
TILTON LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER

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Election Survey Results

Deerfield voters were asked three questions about Tilton Library at the polls on Election Day 2014. Two hundred and eighty six voters said they used their library, 94 said they did not, for various reasons, some of which included convenience and location. Respondents value library staff, services, collections and programs. Suggested improvements include more computers for public use, more hours of service, more parking and more space such as quiet study areas, a public meeting room, a separate space for teens and more comfortable seating. Nine respondents pointed to the Sunderland Library as a model for Deerfield, citing more computers, better hours and collections at that site, saying that Deerfield is “cramped and outdated”.

Twenty five responses called for an increase in programming for all ages. Because some respondents asked for things we already offer, such as outdoor music in the summer, book discussion groups, films, author visits and an eBook collection similar to Sunderland’s, an increased effort to convey to the community our services and resources has already been undertaken.

At least one new computer with updated software will be added to the existing three computers with updated software as soon as space for it can be identified. *continued...*

LIBRARY HOURS

<i>Monday</i>	1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
<i>Tuesday</i>	1:00 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

Hot Chocolate Challenge

Read four books between Friday, December 19th and Sunday, January 4th and then come back to the Children’s Room at Tilton Library for a cup of hot cocoa with whipped cream and chocolate shavings. The first twelve participants will also get a special mug to take home.

All reading must be done during the dates listed above but you can turn in your lists through January 8th and still get a cup of cocoa. If you can’t make it, or have questions, please contact Julie at jcavacco@cwmares.org. Sponsored in part by the Friends of Tilton Library.

Classics Quarterly

F. Scott Fitzgerald’s 1925 novel *The Great Gatsby* is this season’s Classics Quarterly Book Discussion title. UMass Professor James Smethurst will lead the discussion on Monday January 12th at 6:30 at the library. Reserve your book online or at the adult circulation desk. Free and open to all adults.

Author George Howe Colt

Award winning author, George Howe Colt, will visit Tilton Library on February 23rd at 6:30. A Whately resident, Colt will discuss his most recent book, *Brothers, On His Brothers and Brothers in History*, which came out in paperback this year with the title *Brothers: What the Van Goghs, Booths, Marxes, Kellogs – and Colts – Tell Us about How Siblings Shape Our Lives and History*. Colt’s book gives a revelatory look at how a person’s life can be molded by their siblings and will be of interest to anyone who is a parent of siblings or who is in a sibling cohort. Howe’s visit is sponsored by the Friends of Tilton Library and is free and open to the public. Access to the magazine collection and to the public internet desktop computers will be limited during the program. Two laptop computers will be available for public use and other adult circulation services will be minimally affected. Call ahead to have books and magazines set aside for you for pickup that evening.

Increased hours and additional parking are part of our Range Plan and are under consideration with the Highway Department and the Library Board of Trustees.

All the suggestions and comments from the survey will be incorporated in data which is being collected for the design phase of a \$41,205 planning and design grant which Tilton Library received from the state in September. The grant, which has a \$20,600 match from Tilton Fund, Inc., will allow us to determine the best library for the Town of Deerfield.

In the coming months, a series of forums will be held at the library to allow public comment and input on library building needs.

Reading Connections – Top Ten

Attention Tilton readers! Please vote for ten of your favorite titles of 2014. Winners will be posted on a bookmark in January.

- Big Little Lies* by Liane Moriarity
- Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng
- All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr
- The Paying Guests* by Sarah Waters
- The Invention of Wings: A Novel* by Sue Monk Kidd
- Those Who Wish Me Dead* by Michael Korita
- We Are Not Ourselves: A Novel* by Matthew Thomas
- Nora Webster* by Colm Toibin
- The Long Way Home: A Chief Inspector Gamache Novel* by Louise Penney
- The Secret Place* by Tana French
- To Rise Again at a Decent Hour: A Novel* by Joshua Ferris
- The Remedy for Love: A Novel* by Bill Roorbach
- Tibetan Peach Pie: A True Account of An Imaginative Life* by Tom Robbins
- Colorless Tsukuru Tazaki and His Years of Pilgrimage: A Novel* by Haruki Murakami
- Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant: A Memoir* by Roz Chast
- The Martian: A Novel* by Andy Weir
- Natchez Burning: A Novel* by Greg Iles

- Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande
- The Narrow Road to the Deep North* by Richard Flanagan
- Lila: A Novel* by Marilynne Robinson
- Boy, Snow, Bird* by Helen Oyeyemi
- Annihilation: A Novel (The Southern Reach Trilogy)* by Jeff VanderMeer
- Us: A Novel* by David Nicholls
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Third Thursday Book Group

Join us on the third Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the library. Books are available at the desk or can be reserved online.

December 18th *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion

January 15th *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng

February 19th *Brothers – On His Brothers and Brothers in History* by George Howe Colt (Author visit follows on February 23rd at 6:30)

Mystery Book Group

Mystery and suspense readers are invited to the library on the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Join us for a lively discussion of the book and other of life's mysteries

December 4th *Never Go Back* by Lee Child

January 1st – HOLIDAY - NO MEETING

February 5th *Open Season* by Marilyn Miller

March 5th *Open Season* by C.J. Box

April 2nd *Open Season* by Archer Mayor

Volunteers Needed

Do you like to see the results of your efforts knowing your work is appreciated? Are you available on a regular basis? We are seeking a volunteer to tidy the library, which includes sweeping, dusting, photocopying and refilling supplies about once a week. Can you post to Facebook **and** hang posters at local spots? Do you have a penchant for who, what, when and where reporting? Can you cut and paste and otherwise find your way around a word processing document? We are seeking someone to help us get the word out about what's going on at Tilton Library. If you can work independently and are interested in learning more about these positions, please contact Sara at the library or via email swoodbur@cwmar.org