

# NEWSLETTER



## President's Message

Dear Friends,

As you enjoy the abundance of the season, I invite you to tap into the bounty of creative possibilities at the Library and Art & Innovation Center. These community gathering places are buzzing with activity and their calendars are brimming with virtual and in-person classes, programs, and events designed to energize your fall routine. From book clubs and lectures to baby signing and sing alongs, the Library has something for all ages and interests. Down the road at the AIC, makers 13 and up can try their hands at felt making, sewing, photography, painting, printmaking, and new this year, 3D experimental prosthetic limb-making with e-Nable! Start your adventure at: [www.westonlibrary.org](http://www.westonlibrary.org) and [www.westonaic.org](http://www.westonaic.org), or better yet, stop by for a visit today!

While it seems the pandemic finish line is perpetually beyond reach, librarians and staff have worked painstakingly to help us enjoy the Library and AIC to the fullest extent possible. If it's been awhile, or if you have yet to set foot inside these buildings, you will be inspired by their vibrant spaces. Housed in the original public library building at 356 Boston Post Road, the AIC's interior features the beautifully restored Reading Room and modern maker spaces with cutting-edge equipment. A haven for creatives and those looking for something new, the AIC's spaces are also available to rent for social gatherings and meetings.

Inside the Library, eye-catching displays at every turn make browsing fun and fruitful. Recent additions include a Mindfulness Activity Center and sleek, high-tech self-checkout machines, which not only give you due dates, but also programming updates and reading recommendations. After a pandemic-induced hiatus, the Reading Room and Art Gallery are open again, and the Friends donation bin and lobby book cart are back in business. Every book you drop in the bin and every dollar you spend on used books makes a big difference!

Another fun way to support the Library, the Fall Book and Bake Sale, is coming soon. Barring any major changes with COVID-19, the Friends plan to hold this popular annual event November 4, 5, and 6 in the Library Community Room. We look forward to seeing you there! Stay tuned for details.

On behalf of the Friends, I would like to thank our generous members, whose support helps the Library and AIC serve as hubs of learning, creativity, and connection. Our annual membership drive is in full swing, and if you haven't already, consider making a gift today. One hundred percent of all donations go directly to the Library. <https://www.westonlibrary.org/friends/join-fwpl>.

Wishing you good health and good times at the Library and AIC this fall,

Camille Schmidek  
President, Friends of the Weston Public Library

Welcome  
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2021-2022

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### Library Director's Remarks

Welcome back from summer locations and pastimes. I hope everyone had a relaxing season and is settled into a new routine whether it be for school or work or just enjoying regular visits to the library to find and discuss great books and movies. Thank you to all who answered our survey requesting feedback on library services. If you did not have a chance to share your thoughts, it is not too late. While we do a formal survey every three years or so, we welcome suggestions and ideas at any time. Please feel free to send me an email at [jwarner@minlib.net](mailto:jwarner@minlib.net) or stop me in the library to share your ideas. We will be compiling community suggestions into our next Long Range Plan which will be completed soon. Happy Fall, Happy Reading! See you in the library! Warmly,  
Jenn

Jennifer L. Warner, Director, Weston Public Library

### Mission of the Friends of Weston Public Library

The Friends of the Weston Public Library strives to encourage and promote the development of a strong and active public library, which serves as an educational and cultural center for the Town. FWPL will seek to foster community engagement with the library by sponsoring events and programs and to augment library services and resources not otherwise funded.

Since 1965, we have held true to this mission of supporting and enhancing our Library. The Friends fund:

- Author's talks, speakers and programs;
- The Music Committee and concerts;
- Young adults' and children's summer reading programs;
- Continuing education for library staff;
- Books, e-books, tapes, CD's, and DVD's to enrich the Library's collection;
- The Local History Room;
- Museum passes to many local attractions;
- New technology for use at the library.

We do this through your donations, your membership dues, and our book / bake sales. Your donations make a big impact by making these programs possible!

### Support the FWPL!

Please join or make a donation by visiting  
[www.westonlibrary.org/friends/join-fwpl](http://www.westonlibrary.org/friends/join-fwpl).

Thank you for  
volunteering!

**Save the Date!****Fall Book and Bake Sale****November 4, 5 and 6**

The Friends of the Weston Public Library hold two Book and Bake sales each year. All sale proceeds go directly to the library and the numerous programs that the Friends sponsor. If you'd like to donate baked goods or want more information, please contact the FWPL Bake Sale Chair, Aida Arain-Alam at [AidaArainAlam@gmail.com](mailto:AidaArainAlam@gmail.com).

**Book Clubs**

The Weston Public Library offers a book group for every reader. Our adult book discussion groups meet monthly and each focus on a different type of book. Readers can join in faithfully each month or just when they think the book sounds interesting. We welcome readers to participate as much as they feel comfortable or to just sit back and listen to other. Didn't finish the book? That's OK as long as you don't mind spoilers! For more information, to see lists of previously read titles, or to access supplemental materials, go to <https://www.westonma.gov/1549/Book-Groups>.

**Mystery Book Group**

Do you enjoy reading and discussing mystery novels? You'll find good company in a friendly group of readers who meet monthly one Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 PM. Copies of the books that we read are made available for check out at the Circulation Desk in advance of each meeting.

**Novels@Night**

Novels@Night is a book group for anyone who enjoys reading and discussing good fiction (and even if it's not good, sometimes that inspires the liveliest conversation!). Not limited to any genre in particular - preferring to get the best of everything, we generally stick to newer books. Title suggestions from the group are welcome!

**The Non-Fiction Book Discussion Group**

The Non-Fiction Book Discussion Group meets monthly on the second Thursday of the month. This group discusses all kinds of non-fiction books, including books about science, history, memoirs, and everything in between! Copies of each month's book are available in multiple formats at the Circulation Desk and often as digital audiobooks and eBooks.

**FRIENDS PICKS**

*Hour of the Witch*  
by Chris Bohjalian [Tina]

*Apples Never Fall*  
by Liane Moriarty [Amy]

*Ghosts*  
by Dolly Alderton [Emma]

*Heaven, My Home*  
by Attica Locke [Allison]

*House of Sticks*  
by Ly Tran [Emma]

*New Kid*  
By Jerry Craft [Allison]

*The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo*  
by Taylor Jenkins Reid [Debbi]

*The Madness of Crowds*  
by Louise Penny [Allison]

*That Summer*  
by Jennifer Weiner [Debbi]

*The Song of Achilles*  
by Madeline Miller [Anna]

*Mary Jane*  
By Jessica Anya Blau [Debbi]

*Hamnet*  
by Maggie O'Farrell [Camille]

*The Secret to Superhuman Strength*  
by Alison Bechdel [Camille]

*Once There Were Wolves*  
by Charlotte McConaghy [Jenn]

*The Midnight Library*  
by Matt Haig [Julianna]

## Happenings at the AIC



Weston  
Art & Innovation  
Center

### Fresh Start Silent Auction

The Weston Art & Innovation Center is holding an online silent auction featuring a juried selection of original works of art. Pieces may be viewed in person at the AIC from 10am-7pm on Fri, Oct 22 and Sat, Oct 23. Bidding opens Thurs, Oct 21 at 5pm and closes Sat, Oct 23 at 5pm. Go to <https://auction.westonaic.org> for more information.

### E-Nable the Future

Drop in or come every Sunday! Join a global community of digital humanitarians to make free and low-cost prosthetics for children and adults in need. We'll use the AIC's 3D printers to create 3D printed parts, then assemble and ship to those in need of an upper limb assistive device. Pay once (to cover supplies) and come as often as you'd like! **Sundays from 1-3pm**

### Weavers' Guild Annual Sale

The Weavers' Guild of Boston offers shoppers a wide range of over 1600 individually handcrafted items. There is an extensive collection of creative clothing, including scarves and shawls, jackets, hats and jewelry. Household items such as blankets, rugs, placemats and towels are available as well. Most items are handwoven, though knitted, felted and/or sewn pieces are also available. **Fri-Sun, Nov 5-7**

### Weston Handmade Holiday Market

Get a jump start on all of your holiday shopping! The Weston Handmade Holiday Market features a juried selection of exhibitors selling handmade and hand designed items. Celebrate the season with artisan-crafted goods and find something for everyone on your list! **Sat, Nov 20**

### Classes at the AIC

The Weston Art & Innovation Center seeks to create a vibrant learning environment that exposes people to new ideas, processes, and skills development through classes, workshops and open studio time. Resident experts will be on hand for guidance, safety, and professional input. For information on upcoming classes and events, check out the online calendar at <https://westonaic.org/calendar/>

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A monthly notice of programming  
and events taking place at the  
Weston Public Library

<https://www.weston.org/list.aspx>



## Enjoy the Magic of Music!

### Music Committee 2021-2022 Concert Series

The Music Committee has assembled a roster of world-class musicians who will deliver another inspiring schedule of performances this 2021-2022 season. Concertgoers of all ages can experience the magic of music, Sundays at 3pm on the Library's Facebook, YouTube, or Instagram platforms or the Weston Media Center's Video On Demand service. The free concert series will begin with virtual performances in the fall and winter, and depending on the course of the pandemic, will feature virtual and/or in-person performances in the spring. For more information and to receive concert notifications visit: <https://www.westonlibrary.org/1526/Music-Committee>

The Friends provide passes for numerous museums. You may reserve passes by going to the Library's website or by calling the Library at 781-786-6150.

Be sure to check the Library Calendar on the Library website, [westonlibrary.org](https://www.westonlibrary.org), for the dates and times of more upcoming programs!