



# Worcester Free Library

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Tues. & Sat.: 9 am - 2 pm, Wed. & Thurs.: 1 - 6 pm Fridays: 1 - 8 pm

## November 2016 Newsletter

**Note: Library will be closed Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> Happy Thanksgiving!!**



### Veteran's Day Presentation

Friday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm

John L. Munson will give a presentation with photos about his time serving in the Marine Corps Honor Guard, participation in Presidential burials (pallbearer at MacArthur's & Kennedy's), and his time serving two terms in Vietnam. On his return to civilian life, he became a State Trooper and later Sheriff Deputy.

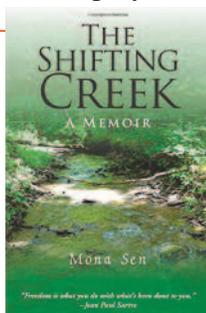
### Book Reading by local author, Mona Sen

Friday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 pm

In this truly inspirational memoir, Mona Sen talks of her life with multiple sclerosis and how life does not have one path, meaning or direction but many.

Ms. Sen grew up in many worlds including India, Indonesia and America. Since her diagnosis of MS at a young age, Sen has approached life with a "never say never" attitude. "The Shifting Creek" isn't only for people with MS, but for anyone dealing with the everyday challenges of life.

Refreshments will be served.



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### Library Used Bookstore

Closing for the season: Dec. 3rd

Reopening in the Spring

Last Day for book donations: Nov. 26th



**Children's Books for Teachers:** The bookstore has an abundance of children's books, which we are making available for free to area school teachers. Please take advantage of this offer before closing.

Open Every Saturday, 10 am - 2 pm

152 Main Street (Norton's Hardware) lower level

**Thanks!** to all who participated and volunteered at our **Paint n' Sip** fundraiser last month. We raised funds for the Capital Campaign and had fun at the same time.



We welcome Karen Butler as the new President of the FoWFL Board.

New officers are: VP: Bette McNerney  
Secretary: Sally Jones & Kathryn Demby  
Treasurers: Kathleen Gasparini, Sue Hoepker



### The Rotating Large Print Collection is Here!

### and the Rotating Audio Collection Arrives Nov. 19

The collections will change every 3 months for 50 new large print books and 48 audio books.



### Battle of the Books

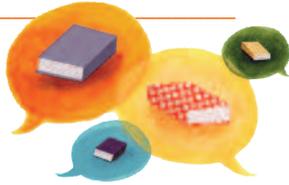
Teams are forming and parent volunteers are needed to coach and coordinate activities such as making the tee shirts and posters. There will be a letter going out to the schools about this program. Let's keep the tradition and enthusiasm going!



## Book Clubs:

### Breakfast Book Club

Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> at Jack's Pub



### Thursday Book Club

Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> at the Library

Reading "Man Named Ove" by Fredrik Backman. A light hearted, deeply moving novel about a grumpy but loveable curmudgeon who finds his solitary world turned on its head when a boisterous young family moves in next door. This quirky debut is a thoughtful and charming exploration of the impact one life has on countless others,

### Book Clubs for Teens and Tweens

Fridays after 3 pm

The library is happy to provide a place for teens and tweens to meet and share their enjoyment of reading. Book clubs are a great way to meet new friends with similar interests. Come to the Library on Friday afternoons and get together with others your age who enjoy the same stories– we'll help you get started. It's fun and easy!

## Meetings at the Library:

### Trustees Board Meeting:

Thurs. Nov. 10 at 6:30 pm

### Friends of the Library Board Meeting:

Mon. Nov. 14 at 4:00 pm

All meetings are open to the public.

## From the Librarian's Desk:

Backwards Alphabet: ZYX Poem

Z, Y, X and W, V,  
U, T, S, and R, Q, P,  
O, N, M and L, K, J,  
I, H, G,  
F, E, D  
and C, B, A.



## Capital Campaign Update

### A Message from the President

As you know, it has been a long time since the Board of Trustees purchased the building next to the Library with the goal of expanding its space for a larger collection, more programming and added services for the four townships we represent.

It has been frustrating that many delays during planning and funding this project have resulted in yet another construction period ending without progress. The challenge for the Trustees has been to get the right plan for the Library while keeping the costs down. All financial support occurs through grants, donations and fund raising to avoid a greater burden on the taxpayers.

The project has a Building Committee, an engineer and a construction manager. Final construction drawings should be completed in November in order to obtain building permits. Once they are approved, specifications can be sent out for bids. Selection of the builders, details and scheduling will occur over the winter, with the goal of starting work as early as weather permits in 2017.

The Trustees and I appreciate your patience and we will reward it with a worthy well planned Library. Although the project is taking longer than anticipated, it *will* get done!

Anyone interested in helping with the project can contact me at 397-8506, or can stop in the Library. All are welcome to attend Building Committee meetings and/or the monthly Board of Trustees meetings.

Thank you.

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*President of the Board*