

Wilbraham Library News

Fall 2022

StoryWalk® Opens on Library Grounds

Our new StoryWalk® -- a wooded, quarter-mile path that winds past displays of a children's picture book -- is now open for the public to enjoy.

Library and town officials christened the graveled and groomed trail with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on July 15.

The StoryWalk® begins at the end of the sidewalk behind the library and continues into the woods on the northeast corner of the property. Displays, set apart at intervals, contain pages of a children's book so that families can enjoy the story from the path's beginning to its end.



The StoryWalk® opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on July 15. Doing the honors at the path's entrance were John Broderick, chair of the town's Community Preservation Committee; library Trustees Chair Linda Dagradi (left) and Library Director Karen Ball.

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Jack-o'-Lantern Contest, Halloween StoryWalk® Planned for Oct. 30

Families are invited to participate in the library's first Jack-o'-Lantern Contest on Sunday, Oct. 30, for what we hope will be an annual event.

Prizes will be given to the top jack-o'-lanterns, and participants will be entered to win a pie from Rice Fruit

Farm -- just in time for the holidays!

Register through the library's event calendar. One entry per family.

Jack-o'-lanterns should have an LED tealight for illumination, please -- no real candles.

This is a free event, but donations

to the Friends of the Library will be gratefully accepted.

Hot cider will be served, and there will be Halloween crafts and coloring pages in the Brooks Room. Set-up will begin at 3:30 p.m. and winners will be announced at 6 p.m.

Library Friends' Annual Book Sale Set for Sept. 14 to 17

The Wilbraham Friends of the Library annual book sale will be held Sept. 14 to 17 -- Wednesday to Saturday -- in our Brooks Room.

Sale hours will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wednesday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

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Help Us Usher In the Season

Fall can feel like a new beginning, when many people sense the changing season and the return to school as cues to buckle down or adopt lifestyle changes. As Jordan tells Daisy in "The Great Gatsby," "Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall." This is true too for us at the Friends as we shift our focus from the latest beach read to our fall events: the Book Sale in September and the Art Exhibit in October.

In addition, the regular monthly meetings of the Friends Board of



Directors resume in September. Our first meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 6 p.m. in the library. We encourage anyone curious about the Friends to attend. We are very interested in your ideas, suggestions and comments.

I hope to see you this fall!

-- Mary
Bandouveres,
Friends president



Trail Combines Literacy Activity, Nature Walk

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Every three weeks, weather permitting, a new story will be installed. When possible, stories will be selected according to themes of the season. We hope to add interactive components accessible to visitors with smartphones using QR codes.

Three benches are scheduled to be installed along the trail in memory of former Children's Librarian Elaine Wrubel, former library Trustee Llewellyn Merrick, and Walter and Elizabeth Worthington.

"We hope that the StoryWalk® will be enjoyed by families for years to come," Library Director Karen Ball said. "It is a great opportunity to combine early-literacy activities and nature walks, and to take advantage of the beautiful property around the library.

"One of the lessons that we have learned from the pandemic is that

library services are not just contained within the building," Ball said. "Hosting outdoor events and making improvements to the library grounds is beneficial to everyone."

The project was made possible with Community Preservation Act funds distributed by the Community Preservation Committee, and support from the Wilbraham Friends of the Library, the Wilbraham Community Association, the Wilbraham Garden Club, and private donations.

"We appreciate all the volunteers who have helped to prepare the picture book pages and who will be involved in maintaining the trail," Ball said.

The StoryWalk® concept was developed by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, Vt. StoryWalks have been installed in all 50 states as well as 12 countries, including Germany, England, Russia, Malaysia and Pakistan.

Donors Get Coupons For Two Free Books

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gently used books, CDs and DVDs will be accepted Friday, Sept. 9, to Monday, Sept. 12, during library hours. As a thank-you, donors will receive a coupon good for two free books from the sale.

Children's and adult books, fiction or nonfiction, hobby books and more are all welcome, as are CDs and DVDs. No VCR tapes, please. Due to space restrictions, the sale also cannot accept encyclopedias, magazines and Reader's Digest condensed novels.

Adult Programs

All programs meet in the Brooks Room unless otherwise noted

Intro to Ancestry Library Edition

Thursday, Sept. 8, 5:30 p.m.
Assistant Director Mary Bell will show participants tools to organize their searches as well as tips and tricks to employ. All skill levels are welcome. Registration required.

Watergate: 50 Years Later (Zoom program)

Monday, Sept. 12, 6 p.m.
Commemorate the events of the Watergate break-in with a virtual lecture and discussion with Daniel Breen. Registration required.

Saving at the Supermarket (Zoom program)

Wednesday, Sept. 21, 3 p.m.
Equip yourself with the tools to slash your grocery bill

while eating nutritiously with this informative and interactive workshop presented by Jill Patterson. Registration required.

Eating Wild with Russ Cohen

Thursday, Sept. 22, 3:30 p.m.
Join us for a walk around the library grounds and the neighborhood to look at locally grown edible vegetation. Cohen will show you what is available - and what to avoid.

1620: The First Year

Tuesday, Oct. 4, 7 p.m.
Historical performer Chris Daley returns for a presentation about the Pilgrims' landing in 1620.

Sean Gaskell Kora Performance

Wednesday, Oct. 5, 6:30 p.m.
Gaskell will give a performance and educational demonstration on the kora, an ancient 21-stringed harp from West Africa.

Peter Biedermann Guitar Experience

Wednesday, Oct. 12, 6:30 p.m.
Biedermann is a solo fingerstyle instrumental guitarist based in Green Valley, AZ.

The Rise of a True Crime Podcast (Zoom program)

Monday, Nov. 7, 7 p.m.
Diane Godfrey and Jordan Rich, cohosts of the podcast "All Rise with Diane Godfrey," will share how to create a podcast and how they came to start their own. Registration required.

Friends Art Show Set for October

The Wilbraham Friends of the Library Art Exhibit is scheduled for the month of October in the Brooks Room.

An artists' reception is planned for Saturday, Oct. 8, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Many of the artists will have pieces for sale at the reception.

The entry deadline is Sept. 24. There is no entry fee, but entrants must be members of the Friends. Applications are available at the library service desk.

We've Got 4 Ukuleles-to-Go, Each With Tuner, Extra Strings

We now have four Cordoba Ukuleles available for checkout.

The Córdoba Ukulele Player Pack features a soprano-sized, all-mahogany ukulele with a clip-on digital tuner and an extra set of strings. Also included are three picks and an instructional ukulele booklet to get you strumming in no time.

Ukuleles circulate for one week with one auto-renewal.

There are also a number of books available to check out with the ukuleles. They feature melody, lyrics and ukulele chord grids along with tips and techniques.



Prefer more direct instruction? Log into ArtistWorks with your library card through the Libby app for online ukulele lessons with Craig Chee and Sarah Maisel. The student can submit a video for review using the ArtistWorks Video Exchange

Learning platform. Craig and Sarah review each submission and record a video response with specific guidance to take your ukulele playing to the next level.

-- Borrower Services Coordinator Sue Witham

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS: 9/5 Labor Day, 10/10 Columbus Day, 11/11 Veterans Day, 11/24 Thanksgiving

Children's Services

Dates and times are subject to change due to unexpected circumstances

In-Person Story Times Return as Part of Fall Lineup

Story Time with our new assistant children's librarian, Rachel Smythe, will run for five weeks in the Brooks Room – on Wednesdays from Sept. 28 to Oct. 26, 10 to 10:45 a.m. – for kids ages 3 to 5. Children come in independently; parents and caretakers must wait in the library. Sign up on our online Events Calendar beginning Sept. 12.

Read to Cadence: Megan Marshall, a volunteer from Bright Spot

Reading Buddies, will bring her dog, Cadence, to the library for children to read to. Kids in grades kindergarten to 4 can sign up for 10-minute slots. Cadence will be here once a month on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. Sign up online. Check our Events Calendar for details.

Family Gingerbread Houses:

Monday, Dec. 5, in the Brooks Room. Grades kindergarten to 5. Each family can sign up to decorate one

house together to take home, so siblings must decorate together. Single children can decorate with a parent or guardian. All materials included. Registration is required and starts Nov. 7 online.

Happy Fall!

-- Children's Librarian Heidi Kane and
Assistant Children's Librarian Rachel
Smythe

466 Participate in Summer Reading

Great job to those who finished their summer reading challenge! Enrollment for this year's Summer Reading program, "Read Beyond the Beaten Path," totaled 466 children and teens. We had awesome prizes for finishers, including a new book of their choice.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped us make this important literacy program a success and encouraged kids and teens to read during the summer months: the Wilbraham Friends of the Library, the Wilbraham Cultural Council, iREAD, the Massachusetts Library System, the Boston Bruins, Pathways for Parents, LUSO Federal Credit Union, Rice Fruit Farm, Fenway Golf, One Book One Community, Wilbraham Pafumi's To Go (or stay), InterSkate 91, Springfield Texas Roadhouse, The Wilbraham-Hampden Times, the Junior Library Guild, teachers, parents, and library staff. This important program would not be possible without the collective effort of the community and donations/memberships made to the Wilbraham Friends of the Library.



Ukrainian Children Art Show: The Children's Department this fall is hosting an exhibit of artwork from Ukrainian children ages 7 to 15. The exhibit, called "The Ideal House," has been circulating at libraries in the Northeast since 2015. It was organized by the Fermata Arts Foundation Inc. of Avon, Conn., which is dedicated to shaping a cultural dialogue with post-Soviet countries.

Pathways for Parents

Unless noted, these programs will be held in-person in our Brooks Room. Sign up on our website's Events page.

Grow, Play and Learn With Nicole Landry:

This play group will meet on Tuesdays, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., from October to December. Learn how to increase your child's attention span with sensory play. For children 18 months to 4 years old with an adult.

Story Yoga: Classes are scheduled for Thursdays in October (Oct. 6, 13, 20 and 27) from 10 to 10:45 a.m. This inclusive workshop is for children ages 2 to 5 with an adult. Yoga poses and stories are woven together to create an interactive process.

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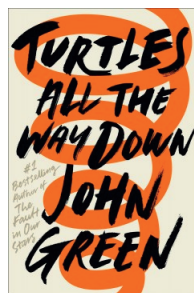
Teen Services

Unless otherwise noted, programs are for Grades 6-12, supported by the Wilbraham Friends of the Library, and require online registration

TAB, Book Club Begin New Seasons

We look forward to kicking off another year of the **Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**. One of our first projects for the year will be designing a logo and T-shirt for the Teen Advisory Board members. If you know someone in Grades 6 to 12 who likes to design and create, and plan teen programs, please let them know about TAB. Our first monthly meeting is Monday, Sept. 19, at 5 p.m. in the Brooks Room. Oh, and there are always snacks. Sign up, join us, and let your teen voice be heard!

Teen Book Club (Grades 7 to 12) will meet monthly on Fridays at 3:30 pm, and this year we have added pizza to our book club. The club is facilitated by the teen librarian. Teens in Grades 7 to 12 can join us to discuss a YA book primarily chosen by the group. (Note that we have expanded the group to Grade 7 this year.) Our first meeting is Oct. 7, when we will discuss "Turtles All the Way Down" by John Green. Online registration is required so that we can plan for the pizza. New members always welcome.



-- Teen Librarian Rachel Hapgood

Congrats To Our Teen Readers

We had a successful year of teen summer reading with 100 teens signing up, 365 books read and reviewed, and 75 finishers. It was so great to see all the teens come into the library to choose their teen book and prizes. Thank you to the teen readers and the community for all your support with our summer reading!

'Teens Who Code' Back Beginning Oct. 5

Teens Who Code will have their first meeting of the school year on Wednesday, Oct. 5, at 3:30 pm. Facilitated by Mrs. Christine Goonan and held in the Brooks Room, this club is looking for new members. Grades 6 to 12 can explore project-based coding in a fun and friendly environment. All attendees need a laptop to join in.

Make Your Own Art, Ornament, Gingerbread House

Teen Makers: Intention Bracelets: On Monday, Sept. 26, at 4 p.m., teens will brainstorm to set their intention and then create a bracelet with that word or phrase.



Registration required. Our next **Teen Paint Sip Fun** workshop will be Nov. 14 at 5:30 p.m. Teens decide what painting to create that night by participating in a survey in the Teen Loft during September. Also in November, Heather Beck returns for a **Teen Copper Ornament Workshop**. The teens made copper bookmarks with Heather in 2019, so we look forward to trying something new. A **Teen Gingerbread House Workshop** will be held Monday, Dec. 5. Mandy from Wicked Good Henna will be here in person to run these workshops. Space will be limited, so watch for signups.

Pathways Programs (Cont. from Page 4)

Renee Coro: This program, for toddlers 18 to 24 months with an adult, will meet Wednesdays on Nov. 2, 9, 16 and 30 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Children will engage in many aspects of music including singing, instruments and movement.

Communication and Play With Megan Golightly: Zoom program on Nov. 10 at 6 p.m. Parents and caregivers will receive training to help them understand their child's communication skill level. Register on the Pathways website:

<https://bit.ly/3C2QmX1>

Pathways for Parents is administered by Ludlow Public Schools and is funded by the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Grant through the MA Department of Early Education and Care.

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Author Talk with Maeve Ronan

Monday, Oct. 3, 5 p.m.

For teens only: Hear from the local author of "It's the Depression for Me" on how to regain hope as a teenager. Maeve shares her personal story and provides practical tips for dealing with depression and anxiety. For students entering Grades 6 to 8. [Register on our Events Calendar.](#) Refreshments will be served.



Library Hires Four To Fill Staff Vacancies

The library welcomes four new staff members who are filling vacancies that resulted from recent departures.

Emilie Lang is a new borrower services assistant. A recent graduate of Mount Holyoke College, Emilie is now enrolled in a

graduate library studies program at Simmons College.

Tim Symington is a new adult services librarian. Tim had been a temporary library employee working Sundays during the academic year.

Rachel Smythe is the new assistant

children's librarian. Rachel had previous library experience at a military base overseas.

Deborah Montgomery has joined the staff as a library page. Debbie had already been working as a page here under the Senior Tax Work Off Program.

New & Renewing Friends, May to July

Lynda & Gordon Allen, Mahesh Bajaj, Mary Besko, Len & Judy Borsari, Richard & Ann Carver, Carole Cavros, Richard & Felice Coffey, Mary Doyle, Pauline Fillion, Dawn Fitzgerald, Ruth Giroux, Carolyn Glew, Sandy & Swain & Jim Gosselin, Susan & Chris Hall, Ron Dearden & Carol Hansen, Sally Hawley, Virginia Lasonde, Barbara Mancuso, Mary Manning, Ginny McKeon, Deborah Montgomery, Elizabeth Pecoy, Linda Phaneuf, Louise Phelan, Ed & Connie Robinson, Walter & Laurel Stachura, Jay & Kathy Taylor, Gloria Tomassetti, Jerry & Barbara Urlage. Four members wished to remain anonymous.

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