

Calendar

*You are today where your thoughts have brought you;
you will be tomorrow where your thoughts take you.*

-James Allen

Children's Events

St. Patrick's Day Stories & Craft

Join us on Saturday, March 12th from 11 am to noon to celebrate all things Irish.

Dads & Donuts

Saturday, March 26 from 11 to noon. This is a story time designed especially for dads and children ages 2 years & up. (Moms are always invited.) Snacks will follow 30 minutes of stories.

Booksale

Saturday, March 19
9 am –3 pm

Friends Preview Sale
Friday March 16, 6-8 pm

VHS Blowout Sale
Thursday
March 10, 10 am—6 pm



“What’s the Story?” with Fred Mills

**Two chances to catch him:
Wednesdays, March 2 & 16 6:30-7:30 pm.**

Families and children of all ages are invited to enjoy an evening with local storyteller Fred Mills as he shares tales and poems that will excite and entertain. Fred brings years of storytelling expertise that inform and stir the imagination of every listener, bringing out the storyteller in all of us. No registration required, just bring your family, friends & neighbors.

For more information stop by the Children's Room
or call 978-486-5577 x13.

All programs are free unless otherwise noted.

Yard as Habitat

**Wednesday,
April 6 from 7- 8 pm.**

Audubon's Ipswich River Sanctuary Naturalist Scott Santino will show us how to create a wildlife habitat garden. All living things have essential needs; during this presentation we'll discuss how to attract birds and butterflies by planting native wildflowers, shrubs and trees. Speak with representatives from Ipswich River Greenscapes, Hamilton-Wenham Garden Club, and Curbside Compost before and after the lecture & enter a raffle for a Butterfly Bush.

Book Groups

Monday Night Book Group

March 28 7:15-8:30 pm

The Lacuna

by Barbara Kingsolver

April 25 7:15-8:30 pm

The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein

Literary Luncheon Please bring your brown-bag lunch.

March 15, 11:30 am-12:30 pm

Hotel on the Corner of Bitter & Sweet by Jamie Ford

April 19, 11:30 am -12:30 pm

Nineteen Minutes

by Jodi Picoult

Koffee Klatch for Adults of the North Shore

Gather together the first Friday of the month at 10:15 am, van service provided by the HWCOA: 468-5534.

March 4: *Schedule change*

Line Dancing with Christine Loiacano. Bring a dance partner or find one here.

April 8: Rita Parisi returns to present her new one woman show: ***Zelda: Musings from the First American Flapper***. This is a tribute to the wife of F. Scott Fitzgerald, an often misunderstood woman; a woman who was also a mother, an accomplished dancer, an exhibited artist and a published writer in her own right.

Reference News

Databases Added

Our Head of Reference, Sarah, has updated our research databases offered through InfoTrac and Proquest, which can be found under the 'Research' tab on our website. Some of the offerings now include: InfoTrac®: Books and Authors, Business and Company Resource Center, Gale Opposing Viewpoints in Context, Gale Science In Context, Gale World History In Context, Global Issues in Context, Health and Wellness Resource Center, Info Trac OneFile, Literature Resource Center, Literature Resources From Gale, LitFinder, RDS Business Suite, Student Resources in Context, and US History in Context. ProQuest: Montachusett Telegram & Gazette (Worcester), The Banner (West Boylston), The Item (Clinton), The Record (Shrewsbury).

Tax Help from AARP—Still available!

Appointments are by reservation only on Wednesdays at 10, 10:45 and 11:30 through April 13th. Gather your paperwork and reserve your slot: you will need to bring all of your tax documents for last year, paperwork for this year, and will be required to show your Social Security card. This service is provided by SeniorCare, Inc.

TEEN NEWS

Teen Poetry Contest

The Hamilton-Wenham Public Library is pleased to announce the first Teen Poetry Contest. The Teen Poetry Contest is open to teens in grades 6 to 12. Contest begins February 1, 2011, and ends at midnight April 30, 2011. Poems must have one or both of the two themes: lost and/or found. There are two winning grade categories: grades 6-8, and grades 9-12; and, two winning theme categories: lost or found. Maximum of three poems may be submitted. Cash prizes to be awarded (provided by The Friends of the Hamilton-Wenham Library). Winners to read their poem aloud at the teen art show reception in the Library's Young Adult area on Tuesday, May 17th, 6:30 pm. Please see the Informed Teens blog at www.hwlibrary.org, for contest rules, and to obtain an entry form for each poem submitted to the contest.

For more information, please come into the Hamilton-Wenham Public Library, or call Kim Claire, Young Adult Librarian at 978.468.5577, ext. 14, or email kclaire@mvlc.org.

BOM: Battle-Gaming of Massachusetts

Play and learn a variety of tabletop strategy battle games such as Warhammer 40k, Warhammer Fantasy, and Brikwars. BOM meets most Saturdays at the Library from 10am to 4pm. To join this illustrious group of gamers, simply show up. Membership is free. If you do not know how to play any of the games, one of the members will be happy to teach you. For more information visit the club website at: www.freewebs.com/massbattles.

Teen Think Tank Movie Series: Despicable Me

Despicable Me, Summary: A criminal mastermind uses a trio of orphan girls as pawns for a grand scheme, and finds himself profoundly changed by the growing love between them. (computer-animated comedy) Rated PG. Showing on our big screen Wednesday, March 30 from 2:30-4 pm.

Teen Think Tank Meeting

Make the future happen, create it in your vision.

Come share your bright ideas! This group (for patrons ages 11-17) is the Library's teen advisory board. The purpose of the Think Tank to work with the Teen / Young Adult Librarian to improve the programs and services designed specifically for teens. This collaboration includes selecting books, music and movies for the young adult section; brainstorming and creating programs and special events for young adults; and helping with the Library's teen space and webpage. Join us on Thursday, March 31 from 6:30-7:30 pm.

For more information contact: Kim Claire, Young Adult Librarian, 978-468-5577 x14

Ongoing Programs -

These groups are informal and drop-ins are welcome.

Knitting on Mondays from 12-2: join our group for experienced or beginning knitters and crochet folk. Bring your UFOs (Un-Finished Objects), get help on a problem, or learn a new technique.

Cribbage on Thursdays from 10-12: play this unique card game with a lively group of fun-loving people. No experience is necessary to join in.

Library Hours

Monday-Thursday 10 am - 8 pm
Friday 10 am - 5 pm
Saturday 10 am - 4 pm
Sunday Closed



These are year-round hours.

Many programs are made possible by the generous funding provided by the Friends of the Hamilton-Wenham Public Library.

The Annual meeting of the Friends is scheduled for April 26 at 6:00 pm.

Digital Library: eBooks & Audio

We offer downloadable content for your devices through our Overdrive website:

<http://mvlc.lib.overdrive.com>

The Help / Information column is a good place to begin for orientation.

These devices (among others) are compatible with the Overdrive software:

Desktop Computers: Windows or Mac
Laptops: Windows or Mac

eReaders: Sony Reader, Barnes & Noble Nook, Kobo eReader, Literati, NextBook, Pandigital, PocketBook Pro.
(At this time the Kindle is not compatible.)

Mobile Devices: Android, Blackberry, iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch, Windows Mobile.

For more information please ask for Tara at the circulation desk or email her at tmansfield@mvlc.org.

Library Staff Directory

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