TILTON LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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Getting Through

Libraries will get you through times of no money better than money will get you through times of no library. Walter Cronkite

Don't forget that Tilton Library can help you and your family through times of "no money". In addition to our ongoing programs, our winter **programs** include a new memoir writing program for adults and a parent book discussion. Friends of the Library sponsored museum passes for free admission are available for a three day loan. New **DVDs** arrive every two weeks, (Lost season 4, Kung Fu Panda, Young at Heart, Mad Men for example); best sellers can be reserved at the desk or online prior to release, new issues of magazines are processed twice a week and can be borrowed as soon as they leave the office. New and classic titles of audio books are available in every format imaginable (now including Mac/IPod compatible downloads!) You can take advantage of free WiFi next to one of our warm radiators, or if it suits you, gaze out our beautiful Palladian windows at a spectacular sunset (or a youth ballgame). We're at 75 North Main Street, 28 hours a week and at www.cwmars.org 24 hours a day.

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 CLOSED

Our Life Stories –Remembering and Writing

What experiences and events have shaped your life? What would you like to remember and tell about, funny or sad, adventurous or otherwise, historical or personal? Whether you've lived on a farm or in a city, traveled around the world or stayed in your own backyard, you've got interesting stories to tell.

Tilton Library offers "Our Life Stories", a free six week series of writing sessions beginning February 3rd on Tuesday afternoons from 2-4:30 p.m. through March 10th. This special program will be led by Jan Sadler, a Sunderland writer and teacher of creative writing and memoir classes at the Springfield Musuems. "Our Life Stories" welcomes new and experienced writers of all ages – seniors especially welcome! Sign up at the circulation desk or call for information.

Does Gender Matter?

Join us for our first Parent Book Talk, Monday, January 12th 6:30 p.m. Wade Lavigne and Julie Cavacco will lead the discussion of *Why Gender Matters: What Parents and Teachers Need to Know About the Emerging Science of Sex Differences* by Leonard Sax. Copies of the book are available at the children's desk or online. Children welcome!

Tiltin' for Tilton

Looking for something "smooth fresh and fruity, right for every occasion" or perhaps you prefer something that "jumps from the glass"? Deerfield Spirit Shoppe and Chandler's Restaurant have joined forces to present an evening of wine tasting and micro brews to benefit Tilton Library. Bring your friends and join your neighbors on Thursday, January 22nd from 6-8 pm at Chandler's Restaurant on routes 5&10 in Deerfield for tastes of 60 different worldwide wines and beer from U.S. microbrews plus delicious hors d'oeuvre compliments of Chandler's Restaurant. Tickets available at the Library, at Deerfield Spirit Shoppe or at the door.

Readers Advisory - Historical Fiction

"At its best, historical fiction makes the past come to life. It spins intriguing stories around dry dates and facts and imprints them indelibly on the memory." (Diana Trixier Herald)

The following titles and authors are just a few in a rich and extensive category: The prehistoric epic was popularized by the 1980 publication of Clan of the Cave Bear, the first in Earth's Children series by Jean Auel. **Sue Harrison**'s Aleutian trilogy, set in Ice Age Alaska, begins with Mother Earth, Father Sky. The American West is the setting for The Lonesome Dove Saga by **Larry McMurtry** which begins with *Dead Man's Walk*. The Doomsday Book by Connie Willis is science fiction time travel but accurately depicts England of the fourteenth century and is a favorite of historical fiction fans. Popular authors of the genre include Anita Diamant, The Red Tent (biblical); Ken Follet, Pillars of the Earth and World Without End (twelfth century England); Andrea Barrett, The Voyage of the Narwhal (nineteenth century); David Nevin, 1812; Michael Shaara, Killer Angels (American Civil War); Marguerite Allis, Not Without Peril (early 17th century New Hampshire); **Kate Horsley**, Confessions of a Pagan Nun (sixth-century Ireland); Lee Smith, On Agate Hill (American Civil War); and **Geraldine Brooks**, Year of Wonders (the plague year 1666) and March (American Civil War). Look for more titles on display on the round table near the magazines.

Deerfield Reads - A Tale for Seven Towns

This year Deerfield joins Greenfield, Sunderland, Montague, New Salem, Wendell and Shutesbury to read *The Ha-Ha* by Dave King, a story of a Vietnam vet who has not spoken in 30 years. It's also about family, communication and much more. The program begins February 23 and ends with author appearances on March 17th in Greenfield and March 18th in Shutesbury. Registration and books will be available beginning February 9th at any of the seven participating towns' libraries.

Quick Picks - audio CD

Ann: North River by Pete Hamill read by Henry Strozier Sara: The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian by Sherman Alexie, read by the author Julie: Harry Potter by J.K. Rowling, read by Jim Dale Brenda: The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows, read by various readers.

Request Books Online

Do you want to read your favorite writer's newest as soon as it comes out? Did you just see a review of a DVD you'd like to watch on the weekend? You can reserve books and other materials at home online.

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

- 1. Search the catalog by keyword or title.
- 2. When you find the item, click the Request icon at upper left.
- 3. When prompted, enter your 14 digit library card number and your PIN or password (if you don't have a PIN you can create one). You are now logged in.
- 4. Your pick up location will default to the library where you originally got your card so be sure confirm that the location shown is the one you want.
- 5. Click Submit.
- 6. Library staff will notify you when the item is ready for pick up.

Once you log in, you may request up to 20 items. To cancel a request:

- Click on <u>Return To Your Record</u> at upper right
- 2. Click on <u>requests/holds</u> in area at left
- Click on check box next to item to be cancelled
- 4. Click on <u>Apply Changes</u> icon at lower right

Be sure to click on <u>LOG OUT</u> at upper right when you are finished.

Book Discussion @ Your Library

Tilton Library's book discussion group is open to all interested adults and meets on the third Thursday of the month (with occasional exceptions, see below). Books are available at the desk or online.

January 15th 6:30 p.m. *Here If You Need Me* by Kate Braestrup

February 19th 6:30 p.m. *Out Stealing Horses* by Pers Petterson

*March 12th 6:30 p.m. The Ha-Ha by Dave King.

*This is a change to from the third Thursday to the second Thursday to keep pace with the **Deerfield Reads – A Tale for Seven Towns** calendar and author appearances.