

# THE BOOKCASE

## Agawam Public Library's Newsletter

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September 2010



National Honey Month  
Cheese Pizza Day - 5  
Dear Diary Day - 22  
Elephant Appreciation Day - 22  
National Mud Pack Day - 30



### Library Card Sign Up Month-Get One!

#### “Read, Relax, Review 2010” Lucky Raffle Winners!

**T**hank you to all the patrons who participated in the Adult SRP. This year there were 77 patrons who read or listened to 540 books!

#### Congratulations to the 2010 winners!

Lyn Silverstein	Carolyn Groux
Sandy Cripps	Lisa Folvi
Debby Lentes	Cheryl MacFadzen
Marilyn Gabel	Reggie Toussaint
Jenille Jones	Diane Desch
Jamie St. Peter	Henry Desch
Maria Raus	Michelle Winer
Daniel Googan	Marianne Gregor
Patty Burns	Karissa Venne
Kristen Ouellette	

Many thanks to the Agawam Center Library Association, who provided the funding for the program, prizes and events.

#### Library Value Calculator Now on APL Website

Do you know how much money that using the library saves you each month? The MA Library Association has a Library Value Calculator that can produce that figure for each individual or family.

Log on to [www.agawamlibrary.org](http://www.agawamlibrary.org) and click the link on the front page, then download the Excel version to get figures.

#### AuthorTalk Series to Start

Beginning in September, the library will offer a new monthly adult program series called **AuthorTalk**. Each month will bring a new or seasoned author to the library to promote his or her latest literary work.

September - Michael Aloisi  
*White Ash: A Collection of Fiction*

October - Michael Dialessi  
*Washington's Child*

November - Brunonia Barry  
*Map of True Places*

Please sign up for these events online, or by calling or visiting the library.

#### Aloisi Returns with A New Book & Publishing Company!

Agawam author, Michael Aloisi has recently released his third book, **White Ash: A Collection of Fiction**. He will visit the APL on Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 with books available for purchase and signing.

Aloisi published this book of short stories through his own publishing company, AuthorMikeInk. Come meet Mike, listen to a story and ask questions about the writing and publishing world.

Please register online for this program, or by calling or visiting the library.

## September Exhibits

### Gallery Walls

Donna Dubreuil Favreau  
oils, pastels and candid portraits

The Agawam Library welcomes artists, artisans, and special interest exhibits. Anyone interested in displaying work should contact Beverly Secondo at 789-1550, or [bsecondo@cwmars.org](mailto:bsecondo@cwmars.org). The art must meet with criteria for viewing in a public library.

## Donna Dubreuil Favreau to Exhibit Art at the APL

The exhibit by Donna Dubreuil Favreau will feature oils, oil monotypes, pastels and candid portraits. One of her award winning pastels, "Striped Chairs" will be on display, along with an honorable mention pastel called "Sorrento Fishing Boats". Other painting from her recent trip to Southern Italy will be included.

After teaching oil painting for 12 years at senior centers in CT, Donna has retired to her studios in Longmeadow and Westbrook, CT to work with new mediums. She has exhibited at the "Arts Alive Program" at Baystate Medical Center in past years.

Her artistic drive is this, "Nature and people excite me. I bring my camera everywhere I go, composing my next painting, waiting to interpret my vision in paint!"

## Sign Up for Adult Programs Online Using Event Keeper

Beginning this month, adults can sign up for programs online, using the Event Keeper component on our website.

Simply visit the library's website, click on calendar and choose an event. A window will pop up with program information and a register button. Add the required info and the registration is complete. Participants will then receive an email reminder of scheduled events. Patrons may continue to visit or call the library to sign up for events.

## Adult Zumba Returns by Popular Demand!

After the great success of the Zumba class this summer, the library has decided to offer an adult (18 and older) Zumba class on the last Tuesday of the month from September-May. It will meet at 7:00.

Zumba will be replacing the yoga class, that has been held at the APL for the past few years. Hopefully some yoga regulars are ready to try something new!

## Book Displays for September

**Fiction Kiosk** - Bestsellers 1940-2010  
**Deliso Display** - Watercolors & Pastels

## APL Receives Straszko Memorial Donation

The library has received a \$4,000.00 bequest from the estate of Esther Straszko. Mrs. Straszko was formerly a teacher at both the Danahy and Phelps elementary schools. She was also active in the Agawam Lioness Club and Friends of the Agawam Senior Center.

Funds from the estate will be used to purchase Large Print books, children's books, Audiobooks on CD and adult fiction. Gift plates have been placed in all items purchased with the donated funds. The library appreciates the generosity of Esther Straszko and her family.

## Special September Hours

Closed Monday, September 6th  
Open Saturdays starting September 11<sup>th</sup>

### Library Hours:

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

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