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The Summer Reading Challenge is For All Ages! June 17 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!

Stay tuned to our webpage for details of all our fun summer programs!

Important Update—Please Read

Installation: the dates for installation of our new front door have changed and will take place June 19–24. The Main Branch will be open for regular hours during this time. The Branch will be closed on Monday, June 19, and have limited hours Tuesday through Friday, June 20-24 (9 am–4 pm).

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Programs

Special Events:
- Caregivers Support Group: Tuesday, 6/13, 2 pm, Main Library.
- Library Trustee Meeting: Tuesday, 6/13, 4:30 pm, Main Library.
- Author Talk with Edward Di Gangi: Thursday, 6/22, 6 pm, Main Library. See details below.
- Great Decisions Discussion Group: Monday, 6/26, 6 pm, Main Library
- Kids Author Visit with Steve Swinburne: Wednesday, 6/28, 10 am, Main Library.

On-Going Adult Programs:
- Knitting Group: Mondays 1–3 pm, Main Library. Beginners welcome! No meeting 6/19.
- Library Book Group: Last Thursday of the month, 12 noon, Main Library.
- Social Justice Discussion Group: 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6:30 pm, Main Library. No meeting in June.
- Craft & Chat: Thursdays from 4–5:30 pm Main Library. See details at right. 6/22 meeting at the North Walpole Branch.
- 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. No Wiggle Time 6/19.
- Story Time: Wednesdays at 10 am AND 5:30 pm, Main Library. No evening Story Time 6/21.
- Story Walk: Distant Hill Nature Trail.

Author talk with Edward Di Gangi.
Thursday, June 22nd, 6 pm

Mr. Di Gangi’s memoir: A Memoir About the Three-Year Genealogical Search for his Origins that began in a New Jersey cemetery, and the life of an extraordinary woman – his birth mother.
Non-Fiction Book Spotlight

The Everlasting Meal Cookbook: Leftovers A-Z
By Tamar Adler

Food waste is a serious issue today. Most of us look around the kitchen and struggle to use up everything we buy, and then when it comes to leftovers we're stuck. Here, Adler offers more than 1,500 easy and creative ideas to use up nearly every kind of leftover—and helpfully explains how long each recipe takes. Organized alphabetically and filled with foods across the spectrum—from applesauce to truffles and potato chip crumbs to cabbage—this comprehensive guide makes it easy to flip through so you can find a use for all types of unused food. Sensible, frugal, and consistently delicious, the recipes in An Everlasting Meal Cookbook allow you to prepare meals with economy and grace, making this a vital resource that every home cook needs.

Fiction Book Spotlight

Saturday Night at the Lakeside Supper Club
By J. Ryan Stradal

In the aftermath of a devastating tragedy, Ned and Mariel lose almost everything they hold dear, and the hard-won victories of each family hang in the balance. With their dreams dashed, can one fractured family find a way to rebuild despite their losses, and will the Lakeside Supper Club be their salvation?

In this colorful, vanishing world of relish trays and brandy Old Fashioneds, J. Ryan Stradal has once again given us a story full of his signature honest, lovable yet fallible Midwestern characters as they grapple with love, loss, and marriage; what we hold onto and what we leave behind; and what our legacy will be when we are gone.

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.

Bill Ranauro, Board Member
1. What does your family look like?
   Well, I think just about everybody in Walpole knows my wife, Lisa. She’s active with the Fall Mountain Endowment Association and loves going to Fit Body Boot Camp most mornings. My two adult children, Daniel and Emily, are happily married and live on the NH Seacoast, Daniel in Portsmouth and Emily in Dover. Daniel works for a government Long Term insurance company and Emily is a teacher at the UNH Child Care Center. Lisa and I are SO proud of our kids! We love them so much.

2. What’s the last book you read?
   I could be a wise guy and say "my own," but I won't! I usually have at least two things going at once, but I loved David Grann’s The Wager. A great story told by a great writer.

3. What 3 things would you bring to a deserted island?
   A VERY large pepperoni pizza. A comfortable pair of shoes. The Collected Works of Shakespeare

4. If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?
   I've been to Italy many times and I want to continue traveling there. Florence is my favorite city, but I love the entire country.

5. What was your first job?
   In 1970, I was employed as a playground counselor at the age of fourteen in my hometown of Southborough, Massachusetts. I was paid $20.00 per week, $100.00 for the summer—big bucks!