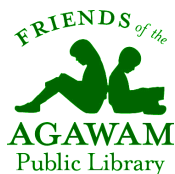


Friends of the Agawam Public Library



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A Word from the Editor:

It certainly was an exciting winter for the Friends and the Library! We said goodbye to our beloved Judy Clini, and welcomed her replacement, Nancy Siegel, who is a fervent supporter of the Friends. Our basket raffle had a record twenty- four baskets donated, and raised over \$1800. The Art show in November attracted 106 entries from 63 artists, and the Photography show had 79 entries from 38 photographers. Our new art sponsorship program got off to a good start and will allow us to continue to support these very successful and enriching shows. Another new venture was the formation of a Book Sale Committee to help divide the labor associated with this huge project.

The library continues to put the funds we raise to valuable uses. The ESL program we fund has had full classes this year, and the materials for the Summer Reading Program have been purchased. We helped purchase walkie-talkies for the library's staff, and these have already proven their worth by helping locate a lost child. We're hoping that everyone will join us on July 1 at E.B.'s restaurant for Give Back Monday. The Friends will receive a percentage of all dining room, take-out, and delivery purchases.

Have a wonderful summer, and we'll see you at the book sale and E.B.'s!

Mary Alice McQuade

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Thank you!

Meet Nancy Siegel

Library Director



I was very excited to be able to spend some time with Nancy Seigel, our new Library Director. Her energy and enthusiasm were infectious, and she was very gracious in sharing her story. Nancy came to be a librarian by a somewhat circuitous route. She began her education in pre-law, spent some time in banking and in nursing, and then realized that she wanted to combine her love of reading and books with her career. She attended the University of Massachusetts and the University of Rhode Island graduate school. Nancy worked in the South Hadley library, and spent the past twenty years at the West Springfield library.

Nancy lit up when talking about what she likes about her job, and about Agawam. She loves "learning something new every day" and the variety of challenges that she encounters. When she came to Agawam, she said she quickly felt at home, with everyone being very welcoming. The history of the library, its people, and the sense of community here all impressed her. She particularly noted that everyone is working together toward the same goal-to make the library the best it can be. She is very supportive of the Friends, and looks forward to working with us. Nancy will be working on developing a Strategic Plan for the library, and strongly encourages everyone to provide their input.

For her own reading, Nancy enjoys both fiction and nonfiction. Among the many authors she mentioned were Donna Leon, Walter Isaacson and David Sedaris. She thoroughly enjoyed Michelle Obama's autobiography, and her "guilty pleasure" is the Special Agent Pendergast series by Douglas Preston. Most of her "reading" is with audiobooks, and she wanted to remind everyone that these are one of the many services the library offers at no cost.

Many thanks to Nancy for spending time with me. We wish her all the best and look forward to working with her.

And what are you doing July 1?



Please join us at E.B.'s for Give Back Monday.

We will receive a percentage of all their dining room, take-out and delivery sales from opening at 11:00 a.m. to closing at 9:00. We're sure it will be a hot day, and you won't feel like cooking!

IT'S BOOK SALE TIME!!!!!!

Come join us!



You'll find fiction, non-fiction, DVDs, CDs, puzzles, games and more, for all ages.

Thursday, May 16

6:00-8:30 p.m.

Preview for Friends only

(Membership may be purchased at the Preview)

Friday, May 17

2:00-5:00 p.m.

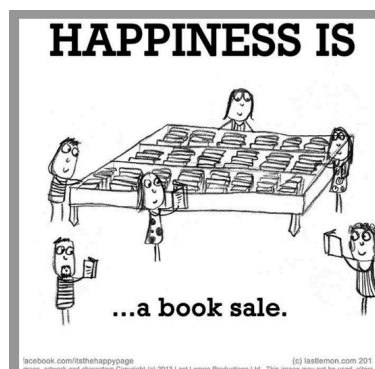
\$3.00 admission for non-members

Free for Members

Saturday, May 18

10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Free admission for all



SALES ARE CASH ONLY



SAVE THE DATES

July 1, 2019

Give Back Monday at E.B.'s

November 4-29, 2019

**Eleventh Open Juried Art Show
On display**

November 15, 2019

Art show reception and awards

November 11-December 14, 2019

Basket raffle

December 14, 2019

Basket raffle drawing

Did you know?

A study of 3,635 older adults found that book readers had a 23-month survival advantage and 20 percent lower mortality risk compared with nonreaders. Reading was protective, regardless of gender, education or health. AARP



Won't you be an art angel?

We continue to look for people who are interested in supporting the local art community and the library by sponsoring an art show. Our next show will be from November 4 to the 29th. Sponsorship provides an opportunity for individuals, businesses and families to participate in encouraging local artists to share their work, and for the community to recognize the immense talent in our area. A contribution of \$50.00 allows us to continue to increase both the participation and the quality of our highly respected show. Please consider this opportunity to support two very worthwhile causes.

The Friends would like to extend a special thank you to the following people and groups, who sponsored the Ninth Open Juried Photography Show:

Agawam Cultural Council
Judith Clini
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Robert (Bob) Kadis

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