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January 2018 Newsletter

Happy New Year!

What was Your Favorite Book in 2017?

We're putting together a list of your favorite reads this past year (does not have to be newly published). Please go to the website and click on "Leave a Comment" to enter the title, author and a description of why you loved it. Paper forms are also available at the Library. Please submit by Jan. 26th.

To get the ball rolling, we asked our library staff, trustees and Friends of the Library to submit their favorites.

Here are some of them:

Chris: "Joyland" by Stephen King. Rather than a horror novel, a fun, crime fiction story where a summer job turns into an interesting tale of youth and mystery.

Joanie: "The Prayer Box" by Lisa Wingate. This is such a great read to see how Tandi struggles to keep her children together as a family and make a life for them and get herself together.

Maury: "Citizen: An American Lyric" by Claudia Rankin. A very important book that allows the reader a glimpse into what it's like to be an African American in 21st century America. "

Barb: "Mornings in Jenin" by Susan Abulhawa. It is a novel, but it gives you a very important and probably new perspective on the Palestinian/Israeli conflicts. It is the best book I've read in a long time.

John: "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr. The most moving book I've read in a long time.

Diane: "Ex Libris" by Anne Fadiman. A very entertaining little book of essays about the author's lifelong love of books and language. I learned a lot of new words and new books to read.

Karen: "Code Girls" by Liza Mundy. Most code-breakers during WW2 were women. Sworn to secrecy, they have been almost entirely expunged from history.

Kathryn: "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles. A wealthy count, confined by Bolsheviks to house arrest in Moscow's grandest hotel, has numerous adventures that change and enrich his life. Charming, wise, funny and uplifting.

Sally: "Golden Hill" by Francis Spufford. An interesting historically placed novel in Manhattan, 1746.

Helen: "A Man Called Ove: A Novel" by Fredrik Backman. Loved this book because Ove is such an interesting character.



2018 Battle of the Books

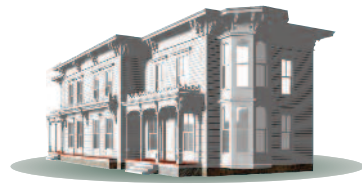
America's Battle of the Books is a reading incentive program for students grades 3-12. Teams of students read a selection of 20 books over the winter and compete to test their knowledge of those books in an April meet. The teams and coaches meet multiple times over the winter to discuss strategies and work on team building activities like designing T-shirts and selecting team names. Teams are being formed from both Schenevus and Worcester schools. The selected books are available at both schools and if necessary, can be ordered from the library. Book lists are posted on our website [here](#).

A New Year's Resolution:

Here's a New Year's resolution suggestion that would greatly benefit your children - read to your child every day for 15-20 minutes. It's a small investment with a huge return. Research shows that if you read to your child at least 3 times a week from an early age they will:

- be better prepared for school
- get better grades throughout their school years
- get a better job
- be more likely to succeed
- be happier as an adult with higher self esteem.

Reading together also provides your child with the single most important thing they need to grow up happy, healthy and thriving...quality time with YOU.



The fund drive raised over \$8500! (and still counting...)

This is much more than expected. A **big thank you** to the Friends and the community! A fantastic accomplishment and a great affirmation of community support for the project.



Consider joining us in supporting this valuable community asset. Donation forms are available at the library or online: [Donation form](#)



Children's Programs

The Library wants to thank Darcy and Jackie for hosting our "Songs and Stories" program held in December. They are very talented musicians with a fun repertoire for children. We plan to offer more programs by Darcy & Jackie in the coming months. Watch for notices.

