



THE BOOKCASE



May 2021

AGAWAM PUBLIC LIBRARY



Pardon Our Appearance

Beginning in late April, the library will be undergoing a roof replacement project. We will remain open during construction, but there may be days and times when collections or areas of the library will be inaccessible. We will do our best to provide our patrons with as much notice as possible when collections are closed. We ask for your patience in the coming weeks and we apologize for the inconvenience.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

There is no doubt that the COVID-19 Pandemic has altered just about every aspect of our daily lives. Over the past year, we have often endured unsettling times that may have left us with feelings of uncertainty, loss, fear and distress.

We promote mental health as an essential component of our overall health. It's not always an easy thing to talk about. We hope to bring awareness, acceptance and support to our community.



Beautiful Bonds-Your Mental Health Matters

Throughout the month of May, whenever you visit the library, just pause. Take a moment to become aware of your feelings. Are you nervous? Excited? Happy? Leave a link with your answer -or a message of support- and we will add it to our chain. We will soon begin to see that all feelings are valid. And chances are-you are not alone.





Journaling for Wellness

Monday, May 10 @ 7:00 p.m.

This is a virtual event. [Register online.](#)

Join us for a brief discussion about the benefits of health journaling and tips on how to sustain self-awareness through writing. Writer Lara Tupper leads our discussion.



Your Mental Health with NAMI-WM

Thursday, May 13 @ 7:00 p.m.

This is a virtual event. [Register online.](#)

The National Alliance of Mental Health (NAMI) will discuss the effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on mental health. Learn the signs and symptoms of anxiety and depression and understand when to seek help.

APL COVID-19 UPDATES

The library is currently in Step 1 of Phase IV of our reopening plan.

- Library Hours are Monday-Thursday 9AM-7PM and Friday 10AM-6PM.
- Appointments are NOT needed. We are simply keeping track of the number of our visitors.
- Masks and social distancing are still required. Please do not visit the library if you are ill.
- There are no in-person programs at this time.

Our patrons have options when picking up holds:

- Holds can be picked up at the Main Circulation Desk.
- Grab & Go pick-up is still available. Please let the Circulation Staff know if this is preferred.
- Call for convenient home delivery. 789-1550 X8853

Adult Summer Reading is Coming!

June 28-August 3



News from the Digital World

Bonus Borrows are back this month!

Choose from hundreds of titles in our Bonus Borrows collection. These hoopla Instant titles do not count towards your monthly Hoopla borrows! Enjoy the extra content until May 31st!

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Acorn TV Discontinued May 14th

The rbDigital platform will be dropping access to Acorn TV on May 14th. Get all your British TV favorites on Hoopla!

<https://www.agawamlibrary.org/research/electronic/streaming/>



After May 14, 2021, Acorn TV will no longer be available through rbDigital.

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May Grab & Go Adult Craft Bag

Colorful glass gems, a candle holder and a glass plate are all you need to create a beautiful reflective mosaic bath!

Fill it with a shallow bath of water for your visiting birds to cool off. Place in your garden or on your patio for summer-long enjoyment! It makes a great gift too!

A HOT GLUE GUN OR OTHER STRONG ADHESIVE WILL BE NEEDED FOR THIS CRAFT.

(This project and supplies were found on the website www.dollartree.com.)

[Register here.](#) You will be notified when your bag is ready to pick up. It will be held in the lobby for one week.



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