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Perspectives: October 2019

"You look out there and there's people that, their day is changed because of your contribution to it." Brad Paisley

It is a rainy mid-August morning and the Library is at its best: Sparky's puppet show is delighting a group in the Community Room and a steady stream of patrons of all ages use the computers, search for materials, request museum passes, peruse the Bookstore or relax in the reading areas. The free public library is a beloved institution in a world where nearly all gathering places have a price.

We know that the free public library isn't really "free". We all pay taxes that make it possible for it to exist and function. So why support Friends Of Westport Library? Members of FOWL make it possible for our Library to purchase materials, technology, programs and museum passes that make a difference to every patron who walks through the door and thus a difference ultimately to our community. In a world of ever tightening town and state budgets, the members of FOWL make contributions that are changing the day for many people who benefit from the services and influence of our Library. If you haven't yet become a "FOWler", please join us. Thank you, FOWLers for your generous support.

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



Our Library Family...

You may be wondering where two of your Library friends have gone. Well—happy for him and sad for all of us—our dear Maintenance Specialist John Medeiros retired after 21 years of faithful and selfless service. Beyond his normal Library contributions, John's ongoing support for FOWL and Library programming has always been remarkable. The many, sometimes-arduous tasks—such as arranging furniture in the Manton Community Room or filling the storage-pod with books for the annual FOWL book sales—were never taken lightly by John. We'll sure miss him around here—and we will, if necessary, place fines on his entire family's books if he does not visit us regularly.

A "fond farewell and many thanks" also go out to Library Aide-I Charlie Huntington, who provided lovely service on our circulation desk for the past 2 ½ years. With his extensive computer background and willingness to share helpful technological wizardry, Charlie helped to increase our staff's overall productivity while making our days brighter. Happily, Charlie is a voracious reader, so I know he will be stopping by weekly.

On the flip side of the personal coin, you have undoubtedly noticed the increasing presence of our other Friends, the lifeblood of our Library—always supporting our community's needs through its members and volunteers, its book sales, and Michael's year-round book store—the Friends of Westport Library, FOWL. Did you know that the comprehensive book-sorting and boxing for the Summer Paperback and Annual Book Sales starts in April! I don't know when our FOWL Folks take a break.

Enjoy these cooler days and a comfy chair at the Library. Hope to see you soon.

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



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FALL EXHIBITS AND EVENTS

IN THE MANTON COMMUNITY ROOM

October:

Dune Paintings Local artist, Ron Lister, shares a series of oil paintings reflecting his daily walks at Town Beach.

"Meet the Artist" Opening Saturday, October 5th 1-3 p.m.



November-December:

Botanicals And The Bugs That Love Them

The Whaling City Camera Club returns this year with buggy photography. See accompanying interview with Sally Erickson.

Opening: Thursday, November 7 6-8 p.m.

Ribbons awarded by Dedee Shattuck



HELEN E. ELLIS CASE

October: Hidden Treasures from the Westport Historical Society Collection...

Kathleen McAreavey, Director of Education, shares many lesser-known treasures collected over the years from the amazing to the mundane, to help us know our local history a bit better.

November: Gray's Grist Mill by George Whitley, Miller...an autumnal exhibit to honor Gray's Grist Mill established in 1878.

December: Legos for Big Kids...a collection by Ed Micale View *Modular Buildings*, a series of Lego buildings designed for more advanced Lego enthusiasts (16 years and older). Imagine 2,000 pieces in one building.



Tech Bytes

Remember the Oral Histories/Interviews that were recorded on cassette during the 1976 Bicentennial?

Visit the Library to listen to this digitized collection, 64 interviews in all. Thank you, Jenny O'Neill and Community Preservation Committee.



FOWL Board Meetings

Thursday, October 10 and Thursday, December 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.

The Library will be closed on the following dates:

Columbus Day, Monday, October 14
 Veteran's Day, Monday, November 11
 Wednesday, November 27—half day
 Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 28
 Friday, November 29
 Tuesday, December 24—half day
 Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25
 New Year's Eve, Tuesday, December 31—half day

An Interview with Sally Erickson of Whaling City Camera Club

by Brianna McAvoy

Tell me about the Camera Club...

New members, of any level, are always welcome to join. All you need is a camera or cell phone and an interest in the art of photography. It's a very social group of 60 members and a great place to make new friends. We get together monthly, September through June, to learn about various aspects of photography and equipment. Outside speakers and members talk about composition, lighting, perspective, and how to tell a story using images. Members are encouraged to explore their inner artist and express themselves through photography. Field trips of interesting places to shoot are arranged frequently. The club also helps with the practical side—how to matt and frame works to maximize visual impact.



Each year we are privileged to host Peter Pereira, world renowned Photojournalist for the *Standard Times* and award winning photographer, who shares with us his passion for this art. He judges one of our in-house competitions, typically consisting of photojournalism and street photography.

Describe your role and the Club's two month long show...

As the Chair of Shows & Exhibits, I organize four shows per year. For November and December, we have put together an exciting theme that people of all ages will want to see, *Botanicals And The Bugs That Love Them*. We invite everyone to view exemplary photographs of nature in the raw, butterflies, insects and the plants that sustain them.

Ribbons will be awarded to the top entries, which will be judged by local gallery owner Dedee Shattuck. I encourage everyone to experience the show and then share their views in our guest book or by email. For those who want more information about the photos or photographers in this unique exhibit, they may connect with us via email:

wccc.shows@gmail.com,
 or website: WhalingCityCameraClub.com.



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Kid's Corner FALL 2019

Preschool to Grade 2

Max Attacks**Ghost Cat****My Teacher Is a Robot****Rocket Says Look Up!****Bear Came Along**

Kathi Appelt

Kevan Atteberry

Jeffrey Brown

Nathan Bryon

Richard Morris

Juvenile Non-Fiction

Boom! Bellow! Bleat! Animal Poems for Two or More Voices**Look at the Weather**

Georgia Heard

Britta Teckentrup

Grades 5-8

Trace**Tangled in Time: the Portal****Dream within a Dream****Our Castle by the Sea**

Pat Cummings

Kathryn Lasky

Patricia MacLachlan

Lucy Strange

Young Adult

Lovely War**Dig****Courting Darkness**

Julie Berry

A. S. King

Robin LaFevers



Drop in between 10:00-1:00 p.m. and enjoy the make & take craft program for all ages on Saturday, October 12. Create your own haunted house made from graham crackers, frosting, candy and other goodies.

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)

Saturday, October 19 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Saturday, November 16 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 7 9:30-10:30 a.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 emmurphy@charter.net for more information.



October 11—The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

by Mark Twain

November 8—The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah

December 13—Breakfast with Buddha by Roland Merullo

Kid's Corner FALL Events 2019

**A Children's Program at
the Westport Free
Public Library**



**Save the date: Friday, October
25th at 7:00 p.m. at the Library,
408 Old County Road**

Once Upon a Halloween

What would Halloween be without some chillin' tales for the spookiest time of the year? Storyteller **Diane Edgecomb** will share great new Halloween stories full of surprises, including a bubbling foggy cauldron. This promises to be a memorable evening for a family audience. Costumes are optional. This program is supported by the Friends of Westport Library. Refreshments will be served. Registration is not necessary.

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New to the Collection Highlights

Adult Fiction**One Good Deed**

David Baldacci

When war veteran Aloysius Archer is released from Carderock Prison, he is sent to Poca City on parole with a short list of *do*'s and a much longer list of *don't*'s.

Deep River

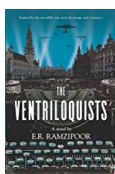
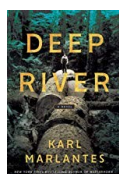
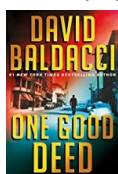
Karl Marlantes

Born into a farm family in late nineteenth-century Finland, the three Koski siblings; Ilmari, Matti, and Aino are brought up on the virtue of maintaining their *sisu* in the face of increasing hardship.

The Ventriloquists

E.R. Ramzipoor

Brussels, 1943. Twelve-year-old street orphan Helene survives by living as a boy and selling copies of the country's most popular newspaper, *Le Soir*, now Nazi propaganda.

**Adult Nonfiction****The Ice at the End of the World**

Jon Gertner

A riveting, urgent account of the explorers and scientists racing to understand the rapidly melting ice sheet in Greenland, a dramatic harbinger of climate change.

Beneath the Tamarind Tree

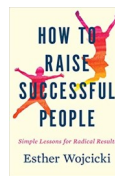
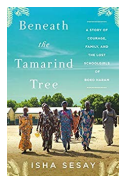
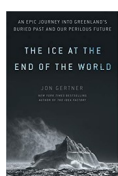
Isha Sesay

Indispensable and gripping account of the brutal abduction of Nigerian schoolgirls by Boko Haram terrorists.

How to Raise Successful People

Esther Wojcicki

Tried-and-tested methods for raising happy, healthy, successful children using Trust, Respect, Independence, Collaboration, and Kindness: TRICK.

**Adult Biography****The Contender:****The Story of Marlon Brando**

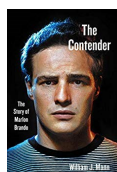
William J. Mann

Ambitious and definitive portrait of the greatest movie actor of the twentieth century, the elusive Marlon Brando, bringing his extraordinarily complex life into view.

Sontag: Her Life and Work

Benjamin Moser

Sontag left a legacy of writing on art and politics, feminism and homosexuality, celebrity and style that forms an indispensable key to modern culture.

**Large Print Fiction****The Number of Love**

Roseanna M. White

England's greatest asset is their intelligence network—field agents risking their lives to gather information, and codebreakers able to crack every German telegram.

**More Than Words Can Say**

Karen Witemeyer

After fulfilling a pledge to a dying friend, Zacharias Hamilton is finally free. No family entanglements. No disappointing those around him. Just the quiet bachelor existence he's always craved.

**Large Print Nonfiction****Fire in the Sky**

Gordon L. Dillow

Combining history, pop science, and in-depth reporting, this is a fascinating account of asteroids that hit Earth long ago.

Becoming Dr. Seuss

Brian Jay Jones

Whimsical and wonderful, his work has defined our childhoods and the childhoods of our own children.

**Adult Books on CD****Upheaval**

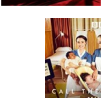
Jared M. Diamond

Paris Diversion

Chris Pavone

The Nickel Boys

Colson Whitehead

**Adult DVDs****Call the Midwife**

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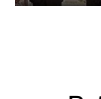
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seasons 1, 2, and 3

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World of Books

On the Laps of Their Parents

by Denise Micale

The award winning children's author Emilie Buchwald once wrote "Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.." As a proud new grandmother, aka "Mimi", I am always on the lookout for the perfect book to enjoy snuggle time with my grandson.

I confess to being a fan of interactive books, because I need novelty and fun to create that special moment that will keep him coming back for more. If a book has sounds, buttons, popups or flaps to lift, I am in. But what if that paper book isn't handy if you and your favorite little person are out and about? Yup, you know where I am going. Ebooks for children have become increasingly popular in our digitally dominated world.

However, there is some research ("Reading with Your Children", Nicola Yuill, *The Conversation*, 12/15/16) that suggests young children read, remembered and understood less of the story in enhanced ebooks when they became distracted with multimedia and games in the book. Also, parent-child interactions were found to be warmer with more laughter, smiling and shows of affection with paper books rather than with those using a screen. Ultimately, however, shared reading with children, with a combination of well-chosen paper and ebooks will help them become successful, lifelong readers.

The key is finding books that are well designed, fun for both readers, and provide interaction that takes place during reading. An example of a great paper interactive book for young children is *Dream Snow* by Eric Carle, author of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. And *Nighty Night* by Shape Minds is a well-designed ebook that will delight both child and adult.

Our Library has many paper interactive books to explore. Finally, check out TumbleBooks on the SAILS website to borrow great ebooks for children. Just remember, your lap is the most essential tool of all.



Library e-Books for e-Kids!

The Library now has the TumbleBook 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 Ipad Touch).

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.

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Spotlight

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

by Maryteresa Hicks

When I was asked to write about the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston, my first memory was of being transported to a 15th century Venetian palazzo, standing in a beautiful courtyard surrounded by luscious flowering plants and craning my neck to see the uppermost floor of this grand mansion. This museum, near the MFA, was the home of Isabella Stewart Gardner who lived on the top floor and exhibited her collection of treasures on the lower floors.

Designed as an immersive experience, it opened in 1903 to the public containing not only a collection of 7500 paintings (including masterworks of Rembrandt, Titian and Vermeer) but also flowers, plants, textiles, sculptures and furniture. In addition to its regular collection, a new wing was added in 2012 that houses a changing exhibit.

This museum is not overwhelming in scale. Its rooms are uniquely curated and as you meander, each room feels distinct, intimate and fun to explore.

While the art collection is most impressive, you will be just as "wowed" by the beautiful display of flowers and plants in the sun-filled courtyard. You can't help but feel like you've been transported to another world. Although the display is changed seasonally to show what's currently blooming, it never fails in its visual impact. You can also explore the greenhouse where the plants are grown.



Consider making a day excursion to Boston. It's located in the Fenway so there are plenty of dining options in walking distance as well as a café right at the Museum. It's family friendly with children under 18 free. Check out their kid-friendly programs and

find out more information about visiting at their website, www.gardnermuseum.org. And don't forget to pick up your free museum pass at the Library before you go.

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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 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.

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