



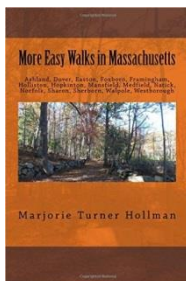
Westwood Public Library Director's Report 6 October 2016

News and Events

Gallery Exhibit- Capturing Nature in Westwood Art Exhibit

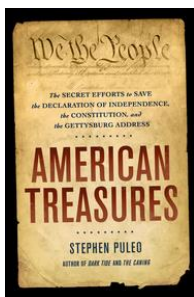
The Westwood Land Trust and Westwood Public Schools gallery show is now on display. The exhibit will run through December 16th.

Local Author Book Talks – Sponsored by the Friends of the Library



November 3rd – 7 pm: Marjorie Turner Hollman presents Easy Walks and More Easy Walks in Massachusetts.

Do you wish you knew some new places to get outdoors with your family and friends? Come get a peek at some of the woodland trails, hidden access points along the Charles River, and short walks to sweeping views that are “right around the corner” from where you live! Local author and Bellingham resident Marjorie Turner Hollman will present a slideshow of photos taken along paths included in her new book, “More Easy Walks in Massachusetts” which provides details about walking trails in Dover, Walpole, Natick and Framingham. Fifteen towns and 35 trails are highlighted with location maps (including parking information) for each trail.



November 10th – 7 pm: Stephen Puleo presents American Treasures: The Secret Efforts to Save the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Gettysburg Address

Stephen Puleo weaves exciting stories of freedom under fire—from the smuggling of the Declaration and Constitution out of Washington days before the British burned the capital in 1814, to their covert relocation during WWII—crafting a sweeping history of a nation united to preserve its democracy and the values embodied in its founding documents.

Voting for President of the Library! Things are heating up in the Westwood Public Library's Children's Department this fall with a real live Presidential Election! A Library Presidential Election that is...

On Thursday, November 8th, children from ages 0-12 will be able to cast their ballot for their favorite literary leader where they can learn about the electoral process and importance of implementing their right to vote. Kids will be able to show their support at the polls which will be at the Westwood (1-9pm) and Islington Branch (10-5pm) Precincts. All votes matter as Westwood determines who will preside as the first ever elected Commander and Chief of our children's department!

For President

Mo Willem's
Pigeon

vs.

Ludwig Bemelman's
Madeline

For Vice-President

James Dean's
Pete the Cat

vs.

Michael Bond's
Paddington Bear

NEW! Weekly Library e-Newsletter: Visit the Library's homepage and opt-in to our weekly e-newsletter. You'll see what's trending for new titles and authors, along with a preview of some upcoming library events.



Talk With A Trustee: Members of the Library's Board of Trustees will be available to meet with Westwood residents and library patrons from 10 – 12 at the Main Library on Saturday, November 5th. Stop in and stay for a cup of coffee and conversation!

Family Program: Keepsake Ornaments – Saturday, December 10th from 10– 1. Bring photo/or photos that can be photocopied and placed into a special glass ornament that you can decorate for your tree or to liven up a winter window!

Friends of the Library Booksale: There are books of all genres available for purchase. All funds raised by the book sale support the library's services and programs.

- Thursday, November 3rd, 1:00 PM-8:30 PM
- Friday, November 4th, 10:00 AM-5:45 PM
- Saturday, November 5th, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

Staffing:

In October, two part-time positions were advertised for On-Call Library Assistants needed to fill vacancies in our Circulation Department. At the conclusion of a highly competitive interview process, two candidates were selected and offers of employment have been extended and accepted by both individuals. In early November, Patricia Wade and Leslie Condon will be joining the library staff! Please join me in giving them a warm welcome from the Westwood Public Library.

The Library's Senior Custodian will be out of the library for an unknown length of time due to an injury. I do not have an expected date of return, and so am moving forward to put a plan into place that will provide for timely and efficient handling of potential snow and ice issues at both the Main Library and the Islington Branch. Winter is coming – and we are likely to be without the services of our senior custodian for some time. I am currently working with Jim McCarthy and other town personnel to determine what options might be available. Will keep you all posted!

Westwood Public Library		Monthly Stats Review September 2016			
		YTD	Past YTD	% Change	
TOTAL WESTWOOD CIRCULATION		186,582	193,872	-4%	
Circulation - Main Library	Adult	76,642	85,723	-11%	
includes circ, self-check and remote renewals	YA*	7,105	7,809	-9%	
	Children	84,438	84,105	0%	
	Total	168,185	177,637	-5%	
Circulation - Islington Branch	Adult	10,894	10,238	6%	
includes circ and remote renewals	YA*	554	419	32%	
	Children	6,949	5,578	25%	
	Total	18,397	16,235	13%	
Information Questions					
Main Library					
	Adult	5,495	5,592	-2%	
	Children	7,635	5,869	30%	
	Total	13,130	11,461	15%	
Meeting Room Use - Main L.					
	Library Programs	415	197	111%	
	Community Programs	324	255	27%	
	Study Room	726	577	26%	
Library Program Attendance					
Main Library					
	Adult	831	290	187%	
	YA*	501	407	23%	
	Children	7,346	5,571	32%	
Islington Branch					
	Adult	381	240	59%	
	YA*	-	-		
	Children	1,195	584	105%	
	Total	10,254	7,092		
Door Count - Main Library		90,313	82,052	10%	
Museum Passes		1,004	1,053	-5%	
Website					
	Sessions	62,354	46,449	34%	
	Users	37,666	29,511	28%	
Public Computer Usage					
	Total Sessions	7,232	7,058	2%	
	Total Minutes	376,505	337,696	11%	
Overdrive		Quarterly Circ Stats	8,533	6,803	
Zinio - Digital Magazines		Checkouts	98	n/a*	
Hoopla		Checkouts	3384	231**	
TOTAL E-CONTENT			12,015	7,034	71%
		* Zinio added 9/1/16	**Hoopla added 6/1/15		