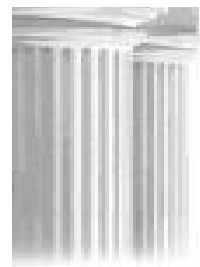


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2005 Lecture Series

A Place of Many Windings: The Rise and Fall of a New England Mill Town
 Wed., September 14 at 7:00 p.m. *Speaker:* Author Mike Donovan.

Donovan writes for the *Country Journal*, covering news in Huntington, Russell and Chester. His 300-page book is a self-published history of Woronoco, a Native American word meaning "A Place of Many Windings." Russell, where Donovan grew up, is a unique community where everyone worked at the local mill, lived in company housing, and celebrated their own traditions such as the Harvest Exhibit and picnics at Strathmore Park. Book signing to follow.

Salient Points in The History of Company K (the Westfield Company) of the 10th Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry

Wed., October 5 at 7:00 p.m. *Speaker:* Pvt. Edward E. Stanard.

The 10th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment was notable for its heroic service during the Civil War. Ed Stanard is an amateur historian and Civil War re-enactor who appears in full uniform and gear. He is a member of the L.A. Tiffit Camp #15 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and maintains a website at <http://members.aol.com/mass10th>.

When Poetry Happens...And What To Do About It

Wed., October 19 at 7:00 p.m. *Speaker:* Poet Bessy Reyna.

Poetry is all around us—the simple act of shaving, driving a car or doing the laundry can inspire poetry, with Bessy Reyna as our guide. Ms. Reyna is an award-winning Latina poet who lectures extensively on poetry that speaks to our daily lives. She is a monthly opinion columnist for *The Hartford Courant*. Her latest book, *The Battlefield of Your Body*, a bilingual poetry collection, was released in June 2005. Come and be inspired by this inspirational poet of the seemingly mundane! Book signing to follow.

Completing the Appalachian Trail Thru-Hike: One Man's Experience

Wed., November 2 at 7:00 p.m. *Speaker:* Hiker Henry LaFleur.

The Appalachian Trail (or the AT) has sparked the imagination of countless hikers and lovers of the wild since it was formed in 1925. The AT extends 2,175 miles from Maine to Georgia, crossing six national parks and eight national forests. Henry LaFleur of Montgomery thru-hiked the trail from June 29, 1995 to January 3, 1996, hiking from Mt. Katahdin, Maine to Springer Mountain, Georgia. He turned 55 on his hike and only 14 people completed the adventure that year. Come and hear his story.

This free Lecture Series is funded by the Friends of the Westfield Athenaeum

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BOOK CLUB DISCUSSIONS

Ordinary Wolves by Seth Kantner on Sept. 29th. *Amagansett* by Mark Mills on Oct. 27th. Meetings are held at 1 p.m. in the Reed Room.

FORUM BOOK DISCUSSIONS

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All Things Medieval Book Club

The Crystal Cave by Mary Stewart on September 13th. All meetings are held in the Whitney Study at 6:30 p.m.

Books for all book clubs are available at the circulation desk.

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Don't Forget: *Speaking of Books* meets on the 1st Thursday of the month. Join us for a lively discussion on recent reads, where you have the opportunity to suggest your favorites to others, and get ideas for what to read next. Call Esme Green at 568-0638 for more information.

WIRED FOR YOU

We are pleased to announce that due to a generous grant from the Westfield Academy, the Athenaeum now has wireless Internet access for patrons with their own portable wireless devices. Reception is available in the public areas, but the signal strength and transmission speed may vary depending on the number of devices in use at any one time.

The Athenaeum's Internet Use policy governs the use of the Internet over our wireless system on the premises.



Edwin Smith Museum News

The Museum is open on Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is looking for donations of the following items: a Victorian hair receiver, a framed bustle, and a Vietnam era military uniform with insignia. If you have any of these items please call Bob Brown at 562-3224. (During the Victorian Period, the hair receiver was commonly found on a woman's vanity. After brushing her hair, she would remove the hair from the brush and place it through the opening of the receiver for storage. Once enough hair had accumulated, it could be woven or plaited and put into lockets, left visible through cut-glass windows of a brooch or even made into watch chains, bracelets or jewelry.)

The 3rd Annual Beer Fest



Sponsored by the Friends is Sept. 16, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Sons of Erin Pavilion.

Tickets are \$20 per person / \$25 at the door. Available at the Athenaeum and at Super Phipps Store. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Westfield Athenaeum, and help support library programs and services.

2nd Annual Westfield COLONIAL HARVEST DAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2005 10 AM – 4 P.M.

On & around the Westfield Green

RAIN OR SHINE

Antiques & Crafts Dealers & Demos,

Fiddlers, Folksingers, Cloggers, Scarecrows,

Harvest food booths, Colonial games and crafts for children,

and Antique Appraisals featuring

“Antiques Roadshow” Appraisers to benefit the Western Hampden Historical Society



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In case you still have some reading or listening time, here are the top ten books of 2004 according to the New York Times.

1. *Gilead* by MARILYNNE ROBINSON, 2. *The Master* by COLM TOIBIN 3. *The Plot Against America* by PHILIP ROTH 4. *Runaway* by ALICE MUNRO, 5. *Snow* by ORHAN PAMUK, 6. *War Trash* by HA JIN, 7. *Alexander Hamilton* by RON CHERNOW, 8. *Chronicles: Volume One* by BOB DYLAN, 9. *Washington’s Crossing* by DAVID HACKETT FISCHER, 10. *Will in the World: How Shakespeare Became Shakespeare* by STEPHEN GREENBLATT

ESOL– English Classes for Adults

Classes begin Monday Sept. 12th for beginning and intermediate students.

Beginners will meet Mondays & Wednesdays from 9-10:30 a.m. and Intermediate students will meet Mondays & Wednesdays from 10:30— noon. For details, contact the library at 562-0716 and leave your name & phone number at the reference desk. Jonas Barrientos, the program instructor, will contact you with more information.

BOYS AND GIRLS LIBRARY

Two's, Too!

Session I: Fridays, October 7, 14, 21 & 28
Registration is required and begins
Tuesday, September 20th.

Session II: Thursdays, November 10, 17 &
December 1 & 8

Registration is required and begins
Tuesday, November 1st.
9:30 a.m. OR 11:00 a.m.

Celebrate being 2 years old at Two's, Too!
This is a theme related, interactive program
for 2 year olds and their grown-up. Join us for
stories, a craft, songs, movement and fun!
Each child must be age appropriate, registered
and accompanied by an adult.
No siblings please. To register, call the library
at 562-6158 or register in person.

Young Adult Summer Reading Club Prize Auction



Saturday, September 10th

Preview Prizes beginning at
10:30 a.m.
Auction Begins at 11:00 a.m.

Young Adult Summer Reading Club Members can
use the "Library Loot" that they earn during the
summer to bid for fabulous prizes! A list of prizes
will be posted on August 31st. Money earned by
participants will be
distributed to individuals on the day of the auction.
For more information call the Boys and
Girls Library at 562-6158.

Congratulations!

**To ALL of the Going places @ your
library 2005 Summer Reading Club
participants. A total of 741 people
age three through entering grade 12
participated in the
program this summer!**

Preschool Storytime

Session I: Mondays, October 3, 17 & 24
Session II: Mondays, November 7, 14, 28 &
December 5.

Registration is not required.
10:30 a.m.

Preschoolers age 3-5 years old are invited to
come to the library for a half-hour program of
stories, songs, fingerplays and more!

Fall Series Programs

Little One's Library Time

Session I: Thursdays, October 6, 13, 20 & 27
Registration is required and begins Tuesday,
September 20th.

Session II: Wednesdays, November 9, 16, 30
& December 7th

Registration is required and begins Tuesday,
November 1st.

9:30 a.m. OR 10:30 a.m.

This program is open to babies and toddlers up
to 35 months of age and is filled with songs,
movement and fun! To register, call the library
at 562-6158 or register in person.

BOYS AND GIRLS LIBRARY

Good books, puzzles, puppets are looking for a new home!



Take advantage of our year-round book sale—which is filled with books, puzzles, puppets, movies, magazines, audio books and more!

These items are no longer available to borrow but are now available for purchase.

Prices range from \$.10 to \$1.00— a complete price list is available in the Boys and Girls Library.



Proceeds from the book sale help fund library programming for children and young adults. Our young patrons appreciate your support and so do we!

“Deborah” doll featured in *Doll Reader Magazine*



Deborah, the main character of *Deborah Remembers* by Lillie V. Albrecht is famous nationwide! The August issue of *Doll Reader* magazine features a letter from reader Martie Merrill, a former Westfield resident. In her letter she shares her joy after learning that *Deborah Remembers* was reprinted by the Westfield Athenaeum and that the city celebrated the doll’s 300th birthday with a community read. Thanks to Martie, the Boys and Girls Library has received inquiries about the book and the reproduced doll from all over the United States. All 100 limited edition dolls have been sold or spoken for. Books are still available for purchase in the Boys and Girls Library. The cost is \$8.00 each.

On August 31st, *The Republican (Westfield and Southwick Plus)* published an article on the Fowler family having a reunion in October, gathering 53 Fowlers from Fowler, Ohio back to their origins in Westfield. The Athenaeum is indebted to the Fowlers since the James Fowler mansion is the Boys and Girls Library and Samuel Fowler first bought the land at the corner of Elm and Court. One way we might all enjoy the Fowler’s contributions to Westfield (besides using the library or the Y.M.C.A) is this tasty recipe found in a Fowler Farms newsletter written in 1992 by Elizabeth Bush Fowler.

Roasted Red or Yellow Onions in Balsamic Vinegar

Olive Oil, 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar, 4 medium onions, peeled, coarse salt & fresh pepper to taste. Preheat oven 375°

Coat the unpeeled onions generously with olive oil. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Place them in a roasting pan just large enough to hold them. Roast them for 1 hr or longer, depending on the size of the onions; they should be soft to the touch. Remove the onions from the pan & let cool slightly. Cut in half through the root end and arrange on a platter, cut side up. To deglaze the roasting pan, add vinegar for a few minutes, scraping the caramelized onion juices off the bottom of the pan. Reduce the liquid, until it is syrupy and dark, glossy brown. Spoon a little of the thickened liquid over the onions, completely coating the cut surfaces. Let them cool. Serves 6—8 people

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JASPER RAND ART EXHIBITS

SEPTEMBER **Mabel Collins Wilder**

exhibit of watercolors

Mabel Collins Wilder, of Southwick, has a great love of fine art and museums (her son, Bradford R. Collins, is an art historian at U of So. Carolina). She loves New England and its architectural beauty and studied oil painting & pastels with Ruth Mathias, figures with John Phelps, portraits with Catherine Brodeur, and watercolor with Charlene Kapp. Wilder exhibited at the West Springfield Public Library in 2003.

OCTOBER **Edward Mead**

exhibit of portrait, still life, and figure oil paintings

New England's spectacular countryside serves as a source of inspiration to Mead, one of only a handful of western Massachusetts artists who still paints on location. Mead has been painting landscapes in the Pioneer Valley area and along Maine's southern coast for many years. A member of The Cape Cod Art Association, the Hudson Valley Art Association, the North Shore Art Association, and the Springfield Academic Art Association, he has won over 40 regional and national awards throughout the East Coast.

September & October 2005

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September 5th Monday **Labor Day—Library is closed**
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Come and enjoy!