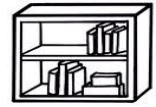


THE BOOKCASE



Agawam Public Library's Newsletter

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February 2012



National Grapefruit Month
Ferris Wheel Day - 14
Tortilla Chip Day - 24
Floral Design Day - 28



Library Lovers' Month - Come Visit!

Free 10-Week Basic Computer Classes to Begin @ Library!!!

Adult basic computer classes will be offered at the library on ten consecutive Tuesdays, from March 6th through May 8th, from 9:30-11:30 A.M.



The classes will cover basic commands, components and computer skills. **Please plan to attend all sessions as space is limited to 10**

people. Call the Reference Desk at 789-1550 x112 to register.

Denis Bessette will be the instructor for the session. He has over 13 years of experience teaching basic computing, most recently at the Senior Center.

AuthorTalk with Writer & Photographer Larry Shortell

Traveling teacher, photographer and first time author, Larry Shortell will visit the library on Monday, February 6th at 7:00. To round out his beautiful photography exhibit at the library, Mr. Shortell will discuss his book, **Summers Off: the Worldwide Adventures of A Schoolteacher.**

Brown bagging his lunch and forgoing gourmet coffee for home brewed, allowed Shortell to visit all 50 states, over 80 nations and every continent - all on a teacher's salary!

Please call 789-1550 x109 or visit www.agawamlibrary.org to register. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Adult Drop-In Zumba

Adult Drop-In Zumba meets on Tuesday, February 28th, at 7:00. The class is taught by staff from LHQ DanceForce. All adults 18 or older are welcome to attend.



Vacation Week Programs

Come visit the Children's Library during school vacation week! There's still time to register for the Winter Reading Club, Zoo on the Go, Sweet Shop Bingo, Meet the Robots, Craft-A-Palooza, Winter Wonderland or see a matinee of Mr. Popper's Penguins. Call 789-1550 x 4 or register online at www.agawamlibrary.org.

Photo Show Reception



The Friends of the Agawam Library 2nd Open Juried Photography Show reception will be held on Friday, February 17th from 7-9 p.m. The public is welcome to attend and meet the photographers.

February Exhibits

Gallery Walls/Johnson Case/Double Glass
Friends of the Library Juried Photo Show

Lower Level

Social Media Propaganda Posters
Aaron Wood

The APL welcomes artists, artisans, and special collections. Anyone interested in displaying work should contact Joanne Szelag at jszelag@agawamlibrary.org. Displays must meet with the APL's criteria for viewing in a public library.

Artist Aaron Wood to Host Reception & Program

Aaron Wood will display his social media propaganda posters on the Lower Level of the library during February. As an outreach to this display, he will be hosting both a reception and a program at the library.

The reception will be held on *Thursday, February 9th from 6:00-8:30* in the small conference room. No registration is needed.

The program will be held on *Saturday, February 18th at 2:00*. Aaron will discuss his inspiration for creating his posters. Please visit www.agawamlibrary.org, or call 789-1550 x109 to register for this event.

It's Donation Time Again!

The Friends of the Library are accepting donations for their annual booksale to be held in May. Donations must be in good condition and come from smoke-free homes.

Magazines, reference books, encyclopedias and textbooks are not accepted for the sale.

Donations may be brought to the library Circulation Desk during regular hours. Please **do not** leave donations outside the library or in the bookdrops.

If you wish to donate a large number of items, please call ahead so that special arrangements can be made.

"Welcome Baby" Gifts

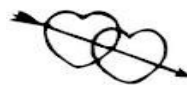
The Agawam Family and Community Program is offering a special gift for the youngest members of the community. Parents of newborns living in Agawam or Feeding Hills can pick up a "Welcome Baby" gift at the library. The gift is designed to introduce the joy and importance of reading to new parents and to encourage them to visit the library as a family.

Parents and/or guardians of newborns can stop in the Youth Services Department to receive their gift.

New FOL Sponsors

The Agawam Library and the Friends of the Agawam Library would like to thank the newest corporate sponsors: Hastie Fence and Geissler's Supermarket.

Agawam Conservation Commission member, Jill Messick also recently made a donation to the Friends'.



Book Displays for February

Fiction Kiosk - Romance
Deliso Display - African American History

Special February Hours

February 20 - Closed for President's Day

Just a reminder, when Agawam schools are delayed or closed, all children's programs at the library are cancelled for the day.

Library Hours:

Monday-Thursday	9-9
Friday	10-6
Saturday	10-5

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