



**Westwood Public Library**  
**Director's Report**  
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## Strategic Plan

**WESTWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY IS PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE!**

**LINK TO ONLINE SURVEY:** <http://tinyurl.com/wwdlib16>

As of April 5<sup>th</sup>, 218 responses have been received. The survey closes this Friday, 4/15.

## Programs and Services

**Pet Parade:** Join us for the first annual Westwood Library pet parade!

Do you love your pet and want to show the world how awesome he/she is? Bring your well-behaved pet to the library for a parade! Be ready to tell people about your pet. If your pet has a trick, please share it with us! All pet parade participants will receive a certificate. More details to follow. This event is Rain or Shine. Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>  
at 10:30 a.m.



**Gallery Artist--Rob Franco** will be at the Westwood Public Library on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm to share fascinating stories and slides of the Wild Ponies from Assateague Island National Seashore in coastal Maryland. All are welcome to attend!

### April Vacation Programming for Children/Families

**\*Family Yoga @ Islington Branch:** Adults with children ages 3-6. Come to the Islington Branch for an engaging yoga program for the little guys.

Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> 9:30am

**\* Registration Required**

**Movie Night at the Library:** Join us at the library to see movies on the big screen! This is a great family friendly event. We will be playing a G rated movie at 4:00PM and a PG movie at 6:00PM. Movie titles to be announced. Check website for details. Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

### Upcoming Programs for Adults

April 6<sup>th</sup> – 7 pm

**Unlaunch'd Voices: An Evening With Walt Whitman**

April 13<sup>th</sup> – 7 pm

**Great Decisions – Future of Kurdistan**

April 20<sup>th</sup> - 7 pm

**Peter Zheutlin**  
**Author of Rescue Road**

May 5<sup>th</sup> – 7 pm **Vicki Croke**  
**Author of Elephant Company**

May 20<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am –**Book Discussion**  
**Island of Worthy Boys – group will be**  
**joined by author, Connie Hertzberg**  
**Mayo**

**\*Our Feathered Friends:** For children ages 3-5 and parent/caregiver. Come celebrate spring by listening to a story and making a (peanut butter free!) bird feeder.

Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 10:30am

**\* Registration Required**

**\*ART Incubator—Zentangle:** For kids in grade 4–6. Art Incubator sessions we will learn a new and unique art technique. Join us for Zentangle! We will provide all the materials & some basic instruction.

Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> @ 2 – 2:45 PM

**Family Fun Night:** We will have the library set up for some fun for families with children of all ages. Board games, card games, wii, toddler bowling, and snacks! Come spend quality time together at the library.

Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM

**Candyland @ Islington Branch:** Come and play a life sized version of Candyland at the Branch! We will be turning our beloved Islington branch into a delicious candy themed land where you must try to get to

Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:30a.m.-12:00 p.m

**Color Me Crazy! Coloring program for kids and their parents:** Coloring is fun for all ages! Come and color with your child, we will provide age appropriate coloring books for children and adults as well as markers, crayons, and colored pencils. Spend some quality time with your child with some good ole fashioned coloring!

Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 2:00-3:00pm

## RESOURCES AND COLLECTIONS

[College Courses on DVD – The Great Courses](#)--College courses available on DVD for Westwood students and residents.

Over the past several years, Charles and Nancy Donahue of Westwood have donated nearly 50 Great Courses DVDs to the Westwood Public Library. These DVDs bring engaging professors from the best universities directly to our patrons. The Library currently has courses on the following topics that patrons can easily check out:

Art; Biology; Business; Economics; History  
Literature; Mathematics; Music; Physics  
Science; Teaching

The courses are donated in memory of Mr. Donahue's parents, Charles and Katherine Donahue. Katherine was a fourth grade teacher and Charles was the Chairman of the Norwood School Committee. Many thanks to Charles and Nancy Donahue for their support of this extensive collection.

### **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY – Upcoming meetings**

The Friends of the Westwood Library are in the process of revising their by-laws. A by-law review committee was established, and under the direction of Sue Burgess, revisions to the by-laws have been proposed. If you have responded to the Friends of the Westwood Public Library Annual Appeal with a donation, you are a member of the Friends Corporation. As a member, you are invited to join us for any of their deliberations. Meetings will be held at the Westwood Public Library.

April 14th/7 pm	Friends of the Library Meeting Public consideration of proposed revisions to by-laws
May 25th/7 pm	Friends of the Library Annual Meeting Election of Officers; Voting on revised by-laws
June 6th/9 am	Friends of the Library Board Meeting

### **ALL STAFF MEETING AND STAFF RECOGNITION**

On Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting an all staff meeting in the morning, followed by the Staff Recognition Luncheon. Joan Courtney Murray, Director of Human Resources, will be participating in the staff meeting at the request of the Professional Staff Association. She will be here at about 11:00.

For the Staff Recognition portion of the day -- two staff members will be receiving books this year: Teresa Kerrigan (15 years) and Susan White (15 years). The Friends of the Westwood Library will be hosting the luncheon, and if any Trustees are able to join us that would be great. Lunch will be from about 11:45 or so to 12:45.