



# West Woodstock Library

## Newsletter

July/August 2004

### West Woodstock Library Holds Groundbreaking Ceremony!

A groundbreaking ceremony was held on Saturday, June 19th at 10AM to kick off the construction phase of the building addition project. About 25 to 30 people were in attendance for the event. Doug Hurley, president of WWLA, made some brief introductory remarks and Board of Trustee member Marjorie Ellsworth also spoke about the history of the project. The event was covered in the July 2nd issue of the *Putnam Town Crier* and in the July issue of the new Woodstock monthly publication *Our Town*. If you missed the news articles you can view them on the library computer.

#### **\*\* Construction Update \*\***

Preparations are underway to begin work on the West Woodstock Library Historic Addition Project. Peter Hamm, of Historic Restorations, Ltd, Wales, MA will begin reconstruction of the John F. Williams Law Office during the first weeks of August. Prior to that, the foundation for both the Law Office and the connecting addition will be completed. Peter Hamm's restoration work is expected to last into September. Work on the connecting addition will keep pace with the restoration effort. Your patience during the construction is appreciated. The interior spaces in the library will be periodically rearranged to accommodate the work.

Volunteer workers are needed to assist with both the foundation work and the new connection construction. If you have enthusiasm, are a good worker, and don't mind getting dirty, then we need you for the foundation work. If you have carpentry skills, we will need you for the new construction work when it starts. Any amount of your time and effort will be appreciated. Please call Gail White (974-1875) to volunteer.

Even if you can't physically help, please stop by the site to keep up with the progress. This is your project and your support is essential to its success.

### WWLA Annual Meeting Held

The West Woodstock Library Association held it's annual meeting on June 13th at the Church of the Good Shepherd in West Woodstock. The meeting started at 2PM and those in attendance heard reports from the treasurer, the building, community, development and librarian committees.

Doug Hurley, president of the association, presented his State of the Library report, which highlighted the various accomplishments of the past year and some of the goals for 2005. The library association will be 75 years old on December 20, 2004 and a committee will be formed to work on plans to formally celebrate this.

Susan Conover presented an overview of the proposed changes to the WWLA constitution and bylaws on behalf of the committee that reviewed this. Susan summarized the major points and this was followed by some general discussion and questions from the floor. The revisions were voted on and approved.

Elections were then held for trustees for the coming year. The new bylaws call for staggered 3 year terms for the board of trustees, the intent of which is to provide smoother transitions when elections are held each year. You can view the meeting minutes and various committee hand outs on the library computers.

#### **\*\*\* Volunteers Needed \*\*\***

We are beginning a project to catalog the library's collection on the computer. This is a substantial effort that is expected to last several months. The books will be bar coded and entered into a database that can be easily searched by patrons and will also help facilitate loan tracking. We have received a generous donation of another computer for the library that will be eventually be used by patrons to search the library's collection.

We are looking for computer-savvy volunteers to help with this effort. If you can devote 1 to 2 hours per week and would like to help please let us know. Please see the librarian to sign up. This would be a great opportunity for high school juniors and seniors who are looking for community service projects for their college applications.

## LIBRARIAN'S NEWS

Some of WWL'S new adult fiction novels for the Summer are:

*Lost City* by Clive Cussler  
*Memorial Day* by Vince Flynn  
*R is for Ricochet* by Sue Grafton  
*Hard Revolution* by George Pelecanos  
*Shadow Men* by Jonathan King  
*Bait* by Karen Robards  
*The Dangerous Hour* by Marcia Muller  
*Murder Suicide* by Keith Ablow  
*Broken Dishes* by Earlene Fowler  
*Terminal Island* by John Shannon

A new selection of **Swap Books** will be here Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>

\*\* The tag and book sale scheduled for July 23 has been canceled. A new date will be set in the Fall.

\*\* An adult book discussion group will be forming in mid-September. If you are interested please leave your name and phone number with the librarian.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

WWL has purchased 2 copies each of the 2005 Nutmeg Book Award Nominees for grades 4-6. WWL also has most of the books and/or authors that are on the suggested summer reading lists.

New books from Willimantic: 50 popular titles for junior readers grades 4-9 and 25 Easy Reader books for preschool to grade 3.

### \*\*\* Library Hours \*\*\*

The Library is open:

Monday - 2:30PM to 6:30PM  
Wednesday - 4PM to 7PM  
Saturday - 10AM to 1PM

## WWL SUMMER READING PROGRAM

starts Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

2:30-3:30 PM for ages 3-6  
3:30-4:30 PM for ages 7-12

Learn about:

Week 1 - Bats                      Week 3 - Hummingbirds  
Week 2 - Snakes                Week 4 - Honeybees

from readings and discussions, activities, and/or craft projects.

### The Last Green Valley The Walk



One segment of the QSHC's The Last Green Valley "The Walk" fundraiser was held on June 6th on the Woodstock town green. The library raised \$450 of which 50% goes to the library and 50% to the Quinbaug Shetucket Heritage Corridor. Pictured above from left to right are Doug Hurley, Laurel Garry (event coordinator), Susan Conover and Craig Tyler. This is a yearly event that the QSHC sponsors in the area and we plan to participate again next year.

If you would like to receive future newsletters and occasional announcements by email, please leave your email address at the library or send it to [wwlibrary@access-4-free.com](mailto:wwlibrary@access-4-free.com) and we will add you to our mailing list.

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