FOWL Annual Book Sales are here! See Events page for full details.

On Exhibit: Helen E. Ellis Exhibit Case July; A special exhibit of jewelry created and designed by Library staff member, Bonnie Strebel.

What’s New?

Perspectives:

I have heard many compliments on Volume 1 of this newsletter. Thank you; it keeps us motivated. The credit goes to Laurie Marceau, Designer, and Suze Craig, Editor. Keep your suggestions for articles coming, please.

July through September is FOWL’s busiest season so be sure to consult the insert page for details about our two book sales, free Summer Music Program, and a retrospective exhibit of David Allen’s photographs selected by his son Nathaniel. Why so many book sales? They are still our single largest fund-raiser and a community service helping you to recycle books and to find reading bargains. They provide 70-80% of the funds FOWL donates to the Library to purchase books, CDs, and DVDs.

Lastly, a salute to the two candidates for the open Library Trustee position: Sharon Hanover and Andrew Gaboury. Sharon is now serving in office. Andrew, an historian, has for this issue provided a spotlight on the Library’s Westport History Room.

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Tech Bytes

Did you know? There are genealogy resources for Library card holders:

HeritageQuest Online: Available on the Library home page using your library-card number. Search for people, places, local history, and ancestors in the 1790-1940 US Federal Census records.

AncestryLibrary: Available only on the Library’s public-access computers. Enter the site by clicking the Genealogy, Family Tree and Family History link on the computer desktop.

Services

Free Wi-Fi
SAILS Library Network 24/7 borrowing
Homebound Delivery Service
Children’s Programs
Manton Community Room
Library Bridge Club
Library Book Club
Museum Passes
Westport Writers Group
Call the Library for more info…

Library Hours

Monday 12:30-8:30
Tuesday 11:00-5:00
Wednesday 11:00-5:00
Thursday 12:30-8:30
Friday 11:00-5:00
Saturdays* 9:00-3:00
Sunday CLOSED

Saturdays July & August - CLOSED

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Trustees Update

We were pleased to have the voters endorse our Library budget request for FY 2014 at Town Meeting on May 7th. For the first time in four years, we have a budget that meets minimum requirements for accreditation by the Commonwealth, allowing us to remain in the SAILS system. Also, when we, after Labor Day this year, increase our hours of operation from 40 hours/week to 45, we will be on our way to the 50 hours the state requires for full compliance with their guidelines; at the 45 mark we will qualify for 87.5% of the state funding allowed in FY2014. Our special thanks this year to FinCom liaison Tracy Priestner and Town Administrator Jack Healey for supporting our cause all the way through.

However, this number still leaves us $45,000 short on our actual operating budget for the year, including the purchase of all books and resource materials, for which we rely on FOWL and our several gift and trust funds. Our goal is to protect the principal in trust funds, spending only the interest obtained and spending only for purposes specified by donors, so we have a way yet to go. But being “in compliance” for a change is a great feeling. We can move ahead with confidence.

Thank you all for your faithful support.

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**NOTEWORTHY**

Educational websites for children:

- **Khan Academy**: [www.khanacademy.org/](http://www.khanacademy.org/)
  - Containing a library of over 4,100 videos covering everything from arithmetic to physics, finance, and history and hundreds of skills to practice, including math.

- **Surfing the Net with Kids**: [www.surfnetkids.com/](http://www.surfnetkids.com/)
  - An educational website with hundreds of topics and educational activities to explore for parents, kids, teens and anyone curious. Content recommended by nationally syndicated newspaper columnist Barbara J. Feldman.

**LIBRARIAN’S NEW BOOK PICKS**

**Preschool – Grade 1:**

- **How to Be a Cat**
  - Nikki McClure
  - A kitten practices the basics of feline behavior.

- **The Kindhearted Crocodile**
  - Lucia Panzieri
  - A crocodile sneaks into a house and does kind and useful things for a sleeping family.

**Grades 1-4:**

- **The Matchbox Diary**
  - Paul Fleischman
  - When a little girl visits her great-grandfather at his curio-filled home, she focuses on an old cigar box.

- **My Happy Life**
  - Rose Lagercrantz
  - A story of a young girl with a lot of optimism, even if sometimes life makes it hard to be happy.

**Grades 5-8:**

- **Hold Fast**
  - Blue Balliett
  - A girl who falls into Chicago's shelter system solves the mystery of her father's disappearance.

- **Ivy Takes Care**
  - Rosemary Wells
  - A girl spends a summer caring for animals in the mid-century Southwest.

- **Young Adult:**

  - **Scarlet**
    - Marissa Meyer
    - Second installment of the Lunar Chronicles.

  - **Seraphina**
    - Rachel Hartman
    - Morris Award-winner introduces mathematical dragons in an alternative-medieval world.

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**A Chat with…**

**Bonnie Guptill, Curator, Helen E. Ellis exhibition case**

**By Laurie Marceau**

**Helen Ellis** (1889-1978): Miss Ellis was an artist, educator, curator at the New Bedford Whaling Museum and a founder and trustee of the Children’s Museum of Dartmouth. She was also a co-owner of New Bedford’s Whaler Book Shop, and its travelling bookstore/library, the Whaler on Wheels, which was driven to local summer communities. A Westport resident for over 50 years, she served on the Library Board and was a founding member of the Historical Society. The Helen Ellis Charitable Trust provides funding for the Westport Cultural Council to give awards for projects that benefit Westport residents. Funding from the Trust began in 1992. Since then, the Westport Cultural Council has awarded over $160,000 to approximately 150 arts and cultural programs that benefit Westport residents.

**How did the Helen E. Ellis exhibition case come to be?**

Helen was an inspiration to anyone in Westport interested in the arts. If you were into the arts and lived in town you would be invited over for tea and many of these visitors became close friends. She was very generous with her time and energies. She was such a presence; she was a people organizer and wanted Westport to be a place to welcome and showcase all the arts.

The exhibition case was purchased in 1993. During my time with the Westport Arts Council, I thought it would be a good idea to have a more permanent place in which to show the arts, crafts, and collectors of Westport and the Library was the perfect place to have this open to all the public. Since then there have been over 150 exhibits.

**What was the opening exhibit in 1993?**

The very first exhibit was of Miss Ellis’ work. We used two cases since it was such a large exhibit showcasing much of her wood sculpture done in the last twenty years of her life.

**From where and how are exhibit materials acquired? How often do they change?**

I hear of people in town who carve or of photographers who went on a marvelous trip and I contact them. I used to organize one per month, but have done so many over the years it is often difficult to find someone or something new. The idea is to relate the exhibit to Westport in some way. It could be a resident artist or someone from out of town who has a collection, anything that relates to Westport really. I am always on the look out. If anyone is interested, speak to Sue (Branco) at the Library. We are always looking for new exhibits.

Bonnie shared with me photos of many past exhibits. They span a multitude of topics showcasing the variety of ways Westport provides inspiration for residents and non-residents alike. Some examples include: baskets, quilts, shells, hummingbird feeders, folk art, water colors, photography, Japanese girls’ clothing, wood sculpture, dance/choreography, beekeeping, and books by Westport authors.

**Can you tell me more about Miss Ellis’ art and life?**

Miss Ellis mostly focused on wood carvings. Her pieces have been displayed at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and some are part of the New Bedford Whaling Museum collection. She used wood from all around the world. Friends and fellow artisans would bring back wood from Africa or elsewhere for her to use.

The Library’s Westport History Room contains a folder with a collection of items which really shed light onto her life and what a strong individual she was.

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Events

Annual FOWL Book Sales:

Third Annual Summer Paperback Sale (adult fiction)
July 29 - August 9, during library hours in the Manton Community Room
A great opportunity to find a few paperbacks to read in the last weeks of Summer.
Many hundreds of books covering three to four tables. This year’s sale includes larger soft-covers, the format most new authors and literary fiction are published in today, as well as the familiar ‘pocket’ size. Potboiler or prize-winner, it will be there. Stock replenished often. All books $1 - $1.50.

BIG! FOWL’s 2013 Annual Used Book Sale
Members’ Preview: Friday, September 6, 6:00-8:00
Sale: September 7 - September 14 during library hours, but closes noon on 9/14
Over 8,000 books in 20 categories, fills entire Community Room. One of the largest sales in the area. All of the hundreds of children’s books are $.25 each to encourage reading. Others $1 - $2 plus a selection of specially-priced books. Non-members can attend preview for $5, no admission charged on other days.

For Kids
Summer Reading Program: “Dig into Reading!”
June 26 Sign-up starts for reading logs. Read at least two books and return log by August 14th to register for awards picnic on August 19th at 12:30

Reading Clubs:
Ages 6-8 Tuesdays July 9 through August 13, 11:00-12:00
Ages 9-12 Wednesdays July 10 through August 14, 11:00-12:00

Pajama Party:
Children 5 and under Thursdays July 11 through August 15, 6:30-7:00

Family Programs:
“Digging Dinosaurs and Other Tales” w/ Diane Edgecomb
July 15th, 7:00
Thanks to the Westport Cultural Council for funding this event

Live Raptors from New England Reptile & Raptor Exhibits
Director Marla Isaac, falconer and professional reptile handler
August 12, 7:00

For Adults (in Manton Community Room unless otherwise noted)
Singing and Swinging American Songbook: August 7, 7:00
Enjoy melodies and songs from Cole Porter, the Gershwins, and other stars of the swing era performed by The Swing Fever Duo. This is FOWL’s thank you to the community for supporting the Library and FOWL. No admission fee.

Selection of David Allen’s Photographs
Sept. 21-Oct. 5; Reception Saturday, September 21, time tba
In memory of popular Westport resident and photographer, David Allen, his son Nathaniel Allen has selected photographs representative of themes his father explored, many based upon the history and the beauty of Westport. Sponsored by FOWL. No admission fee.

Bridge Club: Wednesdays 12:30-3:00

FOWL Board Meeting: July 8 at 6:30 - Public Welcome
New to the Collection Highlights

Not to be missed…

**And the Mountains Echoed** Hosseini, Khaled
An unforgettable novel about finding a lost piece of yourself in someone else. Khaled Hosseini, the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Kite Runner* and *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, has written a new novel about how we love, how we take care of one another, and how the choices we make can shape who we are.

**Large Print Non-Fiction**

**The World’s Strongest Librarian** Hanagarne, Josh
An inspiring story of how a Mormon kid with Tourette’s found salvation in books and weightlifting.

**Large Print Fiction**

**The Burgess Boys** Strout, Elizabeth
Haunted by the freak accident that killed their father as children, Jim and Bob Burgess escaped their Maine hometown for New York City as soon as they could. But their dynamic is upended when their sister, who desperately needs their help, urgently calls them home. The brothers return to their childhood landscape, where long-buried tensions surface in unexpected ways that will change them forever.

**Music CDs**

**Night Train** Jason Aldean
**Some Nights** F.U.N.
**Lumineers** The Lumineers
**Kisses on the Bottom** Paul McCartney

**DVDs – featuring European detective series**

**Midsomer Murders** w/ Chief Inspector Barnaby, adapted from novels by Caroline Graham and set in the English countryside. Season 22

**Wallander** w/ soul-searching detective Kurt Wallender, based on Henning Mankell’s novels and set in the Swedish countryside. Series 3

**Lewis** continues investigating crime, based on novels by Colin Dexter and set in Oxford, England. Series 6

Adult Non-Fiction

**Shouting Won’t Help: Why I—And 50 Million Other Americans - Can’t Hear You** Bouton, Katherine
For twenty-two years, Katherine had a secret that grew harder to keep every day. Audiologists agree we’re experiencing a national epidemic of hearing impairment. And hearing loss is not exclusively a product of growing old. The usual onset is between the ages of nineteen and forty-four.

**History**

**Gettysburg: The Last Invasion** Guelzo, Allen
An intimate account of the climactic three-day battle of Gettysburg, which draws the reader into the heat, smoke, and grime alongside the ordinary soldier.

**Cookbooks**

**Vegetable Literacy** Madison, Deborah
Cooking and Gardening with Twelve Families from the Edible Plant Kingdom, with over 300 Deliciously Simple Recipes.

**Memoirs/Biography**

**Until I Say Goodbye** Spencer-Wendel, Susan
A moving and inspirational memoir by a woman who makes the most of her final days after discovering she has amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).

Adult Fiction

**When the Devil Drives** Brookmyre, Christopher
The second installment, an intensely gripping literary thriller that delves into the darkest reaches of the human psyche.

**Someday, Someday, Maybe** Graham, Lauren
From the beloved star of Gilmore Girls and Parenthood, comes a witty and hilariously relatable debut novel about a struggling young actress trying to get ahead and keep it together in New York City.

**Dangerous Refuge** Lowell, Elizabeth
Murder and mystery spark unexpected romance in this captivating new tale from the beloved *New York Times* bestselling author.

**Love, Water, Memory** Shortridge, Jennie
A bittersweet masterpiece filled with longing and hope, this emotional novel explores the raw, tender complexities of relationships and personal identity as Lucie Walker adjusts to life with amnesia.

Helpful Hint:

To view all new titles available at the Library, visit the Library home page and click on the SAILS Library Network Member Library link/image at left. Directly at center you will find “New Westport Titles” as the default in the drop-down. Book cover images are scrollable just below. Click on “Find in my Library” to get more detail, place a hold, or text a reminder.
The World of Books

All Those Tomatoes
By Suze Craig, Westport resident and Editor, @ the Library

From: Suze Craig
To: Lynn
Re: All Those Tomatoes

If all fifty tomato seedlings you set out on Memorial Day come to fruition, you may have a glut. But given weather vagaries, you may not. And have thousands of eggplant—or peppers—instead. Not to worry; no matter what the excess, help is available at the Library.

A good starting point, especially if this kind of venture is new to you, is American Eugenia Bone’s Well-Preserved: recipes and techniques for putting up small batches of seasonal foods. She deftly explains the canning process and indeed, it’s as easy as she makes it sound. Her cherries in wine concoction has received dessert ovations, at least in my house. The making of it gave me five pints instead of four, and oh delight, leftover syrup, lovely on ice cream. One diner’s suggestion: halve the cloves and add a stick of cinnamon. Bone is especially useful as after each master recipe she provides three or four recipes to use what you’ve made.

You might want to continue with The River Cottage Preserves Handbook, by Pam Corbin. Of impeccable lineage, this book, for it comes out of Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall's award winning River Cottage Farm-sourced British TV series and Guardian food columns. Again, the opening few chapters on techniques and then the recipes, sorted according to end product, for example Cordials, Fruit Liqueurs & Vinegars, Sauces, Ketchups & Oil-based Preserves, and so on. The book has been through American editing hands, so you don't need to labor over unfamiliar British measurements or terms. Her roasted tomato passata is a very easy way to use five pounds of tomatoes (I’m still thinking about all those seedlings); that quantity filled my large roasting pan.

Another useful book: The Complete Book of Small-Batch Preserving by Ellie Topp and Margaret Howard. Canadians, so no translations needed. They also give you a section “Fresh From The Freezer” again, with techniques. Another bonus besides the tips at the bottom of many recipes: in a separate chapter (“Let's Open the Lid and Use What's Inside”) they suggest ways to use the fruits or vegetables of your labors. A case in point: the pickled jalapeño recipe gave me seven half pints; to use them, directions appear for jalapeño quesadillas and variations: vegetarian, French-style, open face pizza, and pesto.

If it's a cucumber year, have a look at Linda Ziedrich’s The Joy Of Pickling, or any other veg: if it grows, she pickles it. Very international: she demystifies kimchee, rice-bran and miso and soy-sauce pickles. I note in passing that the Dutch Lunch Spears by the Quart has my pencilled-in quantities for four and six quart batches. And no review of pickle books would be complete, at least here in Westport, without mention of Quick Pickles, from Back Eddyers Chris Schlesinger, John Willoughby, and Dan George. Wonderfully international, and some highly useful ideas for five or six handfuls of mixed veg as well as Asian, South and Central American takes on the process.

When you get really carried away with making all that produce disappear, saved for winter, check out Helen Witty's Fancy Pantry. I know someone who eats her Sun Dried Tomato Goo with a spoon. But fifty tomato plants for just the two of you? Whew.
FOWL aids the mission of the Westport Free Public Library. All activities are run by volunteers—people who believe in a public library. Funds raised through member dues and book sales go to the Library to purchase books, CD’s, DVD’s, museum passes, and to fund children’s programs. FOWL is the largest funding source for these purchases. In 2012, member dues and book sales contributed over $10,000 in Library funding. If you are not yet a member, fill in the form to the right to join today.

FOWL’s services and activities:

- **Museum Passes:**
  - Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
  - Boston Museum of Science
  - New Bedford Whaling Museum

- **Bookstore at the Library** located in the Library lobby

- **Summer Paperback Book Sale**

- **Programs/Special Events**

- **Annual Book Sale** with Member Preview Night

- **Paperback Exchange Carousel** located in the Library lobby

- [@ the Library Quarterly Newsletter](#)

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Yes, I would like to volunteer. I am interested in:

- [ ] Book Sale Committee
- [ ] PR/Marketing

It’s easy to donate or renew:

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2. Drop off form and payment at Library

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