

2019

Friends of the Westhampton Public Library

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Member donations purchased this enchanting rug & new beanbags.

A Note from Lynn

Another year has flown by and we've been busy! In response to survey feedback, the library is now open 10-1 on Saturdays *year-round*, allowing Youth Librarian Sara Smith to offer Saturday children's programs for those families who can't make it on the weekdays. Check out the STEM projects or Saturday storytimes, featuring our popular four-legged friends, *Comet* the Bright Spot therapy dog or *Doodle* the hedgehog. Sara has also initiated several offerings for teens which Friends donations fund.

Having organized our local history/genealogy collection in the Judd Room, I welcome everyone to stop in and learn more about it. Our collection and the programs we offer wouldn't be what they are without the generosity and enthusiasm of the Friends of the Library, our volunteers and our library patrons. Together, you make this a special library. Thank you for your continued support in 2019! ~ Lynn Blair, Director

LIBRARY HOURS

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

The first 2019 membership renewal was via PAYPAL!

the **Paypal** link can be found on the town website:

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

Thank you so much to volunteers Sheila Marks, Lorraine Clapp-O'Keefe, Victoria Yoshen, Ellice Gonzalez, Angela Griefen, Bev Montague (flowers) Tom Martin (gardens) Steve Campbell (finish carpentry) and Phil Dowling (ongoing help). Thanks to Chris Wayne for the sunny sunflower walkway in 2018, a reminder for us all to protect & create habitat for our pollinator pals. Seeds were provided by Riverside Industries, honoring their 50th.



Thank you to the dedicated volunteers who assist with Fall Festival each year — a unique and fun-filled Westhampton tradition we can all be proud of. This year's festival will be held on **October 20th**!

August circulation of 2,267 items = the highest monthly circulation in the past 4 years!

Did you Know?

NEW! Our library now has a new Young Adult Nonfiction section of books that appeal to or inform teens about relevant topics.

Museum passes continue to be a popular library feature, especially during summer and school vacations. Passes provide free or discounted admission to several western Massachusetts museums.

The four learning kits, chemistry kits and celestial telescope continue to circulate frequently. The kits contain everything you need to learn these new skills. Ukelele, anyone? Learn some Spanish, try bird-watching or orienteering. Do you have suggestions for more?

This summer, the Friends will raffle off a beautiful quilt of many colors. Look for it on display in the library and at all of the concerts on the lawn this summer, beginning with Johnny & the Flashbacks on June 21st.

Most membership renewals include an additional donation to the Fill the Shelves initiative.

The Lyn Keating Programming Fund attracted \$2,000 in donations in 2018. These funds allow the Friends board to vote "YES" when Lynn and Sara suggest new programs.

Recent statistics show that nationwide, **less than 43%** of donors to non-profits donate again the following year. Fortunately, we exceed 43%, but we're not at 100%. In a town our size, each and every membership renewal is crucial to our mission of ensuring that our library remains the valuable community resource it has become.

2019 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)

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Upcoming Youth & Teen Programming

Upcoming youth programs include a fun FAMILY CONCERT ON THE LAWN, Ms. Lynn's Rainbow Machine in June, and a fantastic outdoor program by Flying High Frisbee Dogs to kick off Summer Reading 2019, A Universe of Stories!

We will also have sneaker decorating, Dinoman Space program, Duct Tape Crafts and a Magic Show with Greg & Axel.

In May, TEENS can create vision boards at the Young Adult Creative Lounge. Don't miss the Harry Potter Spelling Bee coming up April 25th!

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I want to express my sincere gratitude to all the volunteers who assist with our initiatives, from annual fall festival tasks to coordinating and securing funding for the summer concert series or helping to keep the library grounds looking so lovely. The generous gift of your time is remarkable and reflects the commitment our community has for this library. You inspire others by your actions and model civic-mindedness for the next generation. The entire community benefits as a result. Thank you. ~ Sue O'Rourke, Friends President

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SUNDAY

MAY 5th

2 ~ 4 pm

Member Appreciation Celebration

Renew your membership by May 1st or renew at the door!

Featuring ... *the INSINGERAIDERS*

(this HRHS *a capella* group will be singing just for us!)

Enjoy these **fabulous** young singers, indulge in delicious goodies and join in the company of fellow library supporters!

