

# Ath·en·æ·um



# Col·umns

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The world wide web gives us access to a spectrum of information from inaccurate to scholarly. One of the best ways to easily find the information you need is to use reputable databases which gather

information from scholarly and well-known sources. The Athenaeum has a variety of databases to help you find the information you need 24 hours a day.

**Infotrac** gives you access to magazine articles, dictionaries, health and business information, company profiles, and literary criticism-most with the complete text of the article.

**Heritage Quest & Ancestry Plus** allow you to research genealogy, census, and military records.

**Newsbank** provides full text articles from the Republican, the Boston Globe and other newspapers from approximately 1980 to the present.

**Issues & Controversies** is loaded with information to help argue or understand a recent issue.

**Antique Reference** provides a pricing guide for antiques.

Please check out these and the other databases we offer on our website at <http://www.westath.org/research/research.htm>.

**Required or recommended summer reading for Westfield High School:**

**Grade 9:** *Poems from Homeroom; Every Second Counts; The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens; Wait Till Next Year; The Man without a Country; Beyond the Burning Time; Touching Spirit Bear; Hoops; When the Emperor was Divine; Eragon; Kim: Empty Inside.*

**Grade 10:** *Electric Universe; A Walk in the Woods; Battle of Jericho; River Thunder; Flatbellies; The Secret Life of Bees; The Cage; A Summer Life; A Girl's Life Online; I Never Saw Another Butterfly; New Found Land.*

**Grade 11:** *Tuesdays with Morrie; Undaunted Courage; Warriors Don't Cry; The Second Summer of the Sisterhood; The Killer Angels; 180 More: Extraordinary Poems for Every Day; Middlesex; The Kite Runner; Bel Canto; When I was Puerto Rican; The Lovely Bones.*

**Grade 12:** *Centaur Aisle; Nickel and Dime; Peace Like a River; A Lesson Before Dying; Marley & Me; Red Suitcase; Feeling for the Organism; Fallen Angels; ; One Day in the Life of Ivan Densovich; Ceremony; Native Son.*

**Lists for St. Mary's, Southwick, Westfield Vocational and Middle schools are available online & at the circulation desks.**

<http://www.westath.org/kids/kids.htm>

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## The Edwin Smith Historical Museum

is open from 10-3 on Tuesdays and Thursdays..

Come learn about Westfield's fascinating past.

## Book Club Discussions

S now Flower and the  
S ecret Fan by Lisa See  
on July 26<sup>th</sup>, and Kim by  
Rudyard Kipling on Au-  
gust 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Meetings are held at  
1 p.m. in the Whitney  
Study. Books are avail-  
able at the circulation  
desk.

## Forum Book Discussions

Ship of Gold by Gary  
Kinder on July 17<sup>th</sup> and  
American Theocracy by  
Kevin Phillips on August  
21<sup>st</sup>.

Meetings are held in the  
Reed Room at 7 p.m.  
Books are available at  
the circulation desk

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internet resources the  
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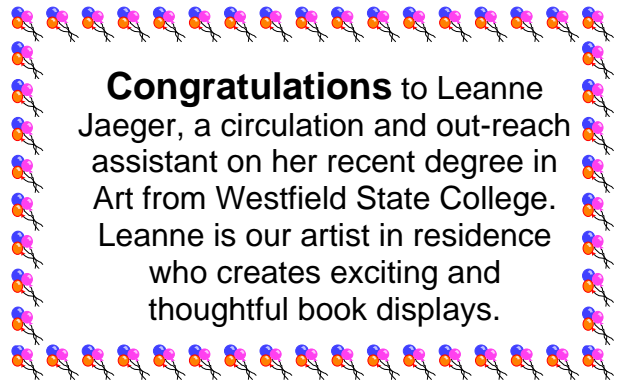


# ONCE UPON A TIME



The Westfield Woman's Club in alliance with the Westfield Athenaeum and Stanley Park will offer storytelling sessions this summer at the Meeting House on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting the last week of June and running through August 2. (However, there will be no session on July 3.) The sessions will be from 11:00 am – 11:30 am, and no fee is required or age limit imposed. The Tuesday session will be geared to elementary age, but everyone who enjoys well told story is welcome. The volunteer storytellers will provide their favorite stories, poetry, songs, and tall tales to pre-school, elementary children in the cozy atmosphere of the old Meeting House in the Herb Garden on the grounds of the Park.

Stanley Park is located at 400 Western Avenue.



**Congratulations** to Leanne Jaeger, a circulation and out-reach assistant on her recent degree in Art from Westfield State College. Leanne is our artist in residence who creates exciting and thoughtful book displays.

## Learning Express-assisting education

Even though school is out for the summer, Learning Express database provides tests to hone weak skills so that children be better prepared. Online testing takes some of the drudgery out of written tests, and lets parents see where their child needs help. Learning Express offers tests in broad categories of School skills for improvement in elementary, middle, and high school as well as AP Placement. Below is a selection of their offerings:

- 4th grade Math diagnostic tests
- Vocabulary & spelling course series
- AP Biology practice exams
- Grammar skills for writing course series
- Algebra practice exercises
- High school reading diagnostic tests
- 7th grade reading practice exercises

*Look for this on our website [www.westath.org/research/research.htm](http://www.westath.org/research/research.htm).*



## 2007 Summer Reading Club

Sign-ups began Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup> for Summer Reading Club – children ages 3 through entering grade 5 and Young Adult Reading Club – ‘twens and teens entering grades 6-12.

<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Registration Ages/Grade</b>	<b>Begins</b>
Thu., July 5 <sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m.	Tattle Tunes! with Mary Jo Maichack	Ages 4 and up	June 19 <sup>th</sup>
Fri., July 6 <sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m.	Poetry Writing Workshop with Lori Desrosiers	6 – 10 yrs.	June 19 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Mon. &amp; Tues</b> July 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 - Noon	<b>Cartooning Workshop</b> with Michael Cady	8 – 14 yrs.	June 26 <sup>th</sup>
Wed., July 11 <sup>th</sup> 3:30 p.m.	<u>Must be able to attend both days.</u> “Name That Tune”	8-11 yrs.	July 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Mon., July 16 <sup>th</sup> 1:00 p.m.	Harry Potter and the Sorcerers Stone Movie Day	N/A	
<b>Tues., July 17<sup>th</sup></b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Circle Songs</b> <b>with Hugh Hanley</b>	<b>2 – 6 yrs.</b>	<b>July 3<sup>rd</sup></b>
Tues., July 17 <sup>th</sup> 1:00 p.m.	“Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets” Movie Day	N/A	
Wed., July 18 <sup>th</sup> 1:00 p.m.	“Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban” Movie Day	N/A	
Thu., July 19 <sup>th</sup> 1:00 p.m.	“Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire” Movie Day	N/A	
<b>Fri., July 20<sup>th</sup></b> Mon., July 23 <sup>rd</sup> 3:00 p.m.	<b>Harry Potter Party</b> Musical Games and Story	<b>All Ages</b> K-2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	<b>July 10<sup>th</sup></b> July 10 <sup>th</sup>
Tues., July 24 <sup>th</sup> 9:30 & 11:00	Little One’s Library Time	Ages 6-35 months	July 10 <sup>th</sup>
Wed., July 25 <sup>th</sup> 9:30&11:00	Two’s Too!	2 year olds	July 10 <sup>th</sup>
Thurs., July 26 <sup>th</sup> 9:30&11:00	Storytime Plus	3-5 year olds	July 10 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Mon., July 30<sup>th</sup></b> <b>2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Poetry Workshop</b> <b>with Lori Desrosiers</b>	<b>10 – 15 yrs.</b>	<b>July 17<sup>th</sup></b>
Wed., Aug. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Angelina Ballerina Story & Dancing		July 24 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Thu., Aug 2<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>End of Summer Party</b> <b>with Tinknell &amp; Bates</b>	<b>All Ages</b>	<b>July 17<sup>th</sup></b>
Fri., Aug 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Last Day of Summer Reading Club.		

Registration is required for all programs except the Harry Potter Movies. Please call 562-6158 ext. 5 to register - registration dates are listed in the far right column of this listing. Please note that each program is age appropriate and if a grade is listed, the child must be entering that grade in September.

*Catch the Beat @ your library* is sponsored by the Westfield Athenaeum, the Friends of the Westfield Athenaeum, the Western Massachusetts Regional Library System, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and Waste Management.

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### *A short history of the Great River Bridge:*

The first bridge to traverse Westfield river downtown was built in 1743, a little below the dam that accommodated Weller's gristmill on the North side of town. For over a hundred years, wooden bridges were built in line with Union Avenue and the road east (now Kane Park), and they washed away during floods. In 1840, a covered bridge was built on the present work site that had a total length of 340 feet consisted of 3 spans of roadway with a sidewalk on the upstream side. (There were 5 covered bridges in Westfield in the 1860s-70s: Morley's Bridge; County Bridge in the Little River district, Horton's Bridge, Cowles' Bridge and the Great River Bridge.) The covered bridge lasted until the flood of 1879; then an iron bridge was constructed that was 390 feet in length. In 1938, flooding severely affected the dam and the bridge's supports, and a new steel-trussed bridge with a roadway of 40' and 6' sidewalks on both sides was constructed in 1939. Doubling the 1840s covered bridge, the new trussed bridge will have 6 spans of roadway and sidewalks on both sides.

## July & August Events

July 4<sup>th</sup> Library is closed

July 16, 23, & 30 Open Mic poetry night 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. hosted by local poet Lori Desrosiers. Sign up is at 7 and open mic starts at 7:30 p.m. followed by a guest feature. All are welcome. This venue is PG 13.

July 17<sup>th</sup> Book Forum discusses *Ship of Gold* by Gary Kinder at 7 p.m.

July 26<sup>th</sup> Book Club discusses *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See at 1 p.m.

August 21<sup>st</sup> Book Forum discusses *American Theocracy* by Kevin Phillips at 7 p.m.

August 23<sup>rd</sup> Book Club discusses *Kim* by Rudyard Kipling at 1 p.m.

## Jasper Rand Art Museum

**June-July 15** Local artists Deborah Hess, Jeri Hamel, Maryann Douglas, Denise St. George, Evelyn Dean Casey, Kate Gallivan, Richard Nowak, and Joe Burdziakowski are displaying their works in watercolor, oils, pastels, charcoal and pencil.

**July 16– August 31** Lani Giguere is a photographer exhibiting silver gelatin prints (black & white) as well as color prints. She has taken courses and attended workshops, and is a member of the Springfield Photographic Society and the Pioneer Valley Photographic Artists.

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