
TILTON LIBRARY

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Meet Your Librarian – 3rd in a series

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Position: Adult Services Librarian

Hometown: born in Lowell, MA and lived in Lancaster and Hudson before moving “west”.

Family: one husband, Jay, and four children: Jon (wife Angie), 33 in CO; Mike (wife Kelly), 30 in PA; Don (daughter Catalina), 26, in NC; Jess (at Smith), 20.

Pets: 2 dogs, Belle and Sasha, 1 cat, Taffy, 1 rabbit, Taryn, and 5 feathered egg-layers.

How/why did you become a librarian? I am actually not a certified librarian but a certified home economics teacher. Obviously, this is a rather obsolete profession, so here I am. I started working at the Hudson library because the schedule guaranteed that Jess was not under her older brother Don’s “control” for more than half an hour. When we moved to Deerfield she could walk here from school and do her homework at the library.

Hobbies/Interests: knitting, quilting, sewing and gardening

Favorite book as a child: *Deeje and the Fairy Princess* by Ruth W. Rempel

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Two Zipcodes – One Town

This spring, Deerfield will once again join our neighbors in a collaborative reading program which will explore the themes of culture, immigration, communication and war. Deerfield, Shutesbury, Wendell and Sunderland will read *Mayflower* by Nathaniel Philbrick. Leverett will read *King Philip’s War* by Eric Shultz and Michael Tougias and Greenfield, Erving, Montague, New Salem and Northfield will read *The Foreigner* by Francie Lin. Program offerings will include a Bloody Brook talk and site visit, local history activities for children, book discussions and a traditional foods potluck. Books will be available beginning February 7th and programs will start on February 22nd. Free and open to all.

Family Puzzle Night

All kinds of puzzles will keep your mind active on Monday, January 31st from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. We’ll also make food to eat using measuring utensils to see how a recipe works and how the single ingredients fit together to make a whole. Free and open to all ages.

Read and Romp

Join us on the first and third Saturday of the month during the school year at 10 a.m. for our Read and Romp story time. No sign up necessary. Our usual 11 a.m. Wednesday story time for preschoolers continues through the school year.

iPad Bootcamp: Taming That Unruly Stocking Stuffer

Did Santa bring an iPad and do you yearn for some serious or not so serious instruction? Join us on Monday, February 7th (snow day: Feb. 14th) at 6:30 p.m. We’ll learn how to make this wonderful new toy work on YOUR terms. We’ll also learn how to tackle some of the other challenges that might bother you as a novice user. This workshop will be taught by Paul Swem, Deerfield’s IT consultant. Register at the library for this free and sure to be fun, workshop.

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

Favorite book as an adult: *Not Without Peril* by Marguerite Allis.

Author you would most like to meet: Andrew Weil or Elizabeth Zimmermann, a master knitter who devised a unique style of knitting known as Elizabeth's Percentage System.

What's on your nightstand? *Needled to Death* by Maggie Sefton

Last book you couldn't put down: *Colony* by Ann Rivers Siddon

If you weren't working at Tilton, what would you be: I'd like to be a hobby farmer.

Something about you that might surprise Tilton patrons: I'm a level one master knitter and I'm the one with the two little dogs you see walking up Sugarloaf.

Guilty pleasure: 85% dark chocolate

How has your experience at Tilton been so far: I love working at Tilton! -mm

Reading Connections:

The Best Books of 2010

We like the list compiled by The Daily Beast www.dailybeast.com the best. It's short, claims to be the best of the best lists, plus, we own them all!

Room by Emma Donoghue – disturbing premise yet full of hope.

Freedom by Jonathan Franzen – nuclear family in turmoil.

A Visit from the Goon Squad by Jennifer Egan – interlocking narratives about the interplay of time and music.

To the End of the Land by David Grossman – somber, haunting novel of love and loyalty during war.

Parrot and Olivier in America by Peter Carey – wildly funny portrait of an impossible friendship.

The Big Short: Inside the Doomsday Machine by Michael Lewis – the madness and greed of modern finance.

The Warmth of Other Suns by Isabel Wilkerson – classic immigrant saga.

Cleopatra: A Life by Stacey Schiff – she wasn't who you think she was.

The Emperor of All Maladies: A Biography of Cancer by Siddhartha Mukherjee – looking the king of our terrors in the eye.

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot – modern science, how it works wonders and how it can exploit.

Book Discussion @ Your Library

January 20th 6:30 p.m. *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. An optimistic, uplifting debut novel set during the nascent civil rights movement.

February 17th 6:30 p.m. *The Girl Who Fell From the Sky* by Heidi W. Durrow. A thoughtful reflection on racism and racial identity.

March 17th 6:30 p.m. *Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community and War* by Nathaniel Philbrick. A harrowing account of survival and a celebration of courage. Our Deerfield Reads selection.

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.

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.

January 6th, 6:30 p.m. *Anatomy of a Murder* by Robert Traver.

February 3rd, 6:30 p.m. *Blood Work* by Michael Connelly.

March 3rd, 6:30 p.m. *Borderlines* by Archer Mayor.

Save the Date!

Author Corinne Demas will talk on Thursday, May 19th at 6:30 p.m. here at the Library. Demas's book, *The Writing Circle* will be issued in paperback on March 22 and her young adult book, *Everything I Was*, is coming out April 1st.

Renewal Time – Friends of the Library

If you haven't already renewed your Friends membership, it's that time of year. The Friends depend on membership dollars to help fund many of our projects, from family programs to museum passes and complimentary library coffee. Join us on the first Monday of the month at the library. We welcome your ideas and input.

Tiltin' for Tilton

Once again, Deerfield Spirit Shoppe and Chandler's Restaurant will join forces on March 2nd to present an evening of wine and local brew tasting for your enjoyment and for the benefit of Tilton Library. Advance tickets will be on sale for \$20 at the library, from trustees and Friends or for \$25 at the door. This fun community event is open to all of legal age. Bring your friends and enjoy the spirits and Chandler's food and warm hospitality.

Trustees Plant Sale Plea

We need volunteers to help with our annual spring plant sale. If you are interested in helping coordinate or plan this popular event please stop by the library and let us know.