
TILTON LIBRARY

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Don't Close the Books on Libraries!

News that the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners must cut its 2011 budget by 17% and that the regional library's budget will be reduced by 28% prompted area librarians and library supporters to travel to Boston in November to urge state legislators to restore library funding. A similar rally was held in Greenfield to protest the disproportionate cuts to that library's budget for this year. In the days that followed, news came that the regional bookmobile will cease operation in December.

Concurrently, during these economic tough times, libraries are seeing more visitors than ever.

Despite the grim news, Tilton Library will continue its effort to provide the best in books, services and programs and to meet growing demands. Although December 5th will be the last bookmobile visit, deposit collections of books on tape and large print books will still be available from the regional library until the end of June. Most important, regional delivery service remains intact and Tilton Library's book budget has been boosted by several generous donations. Watch this space for updates on budget news.

LIBRARY HOURS

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

From the Children's Desk – Check It Out!

The children's room is abuzz with activity from opening time to closing. Check out our expanding graphic novels and comics section in the non-fiction area, our new series titles, and our large collection of new picture books. We also have a parenting collection that covers topics from discipline to feeding. Favorite and new titles include *The Must Have Mom Manual* by Sara Ellington and Stephanie Triplett, *Why Gender Matters* by Leonard Sax, *How to Talk So Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk* by Adele Faber & Elaine Mazlish, *Last Child in the Woods* by Richard Louv and *The Sneaky Chef* by Missy Chase Lapine.

During December we will be focusing on constellations, the winter night sky and weather lore. (*If a circle forms round the moon, twill snow soon*). Drop in and discover what's happening in the children's room.

Preschool Story Time

Join friends and neighbors every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. for a story and related activity. This is an excellent opportunity for children to become familiar with a group activity while a parent or caregiver is nearby. No sign up needed – all children 0-5 (and their caregivers) are welcome.

Wednesday Knitting Fun

Bring your kids and your latest knitting project to the children's room every Wednesday from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. We'll have experienced knitters on hand to answer your questions or admire your work. This is a good time to meet other parents who are knitters or knitters who are parents! Work on your gift list while the kids read or play. Knitting guides and books will be available for borrowing or browsing. All levels welcome!

Readers Advisory – Book Group Favorites

A recent survey of library book groups gave us the following list of favorite and/or much talked about titles. Look for them and more book group favorites on display on the Readers' Advisory shelves near the office.

March / Geraldine Brooks

The Help / Kathryn Stockett,

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn / Betty Smith

People of the Book / Geraldine Brooks

Into the Wild / Jon Krakauer

The Thirteenth Tale / Diane Setterfield

A Walk in the Woods / Bill Bryson

Snow in August / Pete Hamill

The Lost Painting / Jonathan Harr

Plainsong / Kent Haruf

The Memory of Running / Ron McLarty

Ava's Man by Rick Bragg

A Thousand Splendid Suns /Khaled Hosseini

Snow Flower and the Secret Fan /Lisa See

We also have multiple copies of several other titles available for loan for your book group. These are located on the shelves below the Readers' Advisory area. Please call if you would like more information about this collection.

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.

Renewal Time - Friends of Tilton Library

If you haven't already renewed your Friends membership it's that time of year. New and old Friends are always welcome to attend our monthly meetings, usually the first Monday of the month at 7:00 at the Library. The Friends depend on membership dollars to help fund many of our projects, from museum passes to family programs. If you've never been a Friend, please consider joining, either as an active or supporting member. Membership forms are available at the library or watch for your renewal card in the mail.

Catalog Searching – How to Find Our DVDs and Audio Books

To see a list of Deerfield's collection of DVDs go to the C/WMARS catalog at <http://wmars.cwmars.org/search>. Under Other Searches on the right, choose Number Searches. Click on the Dewey Call # tab on the left and select Deerfield from the scroll down menu. Type in DVD and click submit. The list begins with non-fiction (documentary type) DVDs and moves into feature films. To find audio books follow the above directions except type in audio instead of DVD.

Adopt-a-Shelf - Volunteer Positions

Arrange and check books, CDs, DVDs and periodicals on library shelves to make sure they are in order. The position offers a flexible timeframe for individuals who are detail-oriented, love to keep up with library materials and work independently. Inquire at the adult circulation desk for more information.

Annual Appeal

The Trustees of Tilton Library will begin their annual appeal on December 1st. Donations in any amount help our ongoing efforts to continue to offer you the best in books, services, programs and facilities. Tilton Library has always depended on bequests and donations. In fact, the Library owes its existence to the bequests of Chauncey B. Tilton and Esther Dickinson, which provided for a free public library in Deerfield. Donation forms are available at the circulation desks or by calling the library at 665-4683.

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 this ongoing event. Books are available at the desk or by reserving online.

December 17th 6:30 pm *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows

January 21st 6:30 pm *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls

February 18th 6:30 pm *A Little Love Story* by Roland Merullo