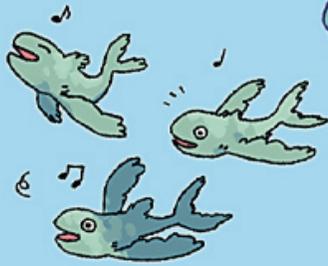


Wilbraham Library News

Summer 2023

Find Your Voice!



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Summer Reading Programs Launch June 17

This year's Summer Reading Challenge begins Saturday, June 17, although participants can preregister as early as June 1.

The theme for 2023 is "Find Your Voice!"

We are happy to announce the return of raffle prizes for this year's challenge.

It's easy to join. Participants in

every age group can sign up online. To get to the registration site, go to our website and click on the center slide for Summer Reading 2023. Or go directly to <https://wilbrahamlibrary.beanstack.org>.

We recommend downloading the free Beanstack app (available through the app store for your device) and use it to sign up. If you

have participated in past summer or winter reading programs here, log in using your already established account.

The program runs through Aug. 12.

Details for each age group can be found inside this newsletter on Page 4.



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Annual Book Sale Promises Bargains Aplenty

The annual book sale begins Wednesday, June 7, and runs through Saturday, June 10, in our Brooks Room.

Hours will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 7, 8 and 9; and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on June 10.

This is the year's major fundraiser for the Wilbraham Friends of the Library. All proceeds go toward library programs.

The Friends will accept donations of gently used books, DVDs and CDs on June 2, 3 and 5 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 VHS tapes, please.

Due to space restrictions, the sale cannot accept encyclopedias, magazines or Reader's Digest condensed novels.

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Supercharge Your Family Research

Sign Up for 1, 2 or All 3 Classes This Summer

Widen Your Search

On occasion you might be unable to find a book, a DVD or a CD in CW MARS, our regional library network.

But don't stop there.

Massachusetts has the Commonwealth Catalog, which allows patrons to request items from libraries in other parts of the state. You can file the request yourself, or we can do it for you.

Still no luck? Our reference desk can file a request on your behalf with the Massachusetts Library System, which sends requests for hard-to-find items to libraries nationwide.

Call us at 413-596-6141 for more information.

Have you already searched Ancestry Library Edition and want to know what else the library has to offer for your family history research?

Join Assistant Library Director Mary Bell in discovering the genealogy resources available, both in-library only and at home.

Each session will cover a different resource, and participants can come to one, two or all three. Here are the topics and dates:

- Fold 3 (military), Newspapers.com, and HeritageQuest on Friday, June 30, at 3 p.m.
- FamilySearch.org on Friday, July 7, at 3 p.m.
- American Ancestors on Friday, July 14, at 3 p.m.

The sessions are designed to give a broad overview of searching records in each database, and to be interactive

with searches that Bell will perform based on audience questions as well as her own research.

"Ancestry Library Edition has by far been our most popular genealogy research database," said Bell. "I designed this series to dig into more of what we offer, whether it be a War of 1812 pension through Fold 3 or Mayflower descendant research in American Ancestors. Each product has its own unique features and records."

All of the products covered are available in-library during regular library hours. HeritageQuest and FamilySearch are accessible remotely.

This program is free and open to the public. Sign-ups are going on now.

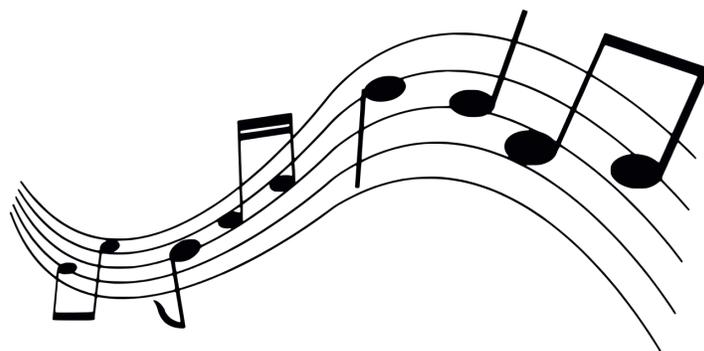
For more information or to register, call the library at 413-596-6141 or visit the [Events Calendar online at www.wilbrahamlibrary.org](#).

Adult Programs

All programs meet in the Brooks Room unless otherwise noted

Summer Concerts

This summer we are again bringing excellent musical performances to our back lawn, near the entrance to the StoryWalk® Trail. We had many memorable concerts last summer, and one performer is returning for an encore. Feel free to bring your chairs and blankets and friends. If it rains, the performances will move to the Brooks Room.



Hungrytown

Saturday, July 8, noon to 1:30 p.m.

Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson make up the popular duo Hungrytown, and they will bring their original style of folk music to the library on Saturday afternoon. Enjoy a lazy lunch while you listen to beautiful melodies and vocal harmonies. This concert is made possible by the Wilbraham Friends of the Library.

Matt York as the Man in Black: The Songs and Stories of Johnny Cash

Monday, Aug. 14, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Last summer, Matt entertained us with an amazing concert about the supergroup The Highwaymen (Johnny Cash, Kris Kristofferson, Waylon Jennings, and Willie Nelson). This time he will be only one person: the Man in Black himself, Johnny Cash. Matt will tell stories of Cash's life and music, and perform some of Cash's well-known classics. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Wilbraham Cultural Council, a local agency that is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.



Greg Maichak Pastel Workshop: The Calla Lily

Sign up for a hands-on pastel workshop for adults with artist Greg Maichak on Monday, June 12, at 6 p.m. Maichak has done several excellent presentations here in the past.



This painting workshop serves sheer beginners to advanced artists. All materials will be provided, including professional-grade pastels, paper and pencils. Registraton is required. This program is supported in part by funds from the Wilbraham Cultural Council, which in turn is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Panic in Connecticut

Accused Witches Have Their Say

A one-woman show from actress Virginia Wolf tells the stories of five women accused of being witches in Connecticut between 1646 and 1693. The performance is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14, at 6 p.m. Hear the stories of Mary Staples, Lydia Gilbert, Judith Varlet, Mary Barnes and Mercy Disborough brought to life fully costumed, fully incensed, and you will be fully frightened. This program is made possible by the Wilbraham Friends of the Library.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS: June 19 for Juneteenth and July 4 for Independence Day

Summer Reading 2023

Children

Pre-School to entering Grade 5

To earn prizes and 10 raffle tickets in this summer's Reading Challenge, kids must read -- or be read to -- for 21 days during this summer. Sign up online or on paper in the Children's Department. Everyone is welcome to pick up a free log page to record your reading. Adults must initial the log page. Online

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finishers can print out the finished challenge or take a screenshot of it. All finishers can come in starting Tuesday, Aug. 1, to pick up these prizes: 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 receive 10 raffle tickets to enter in their choice of special prizes. Raffle winners will be announced starting Aug. 22. If registering online via Beanstack, one family member's email can sign up everyone. You cannot use the same email twice. Children registering online can log their reading using the app.

Teens

Entering Grades 6 to 12

The Teen Summer Reading Challenge is completely online, including registration. Sign up by using the Beanstack Tracker App or wilbrahamlibrary.beanstack.org. Read a book and write a short review to earn a new book, a Rice Fruit Farm ice cream coupon, a Pafumi's homemade chips coupon and more. In addition, each logged book review will earn a raffle ticket online for a chance to win prizes including a Kindle Paperwhite, a Kindle Fire, an Avatar LEGO set, gift cards and more. Up to eight book reviews will be accepted and must be entered by Saturday, Aug. 12, at midnight. Teens can pick up non-raffle prizes beginning Tuesday, Aug. 1. Raffle winners will be announced starting Aug. 22.



Adults

Participation in the Adult Summer Reading Challenge will be entirely online this year. Log in to the Summer Reading Challenge 2023 on the library website: wilbrahamlibrary.beanstack.org. We recommend downloading the Beanstack app. Read a book and post a review, and you will be eligible for a raffle ticket. There will also be special challenges to complete for more tickets. Up to eight book reviews will be accepted.

The Massachusetts Statewide Summer Library Program is funded by the Massachusetts Library System, the Boston Bruins, and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, the Wilbraham Friends of the Library, the Wilbraham Cultural Council, along with partnerships with Pathways for Parents & One Book One Community, & donations from Rice Fruit Farm, Texas Roadhouse, Pafumi's To Go, LUSO, Interskate 91.

Children & Teens

Unless otherwise noted, programs are supported by the Wilbraham Friends of the Library and require registration. All supplies are provided.

Teen Mystery: The Case of the Haunted Hotel Tuesday, Aug. 1, 6 p.m.

Ghosts are afloat in this Paris hotel, just as the owner is trying to sell.

You as Ghost Hunters will visit the rooms, solve puzzles and codes, but beware of what looms.

The Kitchen, the Gameroom, a Closet, and Lounge,

See what information and clues you can scrounge.

Solving this mystery shouldn't scare you away, Unlocking the answers just might save the day!



Kids Special Events

Online registration starts June 30 or call the front desk at 413-596-6141.

All summer: **Take & Make kits** as supplies last. No registration. Also, **One Book One Community** special activities.

Wednesday, July 12, 1-2 p.m. **Kids Henna Tattoos**, grades 2-5, sponsored in part by a grant from the Wilbraham Cultural Council.

Saturday, July 15, **Craft & Play**, 10-11:45 a.m. All ages. No registration.

Tuesday, July 18, **Kids Paint Sip Fun**, 11 a.m.-12:30 pm, grades 3-5, sponsored in part by a grant from the Wilbraham Cultural Council.

Teens Special Events

For teens entering grades 6-12. Online registration starts Friday, June 30, or call 413-596-6141.

Wednesday, July 12, 2-3 p.m. **Teen Henna Tattoos***

Tuesday, July 18, 3-4:30 p.m. **Teen Paint Sip Fun!***

Tuesday, July 25, 5-6:30 p.m. **Teen Copper Bookmark Workshop****



Wednesday, July 26, 3-4 p.m. **Teen Summer Candle Making Workshop**

**Sponsored in part by a grant from the Wilbraham Cultural Council*

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See our [online Events Calendar](#) for details and online registration.

Sign up for our summer reading, get reading and good luck!

-- Teen Services Librarian Rachel Hapgood

Friday, July 28, 10-11 a.m. **Toe Jam Puppet Band**. All ages.

Thursday, Aug. 3, 11-11:45 a.m.

Wildlife On Wheels (The Zoo at Forest Park program). Ages 4+

Saturday, Aug.12, 10-11:45 a.m. **Craft & Play**. All ages. No registration.

Tuesday, Aug. 15, 10-10:45 a.m. **Renee Coro Rain Sticks**. 2-3 years w/adult (Pathways for Parents Grant).

Tuesday, Aug. 15, 11:15 a.m.-noon. **Renee Coro Ukuleles** 3-5 yrs w/adult (Pathways for Parents Grant).

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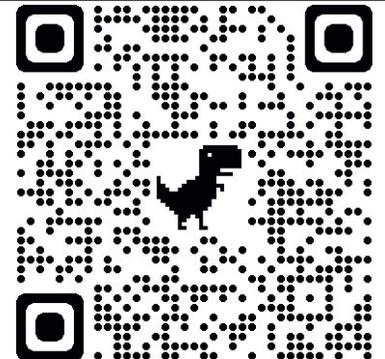
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Six others asked to remain anonymous.

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Kids Special Events

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Thursday Aug. 17, 6-8 p.m. **Private Roller Skating Party** for participants of the summer reading program, made possible by Interskate 91 Wilbraham.

Look at our website calendar for more information and happy reading!

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