
TILTON LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER

Volume 1, Issue 3

Fall 2008

Your Library – The Best Thing You Are Already Paying For

In fiscal year 2007, Deerfield residents paid approximately \$25 per capita to support Tilton Library. Anyone who has priced the cost of books lately knows that \$25 will get you little more than one bestselling title in either book or DVD format at the store. Miraculously, it will get you much more at Tilton Library. In addition to traditional library offerings such as books, classic VHS movies and reference services, we offer new DVD titles, free high-speed Internet access, large-print materials, audio, digital and downloadable books, over 70 magazine subscriptions, and local newspapers. Passes for free admission to the Eric Carle Museum, the Children's Museum at Holyoke and the Springfield Museums are available on a first come first serve basis to all library patrons. Deerfield residents may borrow a pass for free admission to Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory. Children's and adult programs, reader's advisory, expert personal assistance, copier and fax machines, study areas, young adult collection, bookmobile service from

continued on page 2

LIBRARY HOURS

<i>Monday</i>	1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
<i>Tuesday</i>	2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
<i>Wednesday</i>	10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
<i>Thursday</i>	1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
<i>Saturday</i>	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
<i>Friday, Sundays & Holidays</i>	CLOSED

From the Children's Desk - Reading With Your Ears!

Our variety and number of recorded books has grown! We still offer sets of books and cassettes for a fun read-a-long experience for the younger child. They are classified under the call number **JSet** to differentiate them from our other recorded books. We have a portable cassette player available for loan for use with these items and with our other books on cassette.

Our books on CD collection now includes classics and long time favorites for everyone from early to more advanced readers. These titles can also be borrowed in print form to make your own set.

Don't forget to browse the selection of children's downloadable books on the C/WMARS website <http://digitalbooks.cwmars.org/>. Over 250 titles are available to play on PCs, Macs and MP3 players or to burn on CDs, all free with your library card.

We're always happy to help with title suggestions and downloading support.

Story Time Every Wednesday

Preschool story time is yet another way of reading with your ears. Join Julie Cavacco every Wednesday at 11:00. No sign up needed – all children ages 0-5 (and their caregivers) are welcome.

Drop in and Discover

Come in and see what our weekly self – directed activity for children of all ages has for you. This activity continues through the school year.

WMRLS (Western Massachusetts Regional Library System), borrowing and returning privileges from more than 150 other libraries through C/WMARS, plus a place to hang out, all rolled into one, and you've already paid for it!

With the economy at a low and gas prices and other daily expenses at a high, doesn't it make sense to make visits to Tilton Library a regular activity? We're now open every day except Friday and Sunday and 24/7 online services are available through C/WMARS www.cwmars.org. Check us out!

Readers Advisory – Gentle Reads

What is a gentle read you might ask? “Gentle Reads are ‘feel good’ books. They contain no strong language, explicit sex or violence, reflect conventional values and usually end happily. They take the reader back to a gentler, less hurried time. They are cheerful, hopeful stories, told from a soothing perspective.” (Saricks)

Here are some popular authors of the genre: **Jane Austen**, perennial favorite for readers interested in 19th century English life; **Maeve Binchy**, writes gentle stories of women that explore the fabric of women's lives and their relationships; **Agatha Christie**, timeless and clever, always a favorite for those who enjoy a cozy mystery; **Fannie Flagg**, Fried Green Tomatoes, one of many feel-good books that deals with small town life in the South; **Dorothy Gilman**, master of the cozy mystery genre; **Elizabeth Goudge**, her books express her love of life and her faith in the power of goodness; **Jan Karon**, her Mitford series feature the heartwarming tales of Timothy Kavanaugh, an Episcopalian priest; **Garrison Keillor**, an NPR regular and classic author of the genre with a penchant for depictions of rural life; **Alexander McCall Smith**, his No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency series offers a gentle mystery with a side of humor. See our display table upstairs for more gentle read suggestions.

My Reading History

Did you forget to write down the name of a really good book or can't remember the last episode you've seen of “Foyle's War”? Do you want to be able to look back on what library items you've checked out in the past? You can track your own circulation history by turning on “My Reading History” in the C/WMARS catalog. This is a strictly voluntary option that is confidential and only accessible by you.

To start, visit the C/WMARS website at <http://wmars.cwmars.org/search/>

1. click on LOGIN
2. log-in or create an account
3. click on My Reading History
4. click on Opt In

After you opt in, any item you borrow from any C/WMARS library will be included on your Reading List when you return it.

To delete any item from the list:

1. check the box under the column Mark for the title you want to delete
2. click Delete Marked to remove from your list

To stop using the Reading History feature click on Delete All and then click on before Opt Out. No matter what you decide, be sure to click on LOG OUT at upper right.

Book Discussion @ Your Library

October 16th 6:30 p.m. *The Reluctant*

Fundamentalist by Mohsin Hamid

November 19th 6:30 p.m. *My Antonia* by Willa

Cather SUNDERLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

December 18th 6:30 p.m. *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan. Reserve your copies at the circ. desk.

Come All Ye Poets!

Bring your poems, we'll supply dessert on the first Thursday of the month beginning October 2nd, 6:30 pm.

Sit and Knit

Begins September 29th and continues until the end of the year. Bring your projects, your questions, your expertise. Mondays, 6:30 pm