

## What's New?

### On exhibit in the Manton Community Room:

#### October 11 – October 25

*Art of Recycling*, Vera Gassar  
Opening Reception: October 11, 1-3 p.m.

Zentangle black ink designs on recycled DVDs: A zentangle\* is an abstract drawing created using repetitive patterns. (see p. 3)

#### November 3 – November 29

*Photography: Botanicals and Landscape*, Beth Easterly

Opening Reception: November 3, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

## Tech Bytes

### New to Overdrive:

When you use a mobile device, "search results" filters are at the top of the page to improve the browsing experience;

You'll receive a red notification on your Account and Holds pages when you have a title on hold that is ready to be checked out;

You have the ability to return titles before the end of their lending period.

## 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	12:00-8:30
Tuesday	10:00-5:00
Wednesday	10:00-5:00
Thursday	12:00-8:30
Friday	10:00-5:00
Saturdays	9:00-4:00
Sunday	CLOSED

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## Perspectives:

**First, good news.** According to our book sale results, the printed book is NOT dead. FOWL's Summer Paperback Sale brought in \$1,108.00 and the September Annual Book Sale \$6,897.00 for a total of \$8,005.00, a record for us. Many thanks to the 30+ people who worked to make this happen but especially to Leona Andrade and Ned Daniels, Book Sale Co-chairs.

**Second, a reminder.** Our ability to provide \$17,000.00 to the Library in 2014 for book and museum pass purchases as well as to fund newsletter and publicity expenses clearly did not come solely from book sale income. Our generous members made it happen. Later this quarter we will send out requests to renew your membership in FOWL. Membership is a great way to express support for your public library.

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## Director's Update:

Thank you to all of our Library supporters and patrons for your ongoing interest and efforts to support our Library this summer. In addition to our year-round patrons, vacationing families and students came with reading lists in hand. Visitors attended events, caught up on e-mail, and browsed newspapers and magazines. Beach and backyard reading titles flew off the shelves!

The Friends received rave reviews for the annual week-long book sale in September. I am so grateful for the Friends' support and for all of the volunteers who helped to set up and break down the sale. This annual event is a huge task requiring year-long preparation, but the benefits for our community are enormous, as the proceeds help supplement the Library's budget.

Is it possible that winter is just around the corner? Longer and cooler evenings are upon us. Why not curl up with a favorite novel or DVD? I have been catching bits and pieces of Ken Burns' PBS series *The Roosevelts: an Intimate History*. Burns has been directing and producing historical documentaries ever since his *Brooklyn Bridge* in 1981, and many are available through the SAILS Library Network. Those of you who browse our DVD collection know that I am a big PBS fan so we'll definitely be adding *The Roosevelts* to our collection.

Thinking about holiday gifts? Keep in mind that our year-round Book Store has new and gently used titles for \$2.00 or less. I wish you relaxation and enjoyment during the holidays; these special days come and go so quickly.

Sue Branco, Library Director  
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Thank you! This quarter's @the Library is supported by:

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## Kid's Corner

### Preschool-Grade 2:

#### **Hickory Dickory Dog** Alison Murray

Zack and his dog Rufus, are best friends. When Zack goes to school, Rufus goes too. Rufus joins in with painting time, lunchtime, and even garden time, which makes for one messy pup at home time!

#### **Sparky!** Jenny Offill & Chris Appelhans

Sparky is a sloth. A pet sloth. And Sloths don't know how to fetch. Or roll over. But they sure know how to play dead. What's an eager pet owner to do?

### Non-fiction Grade 1-4:

#### **The Secret Pool** Kimberly Ridley

Vernal pools form every year when low places on the forest floor fill up with rain and melted snow. They become home to hatching wood frogs, spotted salamanders, and fairy shrimp. When vernal pools shrink to mud holes, creatures such as turtles and snakes rely on them for shelter and food.

#### **Barbed Wire Baseball** Marissa Moss

The life of Kenichi Zenimura, who was later named the father of Japanese-American baseball, offers an inspiring true story from a little-discussed segment of American history.

### Fiction Grade 1-4:

#### **Marty McGuire Has too Many Pets!** Kate Messner

After visiting a great ape sanctuary, Marty and her friends set out to raise the money to "adopt" a chimpanzee by organizing a talent show at school and starting a pet-sitting business which soon gets out of hand.

#### **Hurry Up, Houdini!** Mary Pope Osborne

Join Jack and Annie as they meet one of the world's most famous illusionists, Harry Houdini.

### Fiction Grade 5-8:

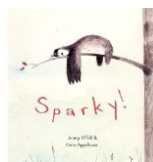
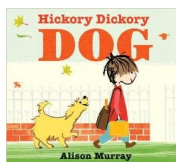
#### **The Forbidden Library** Django Wexler

When her father is lost at sea, Alice must leave her home to live with a uncle whose rural Pennsylvania estate includes a mysterious library that holds much more than books.

### Young Adult Fiction

#### **A Death-Struck Year** Makiia Lucier

When the Spanish influenza epidemic reaches Portland, Oregon in 1918, seventeen-year-old Cleo leaves behind the comfort of her boarding school to work for the Red Cross.



## A Chat with...

### Bonnie Strebel, Principal Library Clerk

By Denise Micale



#### What led you to this position at the Library?

Although I grew up in Tiverton, my family has enjoyed using the Westport Library since I was eight years old. Sue (Branco) was the Children's Librarian at the time and Jane (Young) helped me with my school projects. Reading was big in our home and I spent quite a bit of time here. I began subbing here eight years ago after finishing high school. I am just finishing my BA in English at Southern New Hampshire University and then plan to obtain a Master's in Library Science.

#### What are the most significant changes you have noticed through the years?

SAILS and the ebooks are the biggest changes. Computer technology has increased the Library's ability to meet the needs of its patrons and provide more opportunity for reading and sharing books. I use Overdrive to download eBooks for myself so I've been able to help patrons set up their accounts for their eReaders or their tablets. This opens up a whole section of the Library to our patrons where books and videos can be instantly downloaded from home. I'll always prefer real books myself, but having the option to download a library book without leaving your home is great for those times when you are unable to get to the Library.

#### What is your favorite part of Library Science?

I like the archival aspect—researching and cataloging—I could see myself eventually working in a college library or a museum as an archivist.

#### Any best part of your work here?

My favorite part is that I get to do so many different things every day. No day is typical and I'm always learning new things.

#### What types of books do you like to read?

I'll read almost any genre if the story grabs my attention. Lately, I've been reading mostly mysteries and some non-fiction. I recently read *The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of The Women Who Helped with World War II* by Denise Keirman and really enjoyed it. My favorite book of all is *Little House on the Prairie* by Laura Ingalls Wilder which I read as a child.

#### As someone with a lifelong love of reading, what is your advice for parents and guardians to instill that love in their children?

Find a subject that interests your child and then search for books in that area. Be persistent and don't give up in working to find books that your child enjoys.

**"Knowing you have something good to read before bed is among the most pleasurable of sensations."**

**-Vladimir Nabokov**

## Events

**FOWL Board Meetings:** Monday, October 6 and Thursday, November 13. Both at 6:30 p.m. Dates occasionally change. Please call the Library, 508-636-1100, to confirm the date if you plan to attend.

## Children's Programs:

**Story Hour** for ages 3 and up begins Tuesday, September 30, 10:30-11:15 a.m. The program consists of stories, music, finger-plays, poems, and a simple take-home craft that compliments the theme of the week.

The **Lap-Sit** program for children under three and their caregiver begins on Wednesday, October 1, 10:30-11:00 a.m. Books, songs and finger-plays will be shared followed by free-play.

Please register for these programs by calling the Library, 508-636-1100, or stop in at 408 Old County Road to sign up.

Diane Edgecomb visits the Library Friday, October 24, 7:00 p.m. for a fun-filled Halloween show, complete with a huge fog-bubbling cauldron for the dramatic last story. Stories are all appropriate for family audiences. **Once Upon A Halloween** contains a well-rounded blend of suspense and humor. Come in costume! Refreshments will be served.

**Rosie, The Therapy Dog** visits the Library, Tuesday, October 14, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Six children may register to have ten minutes each to read to the dog who loves books.



\*Zentangle black ink design examples from p. 1



## Library Book Club

The Westport Library Book Discussion Group meets the second Friday monthly at 10:30 a.m. in the Community Room of the Westport Library.

Please join us for a discussion of the following books:

October 10:

***The Round House*** by Louise Erdrich

The narrative transports readers to the Ojibwe reservation in North Dakota. It is an exquisitely told story of a boy on the cusp of manhood who seeks justice and understanding in the wake of a terrible crime that up-ends and forever transforms his family.

November 14:

***The Goldfinch*** by Donna Tartt

Pulitzer-Prize winning novel about a thirteen-year-old New Yorker, miraculously surviving an accident that kills his mother. Abandoned by his father, Theo is taken in by the family of a wealthy friend.

December 12:

***Canada*** by Richard Ford

A haunting novel about the cataclysm that undoes one teenage boy's family, and the stark and unforgiving landscape in which he attempts to find grace.

January 9:

***Wind in the Willows*** by Kenneth Grahame

Classic book about forest creatures with human mannerisms.

New Members are welcome and encouraged to join. For more information contact Karen Nourse at [karennourse@yahoo.com](mailto:karennourse@yahoo.com).

## You can help



Bring your Lees receipts to the Library; we earned \$1441 in 2013.

FOWL's volunteers are the core of the success of our book sales. In addition to our Board members, another 20+ new and returning volunteers made quick work of sorting, packing, setting-up, selling, and taking down our two book sales. We also have a dedicated volunteer who deals with Lees receipts and two new additions to our Newsletter 'staff'. Many thanks to them and also to all who donate books to the cause. To join in the fun, contact Kate Kastner at 508-636-0225 or [kate.kastner@charter.net](mailto:kate.kastner@charter.net).

## New to the Collection Highlights

### Adult Non-Fiction

#### ***Boston Mob: The Rise and Fall of the New England Mob and its Most Notorious Killer*** Marc Songini

The New England Mafia was a hugely powerful organization that survived by using violence to ruthlessly crush anyone that threatened it, or its lucrative gambling, loansharking, bootlegging and other enterprises.

***The Map Thief*** Michael Blanding  
Maps have long exerted a special fascination on viewers—both as beautiful works of art and as practical tools to navigate the world. But to those who collect them, the map trade can be a cutthroat business.

***Kids in the Syndrome Mix*** Dr. Martin L. Kutscher  
Kids in the Syndrome Mix of ADHD, LD, Autism Spectrum, Tourette's, Anxiety, and More!: The one stop guide for parents, teachers, and other professionals.

***Neil Armstrong: A Life of Flight*** Jay Barbree  
Working from fifty years of conversations he had with Neil, Barbree writes about Neil's three passions—flight, family, and friends.

***I Said Yes to Everything*** Lee Grant  
Born Lyova Haskell Rosenthal in New York City, actress Lee Grant spent her youth accumulating more experiences than most people have in a lifetime.

***Scalia: A Court of One*** Bruce Allen Murphy  
An authoritative, deeply researched biography of the most controversial and outspoken Supreme Court justice of our time.



### Adult Fiction

***The Book Stops Here*** Kate Carlisle  
You never know what treasures can be found in someone's attic. Unfortunately for bookbinder Brooklyn Wainwright, some of them are worth killing for....

***A Colder War*** Charles Cumming  
A top-ranking Iranian military official is blown up while trying to defect to the West.

***Personal*** Lee Child  
Jack Reacher returns in the latest fast-moving, action-packed, suspenseful book from Lee Child.

***I Can See in the Dark*** Karin Fossum  
Riktor doesn't have a clear conscience, but the crime he's being accused of is one he certainly didn't commit.

***Don't Look Back*** Gregg Hurwitz  
With her only resource her determination to live, Eve must fight a dangerous foe and survive against incredible odds—if she's to make it back home alive.

### Large Print Fiction

***Driving With the Top Down*** Beth Harbison  
Colleen's one-woman mission for peace of mind is thrown slightly off course when Sixteen-year-old Tamara becomes her co-pilot.



***Deserves to Die*** Lisa Jackson  
There are actually two mysteries contained in this book. The first is who is killing women and cutting off their ring finger. The second is who is after Jessica/Anne-Marie and why.



***Above*** Isla Morley  
Blythe Hallowell is sixteen when she is abducted by a survivalist and locked away in an abandoned missile silo in Eudora, Kansas.



***All Fall Down*** Jennifer Weiner  
Allison Weiss got her happy ending—a handsome husband, adorable daughter, a job she loves, and the big house in the suburbs. But while waiting in the pediatrician's office, she opens a magazine to a quiz about addiction and starts to wonder.



### Large Print Non-Fiction

***Sous-Chef: 24 Hours on the Line*** Michael Gibney  
In this urgent and unique book, chef Michael Gibney uses twenty-four hours to animate the intricate camaraderie and culinary choreography in an upscale New York restaurant kitchen.



***Travels with Casey*** Benoit Denizet-Lewis  
A moody Labrador and his insecure human take a funny, touching cross-country RV trip into the heart of America's relationship with dogs.



### Books on CD

***White Fire*** Preston & Child  
***By Its Cover*** Donna Leon  
***Mrs. Lincoln's Rival*** Jennifer Chiaverini  
***Orphan Train*** Christina Baker Kline



### Adult DVDs

***The Monuments Men***  
***August: Osage County***



### 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.

## World of Books

## Fidophilia

By Lucy Keefe, former Westport resident

Who doesn't love a good dog story? Okay, maybe cat people. Dog haters. Phobics. But dogs are definitely on the rise in letters. Memoirs, mysteries, poignant novels, comic novels, philosophical discourses, narratives of dogs' noble exploits in war, in search and rescue, in search and recovery (dead people), as therapeutic lifesavers. Used to be an author had to include a girl or woman somewhere to ensure that quintile of readership; nowadays it's a dog.

Asked to look at recent dog book series, however, I soon find myself casting about for some more enlightening task, say removing window screens (which is truly enlightening as they are all heavily laced with fine dog hairs sown by the crosswinds of open panes). Tearing myself away from that useful work I face a near-Congressional Library of dog books written from or for the modern notion of family as anything with a beating heart and a set of eyes, never mind soft fur and uncomplicated adoration.

It's hard to better the classics—works of Albert Payson Terhune, Jack London, James Herriot; Virginia Woolf's *Flush*, Eric Knight's *Lassie-Come-Home*, Sheila Burnford's *The Incredible Journey*, Eleanor Atkinson's *Greyfriars Bobby*, the essays of James Thurber or E. B. White. Setting those aside for the moment, two of the current heavyweights in the lightweight genre of dog mystery series are the Chet and Bernie books of Spencer Quinn (a.k.a. crime thriller suspense novelist Peter Abrahams), and the Andy Carpenter series by David Rosenfelt.

Chet the dog narrates the Quinn mysteries. His human partner is Bernie Little—theirs is the Little Detective Agency. Chet's voice is reliably doggy—not small furry *homo sapiens*—and most of the wit and even wisdom follows from this. He is literal-minded, eager to please, easily distracted and quick to jump to conclusions—but, as he is fond of repeating, "I bring other things to the table," chief among these being a vastly superior sense of smell. Though the books are usually set in Arizona, the recent *Paw and Order* takes place in Washington, D.C. where Bernie's love interest Suzie has taken a job at the *Washington Post*. The subject matter of each of the seven books is different and often interesting, but the formula for the chase and its pitfalls—most often caused and heroically resolved by Chet—are comfortingly the same. Satisfying light reads, they probably are best not taken all at once.

David Rosenfelt's Andy Carpenter series is less slavishly doggy and perhaps the better read. The wit, and there is plenty, is from the human narrator whose smart-alecky tone owes much to the late Robert Parker. *Hounded*, the most recent book of the series, reintroduces favorite characters, graceful plot twists, and the possibility of a new direction for the next book. True, this one has less involvement of the dogs but they are a believable element in the story and come with an endearing eight-year old boy.

I said I was setting aside the classics for the moment. That moment has now passed. Martha White, granddaughter of E. B. White, edits the best dog book I have found this year: *E. B. White on Dogs*. Here is White describing his Norwich Terrier:

*Everybody tries to like Jones. But Jones takes his guard duties seriously and has made several attempts to kill people he thought were intruding. He particularly distrusts women in trousers, drivers of panel trucks, small children, and stray dogs. He has hunted squirrels for six years without bagging one... Sometimes I dream of owning another Norwich—one that looks like a Norwich and behaves like one. But I am known for my outsize dreams. Meanwhile, I am grateful for small favors, like the little brown one over there on the sofa.*

## Mystery Spotlight

## Author Louise Penny

By Carol Vidal

Canadian mystery writer and *New York Times* best-selling author Louise Penny may not be as well-known as some of her American counterparts of the mystery genre but her novels are refreshingly different. These mystery novels are written from a Canadian viewpoint. Her books have reached an international audience and are popular in England and the United States as well Canada.

Louise Penny began her career as a radio host and journalist for the Canadian Broadcasting System but later in life she decided to retire from that milieu and concentrate on writing. Always a fan of mystery stories since she was a child, she found her talent for writing a good crime story. Her books are set in a reclusive village called Three Pines, Quebec, near the Vermont border and populated with a host of interesting town characters all revolving around the respected and dignified Chief Inspector Armand Gamache of the Sûreté du Québec, the provincial police force for that Canadian province.

For readers interested in Louise Penny books, there is a series of ten books written since 2005.

If you want continuity when reading each book, the list below is chronological but each story can stand alone. The tenth book in the series, *The Long Way Home*, was released this past August.

*Still Life* (2005)

*A Fatal Grace* (2007)

*The Cruellest Month* (2008)

*The Rule Against Murder* (2009)

*The Brutal Telling* (2009)

*Bury Your Dead* (2010)

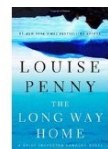
*A Trick of the Light* (2011)

*The Beautiful Mystery* (2012)

*How the Light Gets In* (2013)

*The Long Way Home* (2014)

To obtain more information about the author, her website is [www.louisepenny.com](http://www.louisepenny.com). You can also "like" her on Facebook.





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**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, CDs, DVDs, museum passes, and to fund children’s programs. FOWL is the largest funding source for these purchases. In 2014, member dues and book sales will contribute over \$17,000 to Library funding. If you’re not yet a member, fill in the form to the right to join today.

**FOWL’s services and activities:**

**Museum Passes:**

- Boston Museum of Science
- Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
- Buttonwood Park Zoo\*
- New Bedford Whaling Museum

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

**Summer Paperback Book Sale**

**Programs/Special Events**

**Annual Book Sale** with Members’ Preview Night

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

@ the Library Quarterly Newsletter

\*Ocean Explorium in New Bedford is closed while moving to its new location at Buttonwood Park. Ocean Explorium passes funded by FOWL may be used at Buttonwood Park Zoo.

**\*Membership levels:**

- \$10 Individual
- \$20 Family
- \$30 Sponsor
- \$50 Patron
- \$100 Bibliophile
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Book Sale Committee \_\_\_\_\_ PR/Marketing

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- 1) Mail: P.O. Box 3342, Westport, MA 02790
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