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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK:

Did you know that you can now reserve materials from home through the Athenaeum's website at www.westath.org? It's easy, it's fast and it works. Order what you want as soon as you see it in the online catalog. You'll receive a phone call when the materials arrive at the library. Here's how you do it:

1. Go to the Athenaeum website at www.westath.org
2. Click on "enter site"
3. Click on "online catalog" link on the bottom left of the page
4. Search the catalog by author, title, subject, etc.
5. Select an item
6. Click on the blue "request" box at the bottom of the screen
7. Fill in your name, card number, PIN, and select a pickup location
8. Click the "submit" button

That is all there is to it. You can check your account for items charged and renew them if necessary. The status of holds can also be accessed from your online account. If you haven't already created an account, you can do so online. And remember, if you forget your PIN, just call the Athenaeum and we will wipe the old one out so that you can start fresh. Give our new service a try.

Donald G. Buckley, Jr., Acting Director

National Book Awards for 2002:

Fiction: Julia Glass recently won the NBA for fiction. Born and raised in Massachusetts, she considers herself a New Englander although half of her life has been spent in New York City. Her debut novel, "Three Junes" is set on both sides of the Atlantic during three fateful summers in the lives of a Scottish family. The book explores love between husband and wife, between lovers and parents and children as they try to make peace with the past and look towards the future.

Non-fiction: "Master of the Senate: The Years of Lyndon Johnson" by Robert Caro.

Poetry: "In the Next Galaxy" by Ruth Stone.

Young People's Literature: "The House of Scorpion" by Nancy Farmer.

Distinguished Contribution to

American Letters: Philip Roth

JANUARY JASPER RAND ART

MUSEUM EXHIBIT features abstract multi-media works by Jen Delgado. The exhibit can be viewed during regular library hours.

THE BOOK DISCUSSION Group will meet Thursday, January 23 at 1:00 PM in the Elizabeth Reed Room to discuss the book, The Honk and Holler Opening Soon by Billie Letts. This book captures

a small town's prejudice and tolerance, violence and big-heartedness. It convinces us that dark clouds can really have silver linings! Please reserve your copy at the Circulation Desk. All are welcome to join this monthly discussion group.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day will be observed Monday, January 20. Born in Atlanta, Georgia, Martin Luther King became an African American Baptist minister and the main leader of the civil rights movement during the 1950's and 1960's. He was gifted with an eloquent speaking ability and gained the support of millions by speaking out for social justice. An advocate of nonviolence, he won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 for leading nonviolent civil rights demonstrations. He was assassinated in Memphis, TN in 1968 at the age of 39.

After his death, people all over the world mourned him and many states and territories observed his birthday as a holiday. Finally, on November 2, 1983 Public Law 98-144 was passed designating the third Monday in January for the observance of Martin Luther King's birthday. The first observance was January 20, 1986.

The Westfield Athenaeum has both videos and books for those interested in learning more about his life and work. Some of these are: The Autobiography of Martin Luther King, Jr. edited by Clayborne Carson; I Have A Dream: Writings and Speeches That Changed the World by Martin Luther King; The Papers of Martin Luther King edited by Clayborne Carson; A Testament of Hope by Martin Luther King and Where Do We Go From Here also by Martin Luther King.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.!**

Care of DVD's and Compact Discs:

This is just a reminder that compact discs and DVD's are very easily scratched. When removing them from the case they should be handled only by their sides – avoid getting fingerprints on them. Most importantly, when not in actual use they should be put back in the case. Most damage occurs when they are stacked on top of each other or left out exposed to dust. Heat is also a big enemy (not that we need to worry about that this time of year). If everyone takes care of these items, they will last for a long time and will be enjoyed by many patrons.

Some recent additions to our DVD collection are: Claire of the Moon; Insomnia; The Importance of Being Earnest; The Sum of All Fears; Unfaithful; K19 The Widowmaker; and, The Crocodile Hunter.

**JANUARY PROGRAMS IN THE
BOYS AND GIRLS LIBRARY:**

**Tuesday, January 7 is Sign-Up Day
for all January Programs.**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A MOVIE:

Saturday, January 11 at 12 noon:

Disney's Cinderella

Saturday, January 18 at 12 noon:

Disney's Pinocchio

Saturday, January 25 at 12 Noon:

Disney's Lady and the Tramp

Advance sign-up is required. A minimum of 10 must register for these programs or they will not be held. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Open Story Time for all ages:

Tuesday, January 21, 10-10:30 AM

& Tuesday, January 28, 10-10:30 AM:

Advance registration is not required but is recommended. Thirty tickets are available for this program and everyone attending must have a ticket. Tickets must be picked up no later than 10 minutes before the start of the program.

Baby Time for 6-18 months: Tuesday, January 21 and Tuesday, January 28

at 11 AM. Advance registration is required. This program is for baby and a caregiver. 16 tickets are available and must be picked up no later than 10 minutes before the start of the program.

2's Too for 24-35 months: Thursday, January 23 and Thursday, January 30, 10 AM and 11 AM.

An adult must accompany each child. Everyone attending must have a ticket. Tickets must be picked up no later than 10 minutes before the start of the program.

Story Time Plus for ages 3-5, Friday, January 24 & Friday, January 31 at 10:00 and 11:00 AM.

Advance registration is required. 16 tickets will be available and must be picked up no later than 10 minutes before the start of the program.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!



LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM – 8:00 PM
Friday & Saturday 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

LIBRARY TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Adult Library 568-7833
Reference Dept. 562-0716
Boys & Girls Library 562-6158

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