

2018

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An Update from Library Director, Lynn Blair

It's been a busy year at the library and we don't see ourselves slowing down anytime soon! 22,182 physical items circulated in FY 2017 (not counting e-books/e-audiobooks)! Programs and events occur on most days. This year, we've tried new programs from a children's "STEAM Saturday" to a monthly "Lego Build" and we have expanded events for adults, offering a diverse range of programming. April will kick off a spring History Series with several history-related spring programs.

The Friends of the Library purchased a celestial telescope in the fall which circulates often. They also funded take-home learning kits on bird-watching, ukulele and foreign languages. What a great way to learn new skills without the expense! As I said, we are incredibly busy but it never slips our minds that we couldn't provide such special offerings without the support of the Friends members. Thank you all for helping to make this library one of a kind! ~ Lynn

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(not including electronic books or audiobooks)**

LEGOS & fairies and snacks ~ oh MY!

Farewell, Hilary!




Enjoy your

RETIREMENT!



We're going to

MISS you! 



LIBRARY HOURS

Monday 2-8
Tuesday 9-12, 1-5
Wed. 9-12, 1-5
Thurs. 2-8
Saturday 10-1
(now year-round!)

You Can Now Support the Friends with PAYPAL !

Now it's easier than ever to renew your membership!. You can still mail in or drop off your payment using the form on page 3, or you can use **Paypal** using the link found on the town website:

- ◆ <https://www.westhampton-ma.com/westhampton-public-library/pages/friends-library>
- ◆ Click on the **DONATE** button at the bottom of the page!

BONUS: However you donate, as long as it is received by June 1st, you will automatically be entered in a raffle to win a beautiful glazed porcelain vase created by Westhampton's ceramic artist, Ron Baer. We are grateful to Ron for this incredibly generous donation in support of the Friends 2018 annual fund drive. The vase will be on display at the library until June 4th, the day of the drawing.

Your new or renewal membership received by June 1st is your 'ticket' for a chance to win!

Our volunteer roster is growing! Thank you so much to Dan Parker, Sheila Marks, Lorraine Clapp-O'Keefe, Helene Pajak, Victoria Yoshen, Ellice Gonzalez, Angela Griefen,. Tom Martin (gardens) and to our volunteer Intern, Sara Smith. Thanks also to our 3 hard-working high school volunteers!

Helene Pajak is retiring this year. **Thank you, Helene**, for the hundreds of volunteer hours you have donated over the years by assisting the staff and patrons and promoting literacy in our town!

~ Meet Sara Smith~

Our new Staff Librarian/Youth Services Librarian

I am very proud to be a part of the Westhampton Public Library and hope to offer many fun, enriching programs for children and adults. I am passionate about the important role that the libraries play in the community and I look forward to meeting community members and learning how I can best serve your needs.

While serving as an intern here since June 2017, I created the Young Adult Creative Writing Lounge. I enjoy helping patrons use all of the wonderful resources that our library has to offer!

I am currently completing my studies in Information and Library Science at the University of Maine at Augusta. I live in Cummington, love dogs, enjoy local history, genealogy, fiber arts and poetry.

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Some of my favorite books: *The Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame, *Calling a Wolf a Wolf* by Kaveh Akbar, *The Calico Jungle* by Dahlov Ipcar, *Meditations of John Muir* edited by Chris Highland.

2018 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Supporting Member: \$35 or more ___ Family: \$25 ___ Individual: \$15 ___ Senior: \$5 ___ \$ _____

As a gift to yourself and others, consider an additional donation to the "Fill the Shelves Fund" for the purchase of books, media & other circulating materials. "Fill the Shelves" donation: \$ _____

Gifts to the Lyn Keating Programming Fund support a wide variety of library programs and associated expenses. "Lyn Keating Programming 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: (apply an address label if you like)

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An Update from the Friends President,

~ Sue O'Rourke ~

Another year has flown by and it falls to me to share some of the amazing activities from the last twelve months. The Friends contribute in many ways to the Library and to the Westhampton community, many of which are not connected with books or fundraising. Some of the activities that we sponsor connect different sections of the community with one another. One great example of this was the pumpkin patch project bringing together the Westhampton Elementary School, the Friends and Grown in Westhampton.

A telescope donated by a patron led to the purchase of another so that interested members of the community could view the night sky! The Cultural Council and area banks sponsored the Field of Dreams Summer concerts, which provided many enjoyable evenings to hundreds of residents. The Friends and PTO partnered again to host Fall Festival, a family-friendly day featuring local talent, crafts and produce. The number of community volunteers involved was truly amazing.

The community room has been filled with artwork, classes and quality programming. Whether providing prizes for the Westhampton Trivia Contest or tending to our lovely library gardens, you'll find Friends volunteers behind the scenes as well as out front making a difference and forming partnerships throughout Westhampton.

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The library is now open every Saturday from 10-1, year-round!