

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Still taking donations. Our book bin in the lobby awaits your gently used books, CDs and DVDs. Please no textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines or outdated manuals. If you have any questions, call our Library staff. Donations are being accepted until Friday, August 30.

➔ **The Paperback Book Sale begins Monday, July 29 at 12:00 p.m. through Friday, August 9.**

The FOWL Annual Book Sale begins Saturday, September 7, runs through Saturday, September 14. Friday, September 6 is member preview night and Saturday, September 14 is \$5 a bag day.

## SERVICES

- Free Wi-Fi Access
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- Circulating Magnifiers for Visually Impaired
- SAILS Library Network 24/7 Borrowing
- Commonwealth Catalogue
- Homebound Delivery Service
- Children's Programs
- Genealogy: Ancestry/HeritageQuest
- Manton Community Room
- Library Bridge Club
- Library Book Club
- Westport Needleworkers
- Museum Passes
- Cast Offs of Westport
- Call the Library for more info...

## Hours | Contact Info

Monday & Thursday 12:00-8:30  
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## Perspectives: Summer 2019

"The library in summer is the most wonderful thing because you get books on any subject and read each for only as long as they hold your interest, abandoning any that don't, halfway or a quarter of the way through if you like, and store up all that knowledge in the happy corners of your mind for your own self..." Polly Horvath, *My One Hundred Adventures*

My checkout history on the SAILS website shows that I have borrowed 315 books since March 2012. Unlike the guilt incurred by my summer ice cream habit (mostly blueberry or frozen pudding), I am blissful in indulging my appetite for books of various genres and periods, devouring or savoring some, while casually leaving others behind like the fleeting summer flings of youth. Our Library is a guilt free zone of literary adventure into worlds of fiction, history, mystery, fantasy, humor and more; a takeout buffet of ideas, vicarious experience, delight, comfort and challenges for each of us to sample and enjoy. Here's to a summer filled with the best of indulgences that Westport offers, including the carefree luxury of exploring your personal universe of books from our Library.

Denise Micale, President, FOWL ([fowl@email@gmail.com](mailto:fowl@email@gmail.com))

## SUMMER

## Summer...a time to catch up with friends

It's time to welcome back our seasonal residents who stop by to renew a Library card and catch up on the year's news. Our Westport students as well are checking out summer reading titles. I enjoy touching base with young adults who are heading off to college. Seeing a young adult who participated in my preschool program many moons ago who pops in to let me know he is heading off to college and/or has completed a degree is a joy. "Are you still here?" Well, yes, I do hear that question quite often.

And let's not forget the friends with whom I work side by side. I am most appreciative of the many ways that our staff enables the Library to grow as a cultural and community gathering place. Just to name a few ways...

- Finding the latest title in a series.
- Placing a hold on an audio CD for a road trip.
- Using Overdrive to download a magazine issue.
- Helping a youngster and parent navigate the children's shelves.
- Selecting a leisurely title for the beach.
- Checking DVD titles for a summer movie night.
- Browsing the travel section for ideas for a day trip.
- Gathering information about our 12 museum passes.
- Checking out our summer program offerings.

Looking forward to seeing you this summer...for a quick chat.

Sue Branco, Library Director ([sbranco@sailsinc.org](mailto:sbranco@sailsinc.org))



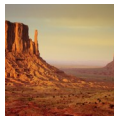
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## SUMMER EXHIBITS AND EVENTS

## HELEN E. ELLIS CASE

July: **Southwestern Native Arts**  
Carol Bonnar shares Navajo and Hopi tribal crafts.



August: **A Gathering of Dragons** George deVillers shares his collection of imaginative and highly detailed dragons designed by Todd McFarlane, creator of Spawn.

September: **I Love Vintage** Nancy deVillers shares a lovely array of hand-sewn items created throughout the years.

## IN THE MANTON COMMUNITY ROOM

Thursday, July 11 at 7 p.m.

**Challenger: Soaring with Christa McAuliffe**

A one-woman play starring *History at Play*™ founder, Judith Kalaora. Discover the true story behind the incredible teacher and American Pioneer. Free to the public. Suitable for all ages. Sponsored by Friends of Westport Library (FOWL).

Monday, July 15 at 7 p.m.

**Fly Me To The Moon**

Roger Menard shares his program celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing. Who is the Man in the Moon? How does the moon impact life on Earth? and many more questions will be answered by Roger, a member of the Astronomical Society of Southern New England. Recommended for adults and children 12 years and over.

July: **A Walk Along East Beach** A display of historical images shared by the Westport Historical Society takes us on a visual walk along Westport's East Beach to explore this once vibrant 19th century community.

August: **Artist, Carmen Maiocco** Self-taught artist and local historian, Carmen Maiocco, presents scenes in and around Westport that he painted in the 1980's.



## FOWL Board Meetings

Thursday, August 8, 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.

The Library will be closed on the following dates:

Thursday, July 4  
Monday, Labor Day, September 2

## An Interview with Judith Kalaora Founder and Artistic Director of History At Play™

by Brianna McAvoy



History At Play/AI Conant Photography

**Please tell me about your background –**

As Founder and Artistic Director of *History At Play*, I research, write, produce and perform influential and often forgotten women. I earned a BFA in Acting from Syracuse University and completed the Globe Education Program at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in London, where I honed my script analysis, production and performance skills.

**What inspired you to portray Christa McAuliffe?**

My sister asked if I would portray a woman from recent history, such as Christa McAuliffe, a teacher and astronaut from Concord, NH. It was an inspired idea, in part, because Christa grew up in Framingham, MA, as I did. Christa has become a phenomenon – people remember exactly what they were doing on January 28, 1986, the day she and six other crew members died when the Challenger Space Shuttle exploded. I realized people didn't know much about her life before boarding the Challenger, though her life is a history lesson in itself. When I engaged Christa's family and friends to learn about the first 36 years of her life, I dug deep to discover who she was and what led her to become an educational pioneer, who excelled in organizing experiential field trips to bring history to life. I became close to Christa's friends, as they revealed their memories, and her family has entrusted me to portray Christa authentically.

**What will the audience learn?**

My 80 minute portrayal is like opening a photo album of Christa's life, with video and sounds. People of every age find it engaging and powerful.

Judith@HistoryAtPlay

(See Summer Events this page for details)

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### Preschool

**Carl: the Meaning of Life**  
**The Book Hog**  
**Motor Mouse**  
**Not Your Nest**

Deborah Freedman  
 Greg Pizzoli  
 Cynthia Rylant  
 Gideon Sterer



### Juvenile Non-Fiction

**The Road Not Taken**  
**Nature All Around: Trees**  
**Daring Dozen: the Twelve who Walked on the Moon**

Robert Frost  
 Pamela Hickman  
 Suzanne Slade



### Grades 1-4

**Good Dog, McTavish**  
**Meet Yasmin!**  
**The Becket List: a Blackberry Farm Story**

Meg Rosoff  
 Saadia Faruqi  
 Adele Griffin

### Grades 5-8

**The Infinite Lives of Maisie Day**  
**The Last Last-Day-of-Summer**  
**Sweeping Up the Heart**  
**Birdie**

Christopher Edge  
 Lamar Giles  
 Kevin Henkes  
 Eileen Spinelli

• **Summer Days Story Time for toddlers to age 5.**  
 Wednesdays, July 10—August 7 10-11 a.m.

• **Library Reading Club for ages 6 and up.** Tues-  
 days, July 9—August 6 10-11 a.m.

### Rosie visits:

Practice reading to **Rosie**, our canine friend. Children read one-on-one to Rosie for ten minutes, helping them gain skills and confidence reading aloud. She's 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)



<b>Friday, July 19</b>	<b>10:00-11:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Friday, August 16</b>	<b>10:00-11:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, September 21</b>	<b>9:30-10:30 a.m.</b>

## 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 [emmurphy@charter.net](mailto:emmurphy@charter.net) for more information.



**July 12—The Perfect Nanny** by Leila Slimani

**August 9—The End of Your Life Book Club**  
 by Will Schwalbe

**September 13—The Miniaturist** by Jessie Burton

## Kid's Corner Summer Events 2019

### WINGMASTERS

Monday, July 8 at 7 p.m.

**Wingmasters** will combine **five live birds of prey** with authentic artifacts, many of museum quality, and both explain and show how different Native American cultures transformed natural materials into objects of beauty and drama.

*This program is supported by the Philip Snyder Foundation, and is suitable for ages 6 and up.*

### LOONY LUNAR MAGIC SHOW

Monday, July 22 at 7 p.m.

Tom and Debbie O'Carroll's **Loony Lunar Magic Show** celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing with exciting magic, comedy and lively songs.

*This show is supported by Friends of Westport Library (FOWL) and is suitable for all ages.*



### Sparky's Puppets

Tuesday, August 13 at 11 a.m.

Sparky's Puppets will perform **Stories from Outer Space**. Follow the adventures of a space traveler who makes a rocket ship and flies to the moon.

*This program is supported in part by a grant from the Westport Cultural Council.*

## New to the Collection Highlights

Adult Fiction**Redemption**

David Baldacci

Detective Amos Decker discovers that a mistake he made as a rookie detective may have led to deadly consequences in this compelling Memory Man thriller.

**Outside Looking In**

T.C. Boyle

In this stirring and insightful novel, T.C. Boyle takes us back to the 1960s and to the early days of a drug whose effects have reverberated widely throughout our culture: LSD.

**The Seven or Eight Deaths of Stella Fortuna**

Juliet Grames

From Calabria to Connecticut, a sweeping family saga about sisterhood, secrets, Italian immigration, the American dream, and one woman's tenacious fight against her own fate.

Adult Nonfiction**Merchants of Truth**

Jill Abramson

A definitive report on the disruption of the news media over the last decade with the expert guidance of a former executive editor of *The New York Times*.

**The Moment of Lift**

Melinda Gates

Melinda tells the stories of inspiring people she's met through her work all over the world and powerfully illustrates issues that need our attention.

**Nature Play at Home**

Nancy Striniste

A magnificent resource for transforming backyards into stimulating environments which enhance children's creativity, learning, and fun.

Adult Biography**Our Man**

George Packer

Richard Holbrooke was brilliant, utterly self-absorbed, and possessed of almost inhuman energy and appetites. Admired and detested, he was the force behind the Dayton Accords that ended the Balkan wars.

**The Matriarch**

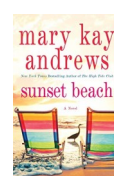
Susan Page

A vivid biography of former First Lady Barbara Bush, one of the most influential and under-appreciated women in American political history.

Large Print Fiction**Sunset Beach**

Mary Kay Andrews

Drue Campbell's life is adrift. Out of a job and down on her luck, when her estranged father, a flamboyant personal injury attorney, shows up at her mother's funeral after a twenty-year absence.

**Crown Jewel**

Christopher Reich

Stolen sports cars, brilliant casino heists, and the brazen kidnapping of a prince: only the shadowy spy-for-hire Simon Riske can stop the mastermind behind it all.

Large Print Nonfiction**Code Name: Lise**

Larry Loftis

The True Story of the Woman Who Became WWII's Most Highly Decorated Spy.

**Don't Stop Believin'** Olivia Newton-John

A four-time Grammy Award winner, she is one of the world's best-selling recording artists of all time.

Adult Books on CD: Fiction**The Malta Exchange****The Vanishing Man****The Island of Sea Women**

Steve Berry  
Charles Finch  
Lisa See

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## World of Books

### My Love of Libraries

by Sue Szekely

I have just finished reading *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean which chronicles the 1986 fire that destroyed or damaged over a million books at the City of Los Angeles Central Library. In telling the story of the fire and subsequent investigation, the author manages to, in her words, "tell people about a place I love that doesn't belong to me but feels like home." The part of the book that moved me most was the description of her trips to the local library with her mother.



Mom has always loved libraries. As a girl of 14, she worked at her local branch of the Providence Public Library on Hope Street. She even earned her certificate in Library Sciences, hoping to transition from school administration to working in a school library. When I was young, Mom and I would take special trips to the Peace Dale Public Library in South Kingstown, RI near our summer home. This was a cavernous building built in 1891 with gables, dormers, nooks and even a balcony filled with rows and rows of books looking down over the main rooms. What a perfect place for a little girl to roam and discover new books.

To this day, I still enjoy reading and participating in the monthly book group discussions here at the Westport Library, but what I really enjoy is discussing books with Mom. At 89 she still attends her library's book discussion group and we often share our favorites back and forth. We recently shared a cup of Pu'er tea after reading *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* by Lisa See. It is from Mom that I learned that some of the best book discussions are about books you might not have liked.

The love of books I developed as a young girl continues to this day. In an effort to spread my love for reading and libraries, you'll find me and my therapy dog Rosie sitting in the History Room as young readers read aloud to Rosie. I'm hoping that their trips to the Library instill a love for a place that also "feels like home".

### Tech Bytes

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## Spotlight

### It's Pronounced RIZ-dee

by Maryteresa Hicks

Have you thought about a family outing or a visit on your own to the RISD Museum? It has more to offer than you think. The only comprehensive art museum in Southeastern

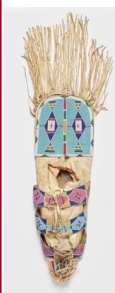
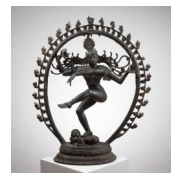
New England, it was established in Providence in 1877, located beside the Rhode Island School of Design.

The current collection contains more than 100,000 works of art and design from all over the world dating from ancient times to today. Always on exhibit are paintings and decorative arts from ancient Egypt, Rome and Greece, Asia, Europe, and 18-19<sup>th</sup> century America, as well as works from modern and contemporary artists.

The museum also offers programs designed for families on select Saturdays including Tours for Tots (ages 3 to 5) at 10:30 a.m., a 45 minute session of playful stories, creative art making and gallery adventures. For children ages 6 and up, there's a one hour session to explore art using close examination, discussion and hands on making. For adults, the museum offers workshops, discussions and presentations on various art topics. All these special programs are free with admission.

And that's not all. There's a wonderful gift shop with eye catching and interesting wares to explore. To round out your day, stop at the museum's Café Pearl for a light lunch or afternoon refreshment, open Tuesday – Sunday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The RISD Museum itself is open Tuesday through Sunday, from 10 to 5 and till 9:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. The children's programs are free with admission; however, you must register beforehand. The museum is handicapped/wheelchair accessible. Check out their website at [rismuseum.org](http://rismuseum.org) to see all that's on offer and don't forget to pick up your FREE pass at the Library before you go! Free because funds raised through FOWL membership dues and book sales make possible the purchase of these RISD Museum passes for Westport Free Library patrons.



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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 2018, 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:

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Boston Museum of Science  
Buttonwood Park Zoo  
Children's Museum of Greater Fall River  
Edaville Railroad  
Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum  
MASSPARKS Pass  
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston  
New Bedford Whaling Museum  
Providence Children's Museum  
Rhode Island School of Design  
Roger Williams Park Zoo

**Michael's Bookstore** located in the Library lobby

**Paperback Exchange Carousel** located in the Library lobby

@ the Library Quarterly Newsletter

#### \*Membership levels:

\$10 Individual	\$50 Patron
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