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Fall is almost here, and the Athenaeum is in the midst of its annual appeal. Since we only receive about 65% of our operating budget from the City of Westfield, we depend on private donations to help make up the difference. Last year, we raised \$10,000 through donations. This year, we need your help to double that amount. Here are some of the many reasons to donate to the Westfield Athenaeum:

- We provide free high-speed Internet and wireless service, for those with their laptops and PDAs.
- Our up-to-date collection of 120,000 items, includes the latest books, DVDs, videos, audiotapes, and more.
- Almost any item can be requested through interlibrary loan at no cost to you.
- We offer wonderful programs for kids and parents throughout the year, notably the Summer Reading Program and our informative lecture series for adults.
- We offer FREE museum passes to six local museums for you and your family.
- Our website provides access the Athenaeum’s holdings; at the click of a button any time -day or night- you can find the latest books using BookLetters, research magazine and journal articles, get online reference help from a professional librarian 24 hours a day, see what’s happening using our calendar of events, and so much more.
- We offer free English as a Second Language (ESOL) classes, taught by a certified ESOL instructor.
- We are more than just a library; the Edwin Smith Historical Museum and the Jasper Rand Art Museum are what make the Athenaeum unique. Our changing displays and exhibits provide insight into Westfield’s exciting past, present and future!

Please consider helping the Athenaeum maintain our quality programs and services. All gifts will be gratefully acknowledged, and donors recognized in the Athenaeum’s Annual Report to Corporators in November.

From all of us at the Westfield Athenaeum, thank you for your support! ~ Christopher J. Lindquist

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Banned Books Week
 Sept. 23-30, 2006
Celebrate Freedom
 – read at will.



Westfield Colonial Harvest Day: Sept. 30, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Celebrate Westfield's colonial history and the Autumn harvest with food, music, dancing and games...fun for the whole family!

- Used Book Sale on the Lawn in front of the Athenaeum from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m..
- Antiques dealers on the Green
- A Community Contra dance
- Antiques appraisers at the Westfield Woman's Club, to benefit the Western Hampden Historical Society

Book Club Discussions

Moo by Jane Smiley on September 28th, and Widows War by Sally Gunning on October 26th. Meetings are held at 1 p.m. in the Whitney Study. Books are available at the Circulation Desk

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Discussions

Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community and War by Nathaniel Philbrick on September 19th and The Demon-Haunted World: Science as a Candle in the Dark by Carl Sagan on October 17th. Meetings are held in the Reed Room at 7 p.m. Books are available at the Circulation Desk

- A Revolutionary War encampment
- Colonial demonstrators, located at With Heart & Hand (on Court St.)
- Colonial games and contests for kids, also located at With Heart & Hand
- Two performances of *Abide*, by Kathi Palmer, directing the Theater Group, based on the book *Deborah Remembers*, by Lillie Albrecht, on the stage at the Westfield Woman's Club
- Pie-baking contest, lots of delicious food and refreshments!
- Musicians, including fiddlers, cloggers, and folk singers

Visit www.westfieldonweekends.org for more info.

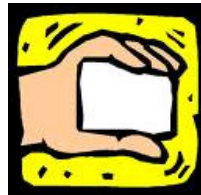
ESOL Classes begin

Beginning and intermediate English for Speakers of Other Languages will begin September 11th. The beginning class occurs on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9-10:30 a.m., and the intermediate class is on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30-noon. Please leave your name and phone number at the Reference Desk and Jonas Barrientos, the program coordinator, will contact you.

Funding is generously being provided by the City of Westfield, the Regional Employment Board (Springfield, MA), and WalMart of Westfield.

Library Cards

Beginning Sept. 1st, we're asking patrons to show a picture ID or their Library Card for library transactions in both the Boys and Girls Library and the Adult Library. This procedure is important for the patron's protection. It will prevent any confusion as to who is taking out materials and therefore responsible for the materials being returned. If written instructions are on file, patrons can allow someone else to pick up or charge out their materials. *Thank your for your cooperation!*



New Staff

The Westfield Athenaeum is pleased to introduce our newest employees. **Laura Ducharme** and **Katie Wiechec** have joined our staff as Part-time Adult Services pages who do the toiling task of tidiness-putting away books, DVDs, CDs, and magazines, etc.

Also from Westfield, **Rebecca (Becky) Clark** is now a Part-time Circulation & Outreach Services Assistant; you'll find her behind the Circulation Desk.

Leanne Jaeger has been promoted from Adult Services page to Part-time Circulation and Outreach Services Assistant.

Welcome to the Athenaeum.

Boys and Girls Library

Storytime sign-ups start Tuesday, September 19th (for all storytimes)

Little Ones Library Time
Thursday mornings in October
9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

A story, songs, finger plays and more
Open to kids 6 - 35 months!
Limit 10.

Storytime Plus!

Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

Ages 3-5 (no kindergarteners please)
Limit 10

Sign up for a special time of stories
song, fingerplay and a craft.

Twos Too!

Fridays in October
9:30 or 11:00 a.m. (Limit 8)

Participants must be age appropriate,
accompanied by an adult & registered.

Sorry, no siblings.

Two year olds with their grown up
are invited to join us for a 4 week
theme related program. Enjoy songs,
activities, a story and craft.

Meet Smokey the Bear!

Wednesday, September 20th at 3:30 p.m.
Smokey the Bear will make a special appearance
in the Boys and Girls Library!
Come see the fire trucks and forest fighters.

Open to all ages!

Bats!

Ages 6 and up
at 6:00 p.m. on

Wednesday, October 25th

Come watch a bat slide show.

Make a bat t-shirt (bring your own shirt
or buy one for \$4)

Perhaps hear live bat calls through a bat detector!

Registration begins October 10th.



TEEN CORNER



The Young Adult section of the library is being re-imagined, renovated, and re-configured. We're adding more books to assist teens in their studies, more games for their entertainment, and perhaps more computers to use for homework or gaming. Our Young Adult Librarian, Patti Brose, will be spending more time in the YA section to help students find what they need. Don't forget TEEN READ WEEK IS October 16-21st—nominate your favorite books, earn raffle tickets, eat pizza & more :)

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Lecture: Sept. 20th at 7 PM

Nessim Watson, an Assistant Professor of Communications at Westfield State College, will present the final lecture in the Westfield Athenaeum's Spring Lecture Series on Wednesday, June 14 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Watson's lecture is entitled ***From Silly to Sinister: A History of the Image of the Arab in U.S. Popular Culture & Foreign Policy.***

Mr. Watson teaches about the economics and politics of the American mass media, especially as it interacts with our democracy, culture, and the representation of race. He will be making a multimedia presentation based in part on his recently completed dissertation. Focusing on the history of how Arabs and Muslims have been seen by Americans in both American popular culture & U.S. foreign policy, Mr. Watson will present research from his book-in-progress, ***Action Movie Arabs and the American Call to Endless War.***

Jasper Rand Art Exhibits

September features antique quilts owned by the Westfield Athenaeum.

October features the work of **Tara Conant** - a photographic collection of sites in and around Western Mass where murders took place. "This body of work can be seen as straddling the line between conceptual and documentary photography. But also on a larger scale, it could serve to help raise awareness of the increasing level of violence in our society, which seemingly has become 'acceptable' in our culture." Conant has a Master of Fine Arts Degree in Photography and a BA in Psychology. She is currently teaching at Westfield State and Holyoke Community College.

September & October 2006

September 15th (Fri.) Closed for Staff Development Day.

September 16th (Sat.) *Breast Cancer Book Sale* 12:30-5 p.m.

September 19th (Tues.) Book Forum discusses *Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community and War* by Nathaniel Philbrick in the Elizabeth Reed Room at 7 p.m.

September 20th (Wed.) *From Silly to Sinister: A History of the Image of the Arab in U.S. Popular Culture & Foreign Policy* – Speaker: Nessim Watson, Assistant Professor of Communications at Westfield State College, will present in the Jasper Rand Art Museum at 7 p.m.

September 23–30 *Banned Books Week* : look for our enlightening displays.

September 28th (Thurs.) Book Club discusses *Moo* by Jane Smiley at 1 p.m. in the Whitney Study.

September 30th (Sat.) *Westfield Colonial Harvest Day*- crafts and demonstrations on the Green

October 9th (Mon.) Closed for Columbus Day.

October 16-21 *Teen Read Week*– information available in the Young Adult Section of the library.

October 17th (Tues.) Book Forum discusses *The Demon-Haunted World: Science as a Candle in the Dark* by Carl Sagan at 7 p.m. in the Elizabeth Reed Room.

October 26th (Thurs.) Book Club discusses *Widow's War* by Sally Gunning at 1 p.m. in the Whitney Study.

All events are free and open to everyone.

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