
TILTON LIBRARY

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Meet Your Friend of the Library

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Family: I live with my spouse, Sandy.

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Do you have a library pet peeve? Not enough space for library programs (e.g. book groups, author talks) or the book sale

Hobbies/Interests? Reading (of course); also singing with the Pioneer Valley Symphony Chorus; hiking and cooking

Favorite book as a child: *The Little Princess*

Favorite genre: Historical fiction; mysteries and thrillers; novels with good women characters

What literary characters or authors would you most like to meet? Amelia Peabody Emerson (the Victorian Egyptologist in the Elizabeth Peters series) and Maisie Dobbs (the post World War I London detective in the Jacqueline Winspear series)

What's on your bedside table now: *Wandering Paris: A Guide to Discovering Paris Your Way*

Something about you that might surprise Tilton patrons: After I retire next year, I want to get started

working on writing a novel I've been thinking about for a few years now.

1,000 Books before Kindergarten

Tilton Library's *1,000 Books before Kindergarten* program is designed to support what educators believe is a great way to develop early literacy skills. The most effective way to get children ready to read is to read to them. If you do the numbers, this is less than two books a day in two years and only three books a day for one year. This small time commitment will go a long way toward giving your child a lifelong love of books and reading, and will provide many good memories. Sign up in the children's room anytime for this ongoing program.

Chief Questions

Deerfield Police Chief John Paciorek Jr will be on hand on Monday, October 7th at 6:30 p.m. to answer any and all questions you've ever had for a small town police chief. Have you forgotten what the rule is for a four way stop sign? Is it okay to pass a farm vehicle on a double yellow line? How many police officers does Deerfield have? Your question is sure to be the smartest! Bring your questions and your family for this fun and informative event.

Art in Boxes

Join us on Saturday, October 26th from 10-12:30 for a free class using boxes, collected materials, images, text, and found objects. Ages 13 to adult may sign up at the adult circulation desk for this free Cultural Council and Friends of Tilton sponsored program taught by Candace Bradbury Carlin.

Author Visit

October's Third Thursday book group will be discussing John Elder Robison's *Raising Cubby: A Father and Son's Adventures with Asperger's, Trains, Tractors and High Explosives* and then we will welcome Robison on **Monday, October 21st** at 6:30 p.m. Robison has been called a natural story teller by the Boston Globe. Come meet this bestselling author and strong advocate for people with autism and neurological differences.

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

Last book you couldn't put down: *The Orphan Master's Son*, by Adam Johnson

How has your experience as Friends president been? The best experience ever, because of all the great people who are part of the Friends group and who work in the library. Who would have thought that doing volunteer work could be so much fun?

What are you most proud of during your tenure? Making a contribution to helping our beloved library thrive.

What would you like most to do/see done for Tilton—short or long term? A BIG addition that has enough room for us to be able to do all the things we want to do and enough room for all the books Sara wants to buy.

What do you consider the role of the small town public library? In a small town like Deerfield, the library is a real community gathering place. It's a wonderful place to meet new people as well as to bump into your neighbors.

Wish list for Tilton? An addition with more space for books and for library programs. Wait, have I already mentioned that?

What else would you like to say? I'd also like to see the library get more funding so it can be open more hours during the week. /MMM

Reading Connections

I like to read a book that utterly transports me to a different and interesting place and I like it when there's an intrinsic challenge for the reader: a difficult to imagine historical period; an incredible cultural moment I've never encountered.

Here are some titles that I find offer generous doses of virtual transport into fascinating worlds:

Beautiful Ruins by Jess Walter (2012) A thrilling tangle of 1960s Hollywood legends and what they did decades ago in an achingly beautiful Northern Italian village. Mysteriously, they connect neatly to a cast of present-day souls with equally rocky journeys. The title references how Richard Burton was characterized late in his acting career.

The Obituary Writer by Ann Hood (2013) The title doesn't do justice to Hood's compelling narrative. She elevates the practice of obituary writing into something approaching high art, but along the way she jigsaws together a decades-old love affair to a modern one, and the Kennedy era to early 1900s San Francisco. And not until the very last chapters do you figure out her puzzle's solution.

Ethan Frome by Edith Wharton (1911) Summer has departed and there's no better time to visit Starkfield, Wharton's bleak village, peopled with characters who are on a crash course toward disappointment. I get to know ***Ethan Frome*** again every winter and am always struck by how quickly I'm pulled back in time and how the lives of our New England village ancestors start to make sense.

If you have children who are ready to be swept out of this world: (one new, one classic)

The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate by Jacqueline Kelly (2010) A whip-smart 11 year old Callie discovers Darwin with the help of her naturalist grandfather – unusual doings for a girl in an 1899 small Texas town.

Caddie Woodlawn by Carol Ryrie Brink (1936) Red-haired and full of spirit, Caddie gives readers a vivid glimpse into one family's 19th century life on the frontier.

/Deborah O. Doulette

Third Thursday Book Group

Join us on the third Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the library. Books are available at the desk or by reserving online.

October 17th ***Raising Cubby*** by John Elder Robison

November 21st ***Where'd You Go Bernadette*** by Maria Semple

December 19th ***Mr and Mrs Prince*** by Gretchen Holbrook Gerzina

Mystery Book Group

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

October 3rd ***Partner in Crime*** by J.A. Jance

November 7th ***Monkey Business*** by Carl Hiaasen

December 5th ***A Share in Death*** by Deborah Crombie

Welcome Back Library Desk

Many of you remember the original circulation desk that was at the front entry for years. When the library added the lift and refurbished the interior, the desk was put into storage. This summer, friend and Library Trustee Dave Lamb rejuvenated the finish on the desk and it was returned to its home on September 20th.

Classics Quarterly

Our next meeting of Classics Quarterly book discussion will be held on January 9th at 6:30 at the library. We will read and discuss ***The Warden*** the first of Anthony Trollope's popular Barsetshire (aka the ***Barchester Chronicles***) novels, set in the fictional cathedral town of Barchester. Start reading now to be ready for the January meeting.