

NEW

Shredding Fundraising Event to Support the Westport Library

Saturday, May 14th 9:00 a.m.--Noon*

*If truck is full the event ends earlier.

Drive Through—Library parking lot

Bay State Shredding Truck shreds onsite.

\$10.00/per paper bag/small box (price adjusted for larger quantities.)

Cash or check payable to FOWL only.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Westport Library



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 11-8:00
 Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 9-5:00

Closed: Friday, April 15 Good Friday
 Monday, April 18 Patriots' Day
 Monday, May 30 Memorial Day
 Monday, June 20 Juneteenth

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SPRING

Perspectives

"Delayed is preferable to never." Danish proverb

The past two years have delayed many things: weddings, River Day, family reunions and appliance and furniture delivery, to name just a few. But FOWL programs and book sales, long delayed, are now thankfully being planned for 2022. Also, a new member has joined our Board of Directors: David Moreira. We are grateful and excited to have him aboard with his expertise, talent and perspective to further FOWL's work of supporting our Library.

We are planning on gradually adding a number of museum passes back to our list. Unfortunately, Edaville Railroad is not offering library passes in 2022. However, the Museum of Science is now back for 2022.

Finally, FOWL will have a table at River Day on Saturday, June 4th and will be sponsoring a performance by the delightful Toe Jam Puppet Band at 11 am that morning. We hope many of you will attend and come over to say "Hi". It has been a very long delay and we're excited to see everyone.

Denise Micale, President, FOWL (fowl@email@gmail.com)

BOOK DONATIONS BEGIN MAY16th

It's donation time for our upcoming book sales in July and September 2022. Our book bin in the 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 Please no textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines or outdated manuals.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 from Monday, May 16, 2022 to Wednesday, August 31.

The Paperback Book Sale begins Monday, July 25 through Friday, August 5.

The FOWL Annual Book Sale begins Saturday, September 10, runs through Saturday, September 17. Friday, September 9 is member preview night and Saturday, September 17 is \$5 a bag day.



Alden Hill Group

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FOWL Board Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 12th at 6:30 p.m. Dates occasionally change. Please call the Library (508) 636-1100 for more information and to confirm if you plan to attend.

Your Library Connections

Sometimes I am still amazed at the reach and the available selection of our digital collections. Recently, I was on the waitlist for a digital audiobook that was just taking forever, so I decided to take a look at the other library networks from Massachusetts that are also available to you with your Westport Library card in the Libby app. And lo and behold, the book I had been waiting for for months in the SAILS network was available in just two more weeks from the Boston Public Library! Absolutely amazing.

But wait, there's more! When that audiobook finally did come in, I had started another book in the meantime to tide me over and didn't want to give up on it, so I was able to tell the app to let the audiobook go to the next person and check back in with me in another week! As an added bonus even on top of that, by adding the Boston Public Library system to my Libby app, I was able to double the number of books I could have checked out at one time since BPL digital checkouts don't count against the SAILS checkout

Now, we've gone and added almost all of the other library networks in Massachusetts as well: CLAMS, SAILS, BPL, OCLN, CW MARS, Minuteman Library Network, Merrimack Valley Library Consortium, and NOBLE. I know that that looks like a jumble of word soup, but each represents a group of dedicated librarians and staff working to provide access to their communities to as many different resources and interests as can be had within the human condition. Which, gratefully, includes you and me too. I hope you take the time to take advantage of this amazing new resource. If you need any help updating your Libby app to add the other library networks, please feel free to ask at the front desk! We'd love to help you set it up, or schedule a more convenient time for you to come by with your device so we can help. Happy borrowing!

Ever yours,
George Ripley

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

- *There Might Be Lobsters*
- *Birds on Wishbone Street*
- *Good Job, George!*

Carolyn Crimi
Suzanne Del Rizzo
Jane O'Connor

Chapter Books Grades 1-8

- *Maya & the Return of the Godlings*
- *The Secret of the Magic Pearl*
- *Amber & Clay*

Rena Barron
Elisa Sabatinelli
Laura Schlitz

Children's Non-Fiction

- *Arab Fairy Tale Feasts: a Literary Cookbook*
- *Living Ghosts & Mischievous Monsters: Chilling American Indian Stories*
- *Inside Animals*

Karim Alrawi
Dan Jones
Barbara Taylor

Children's Biography

- *African Icons: Ten People Who Shaped History*

Tracey Baptiste

Young Adult Fiction

- *Where I Belong*
- *Beasts of Prey*
- *In the Serpent's Wake*

Marcia Mickelson
Ayana Gray
Rachel Hartman

Spring Storytime for Ages 5 and Under

Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.
Currently through June 1

Each weekly theme consists of songs, fingerplays, rhythm instruments and stories, with a take-home craft.

Please register by calling or visiting the Library.



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. 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 Sarah W. Bartlett

by Brianna McAvoy

Getting to know local poet Sarah W. Bartlett

Sarah is a long-time summer resident now permanently living in Westport. A seasoned facilitator, she encourages all ages to find their voice through poetry.

How did you become a published poet?

I have written poems since I was a child learning Robert Frost at my grandmother's side. She had a daily writing practice that influenced me to do likewise. Although she sent my first 'real' poem, at age nine, to *Reader's Digest*, the real urge to 'put my words out there' came from writers and readers who valued my work, and publishers and poets who encouraged me.



Why is poetry important?

Poetry provides distilled space to pay attention. Strong verbs compact entire narratives into few lines. Metaphor carries emotion and deep meaning. No matter what lies behind the poet's words, the reader gleans what s/he needs from them. Poetry provides infinite ways into conversation—probe problems, express feelings, incite laughter, inspire change, and connect us.

What makes poetry exciting and relevant today?

Think of Amanda Gorman at President Biden's inauguration. What is more exciting and powerful than a young woman speaking her truth to the world, bringing history directly into the present with passion, power and grace, calling us all to action?

What can people expect in your poetry workshops?

We experience the immediacy and intimacy of poetry however works best for each—listening, reading, writing. I share favorite poems and invite participants to express themselves in response to suggested writing prompts. I have facilitated workshops for all ages, in all kinds of settings. Participants' joy in discovering a voice through writing and sharing their words is wonderfully supportive and affirming for all.

Any particular topics or poets that inspire you?

The natural world, seasons, events, family—everything is a potential poem prompt! So many poets inspire me: through their language—its cadence, playfulness, depth; or subject matter—sunsets, inner reflection, lessons from geese; or unique voice/point of view.

Related Poetry Month Info: Please join the Library in celebrating National Poetry Month in April. Sarah Bartlett offers workshops to readings each Saturday. No experience is required; just curiosity, a love of language and openness to possibility. This is a wonderful chance to welcome spring with something new and surprising!

Please register at 508-636-1100.

Schedule at right >>>>

New to the Collection Highlights

Fiction & Mystery:

<i>Diablo Mesa</i>	Preston & Child
<i>The Christie Affair</i>	Nina de Gramont
<i>Beneath the Stairs</i>	Jennifer Fawcett
<i>The Fields</i>	Erin Young
<i>Death of a Green-Eyed Monster</i>	M.C. Beaton
<i>Finlay Donovan Knocks 'Em Dead</i>	Elle Cosimano
<i>The Atlas Six</i>	Olivie Blake
<i>City of the Dead</i>	Jonathan Kellerman
<i>The Last Grand Duchess</i>	Bryn Turnbull
<i>The Deepest of Secrets</i>	Kelley Armstrong

Nonfiction:

<i>Salmon P. Chase: Lincoln's Vital Rival</i>	Walter Stahr
<i>What It Took to Win: A History of the Democratic Party</i>	Michael Kazin
<i>The Betrayal of Anne Frank</i>	Rosemary Sullivan

DVDs:

Cobra Kai: seasons 1, 2, and 3
Dune
Orphan Black: the complete series
No Time to Die

Audiobooks:

<i>Spindle City</i>	Jotham Burrello
<i>Billy Summers</i>	Stephen King

National Poetry Month Events

read it write it share it

Facilitated by local poet Sarah W. Bartlett

April 2, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

KICK-OFF POETRY READING

Bring a favorite poem to read aloud, choose one of ours, or just come to listen.

April 9, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

ADULT POETRY WRITING

Unleash your words to find the poem within! Limit 12

April 16, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL POETRY

From pen to page, create poems in your own voice. Limit 12.

April 23, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

1st/2nd GRADE POETRY GAMES

Play with rhythm, movement, & art in response to poems. Limit 12

April 30, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

FINAL READING CELEBRATION

Workshop participants share creations with families, friends, and the public.

Facebook Schedule:

<https://www.facebook.com/fowlwestportma/events>

Events

MEDITATIONS ON LANDSCAPE

with writers and photographers of Westport

An Exhibition by Midori Evans, May 2 - 31, 2022

- Open House Reception: Saturday, May 7, 11 - 1 p.m.
- Exhibit open during Library hours.

Meditations on Landscape, a project designed by Westport-based business **Midori Creativity** and funded by a grant from the Westport Cultural Council and the Mass Cultural Council, features local writers and photographers exploring the interactions between landscape and the creative process. An opening reception will be held during the ten-day-long SouthCoast Spring Arts festival (launched last year during the Pandemic), which celebrates the arts in our communities by connecting innovative, creative, and affordable art and cultural events in communities across the region, from Fall River to Wareham.



The Library now offers both **Hoopla** and **Kanopy**. All you need is your Library card.

What's the difference between Kanopy and Hoopla?

Hoopla allows you to instantly borrow from its collection of more than 500,000 eBooks, eAudiobooks, comics, music and movies, and Kanopy is an award-winning video streaming service providing access to more than 30,000 independent and documentary films.

Both services allow you to borrow media for your computer, tablet, phone or TV. These two services allow you to have more options to find titles that you like and to carry your Library with you beyond your home.

For more information on access, call the Library.

Westport Library Book Club

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 and **it's a great way to meet people**.

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

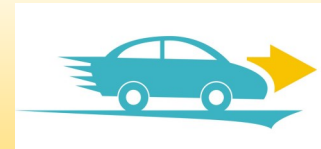
Book Selection:

April—*Necessary Lies* Diane Chamberlain
May—*The Hangman's Daughter*

Oliver Pötzsch

June—*The Midnight Library* Matt Haig

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.

Thank You!

A sincere **thank you** to our member **Rick Eustis** who recently made a very generous donation to FOWL.

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World of Books

I Just Read a Book

by Denise Micale

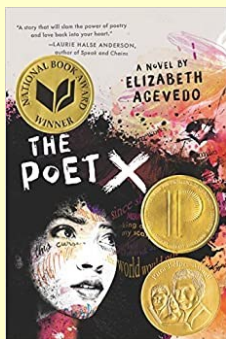
*I just read a book called *The Poet X* a novel by Elizabeth Acevedo told in poetry of varied forms rhythmic pulses of energy in the heart and mind of a fifteen-year-old Dominican American girl.*

I just read a book wasn't sure I'd like it although I love stories about coming of age about other cultures National Book Award winning but young adult? but poetry?

I just read a book Xiomara's becoming A poet, a woman-child Her life in verse English, algo de español struggling and striving questioning, rejecting, rebelling fiercely loving.

I just read a book that brought me joy Sculpted in words awakening and unfolding heart beating and tugging vicarious, memory evoking full of confusion and feeling and hope.

I just read a book.



Look What's New!

The Friends of the Westport Library have purchased four new chairs and a coffee table to make your reading experience more comfortable.

Spotlight

FOWL Now Has a Website!

By Maryteresa Hicks



In the past to find FOWL information on line it was quite the maze—going to the Westport Town website and then the Library and finally there was a page with FOWL information. It has been a long time coming so we are very excited to

announce that FOWL now has its own website, www.fowlwestportma.org. The website is now live. The website is loaded with helpful information including information about membership, upcoming events, book sales, museum passes and it will have our quarterly newsletters as well. Having a website now allows us to take donations and membership renewals on line. Visit www.fowlwestportma.org and see how easy it is.

More good news: If you are an Amazon shopper, you can now support FOWL by using Amazon Smile (Smile.Amazon.com instead of Amazon.com) for all your Amazon purchases. Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchase automatically. Go to: <https://www.aboutamazon.com/news/community/how-to-sign-up-for-amazonsmile>

Finally, FOWL has an active Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/fowlwestportma/events>

Helen E. Ellis Glass Case Exhibits:

April: Coin Collection by Ned Daniels

Coins are displayed with brief descriptions; how to collect, how to display and sources to expand your coin collection.

May: Antique Pottery Collection by John Pacella

The Roseville Pottery Company was an American art pottery manufacturer in the 19th and 20th centuries. The collection of pottery to be displayed in May will focus on their “fressia and dogwood designs”, a beautiful flower which adorns the series of vases presented.

June: Basket Weaving by Suze Craig

Baskets were the shleppers' original resource. So old creations were utilitarian: apple baskets, egg baskets, even water baskets. Now that there are countless other containers to carry goods, baskets have moved into the realm of art, utility cast aside. Visual treats are woven perhaps of silk, gold or silver wire, even paper. Well crafted baskets, whatever their raison d'être, are pleasing to the eye.



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, 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.

FOWL’s services and activities:

Museum Passes:

- 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

***Membership levels:**

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

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

It’s easy to join: New _____ Renew _____

- 1) Mail: P.O. Box 3342, Westport, MA 02790
- 2) Drop off form and payment at Library

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I would like to volunteer. I am interested in:

I would like to be a Board Member.

Board Members:

- President: Denise Micale
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