

What's New?

On Exhibit:

Helen E. Ellis Exhibit Case:
Westport High School - Pottery

Children's Area Display Wall:
Westport High School - Photography

Manton Community Room (June 2-14):
Paintings/Drawings - Andy & Eugene Xu

Tech Bytes

Information at your fingertips...What are the *Research Tools & Online Articles*?

Accessible on the SAILS e-catalog for searching articles in:

- *Britannica* Public Library Edition
- Three age-appropriate sites in one
- General OneFile INFOTRAC
- Magazine/journal articles (1980-present)
- *The Boston Globe* (1980-present)
- *The New York Times* (1985-present)
- Business, Health databases and more

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:

FOWL members gave generously of their Time and Treasure in 2013.

Treasure: For 2014 FOWL's donation to the Library will be \$17,150, up from \$11,000 in 2013. The Library requested the funds as \$1,150 for museum passes, \$1,000 for children's programs, and \$15,000 for books, CDs, and DVDs divided equally between adult and children/YA. We held our own in book sale revenue in an eBook world, added forty members, gained a grant to pay for printing the first three issues of the newsletter, received \$1,441 from Lees Market receipts, and benefitted from memorials for a former Library Trustee. Membership donations were the leading source of additional income to FOWL. My thanks and applause to fellow Library fans.

Time: FOWL accepts book donations May through August for a Summer Paperback Sale and our huge September Annual Book Sale. Please check the Events page for more detail and the 'You can help...' column for volunteer opportunities to make these successful. More than 20 volunteers joined board members last year to help with the book sales. Many hands make light work and good fun.

Kate Kastner, President, FOWL
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Director's Update

Technology is constantly and quickly evolving. Look at our young adults, who increasingly have their social lives, music, and school work in the palms of their hands. Whether it's text-messaging a parent or sending photos to a friend, they—and their parents—are discovering new ways to keep in touch and get things done. They search for their favorite restaurants when away from home and review their menus with the next click on the screen. Meanwhile, others enjoy conveniences such as browsing a new book on an e-reader or listening to an audiobook on an iPod.

But perhaps you don't feel like you are keeping pace with all these gadgets. Or you may not know the first thing about computers. Fear not, the public-access desktop computers are still available at the Library—and their popularity remains constant. Even better, we have a computer-education volunteer on Monday evenings from 6:30-8:15. This marvelous fellow helps patrons with Microsoft programs, using the Internet, and many other questions—and it's fun! Just call the Library to register.

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

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AND

Memorial funds donated to FOWL in memory of Octave Pelletier, former Library Trustee

Kid's Corner

Preschool – Grade 2:

Santiago Stays Angela Dominguez
The dog, Santiago, does not budge when offered a walk. He does not want to move at all, but all ends well.

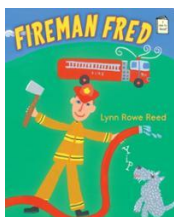


Maple

Lori Nichols
A nature-loving little girl's favorite playmate is her maple tree, until the day she's surprised with a baby sister.

Fireman Fred

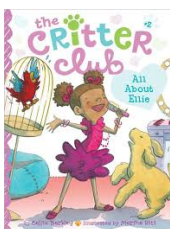
Lynn Reed
Follow Fred as he speeds to a fire, performs a rescue, and makes a new friend.



Time-out for Sophie Rosemary Wells
Although Sophie wants to be good, sometimes she ignores her family, and needs a time-out.

Grades 1-4:

All about Ellie Callie Barkley
When second-grader Ellie wins the lead role in a school play, she neglects her friends in the Critter Club and their new animal shelter.



Grades 5-8:

The Carpet People Terry Pratchett
The Munrungs cross the Carpet to find a new home after their village is destroyed by the powerful Fray.



Paperboy

Vince Vawter
When an eleven-year-old boy takes over a friend's newspaper route, his debilitating stutter makes for a memorable month.

Young Adult:

The Impossible Knife of Memory

Laurie Anderson
Hayley Kincaid and her father move back to their hometown to try a 'normal' life, but the horrors he saw in the war threaten to destroy their lives.



Reality Boy

A. S. King
An emotionally damaged 17-year-old boy who was once an infamous reality television show star meets a girl from another dysfunctional family. She helps him out of his angry shell.

Rose Under Fire Elizabeth Wein
When young American pilot Rose Justice is captured by the Nazis and sent to Ravensbruck, the notorious women's concentration camp, she finds hope through the friendship of fellow prisoners.



A Chat with...

Jane Young, Library Staff

By Kate Kastner



You seem to know everyone.

My family has deep roots in Westport. My grandparents were founding members of Westport Art Group and the Westport Yacht Club. I am a lifelong Westport resident and a graduate of Westport High. If you grew up in Westport, I probably went to school with you or your parents or your grandparents, or one of my daughters did. And I also enjoy interacting with our Library users so I quickly become acquainted with new residents.

Have you always worked in a library?

No. After high school, I trained as a Legal Secretary and worked many years for local lawyers who specialized in criminal law. No computers at that time. My typing had to be fast and accurate.

How did you transition into working for Westport Public Library?

I had taken a few years to be at home while my children were in middle school and high school. Just as I was thinking about returning to work, the Library advertised for a part-time clerk to keep up with creating card catalog entries as books were added to the collection. You likely don't remember that a book required more than one card, usually three or more, in order to look up by author, title, and subject. This was a good match with my typing skills. So in 1988 I began my library career, now over 25 years ago. We had to keep the card catalog going for quite a few more years before completely switching to a computerized system.

I believe you have been quite involved in cataloging items for the Westport History Room.

Until the 2009 Library renovation there was no history room. The future "collection" was in boxes without even a clear inventory. When time permitted, I would go through materials, cataloging the items and marking the boxes. Now the materials are shelved in the Westport History Room using the catalog system there.

What are some key changes you would note in the Library and in your job?

We still interact heavily with our users, so it's a good thing I enjoy helping people and enjoy variety. Now computers are key, and we often help someone figure out how to use a computer to find a book, look for a job, read email, or even print a boarding pass (yes, really, we do). Our renovation in 2009 produced the History Room, a community room, and a wonderful children's area, all greatly needed and well-utilized.

What are you reading these days?

I am a very eclectic reader. From my years working in criminal law, I still enjoy reading *True Crime*. I like light mysteries, Philip Craig's Martha's Vineyard mysteries being an example. I like westerns. Recently I enjoyed Jean Auel's *The Land of Painted Caves* series on audio book.

Events

For Kids

Story Hour for children ages three and up

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:15

A story program with a different theme each week concluding with a take home craft project.

Lap-Sit for children under age three

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:00

A parent and child program consisting of several brief stories, finger plays, music, nursery rhymes and puppets.

Summer Reading Program: Fizz! Boom! Read!

June 23rd sign-up starts for reading logs

Save the Date!

Special Family Program:

A Song and Story Celebration with Davis Bates

July 10th 7:00 PM

Davis Bates, Stories & Songs...

Davis Bates' performances are a mixture of family, Native American, international and regional stories and songs. They speak of empowerment, history, spirit and the environment. Davis has been sharing stories and songs for over 32 years in schools, libraries, festivals and community settings. For more information visit

<http://www.davisbates.com>



For Adults (in Manton Community Room unless otherwise noted)

Bridge Club: Wednesdays 12:00-3:00

FOWL Board Meetings: Monday, April 28 and Monday, June 9. Both 6:30 PM. Dates occasionally change. Please call Library 508-636-1100 to confirm the date if you plan to attend.

May through August: Donations of books accepted for our book sales. Donation bin will be in the lobby. Please: no encyclopedias, textbooks, law books, magazines, books in poor condition, VHS tapes, cassette tapes.

Save the dates:

4th Annual Summer Paperback Sale (adult fiction): July 28-August 8, during library hours. 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. Includes the larger soft-covers, which is 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.

Save the Date!

BIG! FOWL's 2014 Annual Used Book Sale

Members' Preview: Friday, September 5

Public Sale: Saturday, September 6—Saturday, September 13 during Library hours, but closes at 1 pm on 9/14.

Over 8,000 books in 20 categories, fills entire Community Room. One of the largest sales in the area. All the hundreds of children's books are 25¢ each to encourage reading. Others \$1 - \$2 plus a selection of specially-priced books.

Library Book Club

Second Friday monthly 11:00-12:00/12:30

For more info contact Karen Nourse at karennourse@yahoo.com

April 11:

Cascade Maryanne O'Hara

During the 1930s in a small town fighting for its survival, a conflicted new wife seeks to reconcile her artistic ambitions with the binding promises she has made.

May 9:

The Rosie Project Graeme Simsion

Don Tillman, a brilliant yet socially challenged professor of genetics, has decided it's time he found a wife. And so, in the orderly, evidence-based manner with which Don approaches all things, he designs the Wife Project to find his perfect partner.

June 13:

Heading out to Wonderful Robert Goolrick
Charlie Beale, a loner, recently home from the war in Europe, wanders into Brownsburg, a sleepy village of only a few hundred people nestled in the Valley of Virginia.

You can help



Bring your **Lees receipts** to the Library – we earned \$1,441 in 2013

Volunteers Needed

Help us sort donated books by category. We have honed the process to eliminate most heavy lifting. We ask for about three hours for each of two weeks in the May-August donation period. We train you (easy) and then you and your team member decide who will work when. A side benefit is that you can immediately buy books that seize your interest at our bargain prices of \$1-\$2.

Aspiring reporters or photographers for newsletter needed.

Contact Kate Kastner 508-636-0225 or kate.kastner@charter.net

FOWL Book Sale Donations

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New to the Collection Highlights

Adult Non-Fiction

How To Build Shaker Furniture Thomas Moser

Sleep: What Every Parent Needs to Know

Rachel Y. Moon

Sleeptime problems can affect everyone in the family.

No matter what your child's difficulty may be getting to sleep, staying asleep, bed-wetting, fears or nightmares, it's never too late to correct it.

Gold: the Race for the World's Most Seductive Metal Matthew Hart

From the lost empires of the Sahara to today's frenzied global gold rush, a blazing exploration of the human love affair with gold by Matthew Hart, the award-winning author of *Diamond*.

The Heir Apparent: A Life of Edward VII, the Playboy Prince Jane Ridley

Edward the VII was fifty-nine when he took the throne in 1901, upon the death of his mother Queen Victoria. The playboy prince sobered up and became an extremely effective leader and founder of England's modern monarchy.

Elizabeth of York: a Tudor Queen and her World Alison Weir

It is often forgotten the life of the first Tudor queen, Elizabeth of York, Henry's mother and Elizabeth's grandmother, spanned one of England's most dramatic and perilous periods.

Adult Fiction

Once Upon a Lie Maggie Barbieri

A gripping novel about family, justice, and the choices we make that define who we are.

The Wife, the Maid & the Mistress Ariel Lawhon

A tantalizing reimagining of a scandalous mystery that rocked the nation in 1930—Justice Joseph Crater's infamous disappearance—as seen through the eyes of the three women who knew him best.

After I'm Gone Laura Lippman

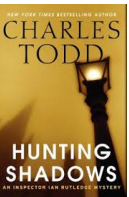
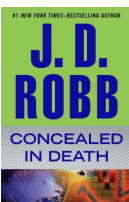
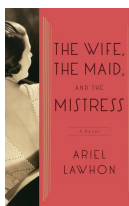
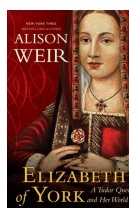
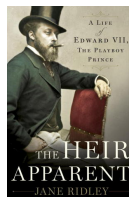
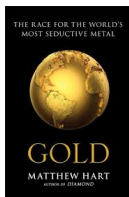
An addictive story that explores how one man's disappearance echoes through the lives of the wife, mistress, and daughters he left behind.

Concealed in Death J.D. Robb

In a decrepit, long-empty New York building, Lieutenant Eve Dallas's husband begins the demolition process by swinging a sledgehammer into a wall. When the dust clears, there are two skeletons wrapped in plastic behind it.

Hunting Shadows Charles Todd

A dangerous case with ties leading back to the battlefields of WWI dredges up dark memories for Scotland Yard Inspector Ian Rutledge. A gripping and historical mystery set in 1920s England.



Large Print Fiction

The Purity of Vengeance Jussi Adler-Olsen

This International superstar, with more than fourteen million copies of his books sold worldwide, returns with the fourth book in his *New York Times* bestselling Department Q series, about a perplexing cold case with sinister modern-day consequences.

Lost Lake Sarah Addison Allen

From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Garden Spells* comes a novel about heartbroken people finding hope at a magical place in Georgia called Lost Lake.

Jeeves and the Wedding Bells

Sebastian Faulks

Bertie Wooster and his butler Jeeves (the very model of the modern manservant) return in their first new novel in nearly forty years.

Vicious Circle Wilbur Smith

This Internationally bestselling author returns with *Vicious Circle*--a heart-racing story of family secrets, greed, and revenge.

Books on CD

Longbourn Jo Baker

W Is For Wasted Sue Grafton

Rose Harbor in Bloom Debbie Macomber

Music CDs

Midnight Memories One Direction

Lightning Bolt Pearl Jam

DVDs

Midsomer Murders (Season 23)

12 Years a Slave

Wuthering Heights

Murdoch Mysteries (Season 6)



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

Prized Books

By Ned Daniels, Westport resident



The American Library Association (ALA) has been busy; they've already announced the 2014 Newbery Award and the Honor Books, the runners-up. In my experience, these books are always worth looking at, even if you're an adult. The Association for Library Service to Children deems these the year's best in children's literature.

Some perspective: the award was first made in 1922 to *The Story of Mankind*. The author, Hedrik Willem van Loon, received this first John Newbery Medal, named after a successful eighteenth century English publisher who specialized in children's books. The medal has since been awarded annually to the author of "the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children." Look for the seal on the book's cover.

Interestingly enough, the Honor Books are sometimes more popular with the intended age group than are the Award winners. I learned this as a fifth grade teacher in the late 60's, and this observation was echoed by the librarian in the school where I taught. Linda Cunha, our Children's Librarian, agrees. Two examples from Linda are wonderful adventure stories: Jean George's *My Side of the Mountain* (1960) and Gary Paulsen's *Hatchet* (1988). Linda has seen both books checked out and enjoyed by many children and remembered by adults.

While a fifth grade teacher, I introduced an Individualized Reading Program, in which students chose books to read from those for which I had prepared summaries. They read it in class and at home. In groups they worked on skills of reading and language arts. Each met one-on-one with me to discuss his current book so I could check reading and comprehension skills and provide encouragement.

The experience in this reading program of one boy in particular stays with me. Paul had never done well academically. In previous years his grades and achievement scores were quite low, and he had been diagnosed as dyslexic.

After introducing individualized reading to the top reading group, I did the same to the other two groups, Paul in one of them. For him I picked *Charlotte's Web* (1953 Honor Book). He didn't look too happy with such a 'tome!' Two days later however, he signed up for his first one-on-one with me.

His recall was amazing. I asked him both critical and elaborative thinking questions. His answers astonished me, given his past academic record. But he couldn't read out loud; that was his stumbling block.

At the end of the one-on-one he asked me for another book. I suggested *A Wrinkle in Time* (1963 Winner). By golly, two days later he signed up for his next one-on-one. And he got it! He got the idea of a wrinkle in time (a tesseract—a fifth dimensional phenomenon explained as being similar to folding the fabric of space and time), and his comprehension was astounding. He told me that he thought the idea of a wrinkle in time was 'dumb', and when I asked him why, I remember he gave a good answer.

He took off after that, reading two to three books a week. Even his oral reading improved. Over the next few years I ran into his mother, and she raved about how he continued to read book after book.

One never knows what will light a fire under a child, but for Paul it was reading prized books.



Flora and Ulysses is Kate DiCamillo's second Newbery Award winner; her first was in 2004 for *The Tale of Despereaux*.

Wikipedia provides lists of all Newbery Medal and Honors Books. The ALA website notes current winners of many other prizes as well as the Newberys. Both are good sources for books to encourage young readers.

Spotlight

Whimsical Art at the Library

By Sue Branco

Ever wonder about the stainless steel sculpture outside the Library? A Helen E. Ellis Grant proposal in 2003 submitted by self-taught sculptor, Whitmore Boogaerts, brought this piece of art entitled "New River" to the Library. You may catch other works by Whitmore around Town, particularly near Lees Market. A former Westport resident, Whitmore works out of his WB Sculpture Studio in Providence.

For more information, see his website at: <http://www.wb-sculpture.com>



"Harry, I think I've just understood something! I've got to go to the library!"

And she sprinted away, up the stairs. "What does she understand?" said Harry distractedly, still looking around, trying to tell where the voice had come from.

"Loads more than I do," said Ron, shaking his head.

"But why's she got to go to the library?"

"Because that's what Hermione does," said Ron, shrugging. "When in doubt, go to the library."



- Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets
J.K. Rowling



Become a member – Join today

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 2013, member dues and book sales contributed over \$10,000 to 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:

- Boston Museum of Science
- Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
- New Bedford Ocean Explorium
- 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

*** Membership levels:**

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

* FOWL is a 501c3 non-profit; your donation is tax deductible

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

_____ Book Sale Committee _____ PR/Marketing

It’s easy to donate or renew:

- 1) Mail: PO Box 842, Westport, MA 02790
- 2) Drop off form and payment at Library

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

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