
TILTON LIBRARY

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Why Read?*

“The achievement gap in children’s learning can be traced to the learning kids do during summer vacations. Low income families are less likely to read books; go to the library, museum or theater; take music lessons or do organized sports activities. Yet these experiences make a difference, with a visit to the library being the most discriminating factor of all.” – Karl Alexander, professor of sociology at Johns Hopkins in *Ode* April 2009

“Poor reading skills correlate heavily with lack of employment, lower wages, and fewer opportunities for advancement. Deficient readers are less likely to become active in civic and cultural life, most notably in volunteerism and voting.” – Dana Gioia, Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts from *Reading at Risk*

Reading doesn’t have to be a bore or chore, but finding the right book at the right time can be tricky. Sometimes it takes a few tries. The bestseller that everyone’s raving about may not be what you like, and that literary tome you think you should like just isn’t making you happy. Maybe you like comics, true crime, fantasy, memoir or romance – whatever! If you’re having trouble finding something that’s fun, let us know. We love the challenge of finding and introducing titles to hungry readers. *It’s fun!

LIBRARY HOURS

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

From the Children’s Desk – Reading Takes You Out of This World!

Tilton Library’s space themed summer reading program runs through Monday, August 17th and is designed for ages 1 to 100. This year, children will keep track of reading with special bookmarks and flight logs. Teens and adults will submit mini book reviews for every book read. Chocolates, stickers, coupons, weekly projects and bulletin board tracking are on offer and drawings for big prizes will be held weekly during Monday Night Music. Sign up at the circulation desks anytime and get ready for take off!

Monday Night Music

Join us on our lawn (or inside if it rains) every Monday at 7:00 pm for nine weeks of free, local music. Lawn concerts return Monday, June 22nd and continue through August 17th. Our expected lineup (forgive any unexpected changes as summer progresses) includes coffee house regular **Tucker Connelly**, guitarist **Dan Conlon**, acoustic musician **Kathy Chapman**, harpist **Piper Pichette**, local talent **Jeff Kelley** and **John Blunt**, **Jenny McAvoy** with Celtic, English and American songs and acoustic guitar, up and coming **Tucker Connelly** and favorites **Jon Oltman**, **Jack Cavacco** and **Jay Stryker**. Upbeat musicians **Kirk Woodring** and **Matt Fuller** will close the series on August 17th at our community potluck. Bring a chair or blanket and a friend for this fun, free series.

Teen/YA Book Talk

Join your friends downstairs on Thursday, July 23rd at 6:30 pm to discuss *Rules of the Road* by Joan Bauer. This wise, touching and funny book is rated four stars on LibraryThing and is a multi-generational favorite. Pizza, veggies, and talk about other books will also be part of the mix. Sign up at the Library and bring a friend!

Readers Advisory – Epistolary Fiction and Serialized Fiction

Epistolary fiction and serialized fiction are good summer reading choices because they can be read in small bits, between mowing the lawn, gardening, bike riding, taking a dip in the ocean or whatever your current summer activity is.

Epistolary fiction is a novel whose story is told through a series of letters. Examples include **The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society** by Mary Ann Shaffer & Annie Barrows; **Gilead** by Marilynne Robinson; **Last Days of Summer** by Steve Kluger; **The Color Purple** by Alice Walker; **I Never Came to You in White** by Judith Farr and **Fair and Tender Ladies** by Lee Smith.

Charles Dickens wrote his books in serialized form for publication in newspapers. Serialized fiction is also called linked stories or novels in stories. Contemporary examples include **A Short History of Women** by Kate Walbert; **Olive Kitteridge** by Elizabeth Strout; **The Third Angel** by Alice Hoffman; **In Other Rooms, Other Wonders** by Daniyal Mueenuddin and **Ms. Hempel Chronicles** by Sarah Shun-lien Bynum.

Museum Passes

Tilton Library museum passes purchased by the Friends of the Library are available to library card holders and offer free admission to **The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art, The Children’s Museum at Holyoke and Springfield Museums**. Generous donations by **Brattleboro Museum of Art and Massachusetts State Parks** offer free admission to library card holders and Deerfield residents may borrow passes for free admission to **Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory and Historic Deerfield**, donated by Magic Wings and Friends of Historic Deerfield respectively.

Friends Book Sale

This year, the Friends of Tilton Library’s annual book sale will begin with a special **members night only** on **Friday, July 10th** from 7-9 pm. (Memberships will be available at the door on the night of the sale or at the Library anytime beforehand.) The sale will continue on **Saturday, July 11th** from 9am to 2 pm and **Sunday, July 12th** from 11 am to 2 pm. Book donations may be left inside the Library entrance in the designated area until July 9th. Book pickup can be arranged by calling the Library prior to the sale.

Important Notice

In order to reduce stamp costs and staff time, we will no longer send postcard reminders for overdue items. Bills for items that are six weeks past due will still be sent via U.S.P.S.

Email reminders are sent out two days BEFORE an item is due, and two weeks after an item’s due date has passed. To add an email address to your library card account, login to <https://wmars.cwmars.org/patroninfo> and select the Update Email Info button or give us your address next time you visit.

Coming Soon – tiltonlibrary.org

We’ve reserved the domain name, approved a preliminary design and are almost ready to launch our own website. Stay tuned!

Memorial Gifts

A new bookcase in the library entrance, bright paint on the bathroom walls and entry doors and display shelves in the teen/young adult areas have all been made possible by generous gifts in memory of loved family members and friends. We are grateful that families and organizations direct memorial gifts to Tilton Library and that lasting and significant additions can benefit all.

Book Discussion @ Your Library

Our book discussion group is open to all interested adults and meets on the third Thursday of every month (with occasional exceptions). Books are available at the desk or by reserving online.

July 16th 6:30 pm **Still Alice** by Lisa Genova

August 20th 6:30 pm **Olive Kitteridge** by Elizabeth Strout

September 17th 6:30 pm **The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court** by Jeffrey Toobin.

Recycling Corner:

Save Those Bubble Wrap Mailers

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Tilton Library staff members pack fragile CDs to return or lend to other libraries. We always need used padded envelopes and bubble wrap mailers. Please save yours for recycling at Tilton.