

**NEW**

**Thank You,**  
to all the Book Sale volunteers!  
Our FOWL Annual Book Sale this September and our Paperback Book Sale in July would not have been possible without the dedicated volunteers we count on every year.

Whether you sorted books, did the heavy lifting, posted flyers and road signs, or were a cashier, you were an integral part in making this book sale a success.

**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**

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Monday &amp; Thursday</b>      | <b>11-8</b>           |
| <b>Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday</b> | <b>9-5</b>            |
| <b>Saturdays</b>                  | <b>9-5</b>            |
| <b>Closed: Sunday and also:</b>   |                       |
| <b>Monday, October 9</b>          | <b>Columbus Day</b>   |
| <b>Saturday, November 11</b>      | <b>Veteran's Day</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday, November 22</b>     | <b>1/2 day</b>        |
| <b>Thursday, November 23</b>      | <b>Thanksgiving</b>   |
| <b>Friday, November 24</b>        | <b>Closed</b>         |
| <b>Monday, December 25</b>        | <b>Christmas</b>      |
| <b>Monday, January 1</b>          | <b>New Year's day</b> |

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**No Library Stands Alone**

Coming to the end of my first year as FOWL president, I am thrilled to report that the collaboration between FOWL and the Library continues to bear fruit. Working together, both parties contributed questions for the recent *Library Long-Range Planning Survey*.

The survey results thus helped to provide all Library supporters and staff with a roadmap for future investments and programming. Survey responses varied widely but many stated that the following factors are crucial to a vibrant library:

- A friendly and competent staff.
- Adequate funding from all available sources.
- Community involvement through volunteering and donations.
- Ongoing programming: topical lectures, author appearances, and concerts were of particular interest.

Personal survey comments included the following:

- "The Library was very important to me when my children were young and now that my husband and I are retired we love going to the Library . . ."
- "The Library is vital to our community . . . its services are outstanding and its staff knowledgeable."
- "I would like to see the Town spend more on funding the Library. We rely very heavily on FOWL, state funding, and donations."
- "It would be nice to see some newer non-fiction . . . specifically around hobbies and [craft] activities."
- "The Library smells like good books."

Signs of Progress

- FOWL's events continue to be free and available to all.
- Recent programs have elicited positive and constructive feedback.
- The rising number of FOWL bookplates is an indicator of the group's expanded book budget.
- New discount passes to the New England Aquarium and the Children's Museum of Greater Fall River.

To maintain our momentum, and to continue providing essential services and resources for residents of all ages, we—FOWL and the Library—need you. To join FOWL (or to renew your membership) using a credit card, please visit <https://www.fowlwestportma.org/become-a-member>. Checks and cash are also accepted by mail (using the form on the newsletter's back page) or when completing a membership envelope available at the Library.

*Many Thanks, Susan Branco, President, FOWL*  
([fowlemail@gmail.com](mailto:fowlemail@gmail.com))

**FOWL Board Meetings:**

Thursday, October 12 at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, November 9 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.

**Your Library Connections**

**Ancestry.com Library Edition**

One of the most interesting research tools we have available at the Westport Free Public Library is our Ancestry.com Library Edition subscription. From any of the public computers available at the library, you can click on the Ancestry.com logo on the desktop and start digging into your family's own story. Of course, some of what you find might not be what you expected. When I dug down into my great-great grandfather's naturalization papers forswearing any and all further allegiance and fidelity to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, I stumbled upon two new facts.

First, my namesake declared that he first came to the US in 1877, which was a full six years before we thought he first arrived on these shores. At the time, he would've only been about fourteen years old and came alone. Secondly, we had the wrong birthplace for him. Everyone in the family said he was born in the town of Blackburn in Lancashire. Again though, his papers state he was actually born in Barnsley, South Yorkshire! One little piece of paper had enough information in it to change my family's allegiance in the War of the Roses!

But the best thing I have found yet, the little thing that matters the most to me, wasn't the date we arrived in Boston. It wasn't proving we did have those Mayflower roots everybody said we did (But not from the passenger we thought). No, my favorite thing was finding a copy of New Bedford High's yearbook from 1945 that actually had an inscription my grandfather left for the book's owner. His handwriting was still the same back then as it was on my old birthday cards. It was like getting this new little piece of him to remember and share with the rest of my family.

It can be a little intimidating trying to use the computer at first; it does have a lot of different bells and whistles, but the staff is always here to help you. I found some really neat stuff in a couple of hours. I hope all of you will too.

Ever yours,  
George Ripley

**Kids' Corner Fall 2023**

**Picture Books**

*Sometimes, a Tiger*  
*B is for Bananas*  
*Witch & Wombat*

Z.B. Asterplume  
Carrie Tillotson  
Ashley Belote

**Fiction**

*Miles Morales: Suspended*  
*Mixed Up*  
*Clouds Over California*

Jason Reynolds  
Gordon Korman  
Karyn Parsons

**Teen**

*Someone is Always Watching*  
*The Night in Question*  
*Lying in the Deep*

Kelley Armstrong  
Kathleen Glasgow  
Diana Urban



**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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## Chat with Jill Buffington by Linda Harrop

Meet Jill E. Buffington, creator of Jubi Books, a local resident and personal development consultant. She is the author and illustrator of these delightful stories. She shares her home with pup, Dreyfus and three kitties, Shamu, Hefner and Gideon. She noted that decades ago she had an idea about writing a fun-loving story that children could relate too. After 2-1/2 years of work, the Jubi books have recently become a reality.



### What or who is Jubi?

Jubi! That's short for Jubilee, the fun-loving and furry character in a 4-book inspirational series for children focusing on positive social and emotional learning by encouraging children to be creative, trust their intuition, choose happiness, and pursue their dreams. Using bright colors and whimsical themes, Jubi was created so children can join in with his spirited, child-like wonder while reading the series.

### How did you begin creating your illustrations and books?

My artistic work includes a combination of residential and commercial paintings, sculptures, book illustrations and jewelry. My grandmother, Janice Buffington, a professional artist, was my mentor who instilled a strong artistic foundation, as well as many of the creative inspirations I use today. I also have illustrated books for others.

### What do you see in the future for your books?

Recently, a private donor purchased 1000 of my books to be put into backpacks for disadvantaged children through the Hands on Hartford (Connecticut) organization. To promote my books, I do readings at malls, fairs, libraries and even on a coastal cruise. My vision is to see Jubi as a television show and a Hasbro product.

Jubi books are available at the Westport Free Public Library, her website ([jubibooks.com](http://jubibooks.com)), and Amazon. You can also follow her on Facebook.



### 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 \$3,645.43 in 2022.

Thank you Lees Market  
for your support.



## New to the Collection Highlights

### Adult Fiction:

*Zero Days*  
*Hello Stranger*  
*The Only One Left*  
*The Housekeepers*  
*All the Sinners Bleed*

Ruth Ware  
Katherine Center  
Riley Sager  
Alex Hay  
S.A. Cosby

### Adult Mystery:

*The Bone Hacker*  
*The Marlow Murder Club*  
*A Death in Door County*  
*An Evil Heart*  
*Flop Dead Gorgeous*

Kathy Reichs  
Robert Thorogood  
Annelise Ryan  
Linda Castillo  
David Rosenfelt

### Adult Nonfiction:

*Baking Yesteryear: the Best Recipes from the 1900s to the 1980s* B. Dylan Hollis  
*Tangled Vines: Power, Privilege, and the Murdaugh Family Murders* John Glatt  
*Chasing Shadows* Greg Skomal  
*The Master Builder* Alfonso Martinez Arias  
*The Three Ages of Water* Peter Gleick



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## Events

### For Kids:



**Halloween Touch-A-Truck 'N Treat**  
Saturday, October 28 2-4 p.m. at the Library

\***Family Storytime** for ages 0-6 is on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. starting September 26.

\***Baby and Toddler Time** for ages 0-3 is on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. starting September 27.

### For Adults and Older Teens:

## HAUNTED REAL ESTATE WITH TIM WEISBERG

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*You Can Buy a Paranormal Property. But You Can't Own a Legend. A look at the recent transactions of haunted properties bought and sold in New England, and the effect it has had on paranormal activity.*

*Westport Free Public Library  
October 21, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.  
Manton Community Room*



### What's Happening in the Manton Room?

**October: Historical Labor Movement Posters,** Stephen Lewis exhibits pieces in his collection of workers' struggles from around the world.

**November: The Poetry X Design**  
A Poet's Table Exhibition on display November 6 through November 30.

Opening: reception and conversation with contributing poets on Thursday November 9 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

**December: Whaling City Camera Club: Westport as I See It, A Collaboration,** A collaboration with Westport Middle/High School principal, Laura Charette. As part of the exhibit, students write a poem about one of the images of Westport.

Opening: Thursday, December 7, 6-7:30 p.m. The special judge is Midori Evans.

## 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 each month. Join us or contact [cvidal318@gmail.com](mailto:cvidal318@gmail.com) for more information.

#### Book Selections:

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| October 13: <i>Horse</i>                     | Geraldine Brooks |
| November 10: <i>The Forgotten Home Child</i> | Genevieve Graham |
| December 8: <i>Truths I Never Told You</i>   | Kelly Rimmer     |

**Murderous Monday Book Club** meets at 6:00 p.m. on the second Monday of every month. Join us or contact George Ripley at [gripley@sailsinc.org](mailto:gripley@sailsinc.org) for more information.

#### Book Selections:

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| October 16: <i>Rebecca</i>                                   | Daphne Du Maurier  |
| November 13: <i>Death of a Witch</i>                         | M.C. Beaton        |
| December 11: <i>Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone</i> | Benjamin Stevenson |

### Helen E. Ellis Glass Case Exhibits

Thirty years ago the **Helen E. Ellis and Rosamond E. Peirce Display Case** was given to the Library.

A resident of Westport for over fifty years, Helen Ellis enjoyed a lifelong involvement in the arts and culture. After an extensive and varied education, she became an avid carver of wood. Miss Ellis was active socially as well as in community life, serving on the Westport Library Board and becoming a major force in the founding of the Children's Museum in Dartmouth. Rosamond Peirce, who was on the Museum's Board of Trustees, came to visit Helen and remained with Helen for the rest of her life.

Miss Ellis' fondest wish was to leave her beloved home to the community. The proceeds were used to establish the Helen E. Ellis Charitable Trust.

The Trust provides grant opportunities for individuals and organizations through annual grants benefiting the Westport cultural community.

#### Glass Case Exhibits for Fall:

**October:** Ed Toohey, *A Good Day Off*, Small designs made with shells, sand, dried flowers in a clear liquid that turns hard.

**November:** Brianna McAvoy and Carol Bonnar, *Indigenous American (Indian) Art*,

**December:** Denise Micale, *Christopher Radco Ornaments*.

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

## World of Books

### *A FOWL by Any Other Name*

by Suze Craig

Some years ago, good friend Kate and at that time, a Westport resident, approached me in the Library parking lot. After the usual hellos, she grinned. And then a warm chuckle, almost a gurgle.

"I've got the perfect organization for you to join. It's called fowl." Another chuckle.

"Now Kate, just because I have 27 hens and a rooster in the barn —"

"Well, there is that, of course. But the name's in caps: FOWL for Friends Of Westport Library."

"Better that than Friends Of Upton Library."

"You would think of that. No, listen—"

I did and became a member, and thereby hangs not a tale, but an explanation of FOWL's importance to Westporters.

The Westport Free Public Library is of course "free" in the open-to-everybody sense. But certainly not in the financial sense. Of course, the Town has the Library in its budget, but that source of funds is constrained by the number of other no less vital demands on it. The Library budget cannot always pay for the necessary educational materials to meet the minimum requirements to maintain certification by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

That certification is crucial to the Westport Library—and thus the town. Lower case T. Meaning you and me.

So, the *Friends* (a more formal appellation than *Fowlers*) create activities that add significantly to the Library budget: the Summer Paperback (think beach books) Sale, later the Annual Book Sale, and membership in FOWL itself. Friends tot up all the collected Lees receipts. And provide Westporters (and others) with other mind-widening benefits—for example—The World of Beatrix Potter for adults, Candida Rose Cape Verde music for adults, Toe Jam Puppet Band for kids, and activities (museum passes, computer access, WiFi access, and more). And there's even Michael's Book Store.

Whew—the above accomplished by FOWL; no little chicken, this organization.

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## Spotlight

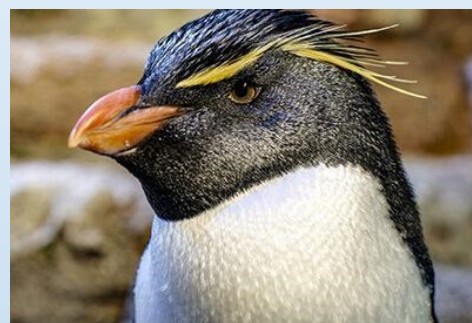
### *Deep Sea Savings*

by Denise Micale

I recently changed cell phone service after 15 happy years with the same provider. Why? Well, to save money, of course. Now, you may never have considered that you, as a FOWL member, not only save money, but also help all the other patrons of the Library, save money in these challenging times. Borrowing books and movies and, even, a telescope. Using a Library computer, printer or wifi. Attending a wonderful Library program. And (drum roll, please), museum passes. Our newest addition to our arsenal of discounted adventures is the New England Aquarium in Boston, which Travel & Leisure included in their 2022 "10 Best Aquariums in the U.S." Patrons will get a handsome 50% off the regular ticket price of \$34 for adult, \$32 for seniors and \$25 for children 3-11 to visit this aquatic wonderland.

Plan to spend about 2 hours to visit the touch tank, the adorable African penguins, the 4-story 40-foot wide 200,000-gallon Giant Ocean Tank designed to replicate a Caribbean reef and much more. There are feedings five times a day that last an hour and takes divers 24 feet into the tank. For additional charges, there is an IMAX theater and even whale watches.

The quietest times to visit are weekdays first thing in the morning. The Aquarium is open 9-6 daily. You can learn more at [www.neaq.org](http://www.neaq.org). Thanks to all our FOWL members for helping us all have fun and save that hard-earned money.





**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 family 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**

- Boston Museum of Science
- Buttonwood Park Zoo
- Children's Museum of Greater Fall River
- Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum
- Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
- New Bedford Whaling Museum
- New England Aquarium

**Membership Levels:**

- \$15 Senior (61+) \_\_\_\_\_
- \$20 Individual \_\_\_\_\_
- \$25 Family \_\_\_\_\_
- \$50 Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_
- \$100 Patron \_\_\_\_\_
- \$250 Bibliophile \_\_\_\_\_
- \$ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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

**It's easy to Join \_\_\_\_\_ or Renew \_\_\_\_\_!**

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