

Friends of the Agawam Public Library



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A Word from the Editor

Happy fall! The library is buzzing with all kinds of exciting programs and new activities for all ages. We have had some changes on our Board. We sadly said goodbye to Paula Figella and are grateful for her time as Treasurer. Kathy Arnold took over the position of Treasurer, and Judy Clini (a name a few of you may recognize) assumed the position of Clerk. We are thrilled to have her join us! Additionally, Gerry Davis resigned and we will miss his wonderful humor.

Through all of these changes, our mission continues. We continued to support the Summer Reading Program and the English as a Second Language program, both highly successful. Our Holiday Baskets are being prepared and the Virtual Photography show is fast approaching. Thank you to all who participated in the Flower Power fundraiser last spring. Hopefully you enjoyed some extra flowers this summer.

We are feverishly trying to figure out how to attract more members. The current core has been supporting the Friends for a long, long time and, like most groups that have been involved in something for ages, we have come to the point where we feel we need an influx of energy and fresh ideas. Please consider mentioning the Friends to your family and friends, and encourage them to join. Participation can mean anything from sending a small check once a year to actively participating in our projects.

A huge thank you goes out to all of our members, as always, for your continued support.

Mary Alice McQuade

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MEMBER MEETINGS

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.

BE IN TOUCH

Participate:

At a monthly meeting or
at any of our events.

Send us an Email:

friendsapl@yahoo.com

Visit our web page:

[www.agawamlibrary.org/
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Drop us a note:

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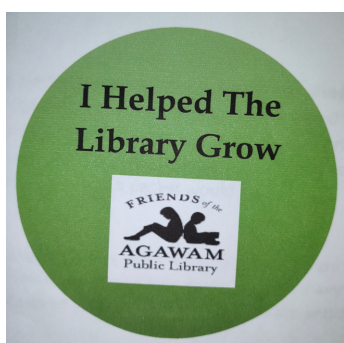
MAINTAIN MEMBERSHIP

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

*Many thanks to all of our
generous Supporters!*

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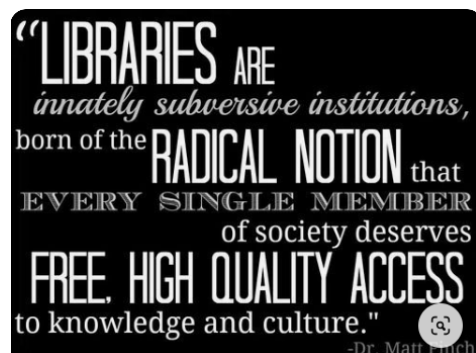
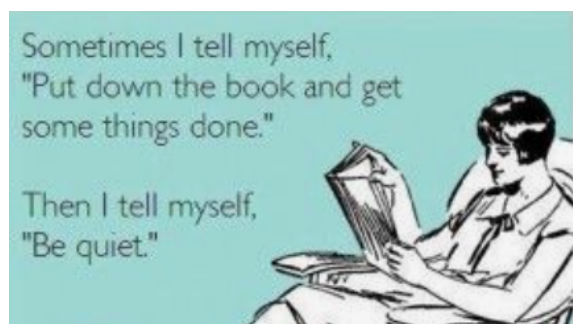
Thanks to Chad Pelley, Circulation and Technical Services Associate at the library, we have a brand new, very exciting fund raiser coming. Chad is an avid horticulturist and he is responsible for all the stunning greenery you see at our library. He has offered to create, along with our help, plantings to sell at the Front Desk to help fund all of the Friends' endeavors. These will be propagated from the existing plants and will include Swedish ivy, spider plants, aloe and Christmas cactus, to name just a few. Purchasers will be given a description of the plant, and care directions for them. We are very excited to begin this new venture and are very grateful to Chad for his generosity of ideas and time.



SHOW YOUR TALENT!

Fourth Virtual Photography Show

Photographs need to be submitted by February 15, 2024 and will be available for viewing online after March 15, 2024. We love seeing all your amazing photographs, so be sure to participate. See the Friends section of the library's website for all the information you need to enter.



Let Me Count the Ways....

the Friends help the library and the community

You may or may not know that, in conjunction with the library, we purchase passes to a number of the area's many attractions. They include the following:

Amelia Park Museum
Eric Carle Museum
CT Trolley Museum
CT Children's Museum
Historic Deerfield
Holyoke Children's Museum
Look Park
MA Park Pass

Mike's Maze
Edith Wharton's the Mount
New England Air Museum
Norman Rockwell Museum
Pioneer Valley Symphony
Riverside Reptiles
USS Constitution Museum
Zoo in Forest Park

Take advantage of these great opportunities!



We are launching a major membership drive to allow us to expand our support to the library. Watch for us in the print and online media. We will also be entering new members into a raffle for a \$50 Amazon gift card. Please help us grow.



Save the Dates

Stop by the library between November 20 and December 16 to see our awesome holiday baskets and get your raffle tickets.

E.B.'s has included us in their fundraising events once again. Save June 12, 2024 for a great meal and another chance to support the Friends.

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
___ I enclose an additional contribution of \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

E-Mail Address* _____ Tel. # _____

☐ 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__.

Please send your completed application and check to:

**FRIENDS of the AGAWAM PUBLIC LIBRARY
PO Box 478
Feeding Hills, MA 01030-0478**

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All Proceeds to benefit the Agawam Public Library

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Remember a loved one. Honor a special friend. Give a gift that will last forever. Consider a memorial donation in someone's name to the Friends of the Agawam Public Library.

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