

Friends of the Agawam Public Library



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A Word from the Editor

We've been busy this past winter with a number of projects to help support our beautiful library. Our Christmas basket raffle was very successful, raising \$1500. Although not a fund raiser, many of us participated in the Festival of Trees at the library and had great fun! The Legislative breakfast for Western Mass was held here and we helped welcome a number of state and local officials, who were very impressed with the Agawam library. The Virtual Photography show was also very successful, with 124 entries, generating almost \$1200. Be sure and check out the show on our website. It seems that every year the quality and creativity of the photography increases. We thank all the photographers who participated.

We added a few items for sale at the library, to add to our mugs and bags. Chad Pelley, Librarian Associate, prepared plants for us to sell to "Help the Library Grow". We are very grateful to Chad and hope you stop by and take one home. At the Main Desk we are experimenting with small items to sell which are library-themed. Please stop by and let us know what you think. Your suggestions and comments are always welcomed as we explore ways to increase the funding for the library.

Mary Alice McQuade



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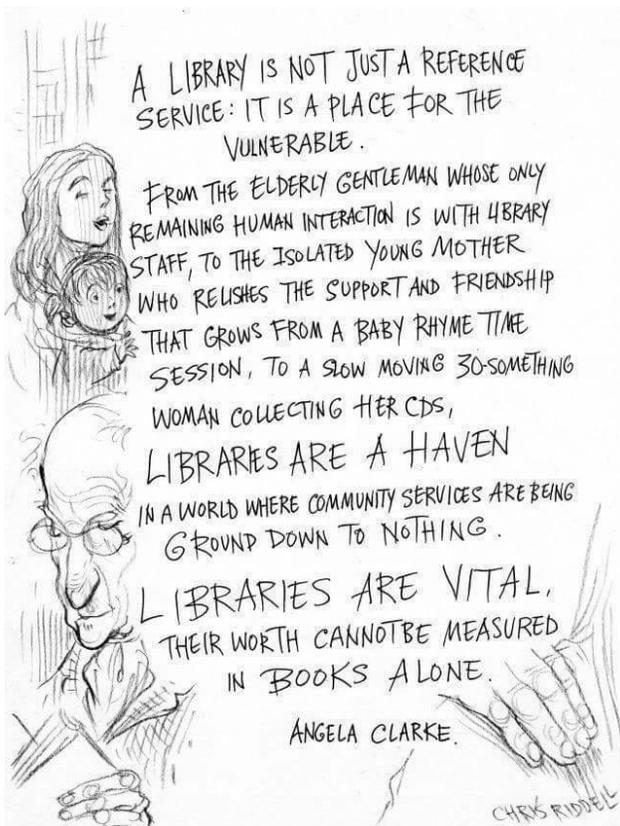
The membership form is available at the Friends' Information Stand in the Library. Gallery and online at our web page, above.

*Many thanks to all of our
generous Supporters!*

OUR NEW FUNDRAISERS



Stop by the Main Desk and see if anything catches your eye.



COMING SOON

The Friends will once again sponsor the Library's Elementary School Challenge this summer. The Challenge is to see how many books students from our elementary schools would read over a 14 day period. There is a \$200 cash prize for the school whose students read the most books during this time, with \$100 going to each of the other participating schools.



TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE WITH SOME FUN FACTS

1. What country reads the most?
2. How many librarians are there in the United States?
3. What is the largest book ever published?
4. What is the oldest existing novel?
5. What was the first ebook?
6. What President read at least one book per day?
7. What world city has the biggest number of libraries per capita?
8. What are the names of the two lions outside the New York Public Library?
9. Where is the oldest known library?
10. What library has the biggest catalog in the world?
11. Where is the oldest library in continuous operation?
12. What is the most borrowed book from the 125 year history of the New York Public Library?

Answers

1. India, where the per capita average is ten hours per week. Thailand and China are second and third. The United States average is five hours per week.
2. 126,800. New York has the most with 12,360.
3. The Little Prince, at 7 feet high and 10 feet wide.
4. Chaereas and Callirhae, written in AD 123.
5. Declaration of Independence in 1971.
6. Theodore Roosevelt
7. Warsaw, Poland with 1 per 8695 people. The U.S. has 1 per 18,779.
8. Patience and Fortitude
9. Iraq, established in the seventh century B.C.
10. Library of Congress, with more than 173 million
11. Morocco, established in the ninth century
12. The Snowy Day by Ezra Ke

Save the Date



Save June 12, 2024 for a great meal at E.B.'s 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!

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