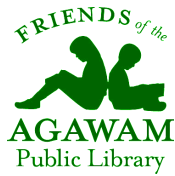


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Meetings begin at 11:00 A.M at the library the first Wednesday of each month, except July and August.

The Annual Board Meeting immediately follows February's monthly meeting.

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Participate:

At a monthly meeting or
at any of our events.

Send us an Email:

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Friends of
the Agawam Public Library
P. O. Box 478
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

MAINTAIN MEMBERSHIP

The membership form is available at the Friends' Information Stand in the Library. Gallery and online at our web page, above.

A Word from the Editor:

Hopefully you are all well and enjoying the warmer weather. We have three VERY exciting announcements to share with you. They include using Amazon Smile and Paypal, and our First Virtual Art Show in the fall. We are very pleased that we can now make Paypal available on the Friend's website. Amazon Smile will be an additional source of income, which we sorely need in these times when we can't do our normal fundraising.

Our First Virtual Open Juried Photography show was a huge success, and we are expecting that our First Virtual Open Juried Art show will attract even more interest. The Photography show can be viewed on the Friends section of the library's website.

We would like to give a special shout-out to Nancy Siegel and the entire library staff for all the work they've been doing to help the community get through the pandemic. Their herculean efforts and their boundless creativity have reminded us all just how important the library is to the town of Agawam.

Mary Alice McQuade

The Friends Thank Our Generous Supporters

Agawam Cultural Council
Budget Cabinet Sales
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Dave's Soda & Pet City
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John's Trucking of Agawam
Main Street Deli
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Thank you!

AMAZON SMILE

This is a program provided by Amazon that allows non-profit organizations to receive a percentage of purchases made. If you sign in to Amazon through Amazon Smile, and have designated the Friends of the Agawam Library as your organization, the Friends will receive .5% of your purchase. This does not add any cost to your purchase. To get started, go to smile.amazon.com and register the Friends as your organization. Then, whenever you sign in to Amazon do it through smile.amazon.com rather than amazon.com. All your passwords and information remain the same.

Please share this information with your family and friends. You do not have to be a resident of Agawam to participate. We are very excited to offer this “painless” way to generate some income for our library!



PAYPAL

Paypal is a way of making payments online, which we have not been able to offer previously. It provides Purchase Protection, so if anything goes wrong, they will refund your money. Using Paypal will allow you to make donations, and pay online for memberships, entry fees for art and photography shows, and any other fundraisers provided online.

FIRST ANNUAL VIRTUAL OPEN JURIED ART SHOW

Watch for announcements about this show which will be displayed online in November. Awards totaling \$1300 will be given and we're hoping that doing this online will allow even more artists to participate.

The library card is a passport to wonders and miracles, glimpses into other lives, religions, experiences, the hopes and dreams and strivings of ALL human beings, and it is this passport that opens our eyes and hearts to the world beyond our front doors, that is one of our best hopes against tyranny, xenophobia, hopelessness, despair, anarchy, and ignorance.

—Libba Bray



SAVE THE DATE

June 14, 2021
Eat at EB's and support the library

REMINDER

A wide variety of museum passes are available for borrowing from the Information Desk at the library. They include the following:

Amelia Park Children's Museum
Boston Children's Museum
Children's Museum of Connecticut
Connecticut Trolley Museum
CT State Museum Pass
Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art
Historic Deerfield
Holyoke Children's Museum

Holyoke Merry-Go-Round
Look Memorial Park
Mass Parks Pass
The Mount (Edith Wharton's House)
New England Air Museum
Norman Rockwell Museum
USS Constitution Museum
Zoo in Forest Park

I think the public library system is one of the most amazing American institutions. Free for everybody. If you ever get the blues about the status of American culture there are still more public libraries than there are McDonald's. During the worst of the Depression not one public library closed their doors.

David McCullough

Become a Friend of the Agawam Public Library

If you like what the Friends do for the library, find your category, below, and join us!

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

(Membership is for a calendar year. Please check one.)

___ Individual \$15 ___ Senior Citizen (65 & over) \$10 ___ Senior Citizen Couple \$15
___ Family \$20 ___ Organization/Business \$50 ___ Patron \$75
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Name _____

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☐ New Member ☐ Renewing Member * For newsletters & occasional communications distributed electronically among the Friends.

I am interested in volunteer opportunities. Please call ___ or email me ___ (check one)
May we acknowledge you as a Friend by including your name in our newsletter? Yes__No__.

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**FRIENDS of the AGAWAM PUBLIC LIBRARY
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