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Meetings begin at 7:00 pm. in the Pierce conference room the first Thursday of each month, except July and August.

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

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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:

What a joy it is to have our library back! The re-opening ceremony in October was truly impressive. Seeing all the support the community gives the library was heartwarming. We cannot thank Nancy Siegel and all of her staff for powering through all the tribulations they faced in the last year. We also will always be grateful to the Senior Center for sharing their space with us, and being very gracious about it!

Continuing our gratitude, we thank Linda Melconian for her awesome talk at the library in September, and for donating the proceeds from the sale of her book <u>Lay It On the Table: A Change Agent</u> <u>in Action</u> to the Friends. We are also grateful to everyone who participated in the E.B.'s fundraiser in June-great food, and supporting the library at the same time! Last but not least, Bob Kadis deserves all of our unending thanks for keeping the Art and Photography shows going through it all! Know we treasure you, Bob!

Stop by the library this month and get your tickets for the Holiday Basket Raffle. We have some great baskets. Also, keep your eyes open for a new fundraiser after the first of the year. It feels great to get back to showing our support for the superb resource that our library is.

Please consider joining our group. We meet once a month and could really use some "new blood"! No commitment to come and check us out. Mary Alice McQuade

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Main Street Deli Mary Ann Studio of Dance U.B.U. Hair Design

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GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club

Thank you!

COMING EVENTS

December 17	Drawing at the library for the Basket Raffle
January 3	Website for the Flower Bulb fundraiser opens. Watch for more information on this new fundraiser.
January 6.	Friends monthly meeting at 7:00 at the library.
February 15	Deadline to enter the Third Virtual Open Juried Photography show.
March 15	The Photography show will be available online. (Assuming we received enough entries.)
June 23	Eat at E.B's and support your library.

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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!



A FEW PHOTOS FROM OUR CELEBRATION



A very happy group!



Jean Clark, Marcia Capuano and that gorgeous cake



Our heroes

"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

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