

**What's New?**

**Helen E. Ellis Case:**

**January:** *Paws for a Moment*

Enjoy a special collection of crystal and hand-painted cats shared by Anne Marie Faria.

**February:** *Nantucket Baskets and More*, Patricia Wilde Butler shares unique homemade creations.

**March:** *Knitting for the Needy* "Cast-Offs of Westport" display items to cheer patients and those less fortunate.

**On exhibit in the Manton Community Room:**

**February:** "Route 66: A Piece of American History," Richard Perry shares photography travelling along our famous highway.

Opening: Saturday, February 4th 2:30-4:00 p.m.

**Tech Bytes**

**Can't find a book, CD or DVD in SAILS?**

Wait no longer... Under "Links of Interest" on the e-catalog page, click on Commonwealth Catalog. Search through millions of items in libraries across Massachusetts. Items are delivered 6 days a week to our library doorstep.

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- Manton Community Room
- Library Bridge Club and Library Book Club
- Westport Needleworkers
- Museum Passes

**Call the Library for more info...**

**Library Hours**

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**WINTER**



**Perspectives: The Library Has More Than Walls**

Some libraries have wheels. Some of you, especially my fellow baby boomers, may have fond memories of the bookmobile visiting your neighborhood, bringing the library to you. I know that it was an important part of my early years, resulting in a lifelong love of learning.

Our Westport Library goes even farther. On September 28, 2016, under the able leadership of our treasurer Ned Daniels, FOWL, along with a generous anonymous donor, sponsored a visit from celebrated children's author and performer Bill Harley to the 4th and 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Westport Elementary School.

At the Library, his books were put on display for our young patrons to borrow and enjoy. This effort, extending far beyond our Library's physical walls, is the latest example of the many ways the Library reaches out to the community in a tangible way.

And farther yet. The Chat in this issue of @ the Library features the Cast-Offs of Westport, whose charitable work benefits a number of organizations in the area. The Westport Food Bank has a permanent space for collection in the Library lobby. Our museum and park passes provide entertainment and education opportunities for individuals and families to explore in Massachusetts. Many community groups use the Library's space and resources for activities that reach out to Westport, the South coast and beyond.

Bookmobiles may have become rare in our mobile, technology-filled world, but today's public libraries provide services and resources that help us connect to each other. We hope to continue to "grow" our Library's vibrancy to reach out beyond its physical walls, to collaborate with businesses and groups in our community, and work to engage people in all the good things that can begin at the Library.

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## Kids' Corner

## Grades K-4

**Coyote Moon**

Maria Gianferrari

A mother coyote stalks prey to feed her hungry pups. She encounters a mouse, a rabbit, a flock of angry geese, and finally an unsuspecting turkey on the library lawn.

**The Deadliest Creature in the World**

Brenda Z. Guiberson

Spectacular illustrations will inspire young readers to choose which creature they think is the deadliest in this newest picture book.



## Grades 5-8

**One Half from the East**

Nadia Hashimi

A coming-of-age journey set in modern-day Afghanistan that explores life as a *bacha posh*—a preteen girl dressed as a boy.

**Mark of the Plague (Blackthorn Key)**

Kevin Sands

Christopher Rowe is back and there are more puzzles, riddles, and secrets to uncover in this follow-up to *The Blackthorn Key*.



## Young Adult

**Swan Riders**

Erin Bow

Treacherous twists await Greta as the stakes get even higher in this stunning follow-up to the “masterful” novel, *The Scorpion Rules*.

**In the Shadow of Liberty**

Kenneth Davis

Powerful stories of five enslaved people who were “owned” by four of our greatest presidents. This book helps set the record straight about the role slavery played in the founding of America.

**TumbleBooks: Library e-Books for e-Kids!**

The Library now has the Tumble Book Library for use by its young patrons. Tumblebooks are fun, free online books for kids. The collection can be accessed online from a computer at the Library, from home through a direct link on the Library web site, or via any reading/mobile device that has an internet connection (for example: Color Nook, Kindle Fire, Ipad and Ipod Touch).

The TumbleBooks collection includes animated, talking picture books with fiction, non-fiction and foreign language titles, chapter books, enhanced novels, ebooks, reading comprehension quizzes, education games, math stories, videos from *National Geographic* and TumbleTV which consists of pre-set playlists of a sequence of books. The materials are suitable for children in kindergarten through grade six.

These electronic books are a literacy resource that keeps children interested and involved in reading. TumbleBooks are great for children learning to read. The interactive web site keeps them interested in reading and contributes to success in school and helps to instill a love of reading.

## A Chat with

The *Cast-Offs* of Westport

by Lorraine Carey

*Thanks for letting me visit you tonight. I'm intrigued by your group's name. All these beautiful handcrafted items are certainly not cast-offs!*

It actually is a knitting term. Knitters cast on stitches to begin a piece and they cast off to complete it. We had a laugh about the name at first because it can mean some different things but now we like it.

*Tell me about the items you make and where they end up.*

The “soothing dolls” are called Daduza; they go to young children at the RI Early Intervention Program. We make fun hats and shawls for the cancer unit and heart pillows for the cardiac unit at Charlton Hospital. Cardiac patients use the heart pillows to support their chests after surgery. Premie (premature baby) items and dolls have been donated to St. Luke's Hospital.

This month we will finish our “giving tree” which will be covered with green mittens and other items for the women's shelter in New Bedford.

*How did the Cast-Offs of Westport end up at the Library?*

We were at another location initially, but we wanted a meeting place in the early evening that was safe and comfortable with good parking, lighting and rest-rooms—and was free! The Library is perfect for us and the staff has been so welcoming. An exhibit of our work will be in the Helen E. Ellis Case in March 2017 which is very exciting for us.

*Do you have a message for our readers?*

Yes, new members are always needed and no previous experience is necessary. We will teach anyone who wants to help. Also, we accept yarn donations. Our email is [castoffs@outlook.com](mailto:castoffs@outlook.com).

The Cast-Offs of Westport, Sue Costa, Sue Green, Erika Hamer, Sheila Hutchinson, Beverly Mello, Dolores Rodriques and Diane Cambra meet on Thursdays 5-8.

**Rosie visits: Practice reading aloud to our canine friend.**

Book a ten-minute slot all to yourself, to read to our wonderful therapy dog, Rosie.



Saturday, January 21  
Saturday, February 18  
Saturday, March 18

9:30-10:30 a.m.  
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## Events

### FOWL Board Meetings:

Thursday, February 9 at 6:30 p.m., Community Room. Dates occasionally change. Please call the Library (508) 636-1100 to confirm date if you plan to attend.

### In The Manton Room:

**Story Hour and Lap Sit** will resume for the Winter Session later in January. Call for the start-up-dates and times.

**February 4:** "Take Your Child to the Library Day" drop in craft 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**February 21:** A Makerspace Workshop for ages 8 and up. This is a STEAM based workshop which includes: 3D printing, 3D software design, 3D carving, and 3D scanning as well as other custom tailored activities such as various robotics and crafts from 2-4 p.m.

**February 23:** a family board games night--drop in from 6-8:15 p.m.

### Children's Area Display Wall:

During February, a Valentine mural by Girl Scout Troop 807 with leader, Jen Mooney, perks up these chilly days.

**March 24:** or snow date March 31, the Library will hold a family evening featuring Creatures Teachers at 7:00 p.m. Richard Roth will bring his critters and explain the diverse habitats of our planet and the animals that live within them. The program is provided by a grant from the Helen E. Ellis Charitable Trust.

## You can help



Computer 101 volunteer:

Interested in answering all sorts of computer questions? Volunteer one evening a week at the Library...contact a staff member for more information.



**Festive Christmas book tree decorated the lobby of the Library this holiday season and generated a lot of interest and comments.**

## Westport Library Book Club

### Read For Fun, Followed By Optional Lunch

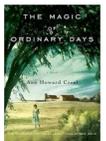
The Westport Library Book Club group meets the second Friday of each month in the Community Room at 10:30 a.m. It's a wonderful assemblage of people from several local communities. We choose our selections on the recommendation of members. The conversations are lively and enjoyable and participating in the group is a great way to meet people.

Please join us or contact [briannamcavoy@gmail.com](mailto:briannamcavoy@gmail.com) for more information.

### January 13 - The Magic of Ordinary Days

by Ann Howard Creel

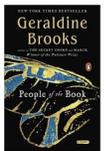
Olivia Dunne, a studious minister's daughter who dreams of becoming an archaeologist, never thought that the drama of World War II would affect her quiet life in Denver. But when an exhilarating flirtation reshapes her life, she finds herself in a rural Colorado outpost, married to a man she hardly knows.



### February 10 - People of the Book: A Novel

by Geraldine Brooks

This work traces the harrowing journey of the famed Sarajevo Haggadah, a beautifully illuminated Hebrew manuscript created in fifteenth-century Spain. When it falls to Hanna Heath, an Australian rare-book expert, to conserve this priceless work, the series of tiny artifacts she discovers in its ancient binding only begin to unlock its deep mysteries and unexpectedly plunges Hanna into the intrigues of fine art forgers.



### March 10 - Submission

by Michael Houellebecq

It's 2022. François is bored. He's a middle-aged lecturer at the New Sorbonne University and an expert on J. K. Huysmans, the famed nineteenth-century novelist associated with the Decadent movement. But François's own decadence is of considerably smaller scale.



**FOWL**  
Friends of Westport Library

The Board of the Friends of the Westport Library recently approved the transfer of funds from the Nancy Buol Memorial and the Jennie Habib Memorial to the Westport Free Public Library. Nancy Buol is the mother of board member, Karen Nourse and Jennie Habib is the mother of board member, Michael Habib. Funds will be used for adult literature and children's literature

Answers for Page 5 Chilly Reads: Call of the Wild, Doctor Zhivago, Into Thin Air, Snow Falling on Cedars, The Shining, Ethan Frome, The Shipping News, Polar Express, A Christmas Carol, The Snow Child.

## New to the Collection Highlights

## Adult Fiction:

**The Twenty-Three** Linwood Barclay  
The small town of Promise Falls, New York, has found itself in the midst of a full-blown catastrophe. Hundreds of people are going to the hospital with similar flu-like symptoms.

**The Flame Bearer** Bernard Cornwell  
The next installment of Bernard Cornwell's bestselling series chronicling the epic saga of the making of England.

**Victoria** Daisy Goodwin  
Captivating novel of youth, love, and the often painful transition of Queen Victoria from immaturity to adulthood.

## Adult Nonfiction:

**How to Bake Everything** Mark Bittman  
Here is the simplest way to bake everything from American favorite recipes with more than 2,000 recipes and variations.

**The General vs. the President** H.W. Brands  
The contest of wills between Truman and MacArthur unfolds against the turbulent backdrop of a faraway war and terrors conjured at home by Joseph McCarthy.

**The Book of Joy** Dalai Lama  
Nobel Peace Prize Laureates His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu have survived more than fifty years of exile and the soul-crushing violence of oppression. Despite their hardships—or, as they would say, because of them—they are two of the most joyful people on the planet.



## Adult Biography:

**My Own Words** Ruth Bader Ginsburg  
The first book from Ruth Bader Ginsburg since becoming a Supreme Court Justice in 1993—a witty, engaging, serious, and playful collection of writings and speeches.

**A Truck Full of Money** Tracy Kidder  
The story of Paul English, a kinetic and unconventional inventor and entrepreneur, who as a boy rebelled against authority.

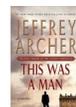
**Born to Run** Bruce Springsteen  
Bruce Springsteen has privately devoted himself to writing the story of his life, bringing to these pages the same honesty, humor, and originality found in his songs.

## Large Print Fiction:

**This Was a Man** Jeffrey Archer  
In Whitehall, Giles Barrington discovers the truth about his wife Karin from the Cabinet Secretary. Is she a spy or a pawn in a larger game?

**Cakewalk** Rita Mae Brown  
The night a riot breaks out at the Capitol Theater movie house—during a Mary Pickford picture, no less—you can bet that the Hunsenmier sisters, Louise and Julia, are nearby.

**The German Girl** Armando Lucas Correa  
Twelve-year-old Hannah Rosenthal's harrowing experience fleeing Nazi-occupied Germany with her family and best friend, only to discover that the overseas asylum they had been promised is an illusion.

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## Adult DVDs:

**Agatha Christie's Partners in Crime  
Bridge of Spies**

**The Night Manager season 1**

**My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2**



## Adult Books on CD: Fiction

**The Pursuit** Janet Evanovich

**Razor Girl** Carl Hiaasen

**The Book That Matters Most** Ann Hood

**Dishonorable Intentions** Stuart Woods

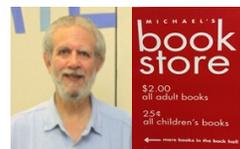


## Music CDs:

**747** Lady Antebellum

**Live in Paris** Diana Krall

**Shatter Me** Lindsey Stirling



Michael's  
Bookstore

When you visit the Library, check out our new bookstore signage honoring one of our FOWL board members, Michael Habib. Michael served as president of FOWL from 1989-2011 and initiated the paperback carousel in the lobby and the FOWL bookstore in the late 1990s. Along with his work stocking the bookstore, he is our special and rare books guru, devoting many hours, with the forbearance and assistance of his wife Evelyn, to researching and selling books to benefit the Library. Thank you, Michael, for your enduring dedication to FOWL and the Library.

## Spotlight



### BILL HARLEY

by Ned Daniels

On Wednesday, September 28, 2016 Bill Harley held two assemblies at the Westport Elementary School where he was well received. And also creatively introduced by, first, a group of fifth graders for their assembly and then by a group of fourth graders for their assembly. He said that he had never been introduced that way.

Bill opened each assembly with a song and his guitar. Then he recalled that thirty-three years ago he spoke at the Westport Elementary School, and when he was finished he found out that his wife was in labor with their son. He continued his presentation with slides and comments, punctuated with a wonderful sense of humor. After that he took many well thought out questions from the students. A grand time was had by all.

In case you don't know who he is:

Bill Harley is an author, songwriter, storyteller, performing and recording artist. Recipient of Parents' Choice, ALA and two Grammy® awards, Bill uses song and story to paint a vibrant and hilarious picture of growing up, schooling and family life. In slice of life vignettes that exude warmth, wit and wisdom Harley uses a consummate storyteller's toolbox of tone, voice, delivery, and pace, creating something palpable between himself and his listeners. Awarded the lifetime achievement award from RI Council for the Humanities and an honorary degree from Hamilton College, Bill tours nationwide. His latest work is a book series about fourth grader Charlie Bumpers and is filled with Harley's trademark hilarity and heart. The first book in this series recently won The Beverly Cleary Children's Choice Award and is part of the One School, One Book programming. Bill lives in Seekonk, Massachusetts.



[www.billharley.com](http://www.billharley.com) <<http://www.billharley.com>>

## Chilly Reads

Snow falls all over fiction and nonfiction. Cold weather not only serves as a setting, but is often critical to the plot. Can you rearrange the letters below to reveal books that best capture the chilliest season of the year?

**Laci Fo Het Diwl**

**Tocdor Viazgoh**

**Otni Nhti Ria**

**Wosn Gifalni No Scerad**

**Eht Ginsnih**

**Netah Emofr**

**Het Spnihgip Swne**

**Raplo Prsexs**

**A Mascthris Locar**

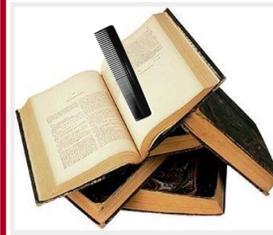
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## World of Books

### Bookmarks come in all shapes and sizes...

Our staff often discusses the sorts of bookmarks that individuals leave in returned books. It appears that, while reading, most of us grab almost anything to mark a page when answering the door or telephone, getting back to work, or closing our books after that last sleep-inducing paragraph.

When these forgotten "bookmarks" seem a little too personal or valuable—meaning that we doubt the patron would wish to leave them behind—we do our best to reunite them with their owners. In some cases, we mail their stamped, addressed envelopes for them. When all else fails, we add the especially nice items (including all those items that were indeed designed to be bookmarks) to our lost-and-found box, so please ask to rummage



through there should you be missing your latest utility bill, etc.

If you feel that creative bookmarking may not be your forte, you might consider some of the following bookmark alternatives when

marking your place: tissue-box top, nail file, business card, postcard, postage stamp, family photo, wedding announcement, to-do list (even when visiting the Library is one of the errands), gift card, or even a paperback placed within a larger book. While some folks have used payment invoices, medical prescriptions, legal documents, and saving bonds, we do not recommend these items.

Whatever item you choose—including our free, official library-hours bookmark—please keep reading and remember, we are always here to help.

Sue Branco, Library Director  
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Bring your Lees receipts to the Library—we earned \$3,148 in 2015.

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All activities are run by volunteers—people who believe in a public library. Funds raised through member dues and book sales go to the Library to purchase books, CDs, DVDs, museum passes, and to fund children’s programs. FOWL is the largest funding source for these purchases. In 2016, member dues and book sales contributed over \$25,000 to Library funding. If you’re not yet a member, fill in the form to the right to join today.

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Summer Paperback Book Sale
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@ the Library Quarterly Newsletter

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\$20 Family \$100 Bibliophile
\$30 Sponsor \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other

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