
TILTON LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER

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Meet Our Volunteer

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Hometown: Deerfield, but originally from Biddeford, Maine at what is now the site of the University of New England, located at the mouth of the Saco River.

Family: Married Jean Fessenden, a classmate at Bates, class of 1940. We had two children, Peter who lives in Vermont and my youngest son, Paul, who died in 1981. I have two grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Job: I taught English at Biddeford High School until I came to Frontier Regional High School in 1956. After twelve years there I taught at Amherst Senior and Junior High Schools and then retired in 1979.

Most memorable book: My grandmother turned me loose in her library with Gibbon's *History of Rome* – I started early near a bookshelf and never got too far away. I like all kinds of literature, current or otherwise and I've always had a big interest in history.

Wish list for Tilton: –Although we don't have an endowment, we have pretty big support - we've been lucky on that score. The steps are fixed and a new roof is on, the children's programs are productive, all the generations seem to find a variety of materials here and there is an active friends group. Let's hope it stays that way.

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Pi - Pie Day

Help us celebrate the mathematical constant Π on Thursday, March 14th. We'll be serving pie and solving math problems from 2-5. If you love to bake, feel free to bring your favorite pie to share.

Author Visit – David Gillham

Tilton Library's Third Thursday Book Discussion group is reading David R. Gillham's *City of Women* for its March title. Author David R. Gillham has graciously agreed to visit on Thursday, March 21st at 7:00. Join us at 6:30 as we gather our thoughts about the book or come at 7:00 to meet the author. Reserve your library copy online or at the adult circulation desk. To order a book for purchase and signing please contact the library by March 14th.

April is Poetry Month...

And the poetry reading will be televised! Besides a poem for your pocket, we are hosting an open microphone gathering on Monday, April 22nd at 6:30 p.m. Bring a poem (original or not) to share, recite or read. This event is free and will be recorded by FCAT-TV. All poets sign up for a time slot at the adult circulation desk.

Borrowing Library EBooks

Bring your ebook reading device to Tilton on Tuesday, May 14th at 2:00 to learn how to check out and download library e-books, audios and videos from a CWMARS pro. Learn how to download the free software you will need to begin borrowing and the steps to take to borrow items. Please sign up at the adult circulation desk for this approximately two hour, free program.

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 am. All are welcome to this free, drop-in, 50 weeks a year, event.

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

Reading Connections: Women's History Month

Emma by Jane Austen – Austen's "handsome, clever, and rich" heroine embodies characteristics more often attributed to the male heroes of 18th-century novels in this witty classic where a woman pulls the strings – or does she?

The Red Tent by Anita Diamant – A compelling novel that raises biblical women from footnotes to three-dimensional characters

Bridget Jones's Diary by Helen Fielding – Told in diary-entry format, this funny and relatable story of life as a single woman searching for love is now a beloved "chic-lit" classic

Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn – This chilling suspense thriller about a seemingly perfect husband placed under suspicion when his wife mysteriously disappears days before their fifth anniversary leaves everyone in town – as well as the reader – with questions about just how well we know the ones we love

The Warrior Queens: The Legends and the Lives of Women Who Have Led Their Nations in War

by Antonia Fraser – A closer look at the famed woman commanders of history, from Cleopatra to Margaret Thatcher, by a masterful biographer

Eighty Days: Nellie Bly and Elizabeth Bisland's History Making Race Around the World by

Matthew Goodman – A recently published account of two young American journalists who strove to beat the record of Jules Verne's fictional Phileas Fogg – and race one another – in the late 19th-century heyday of *Around the World in Eighty Days*

Uppity Women by Vicki León – A collection of brief biographies of historical female movers and shakers by an author who has made the study of women's history her life's work

The Mitfords: Letters Between Six Sisters edited by Charlotte Mosley – The true stories, told through letters and biographical interludes, of six 20th-century English aristocrats whose personal lives and political convictions would steer them down paths as diverse as entrance into Hitler's inner circle and marriage to the Duke of Devonshire

The Help by Kathryn Stockett – Set in 1960s Mississippi, Stockett's novel bridges the racial divide of a community in the thick of the civil rights movement by giving voices to both African American maids and their white employers

Wild by Cheryl Strayed – An inspiring nonfiction

account of a woman hitting the Pacific Crest Trail solo to start over after a period of personal and professional turbulence

We Wove a Web in Childhood: The Brontës at Home by Ruth Thomas – This fresh look at the three Brontë authoresses follows all their immediate family members (father and brother included) from the imaginative realms they constructed during their childhood at Haworth parsonage and through their adult lives

Masquerade: The Life and Times of Deborah Sampson, Continental Soldier by Alfred F. Young – The incredible true story of Deborah Sampson, a Massachusetts woman who successfully disguised herself as a man to fight for seventeen-months in the American Revolution

Hope in a Jar: The Making of America's Beauty Culture by Kathy Peiss – A fascinating social history of American cosmetics and how women have both shaped and been defined by beauty culture

First Ladies: From Martha Washington to Michelle Obama by Betty Boyd Caroli – A comprehensive look at the wives of our nation's presidents and the changing role of first lady

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Book Discussion @ Your Library

Join us on the third Thursday of every month at 6:30. All interested adults are welcome to attend.

April 18th – **The Fault in Our Stars** by John Green "a soulful novel that tackles big subjects"

May 16th – **Their Eyes Were Watching God** by Zora Neale Hurston – In partnership with PVMA's The Big Read grant. We hope to be offsite for this meeting. Look for forthcoming location announcement!

June 20th – **Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail** by Cheryl Strayed – See Jess's description in the "Reading Connections" column.

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.

April 4th – **Defending Jacob** by William Landay – Boston author of the book "everyone" seems to want to read

May 2nd – **Cold Case** by Linda Barnes – a Carlotta Carlisle series entry from another Boston author June 6th – **The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time** by Mark Haddon – a murder mystery of sorts.

NOTE: If you would like book group books reserved for you every month, please tell staff at adult circulation desk.