

NEW

**2022
ANNUAL
BOOK SALE**

**Summer Paperback Sale
July 25 to August 5, 2022
During Regular Library
Hours**

**Annual Book Sale
September 10 to 17, 2022
Preview Night September 9
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

Services

- Free Wi-Fi Access in the PARKING LOT (and inside.)
- SAILS Library Network 24/7 Borrowing
- Michael's Book Store
- Commonwealth Catalogue
- Call the Library for more Information.

Hours | Contact Info

Monday & Thursday 11-8
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9-5
Saturdays 9-5

Closed: Sunday and

Monday, July 4 Independence Day
Monday, September 5 Labor Day

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SUMMER



Perspectives

There is not such a cradle of democracy upon the earth as the Free Public Library, this republic of letters, where neither rank, office nor wealth receives the slightest consideration.—Andrew Carnegie

From all of us on the Board of FOWL, Happy Fourth of July! As FOWL members, we should be very proud that we support a stronghold of American principles in our Library here in Westport. The free public library may not have originated in the earliest days of our republic, but it has endured since 1833, contributing to the prosperity, enlightenment and civic wellbeing of cities and towns throughout the United States of America. Thank you all for being loyal advocates of the republic of letters and cradle of democracy embodied in our Library.

Denise Micale, President, FOWL (fowlemail@gmail.com)

BOOK DONATIONS

It's donation time for our upcoming book sales in July and September 2022. Our book bin in the Library lobby awaits your gently used books, CDs and DVDs.

Please **no** textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines or outdated manuals. If you have any questions, call our Library staff.

- **Donations** are being accepted now to Wednesday, August 31.
- **Paperback Book Sale** begins Monday, July 25—Friday, August 5.



Alden Hill Group

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FOWL Board Meetings

The next meeting will be Thursday, July 14 and September 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Manton Room. Dates occasionally change. Please call the Library (508) 636-1100 for more information and to confirm if you plan to attend.

Your Library Connections

Thanks to a generous donation from the Medeiros family, the Westport Free Public Library announces we now have a complete set of the first three phases of the Marvel film series! Some are in DVD and some are in Blu-Ray, but we've got all the films released in 2022.

With such a long series, sometimes we get the question "Which one should I watch first?" Or, "Do I really need to watch all of these?!?" In short, no, you don't have to watch all of them but necessary ones depend on which characters draw your interest. I recommend watching or reading any series in publication order. Authors or directors might make a prequel or entirely renumber a series at some point, but even if they try to write a new beginning for that series, they can't get away from making some assumptions about a reader knowing something about the setting or characters more than they would to someone starting the series.

It can be confusing and complicated to start a series when it's already been going on for over a decade. If you start with the newest movie, or book, that initially interests you, that's a great place to start. You might miss out on some plot points or character development, but you can always go back and catch up on what you missed. Might some twists and turns be spoiled? Possibly, but you also will have a different appreciation for other moments that people unaware of where the story will go would miss. If you don't want to watch them all, our fantastic staff here can help you to identify the most necessary films to suit your interests. Just interested in Captain America? We can help with that, too. Which films do I really need to see before going to see *Multiverse of Madness*? We can help with that too. Just like with our book, audiobook, CD, and magazine collections, the Westport Free Public Library stands ready to serve our patrons no matter what Avengers-Level situation arises. Excel-sior!

Ever yours,

George Ripley

Kids' Corner Summer 2022**Picture Books: Preschool to Grade 2**

How Beautiful

Murphy's Big Plan

Also

You're Strong With Me

The Welcome Chair

Antonella Capetti

Elizabeth Grillo

E. B. Goodale

Chitra Soundar & Poonam Mistry

Rosemary Wells

Children's Nonfiction

Nathan Hale's Hazard Tales: Book 6, Alamo All Stars Nathan Hale

Across the Rainbow Bridge: Stories of Norse Gods & Humans

Kevin Crossley-Holland

Earth! My First 4.54 Billion Years

Stacy McAnulty

Curiosity: The Story of a Mars Rover

Markus Motum

Children's Biography

That's Betty!: The Story of Betty White

Gregory Bonsignore

Children's Fiction

CatStronauts: Book 4, Robot Rescue

Drew Brockington

Cornbread & Poppy

Matthew Cordell

Dinosaur Disaster

James Patterson with Steven Butler

The Spirit of Cattail County

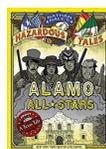
Victoria Piontek

The Last Mapmaker

Christina Soontornvat

Boxcar Children: The Mystery in the Magic Shop

Gertrude Chandler Warner



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for the Library.

Lees Market Receipts Are Valuable!

Friends of Westport Library receives 1% of eligible expenditures made at Lees Market. This is an important revenue source in light of our book sale cancellations in 2020 and 2021. You can mail in your receipts to the Library or continue to place them in the Library drop box. Your receipts earned \$2881 in 2021.



BayCoast
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Chat with Robin Winters at Westport Free Public Library

by Brianna McAvoy

A whaling vessel, *Industry*, built in Westport in 1815, foundered on May 26, 1836 in the Gulf of Mexico. In 2011, an energy company found the wreck in 6,000 feet of water as they surveyed the ocean floor. They reported the find to the government, and years later, a live dive using an unmanned submersible confirmed the wreck.

Tell readers what you learned about *Industry*.

I was thrilled to be contacted by marine archeologist Jim Delgado, who asked me to learn more about the wreck. I worked long hours hunting for clues, and it was quite a challenge keeping quiet about the find until the official announcement!

Through my research, I worked with Jim Borzilleri at the Nantucket Atheneum and was able to find an 1836 Nantucket newspaper clipping that explained what happened to the captain and crew. The ship lost its masts in a storm and everyone abandoned ship. I had a hunch that the crew had been rescued by *Elizabeth* because both brigs were mentioned, in other newspaper clippings, as traveling the same route. It was exciting that my research confirmed this fact.

So far, I know what, where, when, why, and how the brig came to its demise. I'm still working on who exactly was on *Industry's* last ill-fated voyage. I now have *Industry's* April 1835 crew list and manifest, along with the 1835-1836 crew list of *Elizabeth*, the vessel that rescued and returned *Industry's* crew to Westport in June of 1836. I also learned that Isaac Cory, Jr. was the master carpenter who built *Industry*.

Why is historical research important today?

We are blessed to live in a town rich with history! I believe it is essential to learn from this history and preserve it for future generations.

Here are two websites for further information:

<https://www.noaa.gov/news-release/noaa-partners-discover-wreck-of-207-year-old-whaling-ship>

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/history/2022/03/23/ship-wreck-whaling-found-gulf/>



Courtesy of N.O.A.A.

New to the Collection Highlights

New Fiction available on **Libby**:

<i>A Rip Through Time</i>	Kelley Armstrong
<i>In the Blood</i>	Jack Carr
<i>The Island</i>	Adrian McKinty

New Nonfiction available on **Libby**

<i>Living Plantfully: Your Guide to Growing, Cooking and Living a Healthy, Happy and Sustainable Plant-Based Life</i>	Lindsey Harrad
<i>The Puzzler</i>	A.J. Jacobs
<i>Diamonds and Deadlines</i>	Betsy Prioleau

New movies and documentaries available through **Kanopy**

The Paw Project
Mary Shelley
Honeyland
The Great Courses Collection



The Library now offers both **Hoopla** and **Kanopy**. All you need is your Library card. For more information on access, call the Library.



Friday, August 19 at 6:30 p.m.

The Toe Jam Puppet Band

will entertain everyone with live music on the Library grounds.

Bring a chair and/or a picnic supper.

Bring a friend; there's lots of room! These programs are sponsored by the **Friends of the Westport Library**.



Events

Westport Library Book Club



Fire and Ice

This spectacular show thrills audiences with impressive science experiments. The event includes foggy dry ice storms and demonstrates how giant beach balls can float in the air. Students are amazed by sizzling, shivering scissors and special bubbly showers.



Outdoors on Saturday, October 1, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at the Library. Sponsored by the Friends of the Westport Library.

Read For Fun

The **Westport Library Book Club** meets in the Community Room at 10:30 a.m. on **Friday** of each month.

It's a wonderful assemblage of people from several local communities. We choose our selections on the recommendation of members. The conversations are lively and enjoyable. **It's a great way to meet people.**

Join us or contact cvidal318@gmail.com for more information.

Book Selections:

- July 8:** *Educated* by Tara Westover
- August 12:** *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens
- September 9:** *Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah

Homebound Delivery Service

Know of a relative, friend, or neighbor who is unable to visit the Library? A Library volunteer delivers books (including large print), CD books, and DVDs to homebound Westporters.

Please call the Library at (508) 636-1100 for more information.



Helen E. Ellis Glass Case Exhibits:

July: Anon E. Mouse: "*Congratulations on the Birth of Your Baby Cards*"

Cards congratulating a couple on the birth of their child in the 40's are quite different from comparable cards today. You'll see some of the gifts received as well.

August: Alice Strebel: "*Depression Glass*" Depression glass was manufactured in the U.S. during the 1930s as a low cost way to bring brightness and cheer into people's lives. It was sold at dime stores and given away as a free gift with purchase for many items. The cheerful colors and patterns appealed to people during the stark years following the Great Depression.

September: Trintje Jansen: "*Porcelain*"

The process for hand-building with porcelain from its raw state to the finished piece will be presented. The tools used in certain stages of the process will be displayed as will finished pieces of porcelain.

B.O.N.E.S. (Bretheren of the Order of the Northeast)

has been performing for over a decade at New England festivals and has been a staple of the N.H. Renaissance Faire since 2013. This high energy group of **pirates** perform sea shanties and will have your toes tapping.

Outdoors on Friday, September 2, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Library. Sponsored by the Friends of the Westport Library.



Ed Popielarczyk
MAGICIAN, BALLOON TWISTER, FLEA CIRCUS

Ed Popielarczyk is a professional magician, balloon sculptor, and flea circus ring master. He has been entertaining children and family audiences for over thirty-five years. His magic show uses a lot of audience participation. The kids are the stars because they make the magic happen.

Location: Westport Free Public Library
Time: August 10, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

This event is outdoors. In case of rain it will be held in the Library's Manton Room. **UFUND Start U Reading series #MEFA, www.mefa.org**

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World of Books

Ship Graveyards

by Carol Vidal

There is a certain morbid fascination with ships foundering at sea. Before the modern era of travel, the world depended upon ships to traverse long distances inaccessible to land travel. Sailing in past centuries was no small feat as modern navigational and weather technology did not exist. The power of the wind and ocean and the fragility of ships was a deadly combination. Weather, war, icebergs, leaky ships, human error, and pirates were just some of the reasons ships never made their final destinations. A ship that sank was gone forever but now with modern technology (and financial incentive) the past can be found again.



If you're looking for books on shipwrecks, you are in luck. There are thousands. If you are interested in famous passenger liners I would suggest books by Dr. Robert Ballard about his discoveries and incredible underwater pictures of *Titanic* and *Lusitania*.

If your interest is in the Arctic/Antarctic then look up books on the Franklin Expedition (*Erebus & Terror*) and the Shackleton Expedition (*Endurance*). These ships were recently discovered in the cold waters of the poles in fairly good condition. Both expeditions braved the elements in these forbidden terrains and tell a story of explorations that ended badly. Spoiler alert: The Shackleton Expedition was rescued a year later but the Franklin Expedition wasn't so lucky.

Wartime action leaves many an ocean a graveyard for ships. The famous battleship *USS Indianapolis*, sunk by the Japanese in 1945 after delivering components of the atom bomb, was discovered in 2017. Another very famous wreck that is now a national memorial site is the *USS Arizona* in Honolulu Harbor.

The last slave ship to come to the United States, *Cotilda*, was set afire and sunk in the Mobile River, Alabama to hide the evidence of slave trading in 1859. It was found recently in 2019, proving that slave importation in America did exist even after an 1807 law forbidding it.

Books on ships that went to their watery grave with gold and other valuable articles have always been sought by treasure hunters. One such ship was *Whydah Galley*, a cargo ship turned pirate ship. Sunk in 1717 off the coast of Wellfleet, Massachusetts, *Whydah* was found to have the largest collection of pirate artifacts ever recovered. The display of these artifacts is located in the Whydah Museum at West Yarmouth, Massachusetts just a short drive away.

Some interesting topics worth Googling or asking your Library staff to research for you:

- Swedish warship *VASA* sunk in 1628
- *Mary Rose*, King Henry VIII's favorite warship 1545
- *Andrea Doria* sunk off the coast of Nantucket 1956
- Skeleton Coast of Namibia
- *Bismarck* German Dreadnaught of WWII

Spotlight



Saving Seeds at Ivory Silo Farm

by Sue Branco

A seed is a miracle—latent life upon which so much other life depends. Sadly, over 90 percent of food's genetic diversity has disappeared in the last century, made worse by a 1980 Supreme Court decision that allowed seed strains to be patented, resulting in 3/4 of the world's seed supply being controlled by three multinational corporations. With such genetic erosion has come a startling decline in seed adapted to its locale, which is the backbone of resilient, robust agriculture.

Enter Bill Braun and Dee Levanti of Westport's Ivory Silo Farm, who in addition to more sophisticated breeding techniques such as hand-pollination, practice 'mass selection' of seed crops. They grow open-pollinated plant varieties from which seed can be saved from season to season, not limited by patent/trademark protection. They adhere to organic principles, monitor beneficial insects as well as pests, and work to regenerate the soil. Their goal is not only to grow nutritious food, but also to farm in a way that future generations can emulate. With mass selection, farmers survey mature crops, select samples with the most favorable characteristics, extract seeds to plant the following year, and also share those seeds.

Ivory Silo Farm is located on the historic Howe Family Farm, whose owners placed the land under Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR), protecting its agricultural status in perpetuity. The Howe's continued investments in the property provide Dee and Bill with the necessary infrastructure, without their having to purchase the land. In return, the Howes reap benefits from the APR status without having to farm all the land themselves. As the cost of South Coast farmland becomes prohibitive, unique partnerships such as this may serve as a template for future generations, and thus help to ensure the viability of Westport farming.

By forming the non-profit FreedSeed Federation, Inc., Bill and Dee have gained access to grants and tax-deductible donations as they work to build a hub for seed processing and education. They share feedback with area farmers, track the results of their seed selections over time, and provide participants access to a seed-winning machine.

Further reading at the Library:

- *The Complete Guide to Saving Seeds* by Robert Gough
- *Seed Saving: the beginner's guide* by Dr. John Stone

*** Also, browse our seed catalog. Borrow, grow, and share!



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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 and adult programs. FOWL is the largest funding source for these purchases. In 2021 member dues and book sales contributed over \$13,800 to Library funding. If you’re not yet a member, fill in the form to the right to join today.

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- Boston Museum of Science
- Buttonwood Park Zoo
- Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum
- MASSPARKS Pass
- Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
- New Bedford Whaling Museum

Michael’s Bookstore located in the Library lobby

Programs/Special Events

Paperback Exchange Carousel located in the Library lobby

@ the Library Quarterly Newsletter

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- 2) Drop off form and payment at Library

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