

2020 - *Celebrating 10 years!*

Friends of the Westhampton Public Library

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10

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LIBRARY HOURS

Monday 1-7
Tuesday 9-12, 1-5
Wed. 1-5
Thurs. 1-7
Saturday 10-1

From Meaghan Schwelm, Director . . .

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone for such a warm welcome to Westhampton. Having previously worked at one of the most populous and diverse community branches of the Boston Public Library, I'm often struck by the wide variety of interests and passions reflected in this much smaller community.

It was an honor to step into my role as Library Director at such an exciting time—the library's 10th year! We had many celebratory programs planned for the community, thanks to the support of our devoted and creative Friends group. I know we all look forward to the day when we can resume our enriching and unique programming.

While we patiently await a return to "normal" library activities, please know we are here and can serve you safely through both curbside pick-up and in-person browsing. Look to our Facebook page for story times and other online offerings. Check out a challenging jigsaw puzzle or learn the ukulele. Watch all the seasons of a tv series you may have missed. Most importantly, keep in touch and let us know what your library can do for you! Take care.

~ Meaghan

You can now renew your membership via

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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!

Thank you to our library volunteers Sheila Marks, Victoria Yoshen, Ellice Gonzalez, Judee Wayne, Angela Griefen, Barbara Pelissier, Hilary Nolan, Julia LaPlante. Thank you, also, to Bev Montague (flowers) Tom Martin (landscape) Wade Clement (electrical) and Phil Dowling (ongoing troubleshooter).

We all missed Fall Festival this year., but we hope to see you all in October of 2021

Even more reasons to be a Friend . . .

New or renewing Friends will be entered to win a beautiful **Westhampton-themed painting** by local artist, **Mary Montague** only when memberships are received by **Dec. 1st!**



This beautiful queen-size quilt was created and donated anonymously for a raffle fundraiser! It is 89.75" wide x 86.75" long, in blue, purple, green and pink batiks with a navy rose border & backing, quilted using a double rose pattern. The quilt is on display inside the library, and can be seen during inside "browsing" time. Tickets are \$2.50 each or 5 for \$10 and can be ordered by completing the "Raffle Tickets" portion of the 2020 Membership form (next page). Call for an appt. for browsing time!

This newsletter serves as our annual fundraising appeal and generally arrives in your mailbox in the early spring. Because so many families have experienced financial disruption due to the pandemic, the Friends board delayed asking you for your 2020 support. While "normal" conditions continue to elude us, we want to ensure that the **Fill the Shelves** initiative is successful so that the library staff can make their regular annual purchases of new materials for our permanent collection. Please consider a gift to **Fill the Shelves** fund on the next page!

2020 FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

~ Celebrating 10 Years in our New Library ~

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 library programs and associated expenses. **"Lyn Keating Programming Fund" donation:** \$ _____

RAFFLE TICKETS FOR QUILT are \$2.50 each or 5 for \$10.00* **"Quilt Raffle" \$ _____

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

Name as you prefer it to appear on receipt, invitations and mailings: (apply an address label if you like)

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~ A Note from Emily Wayne, Youth Services Librarian ~

I was so honored and excited to take on the position of Youth Services Librarian here at Westhampton Public Library last September – I can't believe it's been a year already! – and I couldn't possibly love it any more! Growing up, the library was such a huge part of my life, and I'm so grateful that I now get to be at the library in a new way, and have the same opportunity to instill a life-long love of books into a new generation of readers, as previous librarians once did for me.

While this has certainly been an unusual first year, it has been an absolute pleasure for me to be here, getting to know you all (though I of course knew many of you already, having grown up here in Westhampton), and serving you in any way I can through this challenging time. I know it has been a struggle for a lot of us, and it's so hard to not be able to interact in our normal ways, to simply come in and browse for books, or have in-person Storytimes or other programming, but I have been doing my best to work around this new normal, and make sure that you and your children are still able to enjoy all that the library has to offer! It was honestly so much fun for me to coordinate this year's virtual Summer Reading program, and I am enjoying creating personalized book stacks and Take and Make Craft Kits for our littlest patrons, and starting our new YA Book. I hope you have all been having just as much fun participating!

I hope you and your families stay healthy and safe. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us here at the library if we can help you in any way. Happy reading!

~ Emily

~From the President of the Friends of the Library ~

In spite of the strange times we have all experienced this year, which was the celebratory year that disappointingly didn't happen, it is still important to express my gratitude to everyone connected with the Library. To all of you who wanted to be involved with the Field of Dreams Summer Concert series or the Fall Festival, but couldn't, and those of you who have kept the gardens looking so inviting to our feathered and pollinator friends – Thank You! There will come another time when we can all contribute to our many initiatives for the benefit of our community.

~ Sue O'Rourke, Friends President.

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