



The Bookcase April 2021 Agawam Public Library

Spring Into the Library!

The Library is moving to the Phase IV of our COVID-19 re-opening plan. Beginning Monday, April 5th, the Agawam Library will be open five days a week with no appointments necessary.

Our new hours will be:

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**We will be open Saturday, April 3rd
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m..**

Grab & Go Services will be available six days a week through Memorial Day.



Visitors are welcome to stay for 45 minutes, as we still have to monitor building capacities. Computer users will have a 45 minute session with the possibility of a second session if we are not busy.

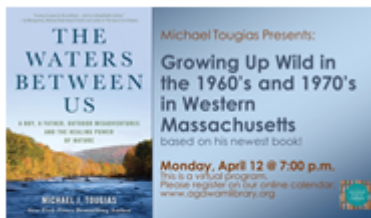
Please remember to practice social distancing and frequent hand-washing, wear a face mask that covers your mouth and nose, and please do not visit if you are unwell.

If you are unable to wear a mask, please contact the library at 789-1550. We have MANY ways to assist you outside the building.

April Programs & DIY Crafts

Growing Up Wild in the 1960's & 1970's in Western Massachusetts
with Best-Selling Author Michael Tougias

Monday, April 12 @ 7:00 p.m.



This is a virtual program.

[Register Here](#)

Based on the new book, ***The Waters Between Us A Boy, a Father, Outdoor Misadventures and the Healing Power of Nature.***

Boyhood in the 1960s and '70s was a time for exploration and mischief. Author Michael Tougias found more than his share of misadventures in the woods and on the water: some life-threatening but others innocently hilarious. In *The Waters Between Us* Tougias channels Bryson's "A Walk in the Woods" to mix laugh out loud humor with insight into the natural world through the eyes of a curious boy.

Come and enjoy this unique multi-media presentation set during a time before the distraction of cell phones and the internet. The author uses the same storytelling skills that landed him on the *New York Times* bestseller list to both engage and inspire his audience.

Please register on our online calendar www.agawamlibrary.org. Participants will be sent the Zoom link on the day of the presentation. This program is open to the public and all are welcome.

Adult Grab & Go Craft - Newspaper Seed Starter Pots

Celebrate Earth Day on April 22, 2021 by starting your own garden! (You could also choose something from the Library's Seed Exchange!)

Grow dozens or even hundreds of new plants to fill your yard and garden with great flavors and bright color for the cost of just a few packets of seed. Using some newspaper out of the recycling bin, you can turn them into perfect containers for starting seeds.

Included are seeds, soil and paper for 2 pots.

This craft is for ADULTS ONLY and you will be notified when your bag is ready to pick up. It will in the lobby with your name on the bag. Bags will be held for one week.

[Register Here](#)

April is Autism Awareness Month and...



Visit our POET-Tree
It's National Poetry Month!

Library Week

Fun Friday
April 23

April 4- 10

Leave a favorite verse or poet
on our tree all month long.

Check out our welcome display
this week and let us know your
reason for stopping in!

Online Trivia
General Knowledge
[Register here.](#)



Our Very Own Seed Library

Borrow.....Grow.....Return!

Our Seed Library is located near the Large Print area. All are welcome.

Seeds are in containers separated by flowers, herbs, and vegetables a-p, q-z. All seeds are non-gmo. This means there are no genetically modified organisms (seeds) such as **Neonicotinoids** to ward off pollinators or cells modified to inhibit a plants natural growth or natural fruiting habit. They are not, however, **organic**. Some seed packets are labeled "heirloom" which means that the seeds are true to the original parent plant, not having been cross pollinated with other varieties (hybrids).

Patrons are invited to take some seed from a packet, **but not the whole packet**. There are envelopes to put the seeds in and label to take home. If and when patrons would like to return or donate seeds, they should be in an labeled envelope with the plants name (pea, bean), growing instructions, and date.

Generally seeds are viable for 1 year but some may last a lot longer.

There is a sign-out folder on the left. Patrons are asked to fill out their name, seeds taken, and date. On the right is a donation folder, patrons are also asked fill in their name, seeds donated, and date. Next to this folder is a comment book . Patrons can leave their name or be anonymous if they choose.

Help yourself to trifold brochures with our seed library instructions on how to borrow, grow, and return seeds, and other hints and tips. There are gardening books available in the area as well.

Any questions, please contact Shari at the Information Desk. 413-789-1550 X4

April Book Discussions

Visit the Book Discussion Page of our website!



Oona out of order

by Margarita Montimore

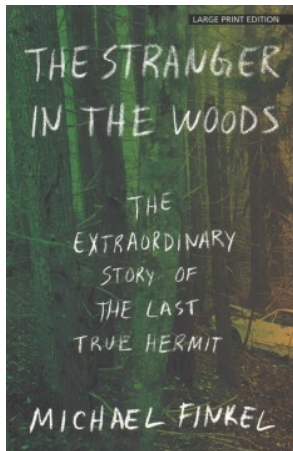
A young woman destined to wake up on her birthday to a random year in her life struggles through an out-of-order existence to reconcile her inner youth with the realities of shifting external identities, appearances and period norms.

Evening Book Discussion Group

The Nightbookers

April 6 @ 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Register



The stranger in the woods : the extraordinary story of the last true hermit

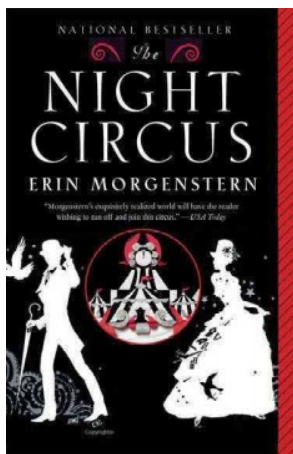
by Michael Finkel

Documents the true story of a man who endured an isolated existence in a tent in the Maine woods, never speaking with others and surviving by stealing supplies from nearby cabins, for twenty-seven years, and illuminates the reasons behind his solitary life.

Non-Fiction Book Discussion Group

April 26 @ 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Register



The night circus : a novel

by Erin Morgenstern

Waging a fierce competition for which they have trained since childhood, circus magicians Celia and Marco unexpectedly fall in love with each other and share a fantastical romance that manifests in fateful ways. A first novel.

Afternoon Book Discussion

The Page Turners

April 28 @ 2:00 p.m. via Zoom

Register

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