

Wilbraham Library News

Winter 2022-23

This Wintertime, Cozy Up With a Good Book Club

The library began one new book club this year and welcomed the return of another that had stopped meeting at the beginning of the pandemic.

The new club, facilitated by Adult Services Librarian Tim Symington, focuses on American History. Participants will gather next on Jan. 23 to discuss "Common Ground: A Turbulent Decade in the Lives of Three American Families" by J. Anthony Lukas.

In addition, this year marked the return of the Cookbook Book Club, also facilitated by Symington. Members pick a recipe from a book that the group selects and brings the cooked goods for all to enjoy. Members are asked to register and list their chosen recipe so there are no duplicates.

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Cold-Weather Reading for Fun, Prizes

All ages are invited to sign up for our annual Winter Reading Challenge in January and February.

We have three programs -- children (grades K-5), teens (grades 6-12) and adults -- each with rules specific to that age group. However, all successful participants are eligible for raffle prizes and, in some instances, a free paperback book. [You can find details for each](#)

[program on our website.](#)
[wilbrahamlibrary.org.](#)

Registration starts on the first day of the program, Jan. 1. All reading must be completed by Feb. 28.

As with summer reading, participants in the children's and teens' programs will use the Beanstack program exclusively to log their books and leave reviews.

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Mon to Wed 9-8
Thurs & Fri 9-5
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World Issues Take Center Stage Starting Feb. 1 *Group Meets Wednesdays Till March 22*

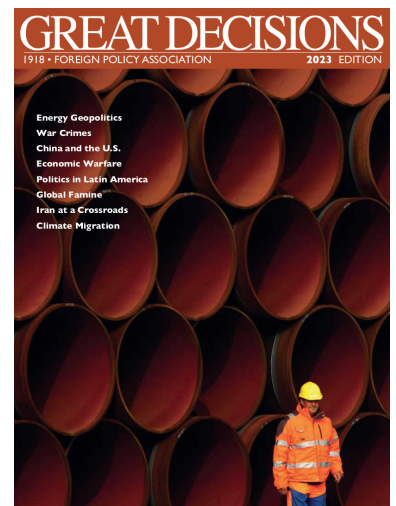
The 2023 edition of the Great Decisions discussion group begins Feb. 1, meeting in our Brooks Room on Wednesdays from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Here are this year's discussion topics:

- Energy geopolitics
- War crimes

- China and the U.S.
- Economic warfare
- Politics in Latin America
- Global famine
- Iran at a crossroads
- Climate migration

For details, call or stop by the front desk or visit the Great Decisions page on our website: <https://bit.ly/3fZzojW>



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Book Sale Returning to Spring

Another book sale is behind us and what a great success it was! From a financial standpoint, the sale raised \$3,886, or nearly 20 percent of the \$20,000 the Wilbraham Friends of the Library works to give the library each year. What really was impressive was the amazing turnout of dedicated volunteers – the sale could not happen without them.

We did hear from many customers that they were used to the sale being held in the spring. There are also many fairs and festivals that conflict with a fall book sale. The WFOL has decided to hold the next book sale from June 7 to 10, 2023, and go back to the annual tradition of a spring book sale.

As the holidays approach and our lives get a little more hectic, remember to put the Dec. 12 "A Holiday Hour of

Music" on your calendar. Popular local crooner Freddie Marion will regale us with a variety of holiday music from 7 to 8 p.m. This is a "holiday" concert as we plan to have music from a variety of cultures celebrating the season in as many ways as we can. The concert is free but donations are gladly accepted.

Last but not least, think of a practical WFOL travel mug or warm & cozy fleece blanket as you start your gift giving. Both are available at the front desk.

I hope to see you singing along at the concert on Dec. 12!



-- Mary Bandouveres, Friends president

Holiday Concert

Entertainer Freddie Marion will sing seasonal favorites in "A Holiday Musical Hour" on Monday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m. in our Brooks Room.

Marion, who grew up singing with his church and school choirs in his hometown of Holyoke, now has more than 40 years in the industry and keeps a busy touring schedule.

The show, sponsored by the Wilbraham Friends of the Library, is free, though donations will be accepted.



The Friends' Annual Book Sale was another success this fall, with \$3,886 raised for library programs. Next year, the sale returns to the springtime, June 7 to 10.

Adult Programs

All programs meet in the Brooks Room unless otherwise noted

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lineup long anchored by our monthly Booked for Lunch and Evening Book Discussion programs, led by Library Director Karen Ball and Assistant Library Director Mary Bell, respectively.

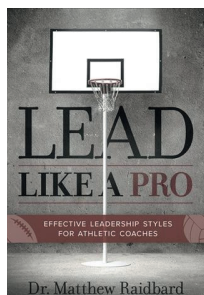
A number of other book groups meet at the library but are not led by library staff. Those include the Classics

Book Club, facilitated by Jessica Magill, which focuses on great works of literature such as "Robinson Crusoe" and "The

Third Man."

All book clubs gladly receive new members. Except for the Cookbook Book Club, registration is not necessary and drop-ins are welcome.

Our website has a lineup of books to be discussed for each club. On our home page toolbar, look under "Events" and click on "[Book Discussion Groups](#)." We also have fliers available on the wall by our coffee machine.



Matthew Raidbard: Learn How to Lead Like a Pro

Wednesday, Dec. 7, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Matthew Raidbard's book "Lead Like a Pro" will teach you new ways to enhance your leadership style and become a better coach for your athletes and team. Learn how to evaluate your current practices so you can develop a strong leadership style that fits your personal values and beliefs.

Arm Yourself Against Phone, Internet Scams

Thursday, Dec. 8, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Scammers are everywhere, especially on the phone and online. Do you know how to keep your smart device protected, how to navigate social media, does online banking make you nervous? An expert from the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation will be in the Brooks Room to answer those questions, give you tips for safely navigating the web, and suggest how to keep you protected from scams and identity theft.



Introduction to Ancestry Library Edition

Thursday, Jan. 12, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Assistant Library Director Mary Bell will give a hands-on demonstration of Ancestry Library Edition. Participants will use library computers or their own laptops to access the database and search for themselves. Each person will get a starter kit with forms and tips for researching genealogy. This program is free but space is limited. Sign-ups begin Dec. 1.

Soupeater Concert



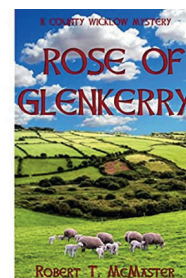
Sunday, Jan. 29, 2-4 p.m.

If you like Tin Pan Alley-era music (1900-1940s), you won't want to miss these two musicians, Sue Hill and Peter Lehdorff. Join us as they sing songs from the period, such as "Hello My Baby" and "Shine on Harvest Moon," and also some of their jazzier selections. Sounds like a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

Author Talk with Robert McMaster

Monday, March 6, 6-7:30 p.m.

Robert McMaster, author of the new book "Rose of Glenkerry: A County Wicklow Mystery," will share his experiences writing about the Emerald Isle.



-- Adult Services Librarian Tim Symington

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS: Dec. 24-26 (Christmas), Jan. 1-2 (New Year's), Jan. 16 (MLK Jr. Day), Feb. 20 (Presidents Day)

Children's Services

All programs are free, but registration is required for most & space is limited

Winter Story Time with Rachel Smythe

*Wednesdays, Jan. 11 to
Feb. 15, 10-10:45 a.m.*

Kid's ages 3 1/2 to 5 years old who are able to come in independently will participate in winter-themed stories, songs and a craft. Registration starts Dec. 27. Stop in or call to sign up.



take 15 to 20 minutes to complete. We will have coloring pages for pre-schoolers. Just drop in; no registration is required.

Take & Make Kits

Through the winter

While supplies last, in the Children's Department.

Read to Cadence

*First Tuesdays,
January to May,
3:30-4:30 p.m.*

Megan Marshall, a volunteer from Bright Spot Reading Buddies, will bring her dog Cadence to the library for children to read to. Kids ages 5 and up can sign up for a 10-minute slot. Kids are asked to bring a book to read. This program is designed to help children gain confidence and reduce anxiety about reading. Ten-minute slots run from 3:30-4:30. Sign-ups for Jan. 3 start on Dec. 15.

Saturday Crafternoon

Jan. 14 & Feb. 11, 10-11:45 a.m.

Kids grades K-5 can drop in for our special craft with Ms. Rachel, assistant children's librarian. These crafts only

Learn Chess / Parachute Kits

Check out our chess kit or sign out our Learn to Play Chess game to play in the library. Also, check out our new Parachute Kits, sizes 8 feet or 12 feet.

The events and services listed above are sponsored by the Wilbraham Friends of the Library. See our website for February break events. Everyone enjoy the holidays, stay warm and don't forget to sign up online for Winter Reading.

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

Pathways for Parents

Grow, Play & Learn with Nicole Landry

*Tuesdays, Jan. 10 to Feb. 28, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
(No class Feb. 21)*

Play group in the Brooks Room. Learn to increase your child's attention span with ways to support sensory play along with meeting other people. For kids 18 months to 4 years old with a parent or caregiver. Call or stop by to sign up.

Communications & Cooking [Zoom]

Thursday, Jan.19, 4:30 p.m.

Music & Movement with Jennifer Bilodeau

Mondays, Feb. 6, 13 & 27, 10-11 a.m.

STEAM with Jennifer [Zoom]

Wednesday, Feb. 15, 4:30 p.m.



These children, along with their parents and caregivers, attended one of our recent Grow, Play and Learn activities in the library's Brooks Room. That program and others listed at left are made possible by Pathways for Parents with a Coordinated Family and Community Engagement grant administered by the Collaborative for Educational Services.

Teen Services

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

TAB & Terrariums

In the spirit of community service, our Teen Advisory Board (TAB) has been busy making fleece hats for the library's Giving Tree, and fleece blankets for Shriners Hospital for Children in Springfield. On **Monday, Dec. 19**, at 4 p.m., join us for **TAB**

Terrariums & Reunion. Current members are inviting TAB alumni to join in the terrarium fun! Representatives from The Burncoat Center for Arts & Wellness in Worcester will teach teens how to make terrariums, and then TAB will reunite over pizza and drinks.



Teen Creation Station

TAB has come up with new ideas for library programs including a monthly after-school program on Fridays called Teen Creation Station beginning **Jan. 13** at 3:30 p.m. Teens can explore making creations with our 3-D pens, building with Keva Planks, and using Perler Beads to make popular designs. Watch for our next session Feb. 10 for Valentine cookie decorating.

Cookie Decorating

A special Teen Makers program will take place on **Tuesday, Jan. 10**. Mandy Roberge of Wicked Good Henna will teach teens cookie decorating techniques on a theme chosen by TAB.

Quilled Hearts Cards

Garine from Kulina Folk Art will teach paper quilling on **Tuesday, Feb. 7**, from 6 to 7 p.m. Teens will go home from the Quilled Hearts Greeting Card Workshop with a beautiful card for Valentine's Day.

'Stranger Things' Escape Room

We will have a "Stranger Things" Escape Room on **Tuesday, Feb. 21**, during three time slots. Teens will work together to solve puzzles based on the Netflix show "Stranger Things" and escape the Brooks Room.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

TAB is also pleased to announce our annual Stuffed Animal Sleepover over February vacation. Facilitated by the teens, kids will drop off their stuffed animals on **Thursday, Feb. 23**, and pick up their stuffed animals on **Friday, Feb. 24**. Registration will be in the Children's Department in early February.

Teen Movies Return in 2023

We will kick off the year with a Teen Movie Day on **Friday, Jan. 20** (an early-release day for HWRSD) and a blockbuster film! Stay tuned to our website for TAB's teen movie pick and more details.



Our next Teen Paint Sip Fun is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7, so look for sign-up info. And remember to sign up for Teen Winter Reading on Beanstack to win a book of your choice and chances to win gift cards and more!

-- Teen Services Librarian Rachel Hapgood

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Sunday Programs: Uke Jams & Drop-in LEGO Creations

This fall we introduced two Sunday afternoon programs that will continue into the winter months.

The first is an informal Ukulele Jam Session, next scheduled for **Dec. 18** from 2 to 3:30 p.m. This is for all ages and all abilities.

Bring your ukulele, music stand

and sheet music, and strum away in our Brooks Room.

The second is a LEGO Creations drop-in session, where youngsters ages 3 and over can stop by and build their masterpieces with the LEGO blocks provided.

The next the session is scheduled

for **Dec. 11** from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Brooks Room. We will take pictures of your creations and post to our Facebook page. (Sorry, these LEGOs live at the library and can't go home with you.)

Check the Events Calendar on our website for dates in the new year.

New & Renewing Friends from August to October

Ann Bagge, Bandouveres Family, Melissa Binns, Suzanne Boudreau, Elaine Broderick, Maria Cacela, Virginia Collins-English, Martha & Walter Damon, Diehl Family, Susan Dominick, Richard & Eileen Duffy, Phyllis Ervin, Timothy Murphy & Marylou Fabbo, Lana & Tom Gour, Mandy Greene, John & Rita Grover, Richard Hanrahan, Daniel Hatten, Donna Hick, Nancy L. Joyce, Lois Kalesnik, Eloise Genest & Robert Kelliher, Kellogg Family, Gloria King, Ellen Leritz, Martha & Greg Lyman, Lorraine MacAlpine, Brad & Nancy MacPherson, Meagan Michel, Leo Morrissey, Sheila Nadolski, Doris Naiman, Sarah Nolan, Jennifer Pelletier, Barbara Pino, James & Corry Rooks, James Ryan, Lydia Bell & James Sadoski, Dorothy Schwendenmann, Mary Ellen Scott, Patricia & Ronald Serra, Daniel & Janet Shea, Sam & Beverly Williams, Stanley & Domenica Zakrocki. Three members wish to remain anonymous.

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