

The Bookcase

AGAWAM LIBRARY

JULY 2021

Summer Reading Begins June 28th



Two Ways to Play Along!

Beanstack is Back!



<https://agawamlibrary.beanstack.org>

Register as a new reader.

Complete activities to earn badges!

Earn five badges and get a raffle entry for our weekly prizes. Random winners will be chosen.

Complete the entire challenge to qualify for the Grand Prize.

Please call us with your questions.

413-789-1550 X4 or X8851

BINGO is Back!

www.agawamlibrary.org

Follow along with our Summer Reading BINGO & Calendar!

One BINGO earns a raffle entry for our weekly prizes. Random winners will be chosen.

Finish the entire BINGO card to qualify for the Grand Prize.



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July Programming Schedule

July 1 @ 10:00 a.m.

Library Parking Lot, weather permitting
Peirce Conference Room-backup

Tell Your Family's Tale

Join us for a unique round robin experience for family history and genealogy buffs! Come prepared to share facts about your genealogy research.

[Register Here.](#)

July 1-31

Craft Grab & Go!
While Supplies Last
Please pick up at Info Desk

Adult Grab & Go Craft Bag

Embroidery Hoop Memo Board

What to do with all those photos you took when you finally got to GO somewhere? Create an Embroidery Hoop Memo Board and clip them on to remind yourself of the people and places that matter to you. Even journal about it and add that too - the choice is yours to capture and display memories that are important!

Included in each kit are the materials needed to create one Memo Board. All you need to provide are scissors, ruler and a bit of glue. You will be emailed when your bag is ready to pick up. This craft is for adults only and is limited to 53 people.

[Register Here.](#)

July & August

Library "Wall of Fame"

Agawam Library Pet Wall of Fame

Submit a favorite photo of your family pet to be included on our pet wall of fame. Be sure to include your pet's name, your pet's favorite activity and your name. Photos can be submitted to Cher Collins ccollins@agawamlibrary.org or Laura Paul lpaul@agawamlibrary.org.

July 7 @ 7:00 p.m.

Zoom Event

Extinct Species Series

This is a virtual four-part series from the White Memorial Conservation Center. This week's featured extinct animal is the Great Auk.

[Register Here.](#)

This event is sponsored by the Agawam Cultural Council.

July 14 @ 7:00 p.m.

Zoom Event

Extinct Species Series

This is week 2 of the virtual four-part series from the White Memorial Conservation Center. This week's featured extinct animal is The Thylacine.

[Register Here.](#)

This event is sponsored by the Agawam Cultural Council.

July 21 @ 7:00 p.m.

Zoom Event

Extinct Species Series

Week 3 in our four-part series features The Dodo Bird. The White Memorial Conservation Center will present a virtual discussion of this well-known bird.

[Register Here.](#)

This event is sponsored by the Agawam Cultural Council.

July 22 @ 7:00 p.m.

Zoom Event

Introduction to Storytelling

Professional Storyteller, Terry Wolfisch Cole will teach participants how to turn unique experiences into interesting stories that will captivate listeners in any setting. No storytelling experience needed!

[Register Here.](#)

July 28 @ 7:00 p.m.

Zoom Event

Extinct Species Series

The fourth and final week of our extinct species series features the Passenger Pigeon. We are grateful to the White Memorial Conservation Center for this series.

[Register Here.](#)

This event is sponsored by the Agawam Cultural Council.

August 1-30

Craft Grab & Go!

While Supplies Last

Pick Up at Info Desk

Adult Grab & Go Craft Bag

Diamond Art Kit

Remember Paint-By-Number kits? This is similar, but instead of painting, you stick on tiny acrylic diamond gems to create a beautiful picture. This requires no artistic talent and is designed to be fun and relaxing! Each kit contains one 12 x 12 picture on canvas, dotting pen, cement (orange square), plate and colored acrylic diamonds. You will be emailed when your bag is ready to pick up.

[Register Here.](#)

August 2 @ 7:00 p.m.

Zoom Event

Reconnecting Fish Habitats

We are pleased to welcome Ron Rhodes from the Connecticut River Conservancy as he presents a discussion on some of the restoration work that is being done to reconnect fish habitats in local waterways.

[Register Here.](#)

August 6 @ 12:00 p.m.

Conclusion to SRC 2021

Summer Reading Challenge Conclusion

Random winners will be chosen from those who completed the

BINGO or Beanstack Challenge. Winners will be notified by 5:00 p.m.

And Now for Something Completely Different...

Starting this month, our creative staff will be contributing short, informative and hopefully interesting articles in our monthly newsletters. The articles may be about a hobby, current events, new library offerings or even something our readers request. Please reach out to us and let us know if there's a topic that is of interest to you and may be of interest to other readers. You can email Cher Collins at ccollins@agawamlibrary.org to submit your ideas. Our very first article will appeal to our gardeners! Enjoy!



Grow Your Own Garlic

by Laura Paul

This is the first in a series of posts about growing garlic. Garlic is planted in the fall and harvested the following summer depending on the weather.

This first post will focus on getting prepared to plant. You will need an area that has good drainage and lot of organic material mixed into the soil. A sandy bed will not work well for growing garlic. You also don't want to plant garlic in a bed that had onions or other alliums growing the previous year. A pH level between 6 and 7 is recommended.

Summer is the time to order garlic to plant. Don't buy garlic heads from the grocery to plant as they are generally soft-necked varieties and sometimes treated to suppress growth. (In this area, hardneck varieties are reported to do best, *although I have tried some softnecked too.*

Softneck varieties store slightly better but they usually have more cloves per head which means more peeling when cooking!) Check online for reputable sources and perhaps try more than one type. Farmers Markets may have garlic suitable for planting. Talk to the seller and tell them you want it for planting. If you buy one pound of hardnecked garlic you should have approximately 45 cloves to plant. Each clove will grow into a head.

The next update in this garlic series will be in Sept., which is before the actual planting time. In the meantime you can get garlic to plant and plan where you will grow your garlic.



July is National Anti-Boredom Month

Check out some ideas here and at the library! Just follow the QR code! Our Deliso Display on the lower level is filled with books that will help you

What Do I Read Now? Suggested Reading

Looking for some ideas for books to read after you've binged watched your favorite series?

find boredom busters!

Follow our QR code for some suggestions.



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HOW TO OBSERVE #AntiBoredomMonth

Finding creative and healthy ways to beat boredom will improve our everyday lives. Once we have identified our causes, approach boredom with a set of positive challenges or stimuli to keep it at bay. Try these ideas and more to beat boredom.

- **Play** – Board games are an excellent way to fight boredom.
- **Get physical** – Exercise not only provides stimuli but also helps change the scenery and improve health.
- **Learn** – Visit a museum, read a book or take a class.
- **Clean** – Tackling a cluttered cupboard, closet or even garage brings about a bit of satisfaction for a job well done.
- **Cook** – Making in our own kitchen with ingredients we enjoy gives us two ways to be satisfied.
- **Be creative** – Even if you usually don't create, just trying can help break the boredom cycle.
- **Volunteer** – Helping someone who needs something more than you do often makes us reassess why we were bored in the first place.
- **Get social** – Visit a friend or neighbor. Kids, this includes you! Aunts, uncles or cousins would enjoy a friendly conversation over an ice-cold popsicle.



Please pardon our appearance while we are under construction.



Check out our Gallery Walls this month! *Barn Quilts* by Tara Lane

Tara Lane has began sewing at the age of 10, and self taught, began making clothes for other people by the age of 12. She graduated from the Pratt Institute with a BFA in Interior Design in 1973. She worked for other designers and eventually opened her own firm in New York City in 1980, designing corporate interiors.

Tara became interested in horses in the early nineties, and she had to close her firm due to the recession in New York, she moved to Pennsylvania and later Massachusetts where she worked with horses, both teaching riding, competing in lower level events, and treating sport horses with muscle therapy techniques. She went back to school to prepare for a career in veterinary science, moved to California to further her studies, and was sidetracked back into the world of fiber and fashion,

studying for and MFA at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco. There she honed her sewing and designing skills and also did an independent study semester with the master dyer Ana Lisa Hedstrom. Later on Tara went back to school to study for her Veterinary Technician Certificate, and passed her boards to become an RVT. Last summer she moved back to the east coast and now works as a Veterinary Technician at Veterinary Emergency and Specialty Hospital in South Deerfield, MA. Tara has sewn clothing most of her life, and put her sewing skills to quilting about a year and a half ago. After moving east, she began drawing the barns in the area as a way to pass time during the isolation of the pandemic. Her work has translated her drawings into the quilts which are shown at the Agawam Public Library for the month of July.

Have a Happy and Safe Fourth of July!

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