

# Wilbraham Library News

Summer 2022

## Friends' Ice Cream Social Returns

# Summer Reading Begins June 18

We are happy to announce the return of the Ice Cream Social to kick off this year's Summer Reading programs for children, teens and adults.

The pandemic forced us to forgo the annual celebration, sponsored by the Wilbraham Friends of the Library, in 2020 and 2021. But now it's back, and the party starts Saturday, June 18, at 10 a.m. in the Brooks Room and lasts till 1 p.m. The Friends have free ice cream for those coming to sign up for summer reading. Attendees will also get a chance to win a Kindle and a book bundle. Cadence the dog will be there for young readers, and One Book, One Community will have a table to talk about this year's read.

Registration for Summer Reading begins that same day. Successful participants will win raffle tickets for gift cards and other prizes. (Raffle prize winners to be announced



Tuesday, Aug. 23). In addition, every child and teen who successfully completes the program will win a free book from a list of popular titles.

The theme this year is "Read Beyond the Beaten Path." The program runs through Saturday, Aug. 13.

It's easy to join. Participants in every age group can sign up online, though some categories give you the option of signing up on paper (see Page 4). To get to the registration site, go to our website beginning June 18 and click on the center slide for Summer Reading 2022. Or go directly

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## Library Food Pantry Enters Second Year

It was roughly one year ago, during the height of the Covid 19 pandemic, that the WPL Food Pantry came to exist in the small shed next to the library's outdoor



book drops. Intended to help individuals and families struggling to make ends meet during the pandemic, the pantry continues to serve people's needs in the community. The pantry does not replace the services provided by full-scale pantries as it is supported

solely by community donations of food and toiletries. "It's such a simple way to help a neighbor in need, and the

need continues to be very real," says Sue Witham, pantry coordinator for the library. "We are so grateful for any and all donations that come in." Donations can be dropped off inside the library or put in the donation bin next to the pantry shed. As the pantry motto goes, "Give what you can, take what you need."

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## Museum Passes Printable at Home

The Wilbraham Friends of the Library has long funded free and discounted passes to museums and other attractions. This spring, the reservation program for certain passes got much easier.

Instead of reserving a physical pass, picking it up at the library, and then returning it after use, patrons can now print out these passes at home - no trip to the library necessary - and then discard them after use.

The new, print-at-home service is available only for attractions that allow it. So far, the participating institutions are the Children's Museum at Holyoke, the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art in Amherst, the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame, the U.S.S. Constitution Museum, the Wadsworth Atheneum

Museum of Art in Hartford, and the Zoo in Forest Park.

"We're thrilled to be able to work with these museums to provide printable passes for our patrons," Assistant Director Mary Bell said. "It's a great convenience to families as they plan out day trips or overnights."

Thanks to the Friends' support, in addition to the six attractions already mentioned, we also have passes to Amelia Park Children's Museum, Boston Children's Museum (weekends), Boston Harbor Cruises, Hancock Shaker Village, Massachusetts State Parks, Old Sturbridge Village, Springfield Museums at the Quadrangle, Trustees of the Reservation, and the Vintage Radio and Communications Museum of CT.

## Learn How to Use 'Ancestry' Resource

*Thursday, June 9, 5:30 p.m.*

Learn to use Ancestry Library Edition in our hands-on program after library hours in the Brooks Room. Assistant Director Mary Bell will give a quick presentation about searching Ancestry Library Edition. Learn tools to organize your search

as well as tips and tricks as you're searching. Whether you are just getting started with genealogy or just want a couple of quiet hours to concentrate on in-depth research, we have space for you. Registration necessary.

## New Coordinator of WPL Borrower Services

We are pleased to announce that Sue Witham has been promoted to coordinator of borrower services at Wilbraham Public Library. Witham had been a borrower services assistant since arriving in 2019. She previously worked at Grafton Public Library. She replaces Debra Searles, who retired in April after 24 years at the library.



*Sue Witham*

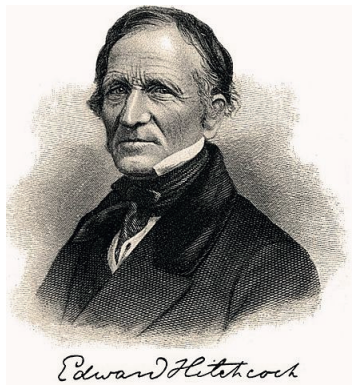


*Debra Searles*

## Wanted: Library Volunteers

The library is accepting volunteers for the summer. If you're new to volunteering here, pick up an application at the library and turn it in by June 10. You will get several town policies, and a CORI check will be performed. Then, sign up for the orientation on Tuesday, June 28, at 3:30 p.m. "We'll give you a brief introduction to the library, how to shelve items and keep them in order, and other special projects volunteers may be asked to do," said Assistant Library Director Mary Bell. "Besides shelving, volunteers might help prepare crafts for Storytime or help out with a program." Anyone age 14 and up is encouraged to apply.

# Cultural Programs



Edward Hitchcock  
Wikimedia Commons

Virtual Program

## Life & Legacy of Edward Hitchcock

Monday, June 6  
6:30 p.m.

Sign up for this Zoom program exploring the accomplishments of 19th century geologist Edward Hitchcock, presented by Robert T. McMaster, author of "All the Light Here Comes from Above: The Life and Legacy of Edward Hitchcock" (Unquomont Press, 2021). Hitchcock made significant contributions in geology while teaching at Amherst College, where he was president from 1845 to 1854. The college credits him for its "world-class collection of fossils" from the Connecticut River Valley and elsewhere. Ancient Lake Hitchcock is named in his honor. [Register](#) to receive an email with information about joining the meeting.

## Songs for Summer Nights

Join us for a little night music courtesy of the Wilbraham Friends of the Library and the Massachusetts Cultural Council



### Banjo Pickin' Gals

Wednesday, June 29, 6 p.m.

If you like the banjo and bluegrass music, join us for an entertaining evening highlighting the groundbreaking female banjo players from the 1920s through the '40s. Along the way, learn interesting historical background about the music.

### Matt York

#### performing music of The Highwaymen

Wednesday, July 13, 6 p.m.

Matt York will perform the songs of The Highwaymen, the legendary supergroup with Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson and Kris Kristofferson. York will blend songs by the artists with stories about their careers. The concert will be in our courtyard, moving indoors to the Brooks Room if it rains.



Matt York

### Traditional Blues featuring Robin O'Herin

Wednesday, Aug. 10, 6 p.m.

The Wilbraham Public Library Music series is proud to present this music-filled summer evening with celebrated blues and gospel guitarist Robin O'Herin. Experience the warmth and the melancholy that make the blues so unique.

## Jellyfish Art: Pastels With Greg Maichack

Monday, June 27, 5:30 p.m. / Brooks Room

Pastel artist Greg Maichack will present "Jellyfish," a pastel-painting workshop. This fun, two-hour workshop will guide participants in producing their own pastel. Materials included. Space is limited, so [registration](#) is required. This program is intended for adults only.

Holiday Closings: June 20 for Juneteenth, July 4th



# Summer Reading 2022

## Read Beyond The Beaten Path

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to <https://wilbrahamlibrary.beanstack.org>. (We recommend downloading the Beanstack app available wherever you find apps for your device and to sign up that way.) If you have participated in past summer or winter reading programs here, log in using your already established account. Below are the particulars for each age group.

### Children

*(Pre-School to entering Grade 5)*



Sign up online or in the library on paper. If online via Beanstack, please use one family member's email to sign up everyone. You cannot use the same email twice. Children registering online can log their reading using the app. If registering on paper in the library, pick up your logbook in the Children's Department. To earn prizes, kids must read - or be read to - for 21 days during the summer, a minimum of 20 minutes each day. A parent or guardian needs to initial the completed log and return it to the library starting Tuesday, Aug. 2. Finishers will receive a free, new paperback book, a Rice Fruit

Farm ice cream cone coupon, a Texas Roadhouse kid's meal coupon, a coloring sheet, and prizes from our treasure chest. In addition, each finisher will be automatically entered into our raffles for gift cards. Children can pick up their prizes for finishing beginning Tuesday, Aug. 2.

-- Children's Librarian Heidi Kane

### Teens

*(Grades 6 to 12)*

The teen Summer Reading challenge is completely online, including registration. Read a book and write a short review to earn a new paperback, a coupon for homemade chips from Pafumi's To Go (or Stay), and a Rice Fruit Farm ice cream coupon. In addition, each logged book review will earn a raffle ticket to win prizes including gift cards, books and more. Up to eight reviews will be accepted. Teens can pick up non-raffle prizes beginning Tuesday, Aug. 2.



-- Teen Services Librarian Rachel Haggood

### Adults



Adults can sign up online and log up to eight books, along with a brief review of each, and earn up to eight tickets to compete for raffle prizes. Any adult who prefers to sign up in person or use a paper reading log can stop by the library to register and obtain a paper log. Or they create their own log and record up to eight books read along with a brief review of each. Paper reading logs must be returned to the library by Saturday, Aug. 13.

*Sponsored by the Wilbraham Friends of the Library, iRead, Wilbraham Cultural Council, Pathways for Parents, Rice Fruit Farm, Texas Roadhouse, Pafumi's To Go (or Stay), LUSO, Interskate91, the Massachusetts Library System, and the Boston Bruins.*

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



# Teen Services

All events funded by the Friends

## Coping With Stress and Negative Thoughts

### Teen Stress Survival Guide Workshop

Wednesday, Aug. 3, 3 p.m. / Brooks Room

*Note: This workshop is intended for teens and young adults ages 14 and up. A separate session for adults is being considered for a future date.*

Pressures from school, family, friends, work: Our teens are burdened by stress from all sides. Because untreated stress can lead to mental health conditions like depression, teens need to develop practical strategies to manage day-to-day stress. High school and college-age participants will learn the signs of stress and depression, identify strategies to manage stress, and begin to create a survival guide of their own.

This program will be facilitated by Families for Depression Awareness staff. A teen speaker will also talk about how they handled stress in their life and what coping skills they found helpful. [Register online.](#)



### 3 Steps to Overcoming Negative Thoughts

Tuesday, Aug. 2, 4 p.m. / Brooks Room

*Note: This workshop is intended for tweens ages 11-13 entering Grades 6 to 8. A separate session for parents is being considered for a future date.*



Maeve Ronan

Life is tough, but you're not in this alone. Hear from the local author of "It's the Depression for Me" on how to regain hope as a teenager. Maeve Ronan shares her personal story and provides practical tips for dealing with depression and anxiety. This workshop promises to leave you feeling inspired and empowered with strategies to believe in yourself and in your future. If you're ready to move beyond the negative thoughts in your head and start genuinely living life again, this workshop is for you. We will meet in the Brooks Room. Online [registration](#) is required. Sponsored by the Wilbraham Friends of the Library.

## Kids & Teens: Sign Up for Henna Tattoos

Tuesday, July 26: Kids sessions start at 11 a.m., Teens at 2 p.m.

Henna artist Mandy Roberge of Wicked Good Henna returns for one of our most popular youth programs. She offers hundreds of designs to choose from or works with attendees to create a design of their choice. Her henna paste is natural and handmade, and it

is both safe and temporary. Space is limited; registration is required through the [Events Calendar](#) on our website. The early session is for children entering grades 3 to 5. The later session is for teens entering grade 6 and up. Both are in our Brooks Room.



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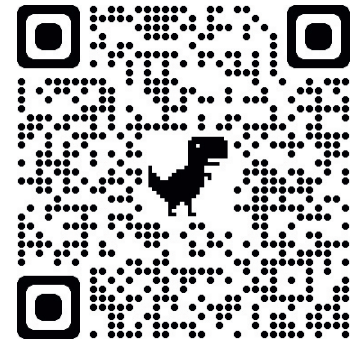
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## New & Renewing Friends, Feb. to April

Doug & Linda Burr, Joan & Robert Butler, Barbara Christie, Claire & David Clini, Edna Colcord, Colkos Family, Carol Conlon, Sheila Cregg, Kristine Crimmins, Linda Dagradi, Mary Danio, Meta DeSantis, Joyce & Larry Emerle, Candy & Rick Erickson, Kathy Farrell, M. Andree Fitzgerald, Mary Ann Gioscia, Nicola Gioscia, Marcy Griguoli, Kristina & John Guerin, Dan & Susan Hanscom, Rachel & Scott Hapgood, Megan Harrigan, Glenn Havican, Norma Hill, Judy & Rich Hoffman, Chet Jez, Liz & Steve Jones, Virginia Kasten, Janice Knittle, Joyce & Stephen Lewis, Jan Luczek, Frank & Ann Ludwig, Cynthia MacGowan, Harry MacLeod, Melanie Mannheim, Sara Martin, Gloria McDonald, Carol McMinn, Veronica Meschke, Michele Mills, Joan Monteiro, Ann Moore, Nelson Family, Cynthia O'Sullivan, Tanja Olson, David & Patrice Parke, Allan & Nancy Peck, Nicole Pelkey, Susan & Gary Petzold, Barbara Pilarcik, Carol Ross, Mary-Lou Sanderson, Kathleen & Frank Sarnelli, Roger & Patricia Schifferli, Debra Searles, Joe & Fran Selva, Donna Sherer, Fredy Steng, Patricia Hallberg & Stephen Brand, Claire & Ted Stevenson, Margaret Superneau, Tassinari Family, Jane Tencza, Tranghese Family, Karen Tresch, Marge & James Trimble, Trombley Associates, Phyllis Walsh, Jack & Ellen Welch, Ken White, Roger & Connie White, Marjorie & Bruce Williams. Five members wished to remain anonymous.

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## Travel Collection Updated

Just in time for summer, we have updated our collection of travel books with dozens of new titles and new editions of older ones. So whether you're planning a staycation with day trips to area attractions or a dream vacation to a destination thousands of miles away, search our online catalog to see what we've got coming in -- and make the most of your going out.