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Perspectives: January 2020

"The new year stands before us, like a chapter in a book awaiting to be written." Melody Beattie, author

Happy New Year! The tradition of making New Year's resolutions is actually the first "self help" practice ever documented. We can lay the credit--or blame--at the sandaled feet of the ancient Babylonians. Four thousand years ago, they were not only the first to hold celebrations to honor their new year, which began with the March planting, but also the first to make promises to the gods in hopes of earning favor in the coming year.

Well, I have a failure-proof resolution for you. If you have not yet renewed your FOWL membership for 2020 or have not yet joined our ranks of "Fowlers", put it at the top of your New Year's resolution list. Not only is it extremely easy to do, but it's always successful in benefiting not only your life but also the lives of many people in many ways. Thank you for including FOWL and our Library in your plans when you begin writing that new life chapter in 2020.

Denise Micale, President, FOWL (fowl@email@gmail.com)



2020, My Goodness!

Please join us in welcoming two wonderful staff members:

Roland Dumas, Maintenance Specialist. Possessing a wide scope of work experiences, Roland is doing a wonderful job of maintaining the building—and all that that includes.

Rebecca Priest, Library Aide. As she is an active member of the WESMAC PTO—with two young adults in the Westport School System—"Becky" will likely be familiar to patrons with school-aged children, as she helps to staff our circulation desk.

Lean on Me: In response to a patron request, we purchased a new shopping cart to help you carry your items while browsing our collections. And, OK, to be honest—when patrons aren't using the cart—our staff makes good use of it when pulling items placed on hold through the Library Network, so it looks like we may need to purchase another one!

Food Bank Support: Patrons continue to fill our lobby bins with foodstuffs, which we then transfer to area food banks. I sometimes help to deliver the parcels and I assure you that these hard-working food-bank volunteers, and the food recipients themselves, are sincerely grateful for—and dependent upon—your generous donations.

We Gotta Get Out of this Place: Recently, a patron told me that the Library "is a peaceful escape." And, while I must concede that it is not always the quietest place in town, I do agree that there are many great reasons to escape to the Library. See you the next time you break free of your daily grind.

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



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WINTER EXHIBITS AND EVENTS

HELEN E. ELLIS CASE

January—Beads and Bags A display of hand-crafted jewelry by our very own Bonnie Strebel along with a collection of vintage handbags.

February—Valentine's Day Correspondence from the Westport Historical Society Collection. Kathleen McAreavey shares Valentines in all shapes and sizes, highlighting the artistry of the giver with delightful creative sentiments.



March—Faces, Ferocious, Friendly and Fanciful: the Masks by David Mello. Children's Supervisor at the Fall River Library, David Mello exhibits his handmade ceramic masks from the mythical to the historical. (See program on March 7, page 3)

MANTON COMMUNITY ROOM

January: Photographers Don't Take Pictures, Cameras Take Pictures Stephen Oliveira shares his joy of digital photography with the beauty of nature in our local area.

Reception: Saturday, January 4, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

February: Tender Loving Quilters Exhibit 2020 This group of volunteer quilters, including Westport residents Karen Nourse and Betsy Perry, make charity quilts for Neonatal Unit babies at St. Luke's Hospital and adults with serious illnesses. Over the years, 1224 adult quilts and 2149 baby quilts have been created and donated.

March: Mindfulness Artist and Rhode Island College student Gabrielle Patrone, shares a collection of water-color landscapes inspired by the concept of living in the moment in one's natural environment. Her pieces are painted from reference photographs taken in a variety of locations.



Reception: Saturday, March 7
1:00-3:00 p.m.

FOWL Board Meetings

Thursday, February 27 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:

New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Monday, January 20
Presidents' Day, Monday, February 17

An Interview with
Kathleen McAreavey

by Brianna McAvoy



Interview with Kathleen McAreavey, Manager of Education Programs at the Westport Historical Society

Your background is rich and varied:

I have worked for the Westport Historical Society since 2013, creating and presenting adult and children's programs. I am also the Education and Community Outreach Manager for First-Works in Providence, where I do similar work. I have a B.A. in Theatre Arts from Providence College and studied Textile History and Conservation in the Master's Program at URI, giving me the skills to conserve historic textiles, specializing in historic quilts. Past positions I have held: Director of Education at the Providence Preservation Society and Executive Director of the Attleboro Area Industrial Museum.

Tell me about your relationship with the Library and Westport schools:

I am always grateful for the support of the Library Staff and especially to Sue Branco, regarding the Historical Society's programs. The availability to have small exhibits in the Helen Ellis display case, the use of the Manton Room for larger exhibits, such as the MAC Quilt Project, community talks, postings on the Community Bulletin Board, all help to advocate for the Historical Society and help build a true sense of community.

One of our most successful in-school programs is about the origin of the Macomber Turnip and advocacy for the farming community. Currently, school programs focus mainly on Kindergarten through 3rd grade, and 6th grade. This year we are piloting a program with pre-K and investigating ways to reach grades 4-6, to teach them about Paul Cuffe, a prominent farmer and merchant in Westport (1759-1817), of African and Native American ancestry.

In February you will have a Valentine exhibit in the Helen Ellis Case:

I will install an exhibit of Valentines to give people a perspective of what Valentines looked like in years past. Along with the exhibit, there will be some Valentine themed coloring pages for all ages.

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*Ho'Onani
Encounter*

*One Fox: A Counting Book Thriller
At the Mountain's Base*

Heather Gale
Brittany Luby
Kate Read
Traci Sorell

Juvenile Non-Fiction

The Complete Baking Book for Young Chefs America's
Test Kitchen

Humanimal: Incredible Ways Animals Are Just Like Us!
Christopher Lloyd

Grades 5-8

The Vanderbeekers to the Rescue

Revenge of the Red Club

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Wrecking Ball

Dear Sweet Pea

Karina Glaser
Kim Harrington
Jeff Kinney
Julie Murphy

Young Adult

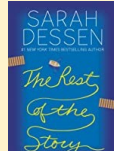
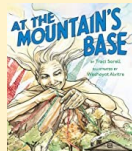
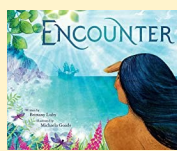
The Stars Below

The Rest of the Story

Pet

The Bone Houses

David Baldacci
Sarah Dessen
Akwaake Emezi
Emily Lloyd-Jones



February 18 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Come to the Westport Free Public Library if you want to learn how to write code for a robot. This family workshop is a hands-on chance to learn. Sign up during the week of February 10-15. Space is limited.

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, January 18 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Saturday, February 15 9:30-10:30 a.m.

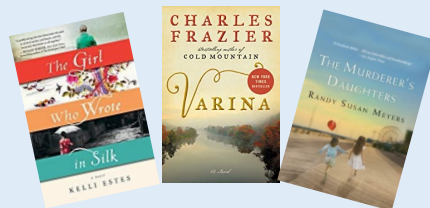
Saturday, March 21 9:30-10:30 a.m.

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.



January 10—*The Girl Who Wrote in Silk* Kelli Estes

February 14—*Varina* Charles Frazier

March 13—*The Murderer's Daughters*
Randy Susan Meyers

Kid's Corner Winter Events 2020

Winter Story Hour on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. for 3 to 5 year olds and Time for Tots ages 2 to 3 years old at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday. Call for dates or stop by the Library to register.

Save the date: **February 20, Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m.** Mr. Vinny will entertain us with his shadow puppets. The program is supported by a gift from the Philip Snyder Foundation.

Save the Date: **March 20th at 7:00 p.m.** Magician Scott Jameson will perform a family-friendly show for all ages. During the show "umbrellas" will be plucked from the air, a drawing will come to life, basketballs will be spun and juggled and the audience will travel through time.

Expect lots of audience participation. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Westport Cultural Council and the Helen E. Ellis Charitable Trust administered by the Bank of America.

Saturday, March 7 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All ages are welcome to drop by to celebrate **National Crafts Month**. David Mello demonstrates ceramic mask-making in several stages. His masks from many periods of time illustrate frightening faces as well as funny ones.



New to the Collection Highlights

Adult Fiction

A Book of Bones

John Connolly

On a lonely moor in northern England, the body of a young woman is discovered. In the south, a girl lies buried beneath a Saxon mound. To the southeast, the ruins of a priory hide a human skull. Each is a sacrifice, a summons, and something in the darkness has heard the call.

The Deserter

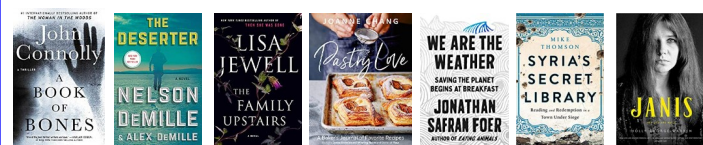
Nelson DeMille

When Captain Kyle Mercer of the Army's elite Delta Force disappeared from his post in Afghanistan, a video released by his Taliban captors made international headlines. But circumstances were murky: Did Mercer desert before he was captured?

The Family Upstairs

Lisa Jewell

Soon after her twenty-fifth birthday, Libby Jones returns home from work to find the letter she's been waiting for her entire life. She rips it open with one driving thought: I am finally going to know who I am.



Adult Nonfiction

Pastry Love: A Baker's Journal of Favorite Recipes

Joanne Chang

We Are the Weather

Jonathan Safran Foer

Some people reject the fact, overwhelmingly supported by scientists, that our planet is warming because of human activity. But do those of us who accept the reality of human-caused climate change truly believe it?

Syria's Secret Library

Mike Thomson

The remarkable story of a small, makeshift library in the town of Daraya, and the people who found hope and humanity in its books during a four-year siege.

Adult Biography

Janis: Her Life and Music

Holly George-Warren

This blazingly intimate biography of Janis Joplin establishes the Queen of Rock & Roll as the rule-breaking musical trailblazer and complicated, gender-bending rebel she was.

Haben: The Deafblind Woman Who Conquered Harvard Law

Haben Girma

Large Print Fiction

Olive, Again

Elizabeth Strout



Olive is a brilliant creation not only because of her eternal cantankerousness but because she's as brutally candid with herself about her shortcomings as she is with others.

Stealth

Stuart Woods

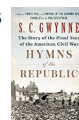
Stone Barrington is trying to enjoy some downtime at his English retreat when he's unceremoniously sent off to the remote reaches of the UK and into a deadly snare.

Large Print Nonfiction

Hymns of the Republic

S.C. Gwynne

The book addresses the time Ulysses S. Grant arrives to take command of the Union forces to the surrender of Robert E. Lee at Appomattox a year later.



The Wolf Connection:

What Wolves Can Teach Us about Being Human

Teo Alfero

Adult Books on CD

Lessons from Lucy

Dave Barry

Hidden Depths

Ann Cleeves

Talking to Strangers

Malcolm Gladwell



Adult DVDs

Doc Martin Season 9

Father Brown Season 6 and 7

Murdoch Mysteries Season 12

Vikings Season 5, Volume 2



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World of Books

Don't Forget the Cookbooks!

by Maryteresa Hicks

Growing up in my Italian home I was often in the kitchen. My mom is a great cook. From weekday meals to the expansive Christmas Eve feast with seven fishes, she put heart and soul into those traditional family recipes. My siblings and I learned from an early age watching and doing (the best way).

Mom's recipes were not always specific with amounts. "Season to taste" and "Season as you go" were her mantras. Even though I learned her recipes from watching her, she eventually put down our most favorite family recipes in her own cookbook—a passing of culinary traditions to future generations. So, of course that's my "go to" cookbook.

However, I do have a few other favorites whose recipes always seem to come out without fail. I do admit to tweaking some recipes a bit to my own taste but these books have provided me with solid recipes to start with:

–Marcella Hazan's *Essentials of Italian Cooking*—her Bolognese recipe is excellent—no tweaking needed!

–*Silver Palate Cookbooks*—received as wedding gifts so many years ago. The Chicken Marbella is not to be missed.

–Ina Garten's *Barefoot Contessa* and *Barefoot In Paris*—so many good recipes here from appetizers to desserts. I've never been disappointed. The Salmon with Lentils is hearty and comes out perfectly.

–*Cook's Illustrated Cookbook*—especially good to understand the science behind cooking and baking. It has recipes for everything and from various ethnicities and all are thoroughly tested in their test kitchen.

The Library has a number of great cookbooks to check out. From the classics: Julia Child (*Mastering the Art of French Cooking*), Irma Rombauer (*The Joy of Cooking*) and Jacques Pepin to other familiar TV chefs: Ina Garten, Giada, Martha Stewart, Lidia Bastianich, Jamie Oliver,



Bobby Flay, and more, to the current food writing of Samin Nosrat (*Salt, Fat, Acid, Heat*) (excellent!) and Michael Pollan (*Cooked*). If it's a particular category you are interested in you'll find plenty including: grilling, bread baking, paleo, vegetarian, and many more.

You'd be surprised to know that cookery is one of our most popular categories at our annual book sale. If you don't have room for more cookbooks in your kitchen (I've run out!) then borrowing a cookbook from the Library is a great solution. You can copy recipes you want to try/keep without having to find a home for yet another volume.

So check out the cookbook section on your next visit to the Library. You won't be disappointed with the selection and you just might find a recipe that becomes a family favorite or a new culinary tradition.



Spotlight

Ready to Play?

By Denise Micale

One of the great benefits of living on the South-coast is our proximity to the little "big city" of Providence, with its Riverwalk, parks, zoo, museums, restaurants and cultural offerings. One little but brilliant gem in the city's crown is the Providence Children's



Museum, a hands-on experience of wonder and play for toddlers through age nine or so. This is not your typical walk-through exhibit museum. Friendly volunteer and staff "play guides" encourage kids to explore, touch everything, make a mess, work out problems and be themselves. The hands down favorite place in the

museum is the water play room which will leave everyone soaked but happy (bring a change of clothes). Other areas are devoted to imagination, physical play, building, science and nature, and art experimentation. You may have to promise your kids to return someday soon to be able to get them to agree to leave this unique and magical place.

There is free off street parking in the Museum's lot and metered parking nearby. Check out their website at www.childrensmuseum.org to plan your visit and see a virtual tour. Thanks to the generous support of FOWL members, passes to the Children's Museum are available at the Library circulation desk. Rain or shine, in any season, a day of delight and play awaits.



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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 2019, 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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