



# THE BOOKCASE



## Agawam Public Library's Newsletter

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## Celebrate Read Across America Day!

### Black Squirrel Ball

Meet local author Amy Caruso on Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 when she visits the library to promote her book ***The Black Squirrel Ball***.

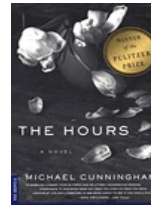


***The Black Squirrel Ball*** is a fictitious mystery set in Peaceland Park, which is instantly recognizable as Stanley Park in Westfield. Samantha Jane Cummings is stuck in a mediocre corporate job, when her aunt suggests she quit and become the coordinator for the Black Squirrel Ball. As she learns more about the first ball, she discovers that the inaugural co-chair, Pauli Suarez mysteriously died on the night of the event. Was it an accident or murder?

Amy Liptak Caruso combines her creative imagination with family stories about Westfield and Stanley Park. Books will be available for purchase and signing at the event. Please call 789-1550 or visit the library to register for this program.

### New Book Club Bags

The library recently added two more Book Club Bags to our collection. The Hours by Michael Cunningham and The Magician's Assistant by Ann Patchett are now available to check out for your book club.



Each BCB contains six copies of the title book, interview with the author and discussion questions, as well as suggestions on starting a book club.

### Read Across America Day

Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday and Read Across America Day by taking the time to read to a young person. This annual reading event calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on or around March 2<sup>nd</sup>, the birthday of Springfield's own Theodor Geisel. For more info, visit [www.nea.org](http://www.nea.org).

### APL Is On Face Book

You can now become a fan of the Agawam Public Library! Recently started by staff member Maria Yacovone, the APL now has its own Face Book page with 40 fans.

## March Exhibits

**Gallery Walls** – Youth Art Month  
Students from the Agawam Schools

The APL welcomes artists, artisans, and special exhibits. Anyone interested in displaying work should contact Adult Services Librarian, Beverly Secondo at 413-789-1550, or [bsecondo@cwmars.org](mailto:bsecondo@cwmars.org). All art must meet with the APL's criteria for viewing in a public library.

## Youth Art Month

The APL is pleased to display artwork from Agawam school students in grades K-12 during March, in honor of Youth Art Month.

Among the work that will be on display for the "Youth Art Month Show", are creative samples in various media that students have worked on since September. Students have learned from the expertise of art teachers Debra Florek and Amber Waters from the High School, Melanie Samay from the Middle School, Jennifer Bonivita and Sharon Vasicek from Clark, Granger, Robinson and Phelps. Marcia Scherpa and Andrew Kraus from the Junior High will bring the students' works and display them for the show.

## Lupa Zoo Pass Discontinued

The Lupa Zoo has decided to discontinue its library pass program. They do still offer family memberships that can be purchased online or at the zoo.

## Spring Children's Programs

Children's Spring activities begin the week of March 15<sup>th</sup>. The Youth Services Department will be offering the ever-popular Mother Goose on the Loose and preschool story times, as well as Kids on the Move and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Book Club.

Watch for a full week of fabulous activities during April vacation week, too! Sign-ups will begin March 8<sup>th</sup>. Visit our website at [www.agawamlibrary.org](http://www.agawamlibrary.org) to register online, or call 789-1150 x4.

## Appraisal Day @ the APL

**Paul Royka**, nationally known expert, author, auctioneer and appraiser will visit the Agawam Library on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 10-2. Bring your Americana, antiques, ceramics, art glass, bronzes, clocks, dolls, toys, lamps, pottery, paintings to this special event, to have them verbally appraised by Mr. Royka.



A donation of \$10 per item or \$25 for three items is requested, and all proceeds will benefit the Agawam Public Library.

Paul has made many media appearances including Reader's Digest, Business Week and the PBS series Antiques Roadshow.

For more information, please visit [www.ROYKAS.com](http://www.ROYKAS.com) or call 978-660-5678.



## Book Displays for March



**Fiction Kiosk** - Military  
**Deliso Display** - Quilting

## Drop-In Yoga for Adults

Drop-In Yoga for Adults is on Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00. It is a beginner's class, but anyone over 18 is welcome to attend. This program is sponsored by the Agawam Center Library Association.

### Library Hours:

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

**Phone:** 413-789-1550

**Website:** [www.agawamlibrary.org](http://www.agawamlibrary.org)

