
TILTON LIBRARY

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Meet Your Librarian – 4th in a series

Name: Ann Kurt

Position: Adult Circulation Assistant

Hometown: South Deerfield

Family: two sons – Thomas in Columbia, South Carolina and David, at home, and two daughters – Karen in Seattle, Washington and Kim in Leeds, Massachusetts

Pets: Callie, a golden retriever, our next-door-neighbor dog who visits often and Kim's four dogs, golden retrievers Katie, Jamie, August and Molly, a founding English setter.

How/why did you come to work at Tilton? One day, toward the end of my retailing career, I was visiting the Greenfield Library and I realized I would be very content working at a library. Fortunately, there was an opening at Tilton!

Hobbies/Interests: visiting libraries

Favorite book as a child: *Nancy Drew* mysteries

What books are you currently reading? *Death of a Chimney Sweep* by M.C. Beaton, *Minding Frankie* by Maeve Binchy and *Heart in the Right Place* by Carolyn Jourdan.

Last book you couldn't put down: *Minding Frankie*
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Summer Programs

Because of several construction projects scheduled for the beginning of the summer (including furnace removal and replacement) some of our regular children's and family programs may be postponed or moved to an offsite location. Please check our website and bulletin boards or talk to library staff for updates on our summer reading program and Monday Night Music starting dates.

Author Talk – Corinne Demas

Local author Corinne Demas will visit us on Thursday, May 19th at 6:30 p.m. at **Deerfield Town Hall**. Demas has written adult novels and short stories, children's picture books and chapter books as well as a play and poetry. Her latest book, *The Writing Circle* has been issued in paperback and is the story of a writer who joins a western Massachusetts writing group. "Hearts break and emotions are pushed to the limit in this richly engaging tale of love, betrayal and literature." Copies of *The Writing Circle* are available to borrow at the library and will also be for sale at the talk. This program is free and open to all.

New Museum Passes

Take the kids to the Basketball Hall of Fame or head out to MassMOCA in North Adams. Our new passes, purchased by the Friends, give a reduced rate for up to six people to the Hall of Fame and free admission for two adults and two children to MassMOCA. Passes may be borrowed for a three day period on a first-come, first served basis.

Wowbrary?

Wowbrary is a new feature on our website which displays all the material that is added to our collection each week. Click on Wowbrary on the homepage to see the covers of all items added. Clicking on "view more" will lead to the Wowbrary newsletter which gives summaries, reviews and ratings of titles. From there items can be requested and/or you can sign up to receive free weekly email alerts.

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

by Maeve Binchy

Book(s) you would recommend to a friend: Two current favorites are *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows and *The Irish Country Doctor* series by Patrick Taylor.

Favorite movie: *Foyle's War* series on DVD

A little known fact about you: As a youngster, I liked coming to Tilton with my aunt. I remember her borrowing Zane Grey novels.

Guilty pleasure: Love to shop!

Parting shot: I am so grateful to be at Tilton – to take part in the different programs – to be able to borrow all of the wonderful materials available and to enjoy all the patrons who come to our library.

Reading Connections:

See our display on top of the books-on-tape shelves (near the photocopier and online catalog) for these modern British (mostly women) writers.

Faith Fox by Jane Gardam - A motherless baby named Faith is the linchpin of this delightfully eccentric comedy of manners and miracles.

Talking to the Dead by Helen Dunmore - The story of two sisters bound by a terrible tragedy in childhood.

Behind the Scenes at the Museum by Kate Atkinson - Ruby Lennox is a quirky, complex character who relates the events of her life and those of her dysfunctional family with equal parts humor, fervor and candor.

The Marriage of the Sea by Jane Alison - An absorbing tale of love among the ruins.

Arlington Park by Rachel Cusk - The roiling inner lives and not-so-quiet desperation of young mothers in a well-to-do London suburb.

Everything Will be Alright by Tessa Hadley - A complex and intelligent family epic chronicling the lives of three generations of English women over four decades of social and political change.

Banishing Verona by Margot Livesey - The story of two people who enjoy an enchanted evening together, and then spend the next few weeks chasing each other across continents in order to decide if it's the real thing. (Livesey is actually from Scotland and lives in Boston. This story takes place in London and the U.S.).

The Marrying Game by Kate Saunders and **The Lost Art of Keeping Secrets** by Eva Rice – Two about women left with crumbling estates and no sure means of redeeming the family fortune.

Book Discussion @ Your Library

April 21st 6:30 p.m. *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien. In collaboration with PVMA's The Big Read.

May 19th 6:30 p.m. *The Writing Circle* by Corinne Demas. Join us at **Deerfield Town Hall**, 8 Conway Street for a visit with the author.

June 16th 6:30 p.m. *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery

Reserve your copy at the desk or online. All interested adults are welcome. This group meets on the third Thursday of the month in the magazine area of the library except for the author talk on the 19th of May which meets at Deerfield Town Hall.

Mystery Book Group

Mystery and suspense readers are invited to the Library on the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. to talk about series and their characters. Join us for a lively discussion of the book and other of life's mysteries.

April 7th, 6:30 p.m. *The Big Sleep* by Raymond Chandler

May 5th, 6:30 p.m. *The Old Wine Shades* by Martha Grimes.

June 2th, 6:30 p.m. *The Brimstone Wedding* by Barbara Vine.

Computer Basics and Beyond

It's not just the kids on the computer anymore, suddenly it's everyone and everything. The IRS, bill paying, addresses, phone numbers, job applications, you name it. Make sure you aren't left out by signing up for our free introductory computer basics workshop to be held on Monday, April 11 from 10 -11:30 a.m. at the library. This workshop is taught by Shirley Keech, of the former Western Massachusetts Regional Library. Shirley has over 20 years experience with online research and training and will present a program suitable for all beginning levels.

Book Sale Planning

The Friends of the Library invite everyone who is interested in helping out with our annual July booksale to attend one or more of our monthly meetings (held on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Library) to help us plan and implement this important event. If you cannot attend but would like to be involved stop by or call the Library and give your name to library staff members so that the Friends can contact you. This year there will be a need for volunteers in every aspect of the sale.

A Place for Your Pennies

We need a five gallon water jug or something that isn't very portable to serve as a collection point for unwanted pennies. If you would like to donate one please contact the library.