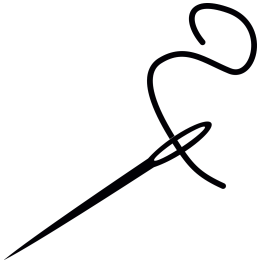


Wilbraham Library News

Spring 2023

New Library 'Things': Sewing Machine, Puzzles, Lamp

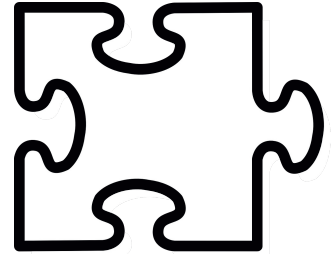


Want to borrow a sewing machine? How about a "Happy Light" to brighten your day? You can get them here, with your library card, as our list of non-book resources -- also

known as our "Library of Things" -- continues to grow.

In recent months we have also added 20 puzzles to our collection. These are in addition

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Friends' Book Sale Returns to Spring Schedule

The annual book sale returns to its spring spot on the calendar this year.

The sale is scheduled for Wednesday, June 7, to Saturday, June 10. Book donations will be accepted June 2, 3 and 5. (The library will be closed June 4, a Sunday.)

The Wilbraham Friends of the Library runs the annual sale, its chief fundraiser for the year.

"We historically have had the book sale in the spring, but due to Covid



regulations and using the Brooks Room for quarantining, the first opportunity we had to resume book sales was fall

2021," said Mary Bandouveres, Friends president.

"We continued on that

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Clear Out The Clutter

It's time for spring cleaning, the perfect time to attend our program on "Simple Steps to Getting Organized!" by Jenna Elliott.

Elliott, founder of The Naked Flower and a professional organizer, will be in the Brooks Room on Saturday, May 6, at 10 a.m. to talk about the things we can

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Mon to Wed 9-8
Thurs & Fri 9-5
Sat 9-2
Sun 12-5 (ends 5/21)

Closed Holidays

Learn Zentangle: 2 Sessions

Adults can learn the art of Zentangle drawing in afternoon workshops at the library this spring, the latest additions to our Sunday programming.

Zentangle instructor Kathy Cody will be here on Sunday, March 26, at 2 p.m. for a "beginners" workshop. She returns Sunday, April 30, at 2 p.m. for an "intermediate" workshop.

Zentangle is the art of creating beautiful images by drawing patterns, or "tangles," according to the website www.zentangle.com. "You create tangles with combinations of dots, lines, simple curves, S-curves and orbs. ... You don't need to know what a tangle is going to look like to draw it. You just need to know the steps. The result is a delightful surprise."



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20 Puzzles Added To 'Library of Things'

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to our ukuleles, a telescope, Nintendo Switch games, pickleball sets, metal detectors, digital film scanners and other items.

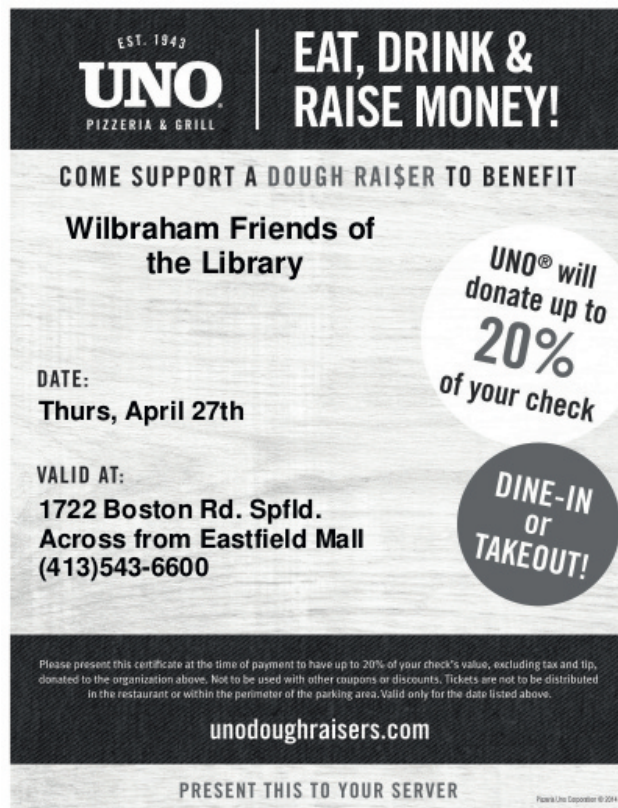
For a full list, go to our home page, write "[Library of Things](#)" in the search box -- the white rectangle near the top of the page -- and click on the black box that says "Find It!"

As of this writing, the portable sewing machine --- an easy-to-use Singer M1500 -- is still being processed but is expected to be in our catalog shortly. The HappyLight Luxe, an LED light therapy lamp, is already available for checkout.

Friends' Fundraiser

Eat at Uno's on April 27 and 20% of the Bill Goes to WFOL

Support the WFOL by eating out at the Uno Pizzeria & Grill on Boston Road on April 27. Bring this coupon (at right) with you or show a picture of it on your phone and WFOL will get 20 percent of your total check including catering, take-out, and even bar purchases. Help us spread the word! More coupons will be available at the library.



Clothing Drive Planned for May

The Friends are holding a clothing drive on Saturday, May 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday, May 7, from noon to 5 p.m.

The Friends are working to raise awareness of waste and inspire consumers to take responsible action through donations and upcycling. Please set aside cast-off clothes and household textiles like bedding and curtains and bring them to the library during the collection dates. The Friends will receive a per pound payment for these items which will go directly to the library for programs, museum passes, equipment and other needed items.

Adults: Learn the Art of Zentangle in Two Workshops This Spring

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The workshops, for adults only, are free and supplies will be provided. However, space is limited. [Register though our Events Calendar](#) at wilbrahamlibrary.org.

The library has beefed up its Sunday offerings with ukulele jam sessions, Lego Creations for kids, and movie screenings. Sunday hours -- noon to 5 p.m. -- run September to May. The last Sunday opening this spring will be May 21.

Book Sale

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schedule in fall 2022 as we thought a spring sale would have been too soon," she said. "Due to scheduling issues with the Brooks Room, customers' requests to move the sale back to the spring, volunteer availability and less competition with other events in the spring vs. fall, we moved it back to the spring."

Adult Programs

All programs meet in the Brooks Room unless otherwise noted

Music



Craig Harris, percussionist

Tom O'Carroll of Dublin will share stories of Ireland through his guitar and original songs in "**A Concert of Irish Music and Song**" on Wednesday, March 29, at 6 p.m.

Craig Harris will show off his percussion skills with "**Drum Away the Blues**" on Tuesday, May 2, at 6 p.m.

Whisper Not, a concert about the power of the voice to share stories and spark change, will be presented on Wednesday, May 10, at 6 p.m. Vocalist and flutist Sarah Clay leads the award-winning StarCats trio with Draa Hobbs, guitar, and Steve Bulmer, bass, in arrangements of Pop, Latin Jazz, Swing & Soul. This concert is supported in part by a grant from the Wilbraham Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Lectures/Discussions

The **Great Decisions** discussion series will continue through March every Wednesday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Topics will include Latin American politics, Iran, and climate migration.

Robert T. McMaster, author of "**Rose of Glenkerry: A County Wicklow Mystery**," will talk about his experience writing about Ireland on Monday, March 6, at 6 p.m. Copies of the book will be available at the event.

If you would like to learn more about climate change and its effect on the planet, join us Wednesday, April 5, at 6 p.m. to hear Dr. Carsten Braun from Westfield State University. His presentation, "**Climate Change 101: The Science, the Impacts, the Solutions**," should be very informative.

Ronny Le Blanc, author of "Monsterland: Encounters with UFOs, **Bigfoot** and Orange Orbs," will be here Wednesday, April 12, at 6 p.m. to talk about the possibility of Sasquatch being seen in Massachusetts. Le Blanc has been featured on Animal Planet's "Finding Bigfoot" and the Travel Channel's "Expedition Bigfoot."



Ronny Le Blanc, author

Assistant Library Director Mary Bell will give a hands-on demonstration of **Ancestry Library Edition** on Thursday, April 13, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.. Participants will use library computers or their own laptops to access the database and do their own searches. Each person will get a starter kit with forms and tips. This program is free but space is limited. [Sign up online](#).

-- Adult Services Librarian Tim Symington

Professional Organizer Will Offer Tips in May Talk

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all do daily, weekly and monthly to reduce clutter and increase efficiency.

Attendees will learn how to develop systems to know what to purge, create "hot zones" to help tackle clutter, use

their calendar and to-do list more effectively, tackle the paper trail, and discover websites, stores and literature to help them on their way to a more organized life. To sign up, visit our website or call the library.

Children's Activities

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



Youngsters play during a Story Time with Ms. Rachel earlier this year. (Photo by Rachel Smythe)

Spring Story Time With Ms. Rachel

Wednesdays March 8 to April 12

Children ages 3½ to 5 who are able to come in independently will participate in fun, themed stories, songs and a craft. Stop in or call to sign up.

Saturday Craft & Play

March 11, April 22

Kids, all ages, can drop in for our special craft with Ms. Rachel. Come to the Brooks Room between 10 and 11:45 a.m. for a fun craft. These crafts take only 10 to 15 minutes to complete. Coloring pages and KEVA Planks will be available for free play. No registration required.

Story Yoga

Thursdays April 27 to May 18

Yoga for preschoolers with specialist Lisa Katz. For kids ages 2 to 5 and their parent or guardian, in our Brooks

Room. This is a fun-filled workshop of animal yoga poses and breathing exercises. Sign-ups start April 3. Call or stop in.

Take and Makes

Anytime

Fun crafts to take home and make, available through the spring as supplies last. Find them in the Children's Department.

April Vacation Week

Tuesday to Saturday, April 18-22
(Closed Monday for Patriots Day)

All week: Stop by and pick up one of our Take and Make Crafts. Learn to play chess in the library or check out our kit. Check out our selection of books, movies, tablets, kits and games to entertain while the kids are off from school.

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These programs and activities are sponsored by the Wilbraham Friends of the Library. Look for our summer reading program in June.

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

Pathways for Parents Programs

Grow, Play & Learn with Nicole Landry

Tuesdays, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

For children ages 18 months to 4 years with a parent or caregiver. This play group is designed to increase your child's attention span with sensory play and through interaction with others. Call or stop in to sign up.

Lunch Brunch with Ms. Jennifer

Fridays April 7, 14 & 21, noon to 12:45 p.m.

For children ages 15 months to 3 years with parent or caregiver. Children and their families will have a chance to build healthy relationships over food choices, incorporating items from the five food groups to create and enjoy a healthy snack together. We will listen to an interactive book while eating our creations. (Nut-free and dairy-free foods will be offered). Sign-ups are required by calling or stopping in starting March 20.

Music with Renee Coro

Wednesdays, May 3, 10 & 24, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

For children ages 3½ to 5 with a parent or caretaker. Fun-filled class of songs and games. Sign-ups start April 10. Call or stop in to sign up.

Teen Services

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

Teens Who Code continues to meet monthly through April on the first Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 1, at 3:30 p.m. in the Teen Loft.

Teen Paint Sip Fun is planned for Tuesday, March 7, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Teens will learn to paint from a selection of their own choosing. This popular teen program will fill up fast. Check out our website for painting choice.

Our next monthly **Teen Creation Station** will be on Friday, March 10, at 3 p.m., where a new station will be added: **Learn to Knit**. Teens can participate in up to three stations. Past examples include 3-D pens, building with KEVA Planks, using Perler Beads to make popular designs, and creating Paint by Sticker art. Stations will vary at each program. With the addition of a knitting station, each interested teen will get a Knitting Starter Set for attending and will learn the knit stitch. The goal is to get each teen knitting to create a simple project.

Our **Teen Advisory Board (TAB)** continues to meet monthly during the school year on Mondays from 4 to 5 p.m. Teens can join TAB to voice their opinions about teen programs, the Teen Loft, books and more. Our next meeting is Monday, March 20. New members are always welcome.

-- Teen Services Librarian Rachel Hapgood

Teen Movie



(Photo by Rachel Hapgood)

During April vacation, teens are invited to a Teen Movie on Thursday, April 20, at 2 p.m. There will be pizza, candy, drinks and friends. Watch our website for TAB's movie pick and more details.

Teen Makers: 1 Night, 2 Options: Intention Bracelets or Quilled Hearts



Join us for **Teen Makers: Intention Bracelets & Quilled Hearts** on Tuesday, April 4, at 5 p.m. Choose one craft to learn, either an intention bracelet or the art of quilling. Decide on your own personal intention, and then stamp it onto a bracelet. There are lots of bracelet colors, including black. Or learn the art of quilling and go home with a kit and materials to finish two greeting cards. When signing up, specify your choice of craft.



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Thursday: Movie Day Family friendly, G-rated, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Brooks Room

Friday: Lunch Bunch! Noon. Part of a 3-week session for kids 15 months to 3 years. Check for availability.

Saturday: Craft & Play, 10 to 11:45 a.m. All ages. No registration.

Please check our website, www.wilbrahamlibrary.org, for more information on these and other children's programs.

Read to Cadence

Tuesdays, March 7, April 4 and May 2. Ten-minute slots from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Megan Marshall, a volunteer from Bright Spot Reading Buddies, brings her dog Cadence to the library for children to read to. Ages 5 and up can sign up for 10-minute slots to read to this friendly, furry companion. Kids are asked to bring a book to read from. This program is designed to help kids gain confidence and reduce anxiety about reading. Sign up by calling.

New and Renewing Friends from November to January

Karen Ball, Jennifer Banker, Norma Bandarra, Catherine & John Callaghan, Virginia Carlson, Paul & Nancy Carlson, Claire Cloutier, Judith Cmero, Bernard Davidow, Pat & Maria DeAngelis, Megan Donnelly, Shirley Facey, Carol Fountain, Robert & Joan Heyman, Elaine & Robert Holdsworth, Susan James, Thomas & Ann Mango, Maserati Family, Terry & Poppy Nelson, Harriet Pabich, Elin Gaynor & Philip Pers, Patricia Pio, Kathleen Reed, Sarah Rowe, Elizabeth Setian, Brad & Margaret Sperry, Patricia Tessier, Lewis & Kathleen Timpson, Karen & Jim Woods-Mauer, Barbara Wheeler. Three others wish to remain anonymous.

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