
TILTON LIBRARY

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Meet Your Volunteer

Name: Pam Predmore

Position: Children's Room Volunteer

Family: Husband (Read), three sons and a daughter, their spouses and three grandchildren (plus one due in June).

Pets: We just adopted a nine month old Labrador-mix dog named Patsy.

How/why did you start to volunteer at Tilton? I wanted to give something back for the years of reading pleasure libraries have given me.

Other jobs? I've been happily retired for almost three years, but worked at the Amherst Housing Authority for more than 20 years before that.

Hobbies/Interests: Besides reading, I love music and dancing. Spending time with friends and family, especially the grandkids, is always a joy.

Favorite book(s) as a child: The Golden Books then *Winnie the Pooh*, followed by the Nancy Drew series and *The Scarlet Pimpernel*.

What's on your bedside table now? *Drowned Ammet* by Diana Wynne Jones and *Bardic Voices* by Mercedes Lackey.

Last book you couldn't put down: The one I'm reading now. I've been known to read through the night. My kids used to say, "Mom's been caught by another book."

Wish list for Tilton? A larger building. -MMM

Local Resident Featured in Author Talk

Deerfield resident Charlie Sakowicz and Sunderland author Elise Tripp will be at the library on April 26th at 6:30 p.m. to talk about Sakowicz's war experience as told in Tripp's 2011 book "*American Veteran's on War: Personal Stories from World War II to Afghanistan*". Charlie Sakowicz was born in 1926 and grew up on Conway Street. Serving in WWII in the Navy from 1942, his ship, the aircraft carrier *USS Franklin*, was bombed on March 19, 1945, with the loss of more than 700 men, as well as 300 wounded. He went overboard from the burning ship and was left holding on to a wooden plank miles from the coast of Japan. For days he drifted away from help, just holding on. Afraid of sharks and abandoned, he was finally saved by a ship and taken to Hawaii. With great luck, a neighborhood friend, Walter Lewandowski from West Street, South Deerfield, saw his name on a bulletin listing the wounded and got word to his parents. This program is free and open to all.

Infant Massage with Lu Vincent

Learn the techniques of soothing infant massage with facilitator Lu Vincent on Wednesday, April 11th at 1:00 p.m. in the Children's Room at the library. This free program is sponsored by the Friends of Tilton Library and is open to parents and caregivers of pre-walking babies. A separate, age appropriate activity for siblings will be held during the program.

March Madness!

Middle Schoolers (grades 5-8) meet with your friends, listen to and talk about a recorded book and enjoy pizza on Tuesdays in March at 3:15p.m. Sign up for this free program in the Children's Room.

Spring Plant Sale- It's Back!

Bring your extra perennial plants to the back of the library on Friday, May 18th for the sale on Saturday the 19th. Volunteers are needed to help sort, price and identify donations on Friday evening and to help on Saturday at the sale. Please sign up at the library if you can help with this fun community event.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday 1:00 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

Reading Connections: Staff Picks

Ann

The Girl in the Blue Beret by Bobbie Ann Mason
Inspired by a true story, the bestselling author of *In Country* offers a gorgeous, haunting novel about an airline pilot coming to terms with his past, and searching for the people who saved him during World War II.

Only Time Will Tell: The Clifton Chronicles by Jeffrey Archer - The first in a new series, this epic tale of Harry Clifton's life begins in 1920, with the words "I was told that my father was killed in the war." A dock worker in Bristol, Harry never knew his father, but he learns about life on the docks from his uncle, who expects Harry to join him at the shipyard once he's left school. But then an unexpected gift wins him a scholarship to an exclusive boys' school, and his life will never be the same again.

Breaking the Code: A Father's Secret, a Daughter's Journey and the Question that Changed

Everything by Karen Fisher Alaniz - A sensitive account of how the author helped her war-veteran father confront a traumatic memory he had carried with him for more than 50 years. This is a story of healing and discovery that started with a leap of faith.

Julie

Here Comes Trouble: Stories from My Life by Michael Moore – This is by far Mr. Moore's best book...[his] coming of age as a working-class malcontent is...something to behold. It's the story of a big lunk who learns to yoke his big mouth to a sense of purpose. It persuades you to take Mr. Moore seriously, and it belongs on a shelf with memoirs by, and books about, nonconformists like Mother Jones, Abbie Hoffman, Phil Ochs, Rachel Carson, Harvey Pekar and even Thomas Paine.

You Don't Look Like Anyone I Know by Heather Ellis - An unusual and uncommonly moving family memoir, with a twist that gives new meaning to hindsight, insight, and forgiveness.

Sara

Angle of Repose by Wallace Stegner - This Pulitzer Prize-winning novel is a story of discovery—personal, historical, and geographical. Confined to a wheelchair, retired historian Lyman Ward sets out to write his grandparents' remarkable story, chronicling their days spent carving civilization into the surface of America's western frontier. But his research reveals even more about his own life than he's willing to admit. What

emerges is an enthralling portrait of four generations in the life of an American family.

Far Afield by Susanna Kaysen - Jonathan Brand, a graduate student in anthropology, has decided to do his fieldwork in the remote Faroe Islands in the North Atlantic. But, despite his Harvard training, he can barely understand, let alone "study," the culture he encounters. From his struggles with the local cuisine to his affair with the Danish woman the locals want him to marry, Jonathan is both repelled by and drawn into the Faroese way of life. Wry and insightful, *Far Afield* reveals Susanna Kaysen's gifts of imagination, satire, and compassion.

Book Discussion @ Your Library

Join us on the third Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the magazine area of the library. All interested adults are welcome to attend. Books are available at the desk or by reserving online.

Thursday, April 19th, 6:30 p.m. ***Sing You Home*** by Jodi Picoult, an author who turns tough topics into bestsellers. If you've never read Picoult, now might be the time.

Thursday, May 17th, 6:30 p.m. ***Lost & Found*** by Jacqueline Sheehan - a former bestseller by a local author.

Thursday, June 21st, 6:30 p.m. ***Astrid and Veronika*** by Linda Olsson – a dreamlike evocation of the power of friendship.

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.

Thursday, April 5th, 6:30 p.m. Special guest, **Assistant Northwestern District Attorney Cindy Pepyne**

Thursday, May 3rd, 6:30 p.m. ***Crime and Punishment*** by Fyodor Dostoevsky – is murder permissible in pursuit of a higher purpose? Will reading the book answer this question? Come find out on the 3rd. Vodka and Russian teacakes not included.

Thursday, June 7th, 6:30 p.m. ***Baltimore Blues*** by Laura Lippman, 6:30 p.m. – first in a series featuring Tess Monaghan.

Tech Talk Tuesday

Do you have questions about your new reading device or about e-readers in general? We want to help you find the answer! Bring your questions and your device, if you have one, to the library on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. for this informal program.

