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Greetings from the Library Director, Lynn Gingras

I am excited to be here in Westhampton and to have the opportunity to work in such a great library in a beautiful community.

I am originally from Williamsburg and have worked at both Forbes Library and the Southwick Public Library.

We will have a lot going on in the upcoming months! For starters, in March we will have the Community Read book discussions for *Being Mortal* by Dr. Atul Gawande. Libraries throughout Hampshire and Franklin counties will be planning and participating in book discussions and events that focus on aging and death and the medical profession's current responses to both. Stay tuned for more details.

Thank you all for being so kind in welcoming me. I look forward to planning lots of exciting events and programs in the months to come!



A Note from the Chair of the Trustees of the Library

The Board wants to thank all the members of the Friends. I cannot stress just how important this group is to the success of our library. Your generous donations and fundraising efforts support the library in so many ways, from the "Fill the Shelves" initiative, which allows the director to purchase books, audio and video media for the permanent collection, to helping to fund the variety of programs the library offers. Without the support of the Friends, our work as Trustees would be much harder. Thank you for supporting our wonderful library through renewing your Friends membership or joining the Friends this year. ~ Maureen Dempsey, Chair

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday 2-8 p.m.
Tuesday 9-12, 1-5
Wed. 9-12, 1-5
Thurs. 2-8 p.m.
Saturday 10-1
(Oct-May)

THANK YOU to steadfast library volunteers Lorraine O'Keefe, Sheila Marks, Helene Pajak, Victoria Yoshen and Ellice Gonzalez!

A Note from former Interim Dir. Nancy Clune

Working as the interim library director gave me a unique vantage point for getting to know your community. It was a wonderful experience. I plan to visit my little grandson in SC and then morph into both a substitute and a Friend of the Westhampton Public Library.

Thanks to all who made me feel at home and forgave me for not remembering their names! ~ Best, Nancy

Photos by John Zimmerman



FESTIVAL 2015
The exciting new partnership between the Friends of the Library and the Westhampton Elementary School PTO was a BIG SUCCESS!





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 1 North Rd, Westhampton, MA

2016 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Supporting Member: \$35 or more ___ Family: \$25 ___ Individual: \$15___ Senior: \$5___ 12 & Under FREE ___

As a gift to yourself and others, consider donating to the "Fill the Shelves Fund" for the director's purchase of books, media & other circulating materials.

"Fill the Shelves" donation: \$ _____

Donations to the new Lyn Keating Programming Fund

"Keating Fund" donation: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: "Friends of the Westhampton Public Library" **TOTAL DONATION: \$ _____**

Name as you prefer it to appear on library invitations and mailings:

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GROWN IN WESTHAMPTON

How do you build a strong community? You grow it.

The concept of strengthening community is what energizes a small group of dedicated volunteers who coordinate free educational programming around the theme of **growing**. Past programs have examined the topics of beekeeping, edible landscaping, gardening, growing mushrooms and raising chickens, just to name a few. This has been a wonderful way to draw upon a valuable local resource and the perfect means to introduce new residents to some of the gardening, farming and forestry expertise around them. This all takes place each month at the Westhampton library. Grown in Westhampton has found the perfect meeting place in the library's Community Room. It is centrally located, has all of the resources necessary to run a great meeting, plus the library offers ample parking.



The Westhampton library truly epitomizes the spirit of Grown in Westhampton because they know all about growing community through their exceptional services and programming. The members of Grown in Westhampton are extremely grateful to all who support the library because it is such a great resource that offers so much to the public.

Keep informed by joining the group's mailing list at: growninwesthampton@gmail.com or look for their meeting notices in the Bell Tower's library page or on the Westhampton Public Library's facebook page.

~ Chris Wayne

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The Lyn Keating Programming Fund



The LYN KEATING PROGRAMMING FUND was established last September to honor Lyn for 25 years of dedication and service to the town as Library Director.

Please consider a contribution to this fund.

