



THE BOOKCASE



Agawam Public Library's Newsletter

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Be Kind to Food Server's Month
Drinking Straw Patented: Anniversary - 7
I'm Not Going to Take it Anymore Day - 7
Argyle Day - 8
Inane Answering Message Day - 30



Happy New Year Bibliophiles!

4 Laptops to Begin Circulating in House

Beginning, Tuesday, January 3rd, four laptop computers will be available for borrowing. Patrons 18 and older may check out a laptop for a two-hour time period. The laptops are for use only in the library and must be checked out on a valid library card. Borrowing will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Patrons wishing to use a laptop must sign a Laptop Borrowing Policy. The laptops will be kept at the Reference Desk. For more information, please call Reference Librarian, Jerome Walczak at 789-1550 x102.

Practical Happiness Event

Everyone wants to be happy, and most agree that's is easy when life is going well. But, how do we experience happiness when life gets challenging?

On **Tuesday, January 24th at 7:00**, **Peggy Hoime** will show just how attainable happiness can be. She'll share the tools and information that she uses, and knows to work in everyday real life situations. Visit www.creatingpracticalhappiness.com.

This program is sponsored by the ACLA. Please call 789-1550 x109, or go to www.agawamlibrary.org to register.

Jolene Mercadante Publishes Memoir

APL librarian Jolene Mercadante, has recently published her first book, a memoir entitled ***The Angel On My Shoulder: My Life With An American Pit Bull Terrier.***



Jolene's story about Rumer, her beautiful pit bull, shatters the myths associated with this breed and helps the reader understand the true nature of the American Pit Bull Terrier. It is truly a love story from beginning to end.

The Angel On My Shoulder is now available for purchase and checkout at the library. (It is also loaded on our Nooks!)

New Magazines for 2012

The APL will be adding four new magazine titles to our collection in 2012.



Creative Knitting and ***Crochet World*** will showcase the increasing popularity in yarn crafts. ***More*** celebrates women of style and substance. ***Kiwi*** is for raising families with a more organic focus.

January Exhibits

Double Glass Cases

Carle Beane - Sports Memorabilia

Gallery Walls/Johnson Memorial Case Lower Level Walls and Case

Larry Shortell - Photography

The APL welcomes artists, artisans, and special collections. Anyone interested in displaying work should contact Adult Services Librarian, Joanne Szlag at 789-1550, or jszlag@agawamlibrary.org. Exhibits must meet the criteria for viewing in a library.

FOL 2nd Juried Photo Show

The Friends of the Agawam Library will hold their 2nd Open Juried Art Show from February 1-29, 2012. Photographs selected will be displayed on the Gallery Walls for the month.

More information is available at the library and a downloadable brochure can be found at www.agawamlibrary.org by clicking the About the Library Link, then selecting Friends.

Annual Legislative Breakfast

Who needs libraries? This is the focus for the annual Library Legislative Breakfast to be held on Friday, January 27, 2012 at 8:00 am at the Agawam Public Library. The keynote speaker will be Senator James Welch.

The public is invited to come and learn about the MA Board of Library Commissioner's FY2013 Legislative Agenda. Library advocates will have the opportunity to let legislators know how important their support is to the future of library service in Western MA. *The answer is everyone needs libraries!*

Please RSVP by Monday, January 23rd to APL director, Judith Clini at 789-1550 x105 or jclini@agawamlibrary.org.

Book Displays for January

Fiction Kiosk - Legal Thrillers

Deliso Display - Get in Shape

AuthorTalk with Adam Bryant - The Spartan

Agawam resident Adam Bryant will present his novel *The Spartan*, on **Monday, January 30th at 7:00.**

The Spartan is a sci-fi/thriller about a masked hero that has taken the law into his own hands, assaulting anything that deems to harm a fellow citizen. Five people who have never met are about to be connected by the search to answer the question, "Who is the Spartan?" The answer may not be the one they wanted. Please call the library or register online.

FOL Raffle Basket Winners

The 3rd Annual Basket Raffle was a huge success! This year 21 fabulous baskets were raffled off to benefit the library.

Sharon Broggi	Joanne Szlag
Marcie Coogan	Lyn Silverstein
Cardyn Komosa	A. Breivogel
Suzanne Dudley	Sheryl Mardeusz
Cherri Ellison	Eileen Mason
Cynthia Sutter	Maria Gallo
Jacki Prior	Jo-Ann Sullivan
Susan Gorman	Joyce Babbins
Diane Lanier	Rajesh Nimbaksar

Drop-In Zumba for Adults

Adult Drop-In Zumba continues this month on Tuesday, January 25th at 7:00. This event is sponsored by the ACLA..

Special January Hours

January 2 - Closed for New Year's Day
January 16 - Closed for MLK Jr. Day

When Agawam Schools are closed, there are no Children's programs at the library.

Library Hours:

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

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