

What's New?

Helen E. Ellis Case:

July: "Fly Me To The Moon" a collection of rockets and more shared by Ed Micale

August: "Home Sweet Home" a selection of needlework close to our hearts shared by Westport Needleworkers

September: "Handiwork Galore" crewel embroidery of birds and crafty crocheting shared by Nancy Raposa



FOWL presents: **Living Literature's Readers' Theatre** version of


To Kill A Mockingbird

Thursday, August 3, 7:00 p.m. in the Manton Community Room
Free and open to the public (donations gratefully accepted)

Tech Bytes

When searching in the e-Catalog, what does a title mean that says "electronic resource"? These are additional titles available to download to e-readers. "Click to view availability" indicates libraries that may or may not loan to other network libraries.

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Manton Community Room
Library Bridge Club and Library Book Club
Westport Needleworkers
Museum Passes
Cast Offs
Call the Library for more info...

Library Hours

Monday & Thursday	12:00-8:30
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Summer

Perspectives:

"If I could come back as anything, I'd be a bird first, but definitely the command key is my second choice."

Nikki Giovanni, American poet and author

Like many, I too am fascinated with birds and their flight, which to me evokes command of the air, freedom and a broad perspective on the world below. A seaside community, Westport is blessed with a great variety of beautiful and interesting birds that grace our meadows and shores, particularly at the Audubon's Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary. Some of these birds are featured in this issue's *World of Books* by Gina Purtell of the Audubon Society. For those who are drawn to stories of "human birds" in flight, *Spotlight* is focused on the Spacecraft exhibit for July in the Helen Ellis case and some wonderful books about space travel and programs for all ages.

In summer, Westport welcomes the "snowbirds" and "beach birds" that return and add to our community's numbers for what is the Library's busiest season. Special programs for children and adults, museum passes, Michael's Bookstore and, of course, our book sales in July and early September are the icing on the cake of a summer here. Rain or shine, pay us a visit. We hope that you enjoy all that Westport has to offer, including some summer adventures at the Library.

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Day-Tripping in Southern New England

As these summer days roll by, a visit to a museum or park is a treat for all ages. Stop by the Library or call to reserve a discounted pass. As family and friends visit this summer, a pass to one of the following may be just the ticket...

- ◆ A day in Boston...Museum of Science, Museum of Fine Arts and Harvard Art Museums
- ◆ A day in Providence...Providence Children's Museum and Roger Williams Park Zoo
- ◆ A day in New Bedford...Buttonwood Park Zoo and New Bedford Whaling Museum
- ◆ MassParks Pass for free parking at state parks throughout the Commonwealth, including our very own Horseneck State Beach.

Resources abound at the Library...Wi-Fi access, desktop computers, reading magnifiers, a History Room with a treasure trove of information and a growing collection of music CDs, DVDs and audiobooks. Spend a lazy, hazy day at the Library this summer. The staff looks forward to seeing you.

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Kids' Corner

Preschool

We Are the Dinosaurs

Laurie Berkner

The queen of children's music pairs the lyrics of her beloved hit with Ben Clanton's whimsical illustrations.

**Be Quiet!**

Ryan Higgins

All Rupert the mouse wants is to star in a beautiful, wordless picturebook. He has plenty of ideas about what makes a great book, but his friends just WON'T. STOP. TALKING.

**Dance of the Violin**

Kathy Stinson

As a young student of the violin, Joshua Bell learns about an international competition to be held in Kalamazoo, Michigan.



Grades K-4

Insect: the Most Fun Book Ever

Sneed Collard

Popular science writer Sneed B. Collard III gets creepy-crawly with many different kinds of insects.

**The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors** Drew Daywalt

A laugh-out-loud hilarious picture book about the epic tale of the classic game Rock, Paper, Scissors.

**Flowers for Sarajevo**

John McCutcheon

The moving story of a young boy who discovers the power of beauty and kindness during a time of war.

**Princess Cora and the Crocodile**

Laura Schlitz

Princess Cora is sick of boring lessons. But when she writes to her fairy godmother for help, she doesn't expect that help to come in the form of a crocodile.



Grades 5-8

Ashes to Asheville

Sarah Dooley

After Mama Lacy's death, Fella was forced to move in with her grandmother, Mrs. Madison. The move brought Fella all sorts of comforts she wasn't used to at home.

**One Last Word**

Nikki Grimes

In this collection of poetry, Nikki Grimes looks afresh at the poets of the Harlem Renaissance including voices of many writers of importance and resonance from this era.

**Prisoner of Ice and Snow**

Ruth Lauren

When thirteen-year-old Valor is sent to jail, she couldn't be happier. Demidova's prison for criminal children is exactly where she wants to be.



Young Adult

Missing

Kelley Armstrong

The only thing Winter Crane likes about Reeve's End is that soon she'll leave. Like her best friend did. Like her sister did. Like most of the teens born in town did.

**Camp So-and-So**

Mary McCoy

The letters went out in mid-February. Each letter invited its recipient to spend a week at Camp So-and-So, a lakeside retreat for girls nestled high in the Starveling Mountains.

A Chat with our newest Library employee, Charlie Huntington

by Sue Szekely

**Charlie, is this your first library job?**

Yes, I recently retired from an Information Technology job with a local hospital group where I worked since 1988 and was looking for something part-time.

Since you were previously just on the "other side of the circulation desk" as a Library patron, what's it like now that you work here?

Well, you see a lot of the same people and get to know what they're looking for—like a book that's on hold. I had to learn the options on the Library computer software but I'm still learning how to handle different situations. Everyone here is very helpful.

Who are your favorite authors?

Some of my favorite authors are Stephen King, Dan Koontz and Bernard Cornwell.

Any hobbies outside of reading?

Yes, I've been tuning pianos for thirty years as a side business and also work weekends as a professional musician. I learned to tune pianos in the late '70s. I played a regular piano which required frequent tuning due to moving it to different venues several times a week. Later, I was able to apprentice with a professional piano tech named Nancy Salmon who taught me how to do the repairs often needed on older pianos and how to rebuild and refinish instruments.

I've been playing out in bands since I was eighteen or so. Mostly blues or R&B, but also classic rock, jazz, and country. Nightclubs are the bread and butter of this business, but we also do some private functions; weddings, parties, and so on.

Care to tell us something about your family?

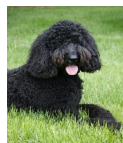
I've lived in Westport since 1989 with my wife of 35 years, Sally. We have three grown children. You might have heard of Smoke & Pickles caterers? Sally is the Event Planner, Crew Chief and Founder.



A Makerspace program took place at the Library the last week of February. Arthur and son Peter Evans supplied all the material needed for the workshop. Folks from six to 60+ attended. Funds were provided by the Manton Foundation.

Rosie visits: Practice reading aloud to our canine friend,
(accompanied by her handler/owner Sue Szekely.)

Call to book a ten minute slot. All children must be accompanied by an adult. (limit of six each session)



Friday, July 21	10:00-11:00 a.m.
Friday, August 18	10:00-11:00 a.m.
Saturday, September 30	9:30-10:30 a.m.

Events

FOWL Board Meetings: Thursday, August 10 and Thursday, October 12 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.

On exhibit in the Manton Community Room:

July 6–July 27 "Plant, Animal, Mineral" with artist, Ellen Nanni-Vargas A series of mixed media drawings inspired by nature and natural forms Opening: Thursday, July 6 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

August 1–31 "Mostly Photos" new work by artist, Beth Easterly Opening: Monday, August 7 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Especially for Kids:

- Monday, July 10 at 11:00 a.m. **Pumpnickel Puppets** present *The Three Billy Goats Gruff* and *The Lion and the Mouse*.
- Tuesdays: July 11, 18, 25 and August 1 and 8. **Library Reading Club Workshops** 10-11:00 a.m. Registration is necessary. Ages 6+
- Thursday: July 27 at 7:00 p.m. **Rainforest Reptile Shows** back by popular demand.
- Tuesday: August 15 at 11:00 a.m. **The Great Rolando's Magic Show** blending magic, comedy and balloon animals by magician Ethan Child. Ages 4-90
- Wednesdays: July 5, 12, 19, 26 and August 2 and 9. **Summer Days Story Time** Toddlers to age 5

Westport Free Public Library Announces the...

Return of Computer 101

Do you have a question about using your laptop, notebook or general computer use? No question is too big or too small for our computer volunteer.

Thursdays 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Please register for a 1/2 hour slot by visiting the Library or calling 508 636-1100. All ages are welcome.

Save the dates

Sixth Annual Summer Paperback Sale (adult fiction): July 24-August 4, Community Room during Library hours. A great opportunity to find a few paperbacks to read in the last weeks of summer. Stock replenished often. All books \$1 - \$2.00.



BIG! FOWL's 2017 Annual Used Book Sale: Community Room. Members' Preview; Friday, September 8; Public Sale; Saturday, September 9 – Saturday, September 16 during Library hours, but closes at 1 p.m. on second Saturday. Over 30,000 books in 20 categories, fills entire Community Room. One of the largest sales in the area. Hundreds of children's books are \$.25 each to encourage reading. Other books \$1 - \$2, plus a selection of specially-priced books.

Westport Library Book Club

Read For Fun, Followed By Optional Lunch

The Westport Library Book Club 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 for more information.

July 14—*Plainsong* by Kent Haruf

In the small town of Holt, Colorado, a high school teacher is confronted with raising his two boys alone after their mother retreats first to the bedroom, then altogether.



August 11—*84, Charing Cross Road*; and *The Duchess of Bloomsbury Street* by Helene Hanff

84, Charing Cross Road is a charming record of bibliophilia, cultural difference, and imaginative sympathy. For 20 years, an outspoken New York writer and a rather more restrained London bookseller carried on an increasingly touching correspondence.



September 8—*Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger

The narrator is an ancient child of sixteen, a native New Yorker named Holden Caulfield. Through circumstances that tend to preclude adulthood, he leaves his prep school and goes underground in New York City.



Summertime

By Jan Wenzel

Can you find the hidden words in this word search? Words can go up, down, backwards, and diagonal.

H	S	E	D	A	R	A	P	S	C
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N	C	A	B	S	L	P	K	A	K
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F	I	R	E	W	O	R	K	S	U
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BEACH
CAMP
COOKOUTS
FIREFLIES
FIREWORKS

HOTDOGS
PARADE
SAND
SUNSCREEN
VACATION

New to the Collection Highlights

Adult Fiction:

Some Rise By Sin

Philip Caputo

The Mexican village of San Patricio is being menaced by a bizarre, cultish drug cartel infamous for its brutality. Timothy Riordan, an American missionary priest, must decide whether to betray his vows to stop the unspeakable violence and help the people he has pledged to protect.

**Earthly Remains**

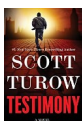
Donna Leon

In *Earthly Remains*, Brunetti's endurance is tested more than ever before. During an interrogation of an entitled, arrogant man suspected of giving drugs to a young girl who then died, he acts rashly, doing something he will quickly come to regret and he realizes he needs a break.

**Testimony**

Scott Turow

Bill ten Boom has walked out on everything he thought was important to him when he is tapped by the International Criminal Court. Over ten years ago, in the apocalyptic chaos following the Bosnian war, an entire Roma refugee camp vanished. Now for the first time, a witness has stepped forward.



Adult Nonfiction:

Great Horned Owlets RescueCheryl Aguiar
(local author)

This is the story of one of Mother Nature's most magnificent and mysterious creatures, the Great Horned Owl. These majestic birds known as raptors have a reputation of being extremely aggressive, but show a different side when struck by tragedy.

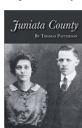
**American Spirit**

David McCullough

Now, at a time of self-reflection in America following a bitter election campaign that has left the country divided, McCullough has collected some of his most important speeches in a brief volume designed to identify important principles and characteristics that are particularly American.

**Juniata County**Thomas Patterson
(local poet)

Three children journey toward self-understanding and forgiveness in Juniata County, a chapbook collection of eighteen poems that spans ninety years.

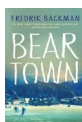


Large Print Fiction:

Beartown

Fredrik Backman

A tiny community nestled deep in the forest is slowly losing ground to the ever encroaching trees. Down by the lake stands an old ice rink. Built generations ago by the working men who founded this town, the ice rink is the reason people in Beartown believe tomorrow will be better than today.

**No Easy Target**

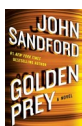
Iris Johansen

Margaret Douglas has worked hard to put her painful past behind her. Raised in an abusive home, her only escape was the nearby forest where she sought refuge. There she discovered a strange gift: the ability to understand and to communicate with animals.

**Golden Prey**

John Sandford

Thanks to some very influential people whose lives he saved, Lucas is no longer working for the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, but for the U.S. Marshals Service, and with unusual scope. He gets to pick his own cases.



Large Print Nonfiction:

Havana: a subtropical delirium

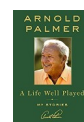
Mark Kurlansky

Award-winning author Mark Kurlansky presents an insider's view of Havana: the elegant, tattered city he has come to know over more than thirty years. Part cultural history, part travelogue, with recipes, historic engravings, photographs, and Kurlansky's own pen-and-ink drawings throughout.

**A Life Well Played: my stories**

Arnold Palmer

This book is Palmer's parting gift to the world -- a treasure trove of entertaining anecdotes and timeless wisdom that readers, golfers and non-golfers alike, will celebrate and cherish.



MEDIA



Adult DVDs:

Fences**Hidden Figures****La La Land****A Man Called Ove**
Moonlight

Adult Books on CD: Fiction

Death of a Ghost
Without Warning
Racing the Devil

M.C. Beaton

Joel C. Rosenberg

Charles Todd



Adult Books on CD: Nonfiction

The Lost City of the Monkey God Douglas Preston
Hillbilly Elegy J.D. Vance

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David Bowie

Lady Gaga

Miranda Lambert

Piano Guys

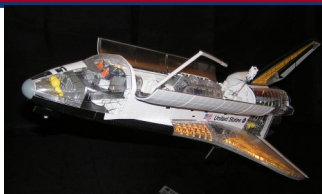
Bruce Springsteen



Spotlight

By Denise Micale

Do you crave adventure? July's exhibit in the Helen Ellis case features what for many is the vehicle of the ultimate adventure. Spacecraft from the onset of space travel to those of the present day have been a symbol inspiring wonder in the vastness and beauty of our solar system, galaxy and universe. The history of space travel holds elements of science, math and technology, human intellect, curiosity, courage and perseverance, and even sociological change, all of which can entertain readers of any age. The following is a list of books which represent some of the best reads in print about space programs and the people who have made them a reality. Best of all, you can find them right here at the Library.

**Age 0-3**

On the Launch Pad: A Counting Book about Rockets, Michael Dahl

Age 3-6

The Best Book of Spaceships, Ian Graham

Age 6-9

Floating in Space, Franklin Branley

Age 7-9

Moonwalk: The Story of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing, David Jenkins

Age 8-11

A Visit to a Space Station, Claire Throp

Young Adult

Space, Smithsonian Institution

Adult

Chariots for Apollo: the NASA History of Manned Lunar Spacecraft to 1969, Courtney Brooks, James Grimwood, and Loyd S. Swenson, Jr.

The Right Stuff, Tom Wolfe

Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians who Helped Win the Space Race, Margot Lee Shetterly (also available in DVD and CD book)

Rise of the Rocket Girls, Nathalia Holt

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World of Books

Avian Skukes

By Gina Purtell

South Coast Sanctuary Director, Mass Audubon Society

Among those who flock to the shores and plains of Westport this season are the many-feathered kind. Although people with lives busied elsewhere come here to relax amid waves, breeze, sun and quiet country roads, birds spend their summers with us in something closer to a frenzy. They have important work to complete in a short period of time: producing the next generation of their kind. Watching our assortment of songbirds, sandpipers, and soarers is an interesting and entertaining pastime.

For those who want to hear and observe a relative rarity, there are few birds better to pursue than bobolinks. These are the jesters of the meadow, and can be readily observed where they nest. Males decked out in a backwards tuxedo sing a burbling brook of a melody from a perch aside a large field and then launch up and out to circle and zigzag in flight while continuing their song. To us it may seem fit for a stage but to the male in performance mode, it is determined marketing. He both promotes his prowess to the female hidden below incubating their eggs and hopes to lure in another female to double his progeny.

After enjoying the display of the bobolink, the next treasure to seek could be the white-eyed vireo or the blue-winged warbler, both found in brushy moist areas or scrubby old pastures. For those who love to be near salt water, go in search of our rare salt marsh breeders. Two species are your evasive targets: sharp-tailed and seaside sparrows. If something bigger is your goal, the beaches and mudflats will offer piping plovers, glossy ibis, American oystercatchers, and sandpipers galore. Don't forget to look up for red-tail hawks on a branch or ospreys hovering over water.

The truth is that our coastal habitat does not offer birders the plethora of warbling jewels that might be found in the rich woods of northern New England, but what we do host are pretty hard to find elsewhere. And to the beginning birder, many are readily viewable. Instead of having to peer with binoculars through impenetrable foliage and get a crick in your neck, you can sit back on your deck or beach chair and gaze upon the shrubby edge of your yard or the ribbon of sand between wave and wrack. Once you get started in this pastime, it's pretty hard to stop. You'll be in good company.

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