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#### Helen E. Ellis Display Case

#### October

A History of English Paper Piecing. Seasonal projects by Bonnie Strebel.

#### November

Bellaporter Jewelry: A Life's Passion...Thus Far... Handcrafted jewelry created by Kate Porter since the age of 13.

#### December

Holiday Memories: Lionel Model Trains. An exhibit by collector Ed Micale.



#### Services

- Free Wi-Fi Access
- Magnifiers for Visually Impaired
- SAILS Library Network 24/7 Borrowing
- Commonwealth Catalogue
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- Children's Programs
- Genealogy: Ancestry/HeritageQuest
- Manton Community Room
- Library Bridge Club
- Library Book Club
- Westport Needleworkers
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- Cast Offs of Westport
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#### Hours | Contact Info

<ul> <li>Monday &amp; Thursday</li> </ul>	12:00-8:30
<ul> <li>Tuesday, Wed, &amp; Friday</li> </ul>	10:00-5:00

- Saturday 9:00-4:00
- Sunday CLOSED

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#### Perspectives: A Measure of Ourselves

*"I think the health of our civilization, the depth of our awareness of the underpinning of our culture and our concern for the future can all be tested by how well we support our libraries."* Carl Sagan (1934-1996)

Public libraries in the U.S. have traditionally been a joint effort of governmental funding and private and nonprofit support. In Westport, public support for our Library is evidenced by the generous donation of materials to our book sales, selfless work by our volunteers and membership in FOWL. In a town of approximately 5,300 families, FOWL has about 300 members, each of whom contributes to the materials, programs, technology and museum passes that vitalize our Library.

Our 2019 membership-renewal season begins shortly when our renewal envelopes are mailed to our members. Thank you for continuing to support FOWL, the Library and the greater good of our community. If you are not yet a member, please join us. Every member makes a difference. You'll be in good company—and Carl Sagan would approve.

Denise Micale, President, FOWL (dsmicale@gmail.com)



#### Your Library Connections: Westport Matters

I am always amazed by the local history that envelops our community—and by those who have helped to make, and preserve that history. For example, one of our very own local historians, Claude Ledoux, has contributed an array of irreplaceable and timeless filmed interviews to the Westport History Room.

Claude's *Westport Matters* cable-television show (1992 - 2008) showcases interviews with individuals (many of whom are no longer with us) and a variety of topics, including farming, fishing, local government, historical sites, and more.

Ninety-four of these taped interviews have been catalogued and are now available on DVD for check out at the Library; simply search for *Westport Matters* in the SAILS online catalog. More single-episode titles will be forthcoming.

Also, catalogued under *Westport Matters: Complete Collection*, are two external hard drives donated by Claude, which are available for viewing in the Library.

Meanwhile, Claude's latest book was released in June: A History of Westport in the Twentieth Century: How events of 1958 triggered serial official actions that determined Westport's 2018 conditions. This second edition expands upon Claude's original 1995 book, co-authored by Carmen Maiocco, A History of Westport in the Twentieth Century.

We are all so thankful for Claude's tireless efforts to document our town's political and social metamorphoses and the unique individuals who helped to steer those events—and for all the other treasures that fill our History Room.

Sue Branco, Library Director (sbranco@sailsinc.org)

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#### FALL EXHIBITS AND EVENTS

#### IN THE MANTON COMMUNITY ROOM

October: People, Places and Things; my visual journal. Photographer Wendy Goldberg, shares a special collection of works. (See Chat this page)

November: Westport Faces, Spaces and Places. The Whaling City Camera Club shares a variety of works with ribbons presented by photographer, Greg Stone.



Opening reception: Monday, November 5, 5-7 p.m.

December/January: What is Art? The Greater Fall River Art Association offers a diverse collection of artwork fabricated in various media.

Exhibit curator: Sheila Oliveira

Opening reception: Saturday, December 8, 12-4 p.m.

#### FOWL Board Meetings

Thursday, October 11 and December 13 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.

Library is closed on the following days:

Monday, October 8, Columbus Day Monday, November 12, Veteran's Day Thursday and Friday, November 22-23, Thanksgiving Tuesday, December 25, Christmas

Tuesday, January 1, New Year's Day

#### A Children's Halloween Program

Friday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m. storyteller David Mello will share "not so scary" Halloween stories for a family audience. Costumes are optional. The program is sponsored by the Friends of Westport Library.



Refreshments will be served.

#### Tech Bytes

Wondering what to read next? Check out our Readers' Advisory tool, Novelist. A great resource for browsing gen-



res, suggestions for quick reads, horror, romance and more. Whatever strikes your fancy...

Visit the e-catalog, click on Novelist, enter your Library card barcode and have fun.

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A Chat with Wendy H. Goldberg, Westport Library Trustee and photographer



by Brianna McAvoy

Focus on Photographer and Library Trustee Wendy H. Goldberg:

#### Brief background...

Originally from New York City, I raised my three children in Brookline, Massachusetts. After moving to Westport in 1989, I studied photography at RISD and UMASS Dartmouth. I have participated in photography workshops, taught by Brenda Tharpe, Linde Waidhoffer, Elliot Cohen, Constantine Manos, National Geographic Magazine staff photographers Bruce Dale and James Sugar, and Martha's Vineyard photographer Allison Shaw.

#### Your photography will be on view in the Manton Room in the Library during the month of October. The photos impressively embody contrast, reflection, texture, repetition and shadow...

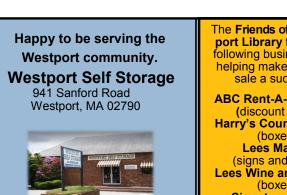
A camera has been a companion all my adult life. I have captured landscapes and streetscapes locally, in Europe, New Mexico and Mexico. When I am in a place, whether in nature or on a city street, I am acutely aware of my surroundings. I search for the extraordinary in the interplay of activity, light, shadows, patterns and texture that proclaim the stories of moments in time and place.

#### Something people might find surprising to learn about vou...

I love rowing with Dharma Voyage in their Adult Community Rowing program. It is an exhilarating way to be present in nature and enjoy this unique river.

#### You are a Trustee of the Library. What does this work entail?

The Trustees oversee Library expenditures, approve the budget, purchases and programs. We also collaborate with Library staff to improve the Library.



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The Friends of the Westport Library thank the following businesses for helping make our book sale a success.

ABC Rent-A-Tent, Inc. (discount price) Harry's Country Store (boxes) Lees Market (signs and bags) Lees Wine and Spirits (boxes) **Signature Signs** (discount on signs) Valtran, Inc. (nonprofit discount) Westport Self Storage (free storage)

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#### Kid's Corner Fall 2018

#### **Preschool**

#### Stumpkin

Lucy Cummins

Unique Halloween story about a stemless pumpkin who dreams of becoming a jack-o-lantern.

#### Invisible Lizard

Kurt Cyrus

Poor Napoleon. Despite being the spiffiest chameleon in the jungle, he has no friends. Napoleon is practically invisible.

#### The Rabbit Listened

Cori Doerrfeld

With its spare, poignant text and irresistibly sweet illustrations. The Rabbit Listened is a meditation on loss.

#### Grades 5-8

#### A Stitch in Time

An orphan grapples with her unpleasant aunt and the even more unpleasant idea of moving to Boston.

#### The House That Lou Built



A coming-of-age story that explores culture and family, forgiveness and friendship, and what makes a true home.

#### Children's Biography

#### Thomas Paine and the Dangerous Word Sarah Marsh

Thomas dared to change his destiny, enduring years of struggle until a meeting with Benjamin Franklin brought him to America and into the American Revolution.

#### Walt's Imagination: the Life of Walt Disney

Doreen Rappaport

From his childhood in rural Missouri to his legendary stature as a film and television icon. Walt governed his life with imagination, ingenuity, and scrupulous attention to detail.



#### Fresh Ink; an Anthology

Remarkable YA anthology from thirteen of the most recognizable, diverse authors writing today.

#### A Thousand Beginnings and Endings

Fifteen bestselling and acclaimed authors reimagine the folklore and mythology of East and South Asia in short stories that are by turns enchanting, heartbreaking, romantic, and passionate.

#### Young Adult Biography

#### I Have the Right To

Chessy Prout

THAVE

A young survivor tells her searing, visceral story of sexual assault, justice, and healing in this gut-wrenching memoir.

#### Google It! a History of Google

Anna Redding

Larry Page and Sergey Brin started out as two Stanford college students with a wild idea: they were going to organize the world's information.



#### 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.

#### October 12—A Fall of Marigolds

#### Susan Meissner

A beautiful scarf connects two women touched by tragedy in this compelling, emotional novel. September 1911, nurse Clara Wood cannot face returning to Manhattan, where the man she loved fell to his death in the Triangle Shirtwaist Fire. September 2011, on



Manhattan's Upper West Side, widow Taryn Michaels is forced to relive the terrible day her husband died in the collapse of the World Trade Towers.

#### November 9—Cooked, A Natural History of Transformation Michael Pollan

Pollan discovers the power of the four classical elements-fire, water, air, and earth to transform the stuff of nature into delicious things to eat and drink. Apprenticing himself to a succession of culinary masters, he learns how to grill with fire, cook with liquid, bake bread, and ferment everything from cheese to beer.



#### December 14—The Baker's Secret

Steven P. Kiernan

On June 5, 1944, as dawn rises over a small town on the Normandy coast of France, Emmanuelle is making the bread that has sustained her fellow villagers in the dark days since the Germans invaded her country. Apprenticed to Ezra at thirteen, Emma watched with shame and anger as her kind mentor was forced to wear the six-pointed yellow star on his clothing.



Call the Library for information on our fall sessions of Story Hour for ages 3 & up, or Lap-Sit for those under age 3.

#### Rosie visits:

She was powerless to help.

Practice reading to Rosie, our canine friend. Children read one-on-one to Rosie for ten minutes. This helps them gain skills and confidence reading aloud. She is an avid listener! Rosie and handler Sue Szekely are part of Therapy Dogs International's Tail Waggin' Tutors reading program. Practice reading aloud from a favorite book!

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

Saturday, October 20	9:30-10:30 a.m.	
Saturday, November 17	9:30-10:30 a.m.	
Saturday, December 15	9:30-10:30 a.m.	No. 194





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#### New to the Collection Highlights

#### **Adult Fiction**

#### The Storm

Arif Anwar

Shahrvar, a recent PhD graduate and father of nine-yearold Anna, must leave the U.S. when his visa expires. In their last remaining weeks together, we learn Shahryar's history.

A Noise Downstairs Linwood Barclay College professor Paul Davis is a normal guy with a normal life until driving along a deserted road late one night, he surprises a murderer disposing of a couple of bodies.

#### **Pieces Of Her**

Karin Slaughter

Andrea Cooper knows everything about her mother Laura. But all that changes when a Saturday afternoon trip to the mall explodes into violence and Andrea suddenly sees a completely different side to Laura.

#### The Other Woman

Daniel Silva

In an isolated village in the mountains of Andalusia, a mysterious Frenchwoman begins work on a dangerous memoir. It is the story of a man she once loved in the Beirut of old.

#### Adult Nonfiction

#### Multicooker Perfection

America's Test Kitchen

#### **Our Towns**

James Fallow

A vivid, surprising portrait of the civic and economic reinvention taking place in America, town by town and generally out of view of the national media.

A History of Westport in the Twentieth Century (2<sup>nd</sup> ed. with updates to 2018) Claude A. Ledoux

#### Adult Biography

#### Mv Girls

Todd Fisher A revelatory and touching tribute to the lives of Carrie Fisher and Debbie Reynolds written by the person who knew them best.

Bruce Lee: A Life Matthew Polly The most authoritative biography featuring dozens of rarely seen photographs of film legend Bruce Lee, who made martial arts a global phenomenon.

#### Large Print Fiction

A Daring Adventure Elizabeth Camden As a biochemist in early 1900s New York, Doctor Rosalind Werner has dedicated her life to the crusade against waterborne diseases. She is at the forefront of a groundbreaking technology but only if she can get people to believe her.

The Weaver's Daughter Sarah E. Ladd Kate's loyalties bind her to the past. Henry's loyalties compel him to strive for a better future. In a landscape torn between tradition and vision, can two souls find the strength to overcome their preconceptions?



#### Large Print Nonfiction

#### Tip of the Iceberg

Armed with Dramamine and an industrialstrength mosquito net, Mark Adams sets out to retrace a famous 1899 expedition to Alaska.



The Seasons of My Mother Marcia Gay Harden

One of America's most revered actresses weaves stories of her adventures and travels with her mother, while reflecting on the beautiful spirit that persists even in the face of her mother's struggle with Alzheimer's disease.

#### Adult Books on CD: Fiction

Varina The Death of Mrs. Westaway Charles Frazier Ruth Ware

#### Adult Books on CD: Nonfiction

The Soul of America How to Change Your Mind Calypso

Jon Meacham Michael Pollan David Sedaris









#### Adult DVDs

Avengers: Infinity War Endeavour season 5 Goodbye Christopher Robin Murdoch Mysteries season 11 The Vikings season 5. volume 1



#### **Music CDs**

Come on Home Boz Scaggs From the Cradle Eric Clapton High as Hope Florence & The Machine Highlights from La Boheme and Madama Butterfly Puccini



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### Spotlight

#### **Faces-Spaces-Places of Westport**

#### by Denise Micale

The iconic American photographer Ansel Adams characterized the art of photography as "an austere and blazing poetry of the real." To use Adams' metaphor, the Library will be hosting its very first "poetry slam" of Westport images this November. Approximately forty photographs of "Faces-Spaces-Places of Westport", made by members of the Whaling City Camera Club (WCCC) and judged by noted local photogra-

pher Greg Stone, will be exhibited. The WCCC's website notes they are a group of people "diverse in age and photographic ability, but united in their passion for the art of photography." The club has regular meetings and sponsors field trips, monthly competitions, lectures and mentor-



ing sessions to members. Visit

www.whalingcitycameraclub.com for more information and examples of work by their members.

The exhibit will be on view in the Manton Community Room from Friday, November 2 through Friday, November 30 during regular Library hours, and a reception with the exhibitors is open to all on Monday, November 5 from 5-7 p.m. At that time Mr. Stone will present the awards. Come see Westport through the eyes of the visual "poets" of the WCCC and root for your favorite to win.

#### No Time to Duke It Out

The cluttered shelves of books I ought to read Hold hardcovers and paperbacks enough For several lifetimes, and more indeed Than any fool would want to own as stuff.

Collecting dust, untouched much of the time The books reproach me. What valid reason Can I offer in simple prose or rhyme For my failure to read in due season

The greats of literature (that motley crew)? It would not console me to chip away In small studies because I would still rue The large canon unread by my last day.

My library, a dukedom? This duke is cursed o dodge it, time's arrow must be reversed.

**James Cronin** 

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#### World of the Web

by Paul Cabral

It's a frustrating reality that keeping track of all the passwords you use, you *need*, can be a major pain. But it needn't be. An easy way to improve your online security and keep track of your "sign in/log in" passwords is to use "passphrases" instead of passwords. Here's the scoop ....

A little online research will quickly show you that internet security experts differ in opinion regarding what constitutes a strong consumer-level password. One camp, the "more complex the better" group promotes passwords of more than six characters that are uppercase, lowercase, and have special characters such as dollar signs, asterisks and/or numbers sprinkled in. Their rivals, the "longer is better" camp argue that a password's strength largely depends on its length, not its complexity. Their position is that it can be a fairly straightforward task to crack a complex password by employing readily available online tools and that long passwords require both greater dedicated resources and importantly, time, for crackers to succeed.

Using a passphrase, instead of a password, enables you to create a hybrid that draws from the strengths of both of these approaches: complexity plus length. The time honored "belt and suspenders" approach.

Creating a strong passphrase is easy and requires only two steps .....

- 1. First, think of a sentence, or phrase, that is meaningful to only you and will be easy for you to remember; and, then
- 2. Select, and use, the first, or last, letter of each word in the sentence, or phrase, to create your passphrase.

Something like this ... using just first letters.

- I love the aroma of brewed coffee in the morning. Equivalent passphrase: Iltaobcitm
- When I was three years old I had two pet goldfish, Spotty and Aloysius.

Equivalent passphrase: WlwtyolhtpgSaA

 My favorite ice cream flavors are coffee, coffee walnut chip and strawberry.
 Equivalent passphrase: Mficfaccwcas

As you see, the trick, and beauty, to this type of secure passphrase is to craft, and remember, one that truly means something to you. The ones that are part of you are the ones you cannot lose.

<u>Next issue:</u> Part 2 - Intermediate class: Passphrase Haiku (Thank the Beatles!)

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# of the Westport Free Public Library.

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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 and adult programs. FOWL is the largest funding source for these purchases. In 2017, 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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#### **Museum Passes:**

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