



Westwood Public Library Update March 2018

Staffing

Our new Children's Librarian, Kristy Pasquariello started work on Monday, February 26th. Please do stop by to say "hello"!

Building Update

Peter and Stephen Ghalani (electricians) have now completed the "punch list" for all lighting issues that dated back to the ceiling replacement project. Work that was accomplished included installation of replacement bathroom fixtures for the children's bathrooms, installation of a replacement fixture in the Teen Room, ballast replacements throughout the building (including two emergency light fixtures in the stairwell); and site lighting. Special thanks to Tom Philbin, Jim McCarthy and Kevin Craven for their continuing oversight of library building maintenance operations and for working with the electrical contractor to ensure that the work was completed.

Collaborative Programming Initiatives

We are working with Lina Arena DeRosa and the Westwood COA for two new programs.

Homebound Delivery of library materials – next week Lina will be sending letters to the Meals on Wheels clients with an invitation to request books, DVDs, CDs and magazines delivered to their homes. The library will help patrons obtain a library card (if they don't already have one) and will assist in selection of materials. Wheels on Meals volunteers will deliver a tote bag filled with the materials for a three week loan period.

"POP-UP" Library – now that we can access our integrated library system virtually anywhere, we can provide a "pop up" library at a variety of locations. We rolled this out as part of the Westwood Men's Club February meeting at the COA. We are now working with Lina to make this a monthly event at the soup/salad luncheon. We are also hoping to bring this type of activity to other Westwood venues and events.

Islington Center Development

The Library Trustees are working on identifying options for re-imagining and re-envisioning the Islington Library space. Field trips have been taken to the Ames Free Library in Easton for a tour of their Queset House space, and we are also making plans to visit Susan Brennan, Director of the Weston Public Library to take a look at their developing plans for their renovation of a branch library into an **Art and Innovation Center**.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, September 15, 2018

Westwood Public Library is turning 5 – Celebrate the Library's 5th Birthday!
Additional details will be coming soon as our planning really is just now getting underway!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND AUTHOR EVENTS

Saturday, March 10

The New England Irish Harp Orchestra presents The Celtic Harp: Magic and Legend at 2:00 pm

The orchestra, led by Regina Delaney will play and sing traditional Irish and Scottish music arranged with expertise that reflects their unique musical journey. Regina and members of the orchestra will share the magic and legend of the harp, performing a variety of Celtic music, and will also have a "harp petting zoo" at the conclusion of the musical program. This program is generously sponsored by The Westwood Women's Club and the Westwood Cultural Council.

Book Buzz Panel - Favorite Reads from your Westwood Librarians:

Main Library: Thursday at 7:00 PM

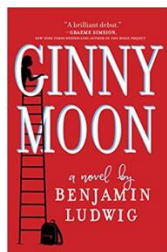
March 29

May 31

Poetry Reading - Lynne Viti and Heather Bryant: Main Library: Monday, April 9 at 7:00 PM

Monet's Magic: Pastel Paint Monet's Wondrous Water Lilies:

Main Library: Tuesday, April 10 at 6:00 PM



Author Talk - Benjamin Ludwig & Ginny Moon

Main Library: Thursday, April 12 at 7:00 PM

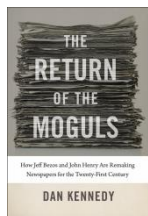
Mystery Making: How They Do It: Four stellar mystery authors, Elisabeth Elo, Stephanie Gayle, Julie Hennrikus, and Hank Phillippi Ryan, will construct mystery plots using bits of information randomly elicited from members of the audience.

Main Library: Wednesday, April 18 at 7:00 PM



Author Talk - Michele R. McPhee & Maximum Harm: The Tsarnaev Brothers, the FBI, and the Road to the Marathon Bombing

Main Library: Wednesday, April 25 at 7:00 PM



Author Talk - Dan Kennedy & The Return of the Moguls: How Jeff Bezos and John Henry Are Remaking Newspapers for the Twenty-First Century:

Main Library: Wednesday, May 9 at 7:00