



West Woodstock Library

Newsletter

May/June 2004

Building Committee Update

The ground breaking ceremony for the John F. Williams Law office restoration and library connector is only days away. We are glad to report that building permits are being secured, the excavating and foundation contractors are confirmed and we have commitment for a late May ground breaking!

The goal of the initial construction phase is to build foundations for the reconstruction of the law office and library connector. The work to complete this effort will entail excavating the site, laying block foundations, backfilling the new footings and replacing some weak foundation areas around the west side of the library. Materials for the work including blocks, concrete mix and building materials are being ordered.

Shortly, we will need 'laborer' type volunteers to assist with heavy lifting of concrete block, digging out some areas and assisting to move dirt around the site. As you can imagine, the volunteer effort will keep our labor costs at a minimum while generating much needed community support. To volunteer, you need a strong back, a heavy pair of work boots and a good set of gloves! If you wish to volunteer or know of any volunteer candidates please contact Gail White at 974-1875. Gail will be coordinating the volunteer schedules for all construction and building activities.

Once the initial excavation and foundation work is complete, re-construction of the law office will start. It is expected that by the end of June or early July the John F. Williams Law office building work will begin. Once this is completed by the contractor we will require volunteers capable of physical labor to support the construction work on the new connector. If you wish to volunteer or know of any volunteer candidates please contact Gail White at 974-1875.

Library Receives 2 Grants!

The West Woodstock Library was recently awarded two grants from the Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridor (QSHC), Inc. Combined, the two grants will bring over \$15,000.00 of needed funds to the library to cover the restoration and building project.

Specifically, The Historic Preservation Grant Program 2004 will supply funds to assist with the John F. Williams Law Office restoration to preserve and restore our important historic architectural landmark. The Partnership Program 2004 Grant Program will supply funds to assist with the connection of the current West Woodstock Library with the John F. Williams Law Office.

We are proud of the recognition by the QSHC organization and equally proud of Board of Trustees and all association members' efforts to put together two spectacular grant applications! Special thanks goes to Gail White, Susan Conover, Doug Hurley and the entire building committee for their efforts in coordinating the grant process!

Don't forget! Please plan to attend the West Woodstock Library Annual Association Meeting on June 13th at 2PM at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

**** New Library Hours ****

The Library will change the hours of operation slightly starting June 2nd. The new hours are:

Monday - 2:30PM to 6:30PM

Wednesday - 4PM to 7PM

Saturday - 10AM to 1PM

Please make a note of this change!

LIBRARIAN'S NEWS

51 new adult fiction books were purchased during April and May. The following list is just a small sample of some of these titles.

Hidden Prey by John Sanford

Shifting Tide by Anne Tyler

Rule of 4 by Ian Caldwell

Poe and Fanny by John May

Till Death Do Us Part by Kate White

We also now have Richard Clarke's ***Against All Enemies***, Cokie Robert's ***Founding Mothers***, and Bob Woodward's ***Plan of Attack***.

*** Check out our great selection of books on GARDENING!**

*** WWL has 120 audio books on tape and 200 videos!**

CHILDREN'S CORNER

30 new children's books were purchased and we also have 75 titles on loan from the Willimantic Service Center. Some of the new titles are:

Mister Seahorse and ***The Tiny Seed*** by Eric Cane

How Groundhog's Garden Grew by Lynne Cherry

Jack Garden by Henry Cole

Rain Rain Rain Forest by Brenda Guiberson

Monday, June 28th is the start of WWL's Summer Reading Program. The theme this year is North American Wildlife.

Come out and walk for the Library on June 6th! The West Woodstock Library is hosting QSHC's The Last Green Valley **"The Walk"** fundraiser at the Town Green at 1PM. Please check with the librarian for more details.

From the Board of Trustees

This is an exciting and important time for the West Woodstock Library. We have many new initiatives including library improvements, upcoming construction work, fundraising activities and many proposed activities for the 2nd half of 2004.

The 1st half 2004 initiatives include expanding our library resources, reading circulation and children's section. Pat Pelloth and other librarian volunteers have performed this work with great enthusiasm and fervor - thanks for the great work Pat!

Improvements to the library include adding needed insulation, performing general spring cleaning, improving our insurance coverage and preparing for the ground breaking for the Williams Law Office and building connector. All library improvements have been accomplished while staying within our current budget!

This year's annual West Woodstock Library Association meeting will be held Sunday, June 13th at 2 PM at the Church of The Good Shepherd. The library Board of Trustees invites all association members to participate and become active in the West Woodstock Library. As a town resident and taxpayer you are an association member.

We encourage you to participate in the annual meeting, get active in our library, vote on the proposed constitutional changes and the new Board of Trustee members and other business. Offer your views on how our association can better serve you, your family and the library.

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 and we will add you to our mailing list.

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