

2021 - *Moving Forward Together!*

Friends of the Westhampton Public Library

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*Serving our
community for
11 years!!!*

LIBRARY HOURS

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



SYRUP SAMPLER

New and renewing members by June 1st will be automatically entered in a drawing to win this syrup sampler of pints donated by Mayval Farm, Clapp & Sons, Bridgmont Farm, Runnymede Farm, Steve's Sugar Shack and Hanging Mountain Farm — the largest representation of Westhampton syrup in one sampler ever! Don't miss your chance to win! (Pancakes not included.)

Thank you to the six generous syrup producers for their enticing offerings!

A Note from Director Meaghan Schwelm

Thank you, to our wonderful patrons. We have missed seeing you regularly in the library during the past year, but we have received thoughtful gifts, messages, and greetings from so many of you. Your kindness and appreciation are what makes this job rewarding and meaningful.

It is with a big sigh of relief that the library begins our cautious return to normal activities. We are happy to invite you back into the library this spring for in-person browsing. Read Emily's write-up on the next page about the fun-filled Cats vs. Dogs Summer Reading Challenge and outdoor programs for all ages.

Special thanks to the Friends of Westhampton Library for sponsoring our upcoming summer reading program, for co-sponsoring a new pollinator garden and for our brand new permanent sign out front.

Westhampton has had a trying year, but there are new books, blooms and plenty of sunshine to look forward to. See you at the library!

Renew your membership through

PAYPAL

the 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, Jeffrey Olsen and Caitlin Reardon.

Thanks always to Bev Montague (flowers), Tom Martin and Chris Wayne (landscape) Wade Clement and Phil Dowling (ongoing troubleshooting). It sure is nice to have friends!

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~~~ QUILTS ~ ~ ~

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This fall, another queen-size quilt will be raffled to benefit the Friends of the Library. It will be on display throughout the fall. The drawing will be held in early December.

Last year's quilt raffle raised over \$500.00 for the Fill the Shelves initiative!! Our sincerest thanks to the anonymous quilter/donor and to all who purchased a chance to win.

### A Note from Emily Wayne, Youth Services Librarian

In spite of it being a challenging year, we've been doing lots of fun things at the library! Since fall, we created over 31 different Take and Make Craft Kits and distributed 568 via curbside pick-up. We've also offered several successful story-walks and outdoor scavenger hunts.

Summer reading is set to begin at the end of June. We will open pre-registration soon, so keep an eye out for announcements! This year we are working within the theme of "Tails and Tales" and will be having a Cats vs. Dogs Epic Showdown! Upon registration, readers will choose a side, and read to earn points for their team. Kids 12 and under will be able to adopt a plush pet to read to. Several outdoor events will be offered, along with an opportunity to earn double reading points.

Prizes will be awarded to top readers, and a raffle prize for a member of the winning team. Are you Team Cat, or Team Dog?

**A reminder ...** Recent statistics show that **less than 43%** of donors to non-profits donate again the following year. In our small town, each and every annual membership renewal is essential to our mission of ensuring that our library remains a valuable and vibrant resource.

Thank you to all of our steadfast supporters!

## 2021 FRIENDS 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 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 receipts, invitations and mailings: (apply an address label if you like)

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**SAVE THESE DATES: May 22nd 11:00 - Bike Maintenance Clinic**

*(rain date June 5)* Steve Allen & Amanda Major

June 19th 11:00 - Li Liu, Acrobat/Storyteller  
from Shenyang, China

July 10th 11:00 - Tom Ricardi/Birds of Prey  
Wildlife Biologist/Rehabilitator

~ From the President of the Friends of the Library ~

2020 seemed to pass by in a haze of bundling up to keep warm while walking around town, bird watching and zoom. If you're like me, you are well and truly tired of zoom and yet it was zoom that kept so many of us connected, when we were unable to be together. In spite of the difficulties we all experienced, your generosity was breathtaking and our Friends membership grew in support of our Library. The situation also provided an opportunity for great creativity, support, kindness and neighborliness.

We now have much to look forward to: the Library Pollinator Garden is beginning to take shape; the new Library signage has been created and installed and spring is around the corner.

Thanks to everyone who made a difficult year bearable for the whole community.

Sue O'Rourke, Friends President

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## Help Us Plant Our New Pollinator Garden!

With the help of Grown in Westhampton and local residents, the library is planting a pollinator garden this spring on the library grounds. It will feature both early and late-blooming herbs, native perennials, sunflowers and even blueberries! The new plantings will provide food for pollinators and people and will include both host and nectar plants for butterflies.

No gardening experience is necessary.

There will be jobs for all ages. **And**, you can feel good knowing that you are planting something beautiful that wildlife and people will enjoy for years to come.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We are currently looking for additional volunteers for our May 15 and May 29 planting dates.

Email Meaghan at: [mschwelm@cwmares.org](mailto:mschwelm@cwmares.org) if you would like to volunteer for May 15 or May 29