions in some way shape those of all succeeding generations, including the most recent. By examining their lives you will also find that you have built a historical and spiritual community that surrounds you, not to mention connections with lots of other people who share the same interest in genealogy.

It is also great fun. Genealogical research is a detective story with a personal twist. You interview witnesses, gather evidence, look for clues, and decide which investigative paths to follow to find the truth. You uncover secrets and mysteries and run into amazing surprises.

But if this is all new to you, where to start? This hour-long session in our Brooks Room will

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### Learn to Use Ancestry Library Edition

Assistant Library Director Mary Bell will give a hands-on demonstration of Ancestry Library Edition on Thursday, March 24, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

In the Brooks Room, Bell will demonstrate how to use the online resource. Then participants will use library computers or their own laptops to access the database and search for themselves. All participants will be given a starter kit with forms and tips for researching genealogy.

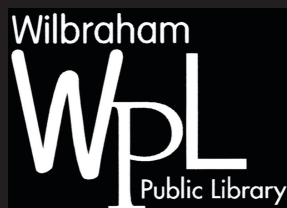
"Ancestry Library Edition includes records of the U.S.

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### Friends: Take Survey for Chance to Win Swag

Wilbraham Friends of the Library members, we have a survey for you! Check your email or click on the logo at right to access the survey. A paper copy is also included in this newsletter; just complete it and drop it at the front desk the next time you visit the library. The WFOL Board is looking for input about members'

understanding of the WFOL as well as members' availability to help with programs that raise funds for the library. Survey respondents will be entered to win either a fleece blanket, a travel mug or a tote bag -- all with the WFOL logo!



**Mon to Wed 9-8**  
**Thurs & Fri 9-5**  
**Sat 9-2**  
**Sun Noon-5**

**Closed Holidays**

**Keep Up to Date**

Please consult our online Events Calendar for possible updates to library programming.

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## Letter from the President

Thank you for being a Friend!

Thanks to the generosity of several area businesses, we are excited to announce a new "Thank you for Being a Friend" discount card.

Every current WFOL member can receive the card and use it to get discounts at participating local businesses. (The logos of some of the businesses appear below.) We hope to add more businesses as we go so if you own a business or know someone who does and might want to participate, contact us. A complete list of participating businesses and the details of the discounts is on our webpage [www.wilbrahamlibrary.org/friends.asp](http://www.wilbrahamlibrary.org/friends.asp).

We think this will be a fun way to spread the word about the Friends and supporting the library.

In addition to announcements about amazing library programming, there are several items in the newsletter that I hope everyone pays attention to. When you go to Big Y in March, remember to buy a reusable grocery bag - WFOL will get \$1 for each bag sold. When you get that bag home, fill it with outgrown clothing, those curtains you never really liked, and any other household textiles that don't bring you joy. Save them for the Clothing Drive in May and WFOL will use them to raise funds for library programs that bring everyone joy!

Most importantly, remember to take our member survey. It is a great tool to help the WFOL Board of Directors plan future events and communicate better with fellow Friends.

Happy Spring!

-- Mary Bandouveres, Friends president



Our Film Movement series of foreign and independent cinema is back in the Brooks Room on Monday nights at 7 p.m. The movies this spring are:

- March 28: "**After the Storm**," Japan, 2016.
- April 25: "**Harmonium**," Japan, 2016.
- May 23: "**Complicity**," Japan/China/France, 2018.

The screenings are free. The films are not rated but are intended for mature audiences. Discussions follow each showing.



**KEN'S AUTOMOTIVE**



# Adult Services

## On Your Mark, Get Set ... Garden!

Join us  
March 1 at  
6:30 p.m. for  
our Dig Into  
Gardening  
Workshop and  
learn what  
fruit and  
vegetable  
plants you can  
start growing



in this area in March for a plentiful harvest in the summer and fall. This will be an in-person program in the library's Brooks Room. To register, call us at 413-596-6141 or [sign up on the Events Calendar](#) on our website. Sponsored by the Friends.

## Discover ...

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give you information about all the resources available. Access to most of those do not require expertise in using a computer; in fact, there are many steps to follow before your fingers even touch a keyboard. DNA tests are very popular but should be the very last step. So begin the investigation with the tools you will need by attending this in-person lecture. [Register through our calendar page](#) at [www.wilbrahamlibrary.org](http://www.wilbrahamlibrary.org) or by calling 413-596-6141.

## Buying a Big Y Bag in March Can Help Support the Friends

The Wilbraham Friends of the Library has again been selected as a beneficiary of the Big Y Community Bag Program, this time for March 2022.

The Big Y Community Bag Program, which launched in January 2019, is a reusable-bag program aimed at making a difference in the communities where shoppers live and work. The reusable Community Bag has a special tag attached to it that allows customers to direct a donation to a non-profit of their choice upon purchase.



WFOL was the beneficiary of the program last September, chosen by store leadership at the Big Y on Boston Road. The Friends will receive a \$1 donation every time the reusable Community Bag is purchased at this location during March, unless otherwise directed by the customer.

Our goal is to sell 200 bags and raise

\$200.

The bags are located on displays around the store and at the checkout. For more information about the program, visit [bigy.bags4mycause.com](http://bigy.bags4mycause.com).

## Friends Collecting Clothes, Towels & More in May Fund-Raiser

The Friends are holding a clothing drive to benefit the library on Saturday, May 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Sunday, May 15, from noon to 5 p.m. at the library.

When you can finally open your windows and clean out the winter dust, remember us for the clothing and other household textiles like bedding, towels and curtains that

you get rid of.

Last fall's clothes drive raised a little over \$900 for the library. We hope to top that number in May.

As with the fall drive, the Friends will receive a per-pound payment for these items. The money will go directly to the library for programs, museum passes, equipment and other needed items. The donated

materials will be given a second life with new owners -- at an affordable price -- instead of adding to already overwhelmed landfills.

Join us with your clothing drive donations on May 14 or 15, learn more about the Friends, enjoy a refreshment, and receive a coupon for a free book at our Annual Book Sale in September.

# Children's Services

All programs are free. Registration is required and space is limited.

## Kids' Programs for April Vacation

Both April vacation programs are funded by the Friends.

**Wildlife on Wheels @ the Library from The Zoo at Forest Park.** Tuesday, April 19, 1 to 1:45 p.m. Ages 5 to 10. This is a 45-minute outreach program that brings animal ambassadors to the library. An educator will introduce topics including adaptations, habitat, diets and conservation status in the wild. Sign-ups start March 29. Call or stop in.

### 'Read to Cadence' Returns for Children Ages 5 & Up

Megan Marshall, a volunteer from Bright Spot Reading Buddies, will bring Cadence, her dog, to the library to have children read to them on three Tuesdays this spring: March 22, April 5 and May 3. Children ages 5 and up can register for 10-minute slots from 4:30

**Cooking in a Mug.** Wednesday, April 20, noon to 12:45 p.m. Grades 3 to 5. Cooking teacher Julie Manning shows the basics of microwave "mug" recipes. Learn to make Peanut Butter Brownie Mug Cake. Wilbraham residents registration: April 1 to 10. Out-of-town registration: April 11 to 22. Wait list will be contacted if a spot opens. Registration is required and online only.

to 5:30 p.m. Kids are asked to bring a picture book. This program is designed to help children gain confidence and reduce anxiety about reading. Sign up by calling or stopping by the library.

### Kids Notes

Please look for information on our new database, Science Flix for kids, on our website.

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Summer Reading starts Saturday, June 18, this year!

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Hope to see you soon!

-- Heidi Kane,  
Children's  
Librarian

## Online Spring Programs From Pathways for Parents



**Facebook Live with Nicole.** Tuesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. Birth to 4 years. Stories, songs and skill building. No registration required.

### **STEAM with Miss Jane via Zoom.**

Thursday, March 3, at 4:30 p.m. Ages 5 to 8. Stencil design. Sign up online on our Events calendar and pick up your supplies.

### **Emotions and Exercise with Jane via**

**Zoom** on Thursday, March 10, at 4:30 p.m.

Ages 3 to 5 with a caregiver. Activity and movement. Online registration required. Check our Events calendar to sign up.

### **Virtual Family Yoga with Lisa Katz via**

**Zoom** on Saturday, March 26, from 10:30 to

11:30 a.m. Enjoy a read-aloud with

stretching, balancing, focused breathing and movement activities. For ages 5 and under with a caregiver. Registration is required. You will receive a Zoom link before the event.

**Madison Bull Anxiety Training for Kids via Zoom** on Tuesday, April 26, at 6 p.m. For kids 5 to 8 with caregiver. Learn tools and tips to cope with stress and anxiety. Sign up online.

*These programs are made possible by Pathways for Parents / Coordinated Family and Community Engagement grant administered by the Collaborative for Educational Services.*

Library book club and movie schedules are available at [www.wilbrahamlibrary.org](http://www.wilbrahamlibrary.org) under Events

# Teen Services

Grades 6 to 12. Online registration required unless noted. All events funded by the Friends.

## New 'Makers' Program Begins With Bracelets

The teen department is excited to announce a new program series called Teen Makers. This program will run every other month and will highlight a project or craft that will be made or created by teens. All supplies will be provided.

Our kick off program will be **Teen Makers: Intention Bracelets** on Monday, March 7, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Teens will brainstorm to set their intention, whether it be a word or a mantra, and create a bracelet with their intention.

Online registration is required as space is limited.

Also, look for **Teen Makers: Paint by Sticker & Kindness Rocks** on Monday, May 16 at 5 p.m.

-- Teen Services Librarian Rachel Hapgood



### April Break



#### Teen Mug Cooking

Wednesday, April 20  
3 to 4 p.m.

Learn to make 5-Minute Monkey Bread in a mug from cooking teacher Julie Manning.

#### Earth Day Henna

Friday, April 22  
1 to 3 p.m.

Teens get their own unique henna tattoo from Mandy Roberge from Wicked Good Henna.

## Sew Your Own Fabric Book Bag at March Workshop

**Book Bag Sewing** will be taught on Monday, March 21, from 5 to 6 p.m. Mandy Roberge from Wicked Good Henna will teach teens to make a book bag with fabric and sewing. Teens must

be able to thread a sewing needle and know how to do a basic running stitch. This will be an in-person program in the Brooks Room.

## Make Your Voice Heard, Join the Teen Advisory Board

Our Teen Advisory Board (TAB) continues to meet monthly during the school year on Mondays, but the time has changed to 5 to 6:15 pm. Teens can

join TAB to voice their opinions about teen programs, books and more. New members are always welcome.

## Teen Wellness Resource Now Has App With Hotlines

Our Teen Health & Wellness resource now has a mobile app with a directory to emergency resources for troubled teens. In the app store for your mobile phone, search on "Teen Hotlines." Download the app, which takes you to a list of resources by subject (suicide prevention, alcohol and drugs, bullying, eating disorders and more). From there, using your library card, you can also log in to the Teen Health & Wellness web site, filled with reliable information on a

range of issues.

Teen

Health &

Wellness provides middle and high school students with nonjudgmental, straightforward, self-help support on topics including diseases, drugs and alcohol, nutrition, mental health, suicide and bullying, green living, LGBTQ issues, and more.

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Census from 1790 to 1940, military records such as World War I draft cards, and other records worldwide," Bell said. "The database is accessible in-library only but can be used through both library computers or laptops

connected to our Wi-Fi."

Images of original records, such as the U.S. Census and town records of births and marriages, can be saved to a flash drive, printed, or sent to your email from the database.

This program is free and open to

the public. Space is limited due to the number of computers available, and sign-ups are going on now. For more information, call the library at 413-596-6141 or visit our Events Calendar online at [www.wilbrahamlibrary.org](http://www.wilbrahamlibrary.org).

## New & Renewing Friends from November to January 2022

Jennifer Banker, Catherine & John Callaghan, Virginia Carlson, Claire Cloutier, Judith Cmero, Bernadette Collins, Pat & Maria DeAngelis, Megan Donnelly, Shirley Facey, Geraldine French, Philip Pers and Erin Gaynor, Robert Kelliher & Eloise Genest, Shannon Gifford, Mandy Greene, Karen Grycel, Joan Guilbault, Robert & Joan Heyman, Donna Hick, Elaine & Robert Holdsworth, Linda & Steve Mandolesi, Thomas & Ann Mango, The Maserati Family, Autumn Mathias, James & Karen Mauer, Deanna Maziarz, Harriet Pabich, Jennifer Pelletier, Patricia Pio, Laura Rivas, Chris & Jeff Sagalyn, Shannon Senft, Elizabeth Setian, Daniel & Janet Shea, Barbara Silverstein, Lewis & Kathleen Timpson, Maureen Trombly, Barbara Wheeler. Plus two members who wish to remain anonymous.

Use this QR code to read the newsletter online, with active, clickable links (underlined words).

