

## NEW



## WiFi Hot Spots:

Don't be caught without a WiFi connection this summer for your smart phones, TVs, laptops, and other devices!

The Westport Free Public Library offers portable T-Mobile WiFi Hotspots to Westport residents for a 7 day check out period. Stream your favorite movies, games, music, sporting events and more with a strong WiFi signal that won't quit on you, whether you are at home or on the go.

## Services

- Free WiFi 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 a.m.-8 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Closed: Sunday and also:

Thursday, July 4 Independence Day  
Monday, September 2 Labor Day

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## Perspectives

### *When in Doubt go to the Library—J.K. Rowling*

Libraries have certainly changed over the years. Because I grew up in a fairly rural area, my mother would drop me off (sometimes with a friend) at the public library when going into town. I spent a lot of time combing the Children's Room shelves for just the right books. I remember the Children's Librarian, a man, imagine that, who sat behind the desk raising his eyebrows if there was noise taking place. He was very helpful, but honestly scared me a bit. This never deterred me, though, from finding my reading material.

Fast forward to 2024, and our bustling libraries. Many conversations are taking place with librarians or catching up with a friend's news. And conversations galore at the computers while providing many avenues for sharing information. Lots of positive chatter in a community setting.

Stop by our Library this summer to say hello and browse a bit.

- Pick up a bookmark with the September Book Sale dates.
- Visit Michael's Book Store for a wide selection of oversized paperback- which are replenished throughout the summer for beach, vacation and anytime reading.
- Browse inviting book displays by our creative Library staff.
- Grab a puzzle or two to have handy for rainy days. (no need to check out)
- Plan a day trip to museums and parks with a discounted Library pass (check the listings on the last page of the newsletter)

Hope to see you this summer at Library events and programs.

All the best,  
Susan Branco, President, Friends of Westport Library

## BOOK DONATIONS CONTINUE UNTIL AUGUST 31

**for our upcoming** book sale in September 2024. Our book bin in the lobby awaits your **gently** used books, CDs and DVDs. Please **no** textbooks, encyclopedias, cassettes, VHS tapes, magazines or outdated manuals. If you have any questions, call our Library.

The FOWL Annual Book Sale begins Saturday, September 7 and runs through Saturday, September 14. Friday, September 6 is Member Preview Night and Saturday, September 14 is \$5 Bag of Books day.

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## EVENTS



## 2nd Annual Pawesome Pets Photo Contest

at the library this summer

Enter your photos June 1st - July 6th.  
See the display and vote July 8th - August 31st

### How To Enter:

- Stop by the Library to drop off a photo of your pet or email your photo to [bstrebel@sailsinc.org](mailto:bstrebel@sailsinc.org) by July 6.
- Photos do not need to be framed.
- Nothing larger than 8.5" x 11" please.
- Enter as many of your pets as you like.
- Please include your pet's name, your name and your phone number.
- Photos will be displayed in the Library from July 8--August 31.
- Stop by the Library and vote for your favorite photo. One vote per person per day.
- First, Second and third prizes will be awarded at the end of voting on August 31. Winner will be notified the following week.



**Saturday, August 10 at 1:00 p.m**

will entertain everyone with live music  
on the Library grounds.

Bring a chair. Bring a friend;  
there's lots of room!

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the  
Westport Library

## Raffle Fundraiser

Fabulous **Harry Potter LEGO** set collection  
(value worth over \$2200)



Enter July 22 - September 24  
Drawing September 28

See [www.fowlwestportma.org](http://www.fowlwestportma.org)  
for details and tickets.

**\$5** for one ticket, 5 for **\$20**.

All proceeds benefit the Library.

## Kids' Corner SUMMER 2024

### Picture Books:

*Penelope Rex and the Problem with Pets*

by Ryan T. Higgins

*Roy is not a Dog*

by Esme Shapiro

*A Unicorn, a Dinosaur, and a Shark Were Riding a Bicycle*

by Jonathan Fenske

### Kids Fiction:

*Cornbread & Poppy for the Win*

by Matthew Cordell

*The Cats of Silver Crescent*

by Kaela Noel

*Zombie Train*

by David Macinnis Gill

*Unicorn Crush*

by Dana Simpson

### YA NonFiction:

*Ultimate Bug-opedia (National Geographic Kids)*

*Your Vote Matters: How We Elect the U.S. President*

by Rebecca Katzman

**WANTED: Empty Altoids tins for children's  
Halloween craft project in October. We would  
appreciate your donations. Drop off Altoids tins  
before October 1 at the Library desk. Thank you.**



### 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.



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## A Chat with Missy Perry

by Denise Micale

### How did you become a Nanoblock builder?

I had worked on some LEGO projects with my grandnephew and grandnieces but was not enamored with the process. When the pandemic began, I came across an easy LEGO set with an igloo and a castle online for my first solo build and then discovered Nanoblocks *Sites to See* during my internet search. My first Nanoblocks build was Castle Neuschwanstein which is in Germany. I soon became an "armchair traveler" building the famous sites that I was unable to visit in real life at the time.



### Aside from the size difference from LEGO blocks, how are the Nanoblocks unique?

Building the models reminds me of cross stitch work. There is a lot of counting to follow the templates and it requires close vision and focus to get it right, especially for the models with little color variation, like the Great Pyramid of Giza model. I also like that the models are inexpensive and take much less room to display, compared to LEGO.

### You have over 70 models of Nanoblock, made in Japan, and Brixies, which are from Germany. Which one was the most challenging to build?

My Planet Earth model, which will be in the Library exhibit, was definitely the most difficult, because of the density, curvature and details involved.

### Which age groups can build Nanoblocks or Brixies?

Most builds are intended for age 12 and over, but some can be built by ages 8+ with initial supervision/ assistance. Interestingly, the first Nanoblocks models were Pokemon characters.

### Do you have any additional "armchair traveling" planned in the near future?

I actually plan on resting my eyes and playing more uke-  
lele!



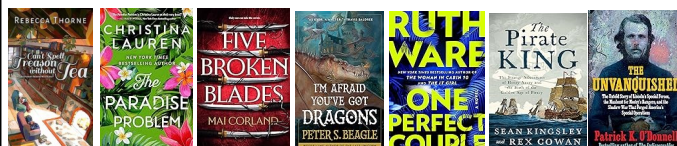
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## New to the Collection Highlights

### Adult Fiction:

*Can't Spell Treason Without Tea* by Rebecca Thorne  
*The Paradise Problem* by Christina Lauren  
*Five Broken Blades* by Mai Corland  
*I'm Afraid You've Got Dragons* by Peter S. Beagle  
*One Perfect Couple* by Ruth Ware  
*Butcher* by Joyce Carol Oates  
*Mind Games* by Nora Roberts



### Adult Nonfiction:

*Shakespeare: The Man Who Pays The Rent* by Judy Dench  
*The Everything War: Amazon's Ruthless Quest to Own the World* by Dana Mattioli  
*The Pirate King: The Strange Adventures of Henry Avery and the Birth of the Golden Age of Piracy* by Sean Kingsley and Rex Cowan  
*Power and Glory: Elizabeth II and the Rebirth of Royalty* by Alexander Larman  
*The Unvanquished: the Untold Story of Lincoln's Special Forces, the Manhunt for Mosby's Rangers, and the Shadow War That Forged America's Special Operations* by Patrick O'Donnell

### FOWL Board Meeting:

Thursdays, July 11 and August 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the Manton Community Room. Dates occasionally change. Please call the Library (508) 636-1100 for more information and to confirm if you plan to attend.

The Library offers many ways to get books, CDs, movies and audiotapes from the comfort of your home. Check out **Hoopla** and **Kanopy** or the **Libby** app. All you need is your Library card and the internet. For more information on how to access, call the Library at (508) 636-1100.



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## Manton Community Room

### Westport Council on Aging Art Exhibit:

August 3 – August 24

Opening: Saturday, August 3 1-3 p.m.

### Atwater-Donnelly Trio

*provide a unique and thrilling blend of traditional American and Celtic folk music and dance, along with original songs and poetry.*

**Saturday, August 24 at the Library  
Manton Community Room  
3:00—4:00 p.m.**

Sponsored by the  
Helen E. Ellis Charitable Trust Grant  
administered by the Bank of America and  
the Westport Cultural Council

(see our Spotlight article on page 5)

## IN THE CHILDREN'S AREA

### Weekly Schedule:

#### Storytime

Tuesdays | 10:00 am | July 2 - August 20

Ages 3-6 with a caregiver

Storytime is a fun 30 minutes filled with books, music, and crafts with a new theme every week.

#### Stories, Songs & Skills for Babies & Toddlers

Wednesdays | 10:00 am | July 3 - August 21

Ages 0-3 with a caregiver

Baby & toddler time introduces early literacy concepts through interactive rhymes, songs, and music followed by socializing and playtime.

#### Make & Take Craft Workshop

Thursdays | 2:00 p.m. | July 11 - August 22

Recommended for ages 7+.

Each week we will create a new project based on the week's theme.

**Week 1:** Rock Painting

**Week 2:** Turtles

**Week 3:** The Beach

**Week 4:** Birds

**Week 5:** Transportation

**Week 6:** Jungle Animals

**Week 7:** Space

**Week 8:** Camping



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## NEW

From the  
Friends of the  
Westport  
Library



## Westport Library Book Clubs

### READ WITH OTHERS FOR FUN

It's a wonderful assemblage of people from several local communities. The conversations are lively and enjoyable. It's a great way to meet people and expand your range of book choices.

**All Book Clubs meet in the Manton Community Room.**

The **Westport Library Book Club** meets at 10:30 a.m. on the second Friday of every month. Join us or contact [cvidal318@gmail.com](mailto:cvidal318@gmail.com) for more information.

#### Book Selections:

July 12: **Malibu Rising** by Taylor Jenkins Reid

August 9: **The Lioness** by Chris Bohjalian

September 13: **The Radcliffe Ladies Reading Club**  
by Julia Byran Thomas

**Murderous Monday Book Club** meets at 6 p.m. on the second Monday of every month. Join us or contact [westportpl@sailsinc.org](mailto:westportpl@sailsinc.org) for more information.

#### Book Selections:

July 8: **The Last Word** by Taylor Adams

August 12: **Girl Waits with Gun** by Amy Stewart

September 9: **The ABC Murders** by Agatha Christie

### SCI-FI Fantasy Book Club

(Every 4th Monday at 6 p.m.)

#### Book Selections:

July 22: **The Kingdom Keepers** by Ridley Pearson

August 26: **Parable of the Sower** by Octavia E. Butler

September 23: **Cinder (The Lunar Chronicles #1)** by Marissa Meyer

## Helen E. Ellis Case Exhibits

### Summer Exhibits:

If you are interested in displaying a craft or collection for 2024 contact Ned Daniels: [nbdisme@gmail.com](mailto:nbdisme@gmail.com)

July: **Access Aviator** Peter Fox displays various aircraft models with small fact cards to inspire individuals to seek information on access to opportunities in aviation that can be explored right on the computer.

August: **Travel the World** Melissa Perry, during the Pandemic, was unable to take her trip to Switzerland as planned. Instead, she decided to travel the world, at home, with Nanoblock Sights. Come explore along with her.

September: **Harry Potter Lego Sets** by Ed Micale.

See page 2 for raffle details.



## World of Books

### Westport Library – The Heart of a Healthy Community

by Maryteresa Hicks and David Moreira

Libraries play a vital role in fostering a vibrant community and empowering individuals in ways that extend far beyond just offering books.

- **Access to Information:** The Library is a treasure trove of knowledge, providing access to a wide range of resources including books, magazines, newspapers, and digital materials.

- **Lifelong Learning:** The Library offers an array of programs for people of all ages from programs for young children to events for seniors.

- **Digital Inclusion:** In an era dominated by technology, the Library can bridge the digital gap by providing free internet access, staff assistance with online resources, and digital literacy information.

- **Cultural Hub:** Programs, exhibits and discussions throughout the years showcase the rich heritage of our community.

- **Social Connection:** The Westport Free Public Library serves as a safe and neutral space for people to gather, connect, and engage with others.

Thanks to our members and donors, FOWL helps ensure the Library can continue to play a pivotal role in fostering lifelong learning, promoting social connections, and creating a sense of belonging within our communities.

Dedicated staff and volunteers work tirelessly to create a thriving Library, ensuring that the Library maintains its place as a hub of innovation and education. Learn more about supporting our Library by visiting

[www.fowlwestportma.org](http://www.fowlwestportma.org).

### Please keep saving your Lees receipts for the Library. Lees Market receipts are valuable!

Friends of Westport Library receives 1% of eligible expenditures made at Lees Market, an important revenue source in light of our book sale cancellations in 2020 and 2021. You can mail in your receipts to the Library at 408 Old County Road, Westport, MA 02790 or continue to place them in the Library drop box. Your receipts earned \$5094.67 in 2023.

**Thank you Lees Market for your support.**



## Spotlight

### The Atwater-Donnelly Trio

by Susan Branco

I had the wonderful opportunity to visit with the husband-wife duo Elwood Donnelly and Aubrey Atwater, who will be performing at the Westport Library along with Cathy Clasper-Torch on Saturday, August 24th.

Aubrey's musical journey began with playing piano at age five and continued with acoustic guitar at age 15. While studying psychology at Brown University, she performed at campus coffeehouses and rallies.

A self-taught guitarist and harmonica player, Elwood has been performing music since age 15 when he joined a teen garage-band called The Lonely Things, whose first album was entitled "Our Generation."

In 1987 Aubrey and Elwood met at Stone Soup Coffee House in Providence where their lives as a duo took off. Married since 1989, these self-taught musicians, who play by ear, have researched and performed traditional folk music and dance in Appalachia, the Ozarks, New England, Ireland, England, and Prince Edward Island. Their instruments include the Appalachian mountain dulcimer, mandolin, old-time banjo, Irish tin whistle, bones, spoons, and limberjack, often with a beat derived from Aubrey's Appalachian clog dancing and French-Canadian footwork. Aubrey also shares stories and songs with patients during weekly visits to Hasbro Children's Hospital.

Aubrey and Elwood's 37 years together has resulted in a level of enjoyment, contentment, and comfort that is palpable. Because some of their admirers have followed them for years, audiences might consist of older folks; however, as I observed at their recent jam session, younger musicians and fans are also very much in the mix.

Since 2003, fiddler, cellist, and violinist (including the Chinese erhu) Cathy Clasper-Torch has joined Aubrey and Elwood, complementing their performances with heartfelt, spirited harmonies and improvisation. When not performing and recording with several area bands, Cathy teaches piano and violin.

**The Atwater-Donnelly Trio, with Cathy Clasper-Torch**  
Traditional American and Celtic Folk Music and Dance at the Library. Please join us for this adult-oriented program on Saturday, August 24 from 3-4 p.m.

This program is supported by the Westport Cultural Council through a grant from the Helen E. Ellis Charitable Trust administered by Bank of America.







## Join or Renew today!

### FOWL and the Westport Free Public Library

All FOWL activities are run by volunteers who value and support public libraries. Funds raised through member dues, book sales, Michael's Book Store, and more, help provide media materials, museum passes, furnishings, and programs for all of us. FOWL is the largest funding source for these purchases.

Through its efforts, this group of feathered Friends works to complement and supplement the Library's mission. That is, to provide community spaces and wide-ranging services that enhance our lives.

If you're not yet a member, please join us by using the form on the right. Thank you!

### Current Discount Passes

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