Library Expansion Project

A Word From Our Director

Lydia Goodwin

Modern public libraries are the heart and soul of the communities they serve. What once started as a place solely to store and lend out books has evolved into a living, vibrant space that not only keeps the tradition of reading the printed word alive, but provides a multitude of services to patrons from all walks of life. Public libraries are safe and welcoming spaces for children to play and explore, for families to come together, and for all members of our community to expand their horizons. We provide access to resources for people from every walk of life, from early literacy programs for our littlest community members, to online ESL courses, research databases, and computer literacy classes, to community outreach to bring books and the joy of reading to patrons of all ages. On any given day we have patrons discover a new author they love, apply for a job using our public use computers, share some quality time with their preschooler at story time, and learn about local and family history, among many, many other wonderful services that libraries are known for.

We love providing these services to the citizens of Eliot and hope to do so for many years to come. However, our library community has expanded by leaps and bounds over the past few years, as have the number of programs and services we offer in order to meet this increased demand. In order to continue to provide high quality, accessible programming and materials the library must grow to meet the needs and size of the community. The current library houses a fine collection of up-to-date literature and nonfiction, a nice sized multimedia collection, four public use computers, numerous children’s and adult programs, and spaces to study and read. However, we are rapidly running out of space for patrons to use our library for multiple functions at once, as well as space to expand and preserve our collection. It is therefore necessary that we expand upon the existing library building in order to accommodate present and future growth in a way that allows access to each and every patron.

We are incredibly fortunate in Eliot to have a beautiful, historic library building, built by the hands of community members 110 years ago. Now, in the 21st century, the library as a community and as a concept has grown in ways no one could have imagined. It is time again for the community to come together to create a library that will withstand the next 110 years and beyond!
Fall Story Times

**Lapsit**
Tuesdays 9:30 - 10:00 AM
Ages 6-18 months

**Toddler Time**
Tuesdays 10:30 - 11:15 AM
Ages 18-36 months

**Preschool I**
Tuesdays 1:30 - 2:15 PM

**Preschool II**
Thursdays 9:30 - 10:15 AM
Ages 3-6 years

Registration is required for all story times.

**Mini Movie Night**
Last Wednesday of the month
5:00 - 5:45 PM
Join us as we bring books to life through mini movies, activities, and crafts. This fall’s featured books and films will include *Cranes*, *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, and *The Napping House*. This program is designed for ages 3-7 years. Sign up is required.

**New Fall Books**
Come check out these new titles and more!
*Good Night Sweetie* by Joyce Wan
*The Only Child* by Guojing
*Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus* by Dusti Bowling
*As Brave As You* by Jason Reynolds
*The Girl Who Thought In Pictures: The Story of Dr. Temple Grandin* by Julia Finley Mosca
*Magic Tree House: A Big Day for Baseball* on Audio Book

**Family Movie Night**
First Wednesday of the month
Film starts at 5:00 PM
Fall film titles will include *The Boss Baby*, *Moana*, and *The LEGO Batman Movie*. Popcorn and water will be provided.

**LEGO Club**
Every Monday
3:00 - 7:00 PM
Drop in on Mondays for LEGO free play and design challenges. This group is open to all. LEGOs will be provided.

The Make and Take craft is available every day and changes every two weeks.

All events subject to change. Please visit us online for more details, updates, and cancellations:
[williamfogglibrary.org](http://williamfogglibrary.org)
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Adult Services Programming

Book to Film Group
Meets on the third and fourth Wednesday of the month
Sept. 20 & 27: Atonement by Ian McEwan
Oct. 18 & 25: Philomena by Martin Sixsmith
Nov/Dec. Dates to be determined by the group:
Billy Lynn’s Long Halftime Walk by Ben Fountain

Green Acre, the Baha’i Faith and Eliot
What is the history of Green Acre here in Eliot? What happens there today? What is vision of the future? What is the Baha’i Faith? What do Baha’is believe? What do they practice? How is it related to other religions?
We will explore these questions and your questions with a presentation by Robert Sapiro the Administrator of Green Acre followed by Q&A.

Local Author Book Talk

Big Red, How I Learned Simplicity From a Suitcase by Ellie Dias
Wednesday, Nov. 1st 6:30 pm
“Inspired by a solo journey to the Himalayas. It’s a tale of perseverance and humor as I struggle to jettison my Western ways while lugging a 95-pound suitcase jam-packed with all of my must haves. It combines personal lessons, adventure, travel, growth, and humor.”

Friends of the William Fogg Library Meeting
Saturday, Oct. 14th at 10:00 am
We will be organizing the Election Day Food Table at the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017

Eliot Connects Grow Local Garden Meeting
Saturday, Oct. 21st 9:00 am
We will be planning our 2018 Grow Local Garden Tour

Eliot Connects Asset Mapping Workshop
Saturday, Oct. 21st 10:00 am
Want to be more involved with the community? Join us in brainstorming how we can utilize the many resources we already have in Eliot to make our community a better place.

The History of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard
Leading Into the WWI Era
Guest Speaker Gary Hildreth
Wednesday, Nov. 8th at 6:00 pm

Friends of the William Fogg Library

Volunteer, Support & Donate
We Need Your Help!
The William Fogg Public Library has an active Friends of the Library group, which helps the Library provide programs and materials through fundraising efforts. There are countless ways to volunteer your time and talents. You can help organize one of our annual fundraisers, bake, cook or donate supplies/funds for one of our fundraising food sales held at various times throughout the year, or give your time as a “worker bee” at one of our many fundraising events. We are a laid back group of individuals that like to have fun while working to support our library, so please consider joining us.
Individual membership is $10 per year; family membership is $25.00 per year; lifetime membership for individuals is $75, and for families is $125.00. Membership dues are due January 1st of each year.
If you are interested in attending our meetings or would like more information about any of the volunteer opportunities please contact us via email at goodwinl@william-fogg.lib.me.us or speak to our friendly Library Staff when visiting the Library.

Best Regards,
Megan Weeks-Zotara, President

Upcoming Fundraising Events
All Proceeds to Benefit the Library Expansion Project

Eliot Festival Days
Library’s 110th Birthday Bash
at the Regatta Room at Eliot Commons
Friday, September 29th, 7-10 pm

William Fogg Piebrary Booth
Saturday, September 30th.

Election Day Food Table
Tuesday, November 7, 2017

Victorian Tea
Sunday, December 10, 2017

The Friends sponsor WFL’s Summer Reading Program, school vacation entertainers, Maine Infonet Download Library subscription service and three museum passes.
A very special thank you to J.S. Pelkey Funeral Services for sponsoring the mailing of this newsletter.

A very big thank you to all of our loyal volunteers!

Become A Friend Of Your Library

Join the Friends of the William Fogg Public Library

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PLEASE CIRCLE THE COMMITTEES IN WHICH YOU’RE INTERESTED:

Fundraising  Membership  Building and Grounds

Programs  Technology  Refreshments

PLEASE CIRCLE THE TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP YOU PREFER:

ONE YEAR ($10) FAMILY ($25) LIFETIME ($75)
FAMILY LIFETIME ($125)

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