

2022 - *Uniquely Our Own!*

Friends of the Westhampton Public Library

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12 years!!

Amazing!

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday 2-8

Tuesday 9-12, 1-5

Wed. 9-12, 1-5

Thurs. 2-8

Saturday 10-1

Sharing is . . . Caring for our Planet!

Reduce & Re-Use, Saving Precious Resources

We can each make our own personal impact on the planet while saving money by borrowing, not purchasing, items that we just need to use occasionally. Over 41 Massachusetts libraries currently offer such a selection, each unique to their own community. Some offer portable projectors and scanners, diagnostic car computer readers, and design & craft tools.

With a little help from our Friends, the library will soon offer items which can simply be borrowed using your library card. In the future, you'll want to check with the library before you run out to purchase something!

A Note from Director Meaghan Schwelm

There are many things to look forward to at the library in the coming months, including: a return to more special events for all ages, the kickoff of our "Read Beyond the Beaten Path" summer reading program, more grant-funded pollinator friendly plants for the library grounds, and the beginning of our 5-year strategic planning process to create a new community vision for the future.

Thanks to ongoing support from our Friends, we'll also be expanding our "Trybrary" collection of unique and unexpected library materials. It currently includes a ukulele, birding kit, yoga mat, jigsaw puzzles, a telescope and more. The idea behind this special collection is to provide opportunities to "try before you buy" and save financial or material resources by sharing technology/tools for learning and entertainment.

Speaking of sharing resources, the "new" library will be 12 years old in October and boasts a collection of over 20,000 items for all ages. Back in 2010, the shelves looked a little sparse and there was certainly room to grow. Now, we are finding that our "Fill the Shelves" initiative has fulfilled its purpose. **Thank you for your generous support to make this possible!** For this reason, we are shifting our focus and asking for your support and creative ideas to expand our "Trybrary." What have you always wanted to try, but haven't wanted to invest time and money into? What do you think would be a fun tool to share with the community? We welcome your ideas and engagement as the library continues to grow in new and exciting ways. Let us know!

Renew your membership through

PAYPAL

<https://www.westhampton-ma.com/westhampton-public-library/pages/friends-library>

Thank You!

Thank you to our library volunteers Sheila Marks, Victoria Yoshen, Ellice Gonzalez, Judee Wayne, Angela Griefen, Margaret Butterfield, Hilary Nolan, Barbara Pelissier, Ellie Meunier, Norah Mulvehill, Jeffrey Olsen, Anthony Solan, Matthew Solan, Casey Breguet and Luke Gaida. Thanks always to Bev Montague (flowers), Tom Martin and Chris Wayne (landscape) and Phil Dowling (ongoing maintenance & troubleshooting). It sure is nice to have **friends!**

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~~~ **QUILT RAFFLE** ~ ~ ~

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Another beautiful queen-size quilt has been donated to benefit the Friends. The colorful cotton fabrics of the quilt portray a **pollinator** theme, in keeping with the library's new pollinator gardens! The quilt is now on display in the library and will visit all the summer concerts, as well. **The drawing will be held in August.**

Thanks to the anonymous quilter/donor and to all who purchase a chance to win.

Chances are \$2.50 each or 5 chances for \$10.00. Mail payment and your contact info to the Friends c/o the library at 1 North Rd., Westhampton, MA or stop in at the library to fill out a form and leave your payment at the circulation desk.

### **Summer Reading Program**

*This summer "Read Off the Beaten Path!" Back by popular demand - Choose a side and earn points for your team by reading, attending library events and other fun activities. Will you join the Lumberjanes and attend Miss Quinzella Thiskwin Penniquiquil Thistle Crumpet's Camp for Hardcore Lady-Types or will you join Hilda and the Raven Leader in Sparrow Scouts?*

*Not sure? You can take a quiz to see if you're a Sparrow Scout or a Lumberjane. Then, badges can be earned for signing up, and choosing a team, turning in a Reading Log, reading milestones of 10, 25, and 50 books, completing a Bingo sheet or Reading Challenge, and for each event you attend, with a total of 15 possible badges!*

*Special thanks to The Friends of Westhampton Library for sponsoring all summer reading incentives and to the Lyn Keating Programming Fund for sponsoring all summer reading programs.*

## 2022 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 "Trybrary" for the items and materials to be borrowed, rather than purchased.* "Trybrary" 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)

If you donated last year, we have your information. Just provide your name on the form below.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### SAVE THE DATE:

**July 21st 5:30 - Tom Ricardi/Birds of Prey  
Wildlife Biologist/Rehabilitator**



**On the back lawn of the library**

~ From the President of the Friends of the Library ~

Welcome to the spring of 2022! Planning has already begun for this year's Field of Dreams Summer Concert Series, and we're hoping to offer Fall Festival again in October. To receive the library's monthly updates via email, be sure to provide your email address to library staff so that you'll be "in the know" about everything planned for 2022.

Our Friends continue to be a phenomenal source of support to the library by providing funding for programming and materials. Now, with your help, many new items will be added to the Trybrary for the benefit of the entire community.

We thank the staff and many volunteers who make our library such a positive and important part of our community! Be sure to check out an exhibit of their individual works during the month of May in the community room gallery. ~ Sue O'Rourke, Friends Chair

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## *Garden Days at the Library!*

Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> 10-12 / Rain Date: Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> 10-12

Find your gardening gloves and come plant sunflowers and blueberries, do some general garden clean-up, weeding, pruning, etc.

\*There will be a special planting activity for children

**BYOT**

(bring your own tools)

\*This activity is made possible by a grant from the Assoc. for Rural & Small Libraries through the generosity of a regional partner foundation.