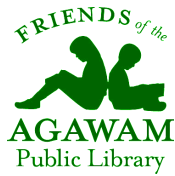


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Library. Gallery and online at our web
page, above.



A Word from the Editor:

If change is a measure of progress, we are making great strides! We had a full spring and summer. Our book sale generated a profit of \$1700, but we ran into a number of problems with the sale this year. See page three for an important announcement. A special thank you goes out to E.B.'s and everyone who ate there on July 1, when we raised \$262 for the library. The summer reading program was once again a huge success. Eight hundred and forty seven students participated with the Phelps school winning the 25 day readers challenge.

July 11 was a special day for all of us, when we celebrated the naming of the Judith Clini Community Room. We appreciated the great turn-out from the town to honor this very special person. Everyone who enters the library will see her name, and those of us who know her will smile.

Please check your membership. Every year at the book sale we have a number of people who thought they had renewed their membership, but hadn't. It's a simple thing to overlook, but important to maintain all of the projects we support at the library. As always, thank you for your support of our very wonderful library!

Mary Alice McQuade

The Friends Thank Our Generous Supporters

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Thank you!

Meet Jolene Mercadante

Assistant Director



How much enthusiasm can one building hold? The Agawam library is testing the boundaries! Jolene Mercadante is the Assistant Director, and her passion for her job was just as impressive as all the other staff members I have interviewed. Jolene grew up in Feeding Hills and fondly remembers riding her bike to the Feeding Hills branch of the library. When it came time to work, she had a friend who worked at the library, and it seemed like a natural fit. She began as a clerk, and, as she obtained her bachelors and masters degrees, she was promoted through the ranks to her current position.

Jolene's primary responsibility is processing all the materials that come in to the library. She loves to see all the new things coming in, although it results in a long list of "to-reads"! Jolene also enjoys keeping up with technology and all of the apps associated with providing services to patrons. She discussed the reality that circulation statistics for all libraries are decreasing, and there is a real need to continue to engage the community in new ways. Communicating with patrons about their needs and getting their feedback on services is one more part of her job that she thoroughly enjoys.

Jolene is a published author. She wrote An Angel on My Shoulder (available at the library) about her relationship with her first pit bull. Combining her love of pit bulls with her interest in photography, she has exhibited her work throughout western Massachusetts. Jolene enjoys reading thriller series, and her favorite author is Lisa Unger. It was a great pleasure to spend time with Jolene-her excitement about her work is infectious!

Overheard at our book sale last spring:

"Agawam has the awesomest library in the area, especially because it's so accessible and the staff are so helpful."

Happy Day!



*Judy Clini and Mayor Sapelli at the naming
of the Judith Clini Community Room*

BOOK SALE NEWS

After a great deal of discussion, we have decided to discontinue the annual book sale. Although many of us look forward to the sale and were sad to come to this decision, we have encountered too many problems to continue. There is a very small group of people who have contributed endless hours to sorting books and running the sale, and we're getting older and more tired. This year we had a major problem disposing of the books that were left over after the sale, a problem many libraries are experiencing. Additionally, the income generated from the sale has been decreasing. For these reasons, we have decided to discontinue the sale, and look for other ways to raise money for the library. Watch for an announcement in the near future about a new location for books for sale at the library.



There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all. *Jacqueline Onassis*



SAVE THE DATES

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

February 3-28, 2020
Photography show

February 21, 2020
Photography show reception and awards

The health of our civilization, the depth of our awareness about the underpinnings of our culture, and our concern for the future can all be tested by how well we support our libraries.

Carl Sagan

Still looking for angels!



We continue to look for people who are interested in supporting the local art community and the library by sponsoring our art and photography shows. Our next art show will be from November 4 to the 28th, and our next photography show will be February 3 to the 28th. 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 shows. 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 past shows:

Agawam Cultural Council
Nancy Chagnon
Judith Clini

Bruce and Carolyn Cortis
Patrick Decoteau
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