

What's New?

Helen E. Ellis Case:

April: Pysanky – The hidden message Using beeswax from her own bee hives and eggs from her own flock, Lucy Tabit shares her collection of delicately designed pysanka eggs.

May: The Visual Art of Calligraphy An exhibit of local New England seaweed gathered and pressed by calligrapher, Heather Belle Rolfe.

June: Mini Mania

Alice Strebel and Tammy Medeiros share miniature everyday scenes made in 1:12 scale.

"It's donation time for our upcoming book sales. Our bin in the lobby awaits your gently used books, CDs and DVDs"

Services

Free Wi-Fi Wireless access available
Magnifiers for Visually Impaired
SAILS Library Network 24/7 borrowing
Commonwealth Catalogue
Homebound Delivery Service
Children's Programs
Genealogy: Ancestry.com/HeritageQuest
Manton Community Room
Library Bridge Club
Library Book Club
Westport Needleworkers
Museum Passes
Cast Offs

Library Hours

Monday & Thursday	12:00-8:30
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday	10:00-5:00
Saturday	9:00-4:00
Sunday	CLOSED

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Perspectives:

"People carry their loved ones with them. They are forever present." Tove Jannison (1914-2004) *The Listener*

Spring is officially here, although this year, the rainy late winter weather belied the calendar. I think that most of us did not mind to have the groundhog proved wrong. Soon, the unofficial start of "summer" in New England, Memorial Day, will be here, when many of us remember not only fallen veterans but also our departed loved ones with plantings and visits. At the Library, however, we have had, throughout the year, the privilege of serving family and friends who have established memorial funds or made donations to honor special people who loved books and libraries. These donations may be earmarked for a particular purpose, such as children's literature or technology. You may open a book to find a special bookplate that acknowledges the gift and celebrates the legacy of the loved one.

FOWL and the Library remember: Jennie D. Habib, Nancy Buol, Russel Craig, Jane Young, Philip Snyder, Jean Faulkner Archard, Richard Squire, and Helen Beau-lieu. Through the gifts of their family and friends, they are "forever present" in our Library.



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Your Library Connections:

As the weather grows warmer and the grass turns greener, we all think about getting outside. More daylight at the end of the work day provides time for wandering about the yard or taking a leisurely stroll, maybe even a walk on the beach. Looking for new ideas for outdoor projects? Browse our collection of gardening and landscaping books. Check out copies of *Horticulture Magazine* and *Mother Earth News*. (Just a reminder...our magazine collection does circulate, except for the current issue.)

Looking for an outdoor evening activity? The staff is pleased to be circulating a telescope to individuals and families. The device travels in a protective tote; there's also a backpack containing a user's manual, Night sky chart, a red LED flashlight and three books: *50 Things to See with a Small Telescope*, *My First Pocket Guide: Stars and Planets* and *Peterson First Guides: Astronomy*. Stop by the Library to review our telescope policy and borrower's agreement.

Also, the Friends of Westport Library (FOWL) are generously sponsoring two new discounted museum passes. If planning a trip to Boston, why not make the Boston Children's Museum part of your day? Or, for a local activity, check out a pass for the Children's Museum of Greater Fall River. You'll find a list of all passes, available throughout the year, on the back page of the @ the Library newsletter. Simply call or stop by to reserve a pass. Note: It's a good idea to call the Library a few days before your field trip, just to make sure the pass is available.

Enjoy these warmer days. We hope to see you at the Library.

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Kids' Corner

Did you know 85% of learning derives from listening, and 30% of people are auditory learners? The Library has a wonderful audiobook collection for children and young adults. Summertime means road trips, and audiobooks are the perfect companion for families. Shared family listening helps children recognize that listening to a good book together is fun. And doing so teaches reading, listening, and books are valuable. Tuning in together offers families a shared platform for discussion and critical thinking skills.

Children's Books on CD:

Pre-School to Grade 2

James Herriot's Treasury for Children

Bill Martin Jr. & Eric Carle's Brown Bear & Friends

A.A. Milne's The Collected Stories of Winnie-The-Pooh

Dr. Seuss's The Cat in the Hat and other Dr. Seuss Favorites

Grades 3-8

J.M. Barrie's Peter Pan

Johanna Spyri's Heidi

Jules Verne's 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea

Laura Ingalls Wilder's Little House on the Prairie

Young Adult

Orson Scott Card's Ender's Game

Jack London's Call of the Wild and White Fang

J.R.R. Tolkien's The Hobbit

Mark Twain's The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn



The Library is now offering access to **ABCMouse.com**, a high quality online early learning resource for families with young children, ages 2-8. The program covers reading and language arts, math, science, social studies, health, art, and music with 8,500+ interactive learning activities. It is completely child-safe, with no advertising or links to other websites. We look forward to having your children explore **ABCMouse.com** during their next visit to the Library.

Chat with Ned Daniels, Treasurer of FOWL

by Brianna McAvoy



Thank you Ned for taking time to meet with me.

Some personal history...

I have been a Westport resident for 13 years and Treasurer of FOWL for 4 years. My career began as a school teacher rising to school principal and successful elementary education book author. I retired from a second career in international consulting. Now I enjoy spending time with my children and grandchildren.

You're an active volunteer at the library...

I built a receptacle for Lees Market receipts to increase visibility and to remind patrons to donate their receipts. The reminder has worked. Each month the library receives about \$250 per month from Lees Market. I also created two educational exhibits for the Helen Ellis case. One featured rare coins, the other painter Mary Cassatt.

Favorite books?

Although there are many books I enjoy, *The Alienist* by Caleb Carr is my all time favorite. A thriller set in NYC at the turn of the 19th century, it features Theodore Roosevelt, a minor character, as the police commissioner. I am mesmerized by the many fascinating details in the story. Also enjoy mysteries by Grisham, and Lee Childs' Jack Reacher series. Recently found a new author when a Library patron was returning some Joseph Finder books. Started a conversation and on his recommendation checked one out. I'm hooked. Other books I gravitate to are about Art History, Landscaping and Gardening.

What might readers find surprising to learn about you?

I took a month long, full immersion French language course at the Sorbonne in 1963 and surprised myself when I began to think in French. In 1991 in Paris I chaired the first ever meeting of European Defense Ministers. Was shocked to learn they did not already know one another.

Life Lessons?

Being kind to people pays off in spades, and a good sense of humor can help carry the day.

Thank You

Friends of the Westport Library thanks everyone for their contributions to the ALA disaster fund for use in libraries damaged by the 2017 hurricanes. The total collected was \$886.46.

Happy to be serving the Westport community



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Events

FOWL Board Meetings: Monday, April 9 and Thursday, June 14 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 COMMUNITY ROOM

RAY RICKMAN: *The Value of the Book*

FOWL will be sponsoring this program Saturday, May 19th from 1-3 pm. Free of charge to the public but a \$5 donation to support FOWL is suggested. Please call the Library at least one week prior to register to have up to three books evaluated.

**April: *Wonder***

Peter Lenrow shares watercolor paintings of seascapes, landscapes and historic landmarks along with poems inspired by the settings, written before or after completion of the paintings. Artist's reception: Monday, April 9 from 5-7 p.m.

Beech Tree

*You have to stop and look –
The massive tree framing the harbor
with outstretched limbs,
deep shadows, amber leaves –
The serene collection of boats
tugging gently at their moorings
as the breeze stirs the water
The beckoning sunlight
splashed on manicured grass,
hulls and wavelets,
and gleaming boardwalk - As you pause
for a moment
in the dark shadows,
you have to draw a deep breath*

Peter Lenrow
02/03/2018

**May: *Creative Sources***

Stanley Cornwall shares an eclectic collection of acrylic paintings. His painting inspirations come from his home state of Maine with a love of nature and its wildlife inhabitants.

June: *The Ageless Atelier*

Back by popular demand, the Westport Council on Aging Painting Class shares an exhibit of acrylics, oils and watercolors created during the past year. Ably led by instructor Robert Abele, these individuals share their own inspirations. Artists' reception: Saturday, June 2 from 2-4 p.m.

Westport Library Book Club

Read For Fun, Followed By Optional Lunch

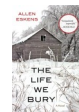
The Westport Library Book Club meets the second Friday of each month in the Community Room at 10:30 a.m. It's a wonderful assemblage of people from several local communities. We choose our selections on the recommendation of members. The conversations are lively and enjoyable and participating in the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

Please join us or contact briannamcavoy@gmail.com for more information.

April 20—*The Life We Bury*

Allen Eskens

College student Joe Talbert has the modest goal of completing a writing assignment for an English class. His task is to interview a stranger and write a brief biography of the person. With deadlines looming, Joe heads to a nearby nursing home to find a willing subject. There he meets Carl Iverson, and soon nothing in Joe's life is ever the same.

**May 11—*The Mothers***

Brit Bennett

Set within a contemporary black community in Southern California, Brit Bennett's mesmerizing first novel is an emotionally perceptive story about community, love, and ambition. It begins with a secret. *The Mothers* asks whether a "what if" can be more powerful than an experience itself. If, as time passes, we must always live in servitude to the decisions of our younger selves, to the communities that have parented us, and to the decisions we make that shape our lives forever.

**June 8—*A Man Called Ove***

Fredrik Backman

Behind the cranky exterior there is a story and a sadness. So when one November morning a chatty young couple with two chatty young daughters move in next door and accidentally flatten Ove's mailbox, it is the lead-in to a comical and heartwarming tale of unkempt cats, unexpected friendship, and the ancient art of backing up a U-Haul.

**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)



Saturday, April 7	9:30-10:30 a.m.
Saturday, May 5	9:30-10:30 a.m.
Saturday, June 16	9:30-10:30 a.m.

Where's Rosie!

Rosie seems to have slipped her leash and run away to some other part of this newsletter. Find Rosie in her three hiding places and you could win a \$10.00 coupon for free books at Michael's Bookstore, the Paperback Book Sale in July or the Annual Book Sale in September.

Just e-mail us at fowlemail@gmail.com with the correct three page numbers and specific pictures that Rosie is hiding in and your name could be picked. E-mail before the end of the day on June 30. Don't forget to give us your name and a convenient way to reach you should you be our lucky winner.

New to the Collection Highlights

Adult Fiction:

The Deceivers

Alex Berenson

The Russians don't just want to influence American elections—they want it all. Former CIA agent John Wells confronts a plot of astonishing audacity.

**Look For Me**

Lisa Gardner

The home of a family of five is now a crime scene. Four of them are savagely murdered, one is a sixteen-year-old girl who is missing. Was she lucky to have escaped or is her absence evidence of something sinister?

**Poison**

John Lescroart

Dismas Hardy is looking forward to easing into retirement after recovering from two glancing gunshot wounds but this plan is cut short when, against his wife's wishes, he is pulled back into the courtroom by the murder of Grant Wagner, the steely owner of a successful family business.



Adult Nonfiction:

Istanbul & Beyond

Robyn Eckhardt

The most extensive and lushly photographed Turkish cookbook to date, by two internationally acclaimed experts.

**The Financial Diet**

Chelsea Fagan

The Financial Diet gives you tools to make a budget, understand investments, and deal with your credit.

All-American Murder

James Patterson

Aaron Hernandez was a college All-American who became the youngest player in the NFL and later reached the Super Bowl. His every move as a tight end with the New England Patriots played out the headlines, yet he led a secret life—one that ended in a maximum-security prison.

**The Heart is a Shifting Sea**

Elizabeth Flock

An intimate, deeply reported and revelatory examination of love, marriage, and the state of modern India as witnessed through the lives of three very different couples in today's Mumbai.



Large Print Fiction:

Refuge Cove

Janet Dailey

She came to Alaska on the promise of marriage, only to find herself on the run from her would-be husband, lost and alone in the wilderness.

**Dark in Death**

J.D. Robb

On a chilly February night, during a screening of *Psycho* in midtown, someone sunk an ice pick into the back of Chanel Rylan's neck, then disappeared quietly.



Large Print Nonfiction:

Gold-Dust Woman

Stephen Davis

Stevie Nicks is a legend of rock, but her energy and magnetism sparked new interest in this icon. At 68, she's one of the most glamorous creatures rock has known, and the rare woman who's a real rock 'n' roller.

**Swimming with Elephants** Sarah Bamford Seidelmann

Sarah Seidelmann took a three month sabbatical to search for a way to feel good again.

MEDIA



Adult Books on CD: NonFiction

Leonardo da Vinci

Walter Isaacson

Radium Girls

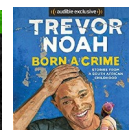
Kate Moore

Born a Crime

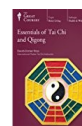
Trevor Noah

Astrophysics for People in a Hurry

Neil Degrasse Tyson



The Great Courses on DVD:

Essentials of Tai Chi and Qigong**The Guide to Birding in North America****Learning French: A Rendezvous with French-Speaking Cultures****Learning Spanish: How to Understand and Speak a New Language****Learning to Play Guitar****Practicing Mindfulness: An Introduction to Meditation****Understanding Japan: A Cultural History**

Music CDs:

All Rise

Wynton Marsalis

Born to Run

Bruce Springsteen

Kiri

Kiri Te Kanawa



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Spotlight

Sit Back, Relax and Take in a Movie

by Carol Vidal

Libraries are not what they used to be. Many, many years ago, I remember utilizing the library for two purposes: getting a good book to read and researching material for a term paper. (I sure don't miss those card catalogues.)

Fast forward a few decades and libraries are multipurpose places for computer usage, museum passes, visual aids, bookstores, and so much more. One can order books online or download books to tablets and even get instructions on how to do it.



The Westport Library has all these features. One great resource offered is the DVD collection near the main desk. The selection is varied and listed in alphabetical order (sorry, there is no master list.) DVDs are organized alphabetically in the adult's section and children's section. Movies can be taken out for a two-week period with no limit on

the number of DVDs. Also, check out the new library DVD acquisitions on page 4 of this newsletter.

There are plenty of topics to please almost anyone who likes movies. The adult section has hundreds of current movies including a documentary section and a small Blu-ray selection. There are DVDs based on TV programs, comedies, classics and dramas. The children's section has numerous selections and could be a good solution to a rainy, boring day. Now you can bring home a good book AND a movie.

On a related note, if you will be doing your spring cleaning soon, please keep the Library in mind with the upcoming, annual book sale drive beginning this April. Donations of DVDs would be greatly appreciated along with your book donations.



Ever long to take a closer look at the stars? Borrow our new library mini telescope. Stop by to read the telescope borrowing policy and start your romantic adventure.

Uncle Mike's Mobile Abode

by Suze Craig

A tidy and unassuming red trailer from the exterior, it became my home away from home, and again away from home in Boulder, while I visited family



during the Christmas holidays. Inside, for a book lover like me, nirvana. A voracious reader is Uncle Mike, and, being not only literate but also exceedingly practical, he had insulated almost all available walls with books.

But no higgledy-piggledy assortment.

Every space had if not its rhyme, its reason. Entry to the living area: several carefully bound collections; I recall Shakespeare, Dickens, Hawthorne. Another whole wall devoted to subjects seemingly arcane, but related, somehow, if I thought hard enough: a mathematician reads the newspapers, a treatise on rust, mathematical and computational theory and conjecture (even gossip). Further along the shelves, all kinds of joys and woes of baseball (Uncle Mike is an inveterate Red Sox fan) and many books in disparate flavors of karate, from an autobiography of Jackie Chen to various treatises on kung fu to *The Kata of Bunkai of Goju-Ryu* by Giles Hopkins (black belted Uncle Mike practices Goju-ryu).

Lighter fare in the bedroom: whodunits by names I knew (Dorothy Sayers, Margery Allingham), other I'd heard of, but have yet to read—Walter Mosley, Carl Hiaassen. At the far end of the room, treasured children's lit: *The Call of the Wild*, *Treasure Island*, *The Adventures of Robin Hood*.

Various evenings I sat in the easy chair in the cozy side nook, reading Basil Thomson's *The Story of Scotland Yard*, a wonderfully second hand edition with a faint penciled \$3.00 on the flyleaf. But the most enjoyable moment was absolute proof of Mike's fireworks eclecticism, in plain view beside the easy chair. Sandwiched between spines bearing the high octane titles of *Wizard: the Life and Times of Nicholas Tesla*, and *Stradivarius's Genius*: a shorter, sturdy brown volume entitled *Nancy Drew and the Women Who Created Her*.

Thanks to all of the FOWL "family" for saving your January Lees receipts! It was a smashing success. Instead of the usual 1% for each receipt, Lees offered 2% for each receipt! The result: \$538.24.

Keep bringing your Lees receipts to the Library. Your receipts earned \$2,493 in 2016.

Thank you Lees Market for your support.





Become a member — Join today

FOWL aids the mission; of the Westport Free Public Library.

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 and adult 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.

FOWL's services and activities:

Museum Passes:

Boston Museum of Science Providence Children's Museum
 Boston Children's Museum Roger Williams Park Zoo
 Buttonwood Park Zoo
 Children's Museum of Greater Fall River
 Harvard University Art Museums
 MASSPARKS Pass
 Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
 New Bedford Whaling Museum

Michael's Bookstore located in the Library lobby

Summer Paperback Book Sale

Programs/Special Events

Annual Book Sale with Members' Preview Night

Paperback Exchange Carousel located in the Library lobby

*Membership levels:

\$10 Individual	\$50 Patron
\$20 Family	\$100 Bibliophile
\$30 Sponsor	\$ _____ Other

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Yes, I would like to volunteer. I am interested in:

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