
TILTON LIBRARY

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Meet Our Volunteer

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Hometown: South Deerfield (originally from Brigantine, an island on the southern New Jersey coastline, where Obama and Chris Christie visited after Hurricane Sandy)

Pet: Cranky old cat named Shadow

Job: I work for a small publishing company in Northampton. I've worked in publishing in some capacity since I was 24.

Hobbies/Interests? Gardening; books & reading; countless unfinished handcraft projects

Favorite book as a child: So many: the *Eloise* books by Kay Thomson and Hilary Knight, *The Secret Garden* and *Sara Crewe* by Frances Hodgson Burnett, *Bartholomew and the Oobleck* by Dr. Seuss, anything by Sendak, *Struwwelpeter*. I still read children's books all the time.

Favorite genre: Probably British mysteries

Favorite book(s) as adult (nonfiction or fiction): impossible to pick one—or ten!

Favorite author(s): Anything by a witty Brit or a sharp-eyed Southerner

Favorite book to give as a gift: *The Uncommon Reader* by Alan Bennett, a witty Brit.

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Four Friday Films in February

Join us at our “annex” – Deerfield Town Hall - each Friday in February at 6:30 for a screening of some of writer and director Billy Wilder's great films. Wilder is regarded as one of the most brilliant and versatile filmmakers in the western tradition. His career spanned more than 50 years and 60 films. Our first film will be *Double Indemnity* on February 1st. *Sunset Boulevard* follows on February 8th. *Sabrina* with Audrey Hepburn, is February 15th and we will end with *Witness for the Prosecution* on February 22nd. A short discussion will follow each screening. This Tilton Library program is supported in part by the Friends of Tilton Library and by a grant from the Deerfield Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. Admission and popcorn are free but bring your own seat cushion if desired.

Author Anne Fadiman to Visit

On Monday, February 25th at 6:30 p.m., award winning author, essayist and bibliophile Anne Fadiman will visit Tilton Library. All are invited to meet and talk with the author of *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down*, *At Large and At Small* and *Ex Libris: Confessions of a Common Reader*. Free, no tickets necessary.

Tiltin' for Tilton

Once again Deerfield Spirit Shoppe and Chandler's Restaurant will join Tilton Library Trustees and Friends of Tilton Library on Wednesday, March 6th to present an evening of wine, local brews, an art auction and more. Advance tickets will be on sale for \$20 at the library, from Library Trustees or Friends or for \$25 at the door.

Step Back to the Future

The Community Preservation Act funded front step project is nearly finished. When it is, the front door will be unlocked during open hours but our main entrance will continue to be the side door on the south end of the building.

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

What literary characters or authors would you most like to meet? Character: Lord Darcy—watch out Elizabeth Bennet! **Author:** probably Shakespeare (the original Witty Brit?) just to resolve all the mysteries surrounding his life

What's on your beside table now (as in what are you reading now): *Old Filth* by Jane Gardam, a witty Brit

Fantasy career: Musical or Opera Diva

Guilty pleasure (does not have to be literary!):

Drinking coffee & reading in bed on weekend mornings

Last book you couldn't put down: *Gone* by Mo Hayder

Do you have a library pet peeve? That we don't have a huge endowment to underwrite building an addition with better space for library events

Wish list for Tilton? See pet peeve above.

Parting shot: Join the Friends, volunteer, and give back to the library, which gives so much to all of us! We are so very lucky to have such a wonderful resource.

Reading Connections: Best of 2012

The following titles are from Publishers Weekly Best Books of 2012

Building Stories by Chris Ware – pre-digital comics in a box

Bring Up the Bodies by Hilary Mantel – startlingly different sequel to *Wolf Hall*

The Round House by Louise Erdrich – coming of age novel set in North Dakota

Happiness is a Chemical in the Brain by Lucia Perillo – debut collection of stories

The Devil in Silver by Victor LaValle – psychological suspense + supernatural horror

Detroit City is the Place to Be: The Afterlife of an American Metropolis by Mark Binelli – vivid depiction of a true reversal of fortune

All We Know: Three Lives by Lisa Cohen – Early 20th century women - memorable and surprising

People Who Eat Darkness the True Story of a Young Woman Who Vanished from the Streets of Tokyo by Richard Lloyd Parry – chilling and multilayered

The Barbarous Years: The Peopling of British North America: The Conflict of Civilizations, 1600–1675 by Bernard Bailyn – link between universal need for stability and the resulting violence

Iron Curtain: The Crushing of Eastern Europe, 1945–1956 by Anne Applebaum - A searing narrative and analysis of a historical watershed

Log into My Account

Are you having trouble logging in to your CWMARS library account to reserve (hold) books, check on your reserves (holds), or renew your items? We suggest you access the CWMARS catalog through the Tilton Library website (tiltonlibrary.org) catalog tab. Once there, click on “Log into My Account” at the top left. The first box on the left asks for a user name – this is actually your library card number, found on your library card under the barcode. The next box asks for your PIN or password. If you haven't logged in since last summer your PIN or password is your last name in all capital letters. Once these requests are entered correctly you should have access. If not, please contact the library at 413-665-4683, or stop by during open hours for assistance.

Preschool Story Time

Where is it happening on Wednesday mornings? In the children's room at Tilton Library! Join Julie and many children ages 0-5 (and their caregivers) who meet and greet for story time at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome to this free, drop-in, 50 weeks a year, event.

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.

January 17th, ***The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down: A Hmong Child, Her American Doctors, and the Collision of Two Cultures*** by local author Anne Fadiman

February 21st, ***The Midwife of Hope River*** by Patricia Harman

March 21st, ***City of Women*** by David R. Gillham

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 3rd, ***In the Bleak Midwinter*** by Julia Spencer Fleming

February 7th, ***Snow Blind*** by P.J. Tracy

March 7th, ***The Cold Dish: A Walt Longmire Mystery*** by Craig Johnson

Our January meeting's supplemental reading suggestions: Any mystery by Arthur William Upfield (1890-1964) and ***Persuader*** by Lee Child. Titles may be ordered online or by inquiring at the adult circulation desk.