

Walpole Town Library

July 2023 Newsletter

PROGRAMS

Special Events:

- Grafton Nature Museum: Every Thursday, 1 pm, inside at the Main Library. Below are the themes for each week:
 - 7/6 Righteous Reptiles & Awesome Amphibians
 - 7/13 Be Aware & Care for the Black Bear
 - 7/20 Thrive & Survive, A Guide for New England's Predators & Prey
 - 7/27 Super Scat! Species & Their Feces
- Caregivers Support Group: Tuesday, 7/11, 2 pm, Main Library.
- Teddy Bear Parade: Saturday, 7/15, 11 am, Distant Hill Nature Trail.
- Author Talk with Ryan Bernstein: Monday, 7/24, 5 pm, Main Library. See details to right.
- Special Family Concert with Lisa Nichols: Saturday, 7/29, 10:30 am, Main Library.

On-Going Adult Programs:

- Knitting Group: Mondays 1-3 pm, Main Library. Beginners welcome!
- Library Book Group: Last Thursday of the month, 12 noon, Main Library.
- Craft & Chat: Thursdays from 4-5:30 pm Main Library. See details at right.
- Writing It All Down Writers Group: Third Saturday of the month, 10 am, Main Library.

On-Going Kids and Families Programs:

NOTE: Weather permitting, children's programs will be outside on the lawn behind the library.

- Wiggle Time: Mondays at 10 am, Main Library.
- Story Time: Wednesdays at 10 am AND 5:30 pm, Main Library.
- Story Walk: Distant Hill Nature Trail.

Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation.

~Walter Cronkite

The Summer Reading Challenge is For All Ages! Now through July 29

Here's how it works:

Teens & Adults

When you sign up you'll receive a Library canvas tote bag. For each book you read you'll earn a raffle ticket towards fun prizes.

Kids

When you sign up you'll receive a necklace with a brag tag. For every 20 minutes you read you'll earn a bead. As you earn beads you can trade them in for other fun beads.

*We'll have stickers for the little ones!

Check our facebook page for all the details!



**Author talk with
Ryan Bernstein
Monday, July 24, 5 pm
Main Library**

The Walpole Town Library will host an author talk with Ryan Bernstein. As a graduate student at Oxford, Ryan Bernstein undertook a 23,000-mile journey through all 50 states to look beyond the news cycles and see his home country from the ground. Following in the footsteps of Alexis de Tocqueville, Bernstein leads with the desire to listen and find common humanity in Americans he meets across the country. Bernstein ultimately offers a hopeful vision for the future of America, as he embarks on a search for meaning and reflects on what it means to be American. This book is a companion to the podcast 50 States of Mind which showcases interviews from the journey and is available on all podcast platforms.

Non-Fiction Book Spotlight

Quantum Criminals: Ramblers, Wild Gamblers, and Other Sole Survivors from the Songs of Steely Dan by Alex Pappademas, Joan LeMay

Steely Dan's songs are exercises in fictional world-building. *Quantum Criminals* presents the world of Steely Dan as it has never been seen, much less heard. Artist Joan LeMay has crafted lively, color-saturated images of her favorite characters from the Daniverse to accompany writer Alex Pappademas's explorations of the famous and obscure songs that inspired each painting, in short essays full of cultural context, wild speculation, inspired dot-connecting, and the occasional conspiracy theory. All of it is refracted through the perspectives of the characters themselves, making for a musical companion unlike any other. Funny, discerning, and visually stunning, *Quantum Criminals* is a singular celebration of Steely Dan's musical cosmos.

Fiction Book Spotlight

Wild Things By Laura Kay

El is in a rut. She's been hiding in the photocopier room at the same dead-end job for longer than she cares to remember. Worst of all, she's been in unrequited love with her best friend, effortlessly cool lesbian Ray, for years. So when a plan is hatched for El, Ray, and their two other closest friends to ditch the big city and move out to a ramshackle house on the edge of an English country village, it feels like just the escape she needs. But as they start plotting their bright new future and making preparations for a grand housewarming party to thank the surprisingly but wonderfully welcoming community, El is forced to confront her feelings for Ray—the feelings that she's been desperately trying to keep buried. Is it worth ruining a perfectly good friendship for a chance at love?

Get to know our Board of Trustees Members

Each month we'll ask a Board member these five questions to get to know them better.

Cheryl Mayberry, Selectman Representative

1. What does your family look like?

I grew up in a small town in NY very similar to Walpole. I was the 2nd born of 4 children. I have an older sister and my younger brothers are twins, so I was essentially the middle child growing up.

Currently, I live in North Walpole with my 5 cats. Yes 5! I had only 2 but my Mom passed away in early March and I adopted her 3 cats who were all rescued. The cats range from 6yrs to 21yrs, so my house has been crazy for the last 3 months.

2. What's the last book you read?

I am in the middle of reading *Heads You Win* by Jeffrey Archer, my favorite author.

3. What 3 things would you bring to a deserted island?

The real question is how long will I be staying? Will I have to be rescued?

Short Stay: Would include my 3 best friends, Food & Drink for a month and comfortable sleeping supplies

Longer Stay: Gravity fed water filtration equipment, just in case I am surrounded by salt water.

Seeds, to plant my own food and a sailboat for when I'm ready to return to civilization.

4. If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

I would go to Western Europe and specifically Ballymoney, Ireland and Rouen, France to see all the places my ancestors came from.

I have been doing genealogical research for almost 25 yrs, so it would be nice to visit all the places I've learned about.

5. What was your first job?

My first unpaid job was keeping an eye on my redhead brother, ~6 yrs younger than I am. My first paid job was either babysitting and/or a newspaper carrier, I did both for so many years growing up that I can't remember which was 1st.



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