

Wilbraham Library News

Fall 2024

ChromeBooks Donated by Healthy Quaboag

More than two dozen Chromebooks are now available to borrow through the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) of [Healthy Quaboag](#). Healthy Quaboag partners with community members and organizations and focuses on reducing health disparities and improving overall health within Quaboag Valley.

"There is a plethora of information online regarding health and wellness issues. We are pleased to partner with Healthy Quaboag to provide members of our community with tools to access reliable sources, such as the Health and Wellness database funded by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, and Medlineplus.gov, or even to access telemedicine services," said Director Karen Ball.

Chromebooks may be borrowed by library cardholders in good standing on a first come, first served basis. Chromebooks may be used anywhere in the library or brought home, provided that they be returned by the end of the business day. They must be returned directly to a staff member, not placed in the indoor or outdoor return slots. Borrowers are asked to fill out a brief anonymous survey that will assist Healthy Quaboag in their strategic plan to improve the health of the community.



New Volunteer Orientation September 27

The Wilbraham Public Library is accepting volunteers for the fall. If you're new to volunteering at the library, pick up an [application](#) at the library and turn it in. You will get a copy of several Town policies, and a CORI check will be performed. Then, sign up for the [orientation](#) on September 27 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 Director Mary Bell. "Besides shelving, volunteers might work in the garden, assist in a local history project, or help out with a program."

Anyone ages 14 and up is encouraged to apply. At the orientation, volunteers will sign up for a weekly time slot of an hour to come in throughout the year. For more information, please contact Mary Bell at mbell@wilbrahamlibrary.org or 413-596-6141.

Special hours on Oct. 18, Nov. 27

The library will be closed from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on Friday, October 18 for staff training in the morning. We will re-open from 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. The library will also be closing at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 27 for Thanksgiving.

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**Mon to Wed 9-8
Thurs & Fri 9-5
Sat 9-2**

**Closed Sundays &
Holidays**

413-596-6141

Jack-O-Lantern Display to return for 3rd year

The annual Jack-O-Lantern display will be held on Wednesday evening, October 30. Families of all ages are welcome to attend. Read a Halloween-themed book along the StoryWalk®, grab a goodie bag, and partake in Halloween activities. Participants will also have the opportunity to enter a raffle to win prizes.

Please check the library's website and in-house flyers for complete details soon. This event is funded by the Wilbraham Friends of the Library and made possible by many volunteers. If you would like to assist with the program, please contact Karen Ball at the library at kball@wilbraham-ma.gov.



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Textile & Clothing Drive Sep. 28

The WFOL will hold a fall textile and clothing drive on Saturday, September 28 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. No appliances or housewares, please.

The Friends are working to inspire consumers to take responsible action through donations and upcycling. The organization will receive a per-pound payment for these items which will go directly to the library for programs, museum passes, equipment, and other items. The donated items will be given a second life with new owners instead of contributing to landfills.

Letter from the Presidents

Dear Friends,

As the new co-presidents of the Wilbraham Friends of the Library (WFOL), we are delighted to introduce ourselves to you. While we are relatively new to the WFOL Board, we are both 30+ year residents of Wilbraham, retired HWRSD teachers, and long-time library users and supporters.

We are excited to continue WFOL's mission of supporting and enhancing library programs and resources for adults, teens, and children. We look forward to working with all members of the WFOL community, both existing and new friends, and our hope is that you consider becoming more involved with WFOL as a member and a volunteer. We value your input and welcome you to attend our Board meetings held on the second Tuesday of each month, September through June. Meetings take place in the Brooks Room beginning at 4:30 p.m.



Sincerely,
Gayle Fogarty and Sara Martin

Hundreds Participate in Summer Reading

Over 600 people registered for the 2024 "Read, Renew, Repeat" Summer Reading Challenge. 392 children, 110 teens, and 105 adults signed up to participate in this annual program. Teens and adults reported 803 books read, while children logged an impressive 20,300 minutes of reading.

Kids and teens received a variety of rewards, including free books and coupons to local restaurants. All age groups also had the chance to win prizes including tablets, LEGO sets, gift cards, and more. It was great to see all participants come into the library to select their rewards and claim their prizes. Great job to all, and keep an eye out for our Winter Reading Challenge in the coming months!

Thank you to everyone who helped us make this important literacy program a success: the Boston Bruins, iREAD, the Hampden-Wilbraham Times, the Massachusetts Library System, Pathways for Parents, LUSO Federal Credit Union, MBLC, Rice Fruit Farm, One Book One Community, InterSkate 91, Springfield Texas Roadhouse, Starbucks of Wilbraham, the Wilbraham Friends of the Library, the Wilbraham Cultural Council, teachers, parents/guardians, and the Wilbraham Public Library staff.

This program would not be possible without the collective effort of the community and donations/memberships made to the Wilbraham Friends of the Library. Thank you to all readers and the community for all your support with our summer reading!



Adult Services

Most programs are sponsored by the Wilbraham Friends of the Library. Online registration is required unless otherwise noted. Please refer to the online Event Calendar for detailed information about each program.

Lectures & Workshops

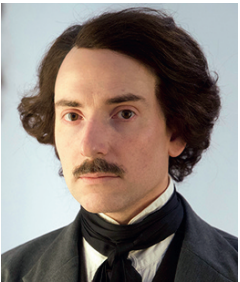
Drop-In Tech Help with WMA Students, Fridays starting September 6 from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Students from Wilbraham & Monson Academy will assist with technology-related questions. Assistance is available on a first come, first served basis. Please bring any relevant devices and log-in/password information.

Intro to Ancestry Library Edition, Thursday, September 12 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Assistant Library Director Mary Bell will give a hands-on demonstration of Ancestry Library Edition. She will give a brief introduction of how to use the online resource, followed by time in which participants use library computers or their own laptops to access the database and search for themselves. All participants will be given a starter kit with forms and tips for researching genealogy. Registration is ongoing.

An Evening with Edgar Allan Poe, Monday, September 30 from 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.



The master of the macabre, Edgar Allan Poe, resurrects for one singular evening of mystery and horror. Immerse yourself in the life and death of the legendary author as actor Campbell Harmon performs Poe's haunting prose and Gothic poetry. Registration opens Sep. 9.

Author Talk: Ray Anderson discusses LIFT, Monday, October 7 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Anderson will discuss his newest book, *LIFT: The Rise of Mathe-Lingua-Musica*. In 2489, mathematicians have

calculated that society's struggles have put humanity on a crash-course to extinction. With an estimated fifteen months left until annihilation, they determine the only way out of the crisis is to create the optimum language for humans. A copy of the book is available to borrow at the library. Registration is encouraged.

Diamond Painting Magnet, Saturday, October 19 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Choose one of several adhesive designs to apply gems and create a sparkling autumn-themed magnet. This is an ideal project for beginners interested in trying diamond painting for the first time. All materials will be provided. Registration opens Oct. 7.

Dog Obedience Demonstration, Monday, October 21 from 6:00 - 6:45 p.m.

Local award-winning trainer Heather Hitchcock, with her dog Choo Choo Charlie, will demonstrate several key skills and techniques. She'll share



insight about how to read and connect with your dogs. Learn about how these skills can assist in moving towards therapy work. Registration opens Sep. 30.

Finger Loop Braiding, Saturday, November 2 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Join the staff of Castle Nitor for a fun lesson on finger loop braiding. Learn to braid cords that can divide and go flat. Make a belt, bookmark, zipper pull, or more. Registration opens Oct. 21.

Fall Concerts

Too Human: A Celebration of Song, Wednesday, September 11 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Musicians Roger Bruno and Ellen Schwartz, accompanied by Keala Kaumeheiwa on upright bass, will perform jazz standards from the American Songbook and a selection jazzy bluesy originals. Sponsored in part by a grant from the Wilbraham Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. Funding also provided by the Wilbraham Friends of the Library. Registration is encouraged.

The O-Tones, Wednesday, November 13 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

The O-Tones, a hot New England Swing & Motown band, appeals to all ages. With lots of soul, they'll melt your hearts & get your feet dancing. This performance features John Caban on guitar & vocals, Mary Witt as vocals & bass, and Ben Kohn on piano. Sponsored in part by a grant from the Wilbraham Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. Funding also provided by the Wilbraham Friends of the Library. Registration is encouraged.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS: 9/2 Labor Day, 10/14 Columbus Day, 11/11 Veterans Day, 11/28 Thanksgiving

Children's Services

Unless otherwise noted, programs are supported by the Wilbraham Friends of the Library and require online registration. Please note dates and times are subject to change due to unexpected circumstances.

Fall Storytime, Book Club

Storytime, Thursdays, 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24 from 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. Registration includes all 6 weeks.

Children ages 3 1/2 - 5 are invited to join us at the library for a fun-filled time of stories, songs, and crafts. Kids must come in independently and parents/caretakers must wait in the library.

Graphic Novel Book Club, monthly on Thursdays from 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. Register for each month separately.

Do you love *Dogman* and *Bad Guys*? Me too! Join our new book club to discover more graphic novel titles you're sure to love! The first meeting will be Thursday, September 19 at 3:30 p.m. This program is best suited for children in grades 2-5. Each month will feature a new graphic novel title. We will meet to talk about the book, maybe make a craft or play a game, and most of all, have some fun! Reserved copies of the book are available to check out at the service desk. See Event Calendar for book titles.

Read to Cadence, Mondays, 9/9, 10/7, 11/4 from 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. Register for each date separately.

Megan Marshall, a volunteer from Bright Spot Reading Buddies, will be offering her services by bringing her dog Cadence to the library to have children read to her! Open to kids in grades K - 5. Sign-up online for a 10 minute time slot.



Gingerbread House Workshop, Monday, December 2 from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

This workshop is more advanced and for kids in grades 3, 4, and 5 only. Create your own gingerbread house using cones of various types of frosting, fondant, and candy! This workshop, led by Mandy Roberge of Wicked Good Henna, uses handmade gingerbread for houses. All supplies are included. Space is limited. Registration begins late November.

Pathways for Parents

Grow, Play, Learn, Tuesdays from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Register for one month at a time. Sep: 9/10, 9/17, 9/24. Oct: 10/1, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29. Nov: 11/5, 11/12, 11/19.

Stories, songs and skill building, led by an early childhood developmental trained staff member, guide caregivers in strengthening interactions with their child. Program includes curriculum, an Ages & Stages Questionnaire (ASQ), and resources to fit each child's individual needs. This program is for children ages birth - age 5 with an adult.

Yoga with Lisa Katz, Thursday, 9/12 & Wednesday, 10/16 from 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. Register for each date separately.

Songs, movement activities, and games help to bring the yoga practice to young children. Classes are dynamic and playful, with stories, music, themes, and often a craft. Children ages 2 - 5 and their caregivers will learn how to use large muscles to support self regulation, while bending, breathing, stretching, and practicing mindfulness.

STEAM with Ms. Jennifer, Fridays, 9/6, 9/13, 9/20, 9/27 from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Registration includes all 4 weeks.

Children ages 3 - 6 and families will explore the concepts of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math, while completing the activity provided.

Music & Movement with Ms. Jennifer, Fridays, 10/4, 10/11, 10/25, 11/1 from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Registration includes all 4 weeks.

Children ages 2 - 5 and their families are invited to participate in this fun and upbeat group. This group will incorporate moving the body while using songs that focus on following directions, using the senses, and exploring your body in relation to the space around it. We will work on imitation while exploring and creating organic movements. Come and enjoy this music-based group with your caregiver!

Pre-K Pals with Ms. Joanne, Mondays, 10/7 & 10/21 from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Registration includes both weeks.

This playgroups supports children ages 2 - 5 and their families. Each week, we will focus on an area of development and provide fun activities to support your child's learning through play. Areas explored include Early Literacy, Fine Motor development, Science, Math, and Cognitive and Social Emotional skills. We will integrate the ASQ into the playgroup each month.

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Teen Services

All teen programs are for grades 6-12 and are sponsored by the Wilbraham Friends of the Library unless otherwise noted.

Online registration is required and all supplies are provided unless otherwise noted.

Teen Workshops, Book Clubs, TAB

6th Grade Book Club, monthly on Tuesdays from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

The Teen Department is excited to announce 6th Grade Book Club at the Wilbraham Middle School this school year. Students in grade 6 can sign up on our website to join our book club that will meet monthly after school. Our first meeting will be on October 17, and the first book will be available to check out at the front desk of the library starting in September.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB), monthly on Mondays from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

We will be kicking off another year of TAB meetings on Monday, September 16 at 4:00 p.m. If you know someone in grades 6-12 that would like to help the Teen Librarian plan teen programs, talk about books, and more, please let them know about TAB. New members are always welcome; snacks will be provided. Sign up, join us, and let your teen voice be heard!

Long Sword Basics, Tuesday, September 24 from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. outside at the library

Castle Nitor will teach a fun lesson on German Long Sword, one of the historical martial arts that had died out. Teens will see how to reconstruct the techniques from period texts and try it out for themselves. Space is limited; sign up online starting on Sep. 9 at 9:00 a.m.



Paint Sip Fun, Tuesday, October 22 from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Erin from Paint Sip Fun will be back with a fall painting workshop. Watch for more info online soon.

Teen Mystery Room: Monster Mash, Tuesday, October 29 at 5:00 p.m.

Teen Mystery Room is back by popular demand, but with a new theme! Sign up as a team of up to 4 teens;



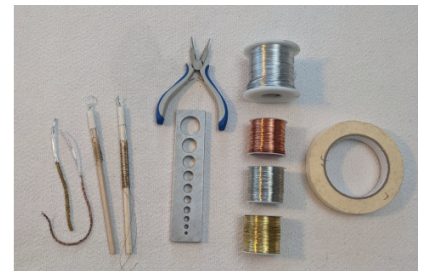
solo registrants will be put on a team. Discover your lineage: are you a Vampire, Werewolf or Witch? Become the leader of your clan by doing tricky tasks and mind-tickling games.

Teen Movie, Tuesday, November 5 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Teen movies are back! Join us for a blockbuster film, pizza, and more. November 5 is an in-service day for HWRSD students.

Viking Wire Weaving, Tuesday, November 26 from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Teens can learn one of the techniques Vikings used to decorate themselves and their weapons, and they will take home the unique treasure they created.



Gingerbread House Workshop, Monday, December 2 at 5:30 p.m.

This popular program is back! Mandy from Wicked Good Henna will be here in person to run this workshop. Space will be limited, so watch for sign-ups online.

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You, Me, & We with Ms. Jennifer, Fridays, 11/8, 11/15, 11/22, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20 from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Registration includes all 6 weeks.

This playgroup is designed to support children ages 3 - 5 years old, and their caregiver, in developing and practicing social-emotional skills. Each week, we will be focusing and learning about a concept to support your child's social-emotional learning. Curriculum includes: learning about others, learning to understand and manage feelings, follow directions, take turns, and problem solve.

Programs are supported by Pathways for Parents, funded by the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Grant through the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care and require online registration.

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Virtual Programs

The following virtual programs are presented in partnership with the Ashland Public Library. Refer to the Event Calendar for more info about each program.

Heather Wolf Discusses 'Find & Identify More Birds: How to Pick a Patch', Monday, September 23 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Author Heather Wolf will discuss how to find and identify more birds by picking a "patch," a place close to home where you can watch birds often. She'll also give tips about connecting more deeply with nature.

Great Boston Fires with Author & Historian David Kruh, Monday, September 30 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Take a look at several devastating fires and their impact on Boston. How did these fires happen? What was done to try and prevent similar catastrophes?

Ways to Have a Green Holiday Season For

Families, Monday, October 7 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Embracing the rhythms of winter is key to creating eco-conscious holiday traditions. Sarah Robertson-Barnes, founder of Sustainable in the Suburbs, will share suggestions for how to lower your ecological footprint.

The Origins & Evolution of Project 2025, Wednesday, October 23 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Professor Brian Conley of Suffolk University will discuss the origins of *Mandate for Leadership*, the policy book which led to the current conception of Project 2025.

A History of Shipwrecks with Captain Greg Ketchen (Retired), Thursday, October 24 at 1:00 p.m.

Retired Captain Ketchen will provide an overview of shipwrecks, their causes, the evolution of response resources and programs, and discuss historic wrecks that have occurred south and east of Massachusetts.

New & Renewing Friends, May to July 2024

Lynda & Gordon Allen, Marie Aquilino, Jeannette Bond, Len & Judy Borsari, Sue & Ray Burk, Richard & Ann Carver, Felice Coffey, Virginia Collins-English, Pauline Fillion, Louise Findlater, Dawn Fitzgerald, Ruth Giroux, Rosemarie & Peter Groza, Susan & Chris Hall, Dr. Phillip Halon, Ann Hapgood, Nancy L. Joyce, Bill Lachenmeyer, Joseph Lanier, Virginia Lasonde, Susan Magee, Linda & Steve Mandolesi, Mary Manning, Ginny McKeon, Ed & Connie Robinsion, Geraldine French Robitaille, Carol Ross, Pam & David Sonnefeld, Walter Stachura, Gloria Tomassetti, Gerald Urlage. Two members wish to remain anonymous.

