



Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone Turns 20! Come Celebrate with Us!

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Off the Shelf

Two weeks ago, I attended the annual conference of the Massachusetts Library Association (MLA) in Hyannis. I was fortunate enough to be able to bring six other staff members with me. Now that we're back, we've been reflecting on what we learned; what programs really stuck out in our minds; and how we can bring some of what we learned back to the Parker.

Each staff member that attended the conference has submitted a few paragraphs about their experience, to be included in the Director's monthly report to the Board of Library Trustees. These are some of the comments that were submitted:

"Being surrounded by hundreds of people enthused about libraries and the valuable work they do for their communities, left me feeling inspired. Inspired to do more and learn more."

"The MLA conference gave me an abundance of information and a good dose of motivation. The conference made me feel more connected with the Parker Memorial Library staff. I enjoyed the opportunity to get to know my co-workers more. I felt grateful to be part of a library and staff that was recognized often at the award ceremony."

"I went to the program about marketing for busy librarians where I learned more about relying on the MBLC communication department for PR materials instead of creating everything in house from scratch. They debut a new website that looks very useful and has both printable materials and high resolution images we can use for social media or websites."

"The session that I was most inspired by was Activating Sustainable Thinking, run by Rebekkah Smith Aldrich and Matt Bollerman, who told us that libraries are educators, not storehouses for books. We were encouraged to empower our patrons and help our communities thrive by finding out what is important to them. "

"I was excited and thankful to attend the MLA Conference this year. I have been preparing to apply for the Paralibarian certification, and this was a wonderful way to broaden my experience, and show me how much there still is to learn!"

"I look forward to seeing what changes come from the knowledge and inspiration that conference attendees brought back with them."

As for my part, I was rather busy as the conference was my last official duty as MLA



President this year. In between introducing keynote speakers, ushering in the grand opening of the exhibit hall, and making sure that everything was in order for our annual business luncheon, I was able to attend several sessions and get re-energized. My favorite program was on *Activating Sustainable Thinking*. The session was led by Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, the Coordinator for Library Sustainability at the Mid-Hudson Library System in New York, and Matthew Bollerman, Library director at the Hauppauge Public Library in New York. The program focused on learning how to align your institution's core values and resources with the local and global community's right to endure, bounce back from disruption, and thrive by bringing new and energetic life to fruition through choices made in all areas of library operations and outreach.

The core values of librarianship are

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Meet the Staff... Amy Spence



This month we introduce you to Library Assistant, Amy Spence. Amy started working at

the library in December of 2015. She couldn't be happier spending her days surrounded by books and readers. She is currently taking online classes at UML. Amy has a yoga practice that she credits with keeping her healthy and pleasant. She also enjoys taking pictures, hiking, and watching reruns of the West Wing.

Amy often has a few books going at once, and is currently reading *The Gratitude Diaries* by Janice Kaplan, *The Core of the Sun* by Johanna Sinisalo, and just finished *Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi. Graphic novels are new to her, but she's enjoyed the autobiographies that she's read. Some of her favorite books, however, can be found in the children's room and YA section of the library - they're not just for kids!

home repairs, and to re-search the occasional vacation. All of their children grew up attending programs at the library and borrowing books and movies.

Amy was the recent recipient of the of the 2017 Ingram Content Award. As the recipient, she attended all three days of Massachusetts Library Association Annual Conference in Hyanis. Amy also received a one-year membership to MLA.

Here at the Parker, you will most often find Amy at the Circulation Desk, where she's happy to check items out to you, or chat about the latest authors and books. Make sure that you stop and say hello when you see

From the Director's Desk... *Continued*

- Access
- Confidentiality/Privacy
- Democracy
- Diversity
- Education & Lifelong Learning
- Intellectual Freedom
- Preservation
- The Public Good
- Professionalism
- Service
- Social Responsibility

2. Why is that important to you?

3. How is that different from how you see things now?

4. What are some of the things that need to happen in order to create that kind of change?

These are the questions that we, as a community, need to answer. The answers will lead the library, the trustees, and the staff to do what we are meant to do.... serve you better.

As always, I am available to meet and talk with you. This is *your* library and we want to hear what you think!

Nanci Milone Hill,
Library Director

How do we accomplish these values? We do it by empowering, engaging, and energizing. "Libraries are empowerment engines." Everything we do goes toward empowering those we serve. The role of the library is to be a catalyst and a convener.

1. What kind of community do you want to live in?

Amy and her husband have four children and just celebrated 20 years of marriage. They frequently turn to the library for books about parenting, personal finances,



From left to right: Lydia Gravel, Diane Annunziato, Amy Spence, Nanci Milone Hill, Laura Sanscartier, Catherine Bence, Amber Bouchard

Library Director, Nanci Milone Hill, was the recipient of the 2017 Library Staff Advocate of the Year Award at MLA 2017. The Library won 1st place in the PR Awards for Best Community Event, for *Dracut Reads*. They also won Best in Show for *Dracut Reads*, and Amy Spence was the winner of the 2017 Ingram Content Award.

New Acquisitions

NEW FICTION - JUNE 2017

Anthologies

- Jaswal, Balli Kaur. *Erotic Stories for Punjabi Widows*

Christian

- Brunstetter, Wanda E. *The Farmer's Market*
- Kingsbury, Karen. *Love Story*

Fantasy

- Brooks, Terry. *The Black Elfstone*
- Stephenson, Neal. *The Rise and Fall of D.O.D.O*
- Tolkien, J.R.R. *Beren and Luthien*
- Wheeler, Jeff. *The Hollow Crown*

General

- Green, Jane. *The Sunshine Sisters*
- Hilderbrand, Elin. *The Identicals*
- Monroe, Mary Alice. *Beach House for Rent*
- Taylor, Ann Kidd. *The Shark Club*
- Trigiani, Adriana. *Kiss Carlo*

GLBTQ

- Glass, Julia. *A House Among the Trees*

Historical

- Cantor, Jillian. *The Lost Letter*
- Gabaldon, Diana. *Seven Stones to Stand or*

Fall.

- Gentill, Sulari. *Miles off Course*
- Hamilton, Omar. *The City Always Wins*
- Kadish, Rachel. *The Weight of Ink*
- Lock, Norman. *A Fugitive in Walden Woods*
- Sullivan, Mark T. *Beneath a Scarlet Sky*
- Williams, Beatriz. *Cocoa Beach*
- Wingate, Lisa. *Before We Were Yours*

Horror

- Kadrey, Richard. *The Kill Society*
- King, Stephen. *Gwendy's Button Box*
- Koontz, Dean. *The Silent Corner*
- LaValle, Victor D. *The Changeling*

Literary

- Baker, Angelica. *Our Little Racket*
- Cantor, Jillian. *The Lost Letter*
- Goodman, Allegra. *The Chalk Artist*
- Meloy, Maile. *Do Not Become Alarmed*
- Roy, Arundhati. *The Ministry of Utmost Happiness*
- Umrigar, Thrity. *Everybody's Son*

Mystery

- Bannister, Jo. *Other Countries*
- Barrett, Lorna. *A Just Clause*
- Berenson, Laurien. *Murder at the Puppy Fest*
- Bjork, Samuel. *The Owl Always Hunts at Night*
- Black, Cara. *Murder in*

- Bouman, Tom. *Fateful Morning*
- Cameron, Stella. *Lies that Bind*
- Carlisle, Kate. *Once Upon a Spine*
- Fairstein, Linda A. *Deadfall*
- Goldberg, Leonard S. *The Daughter of Sherlock Holmes*
- Greenlaw, Linda. *Shiver Hitch*
- Hall, Patricia. *Cover Up*
- Holt, Anne. *Odd Numbers*
- Horowitz, Anthony. *Magpie Murders*
- Housewright, David. *What the Dead Leave Behind*
- Levine, Laura. *Death of a Bachelorette*
- Logan, Michael. *Hell's Detective*
- Lucifer. *The Tunnel*
- Maron, Margaret. *Take Out*
- Pronzini, Bill. *Endgame*
- Reichs, Kathy. *Two Nights*
- Sefton, Maggie. *Only Skein Deep*
- Sullivan, Matthew. *Midnight at the Bright Ideas Bookstore*
- Walker, Martin. *The Templar's Last Secret*
- Westlake, Donald A. *Forever and a Death*
- Wiehl, Lis. *The Separatists*

Romance

- Chance, Samantha. *A Sky Full of Stars*
- Palmer, Diana. *Undaunted*
- Roberts, Nora. *Come Sundown*
- Showalter, Gena. *The Darkest Promise*

- Singh, Nalini. *Silver Silence*
- Steel, Danielle. *The Duchess*

Science Fiction

- Morden, Simon. *Down Station*

Suspense/Thriller

- Child, Lee. *Matchup*
- Dionne, Karen. *The Marsh King's Daughter*
- Eastland, Sam. *Berlin Red*
- Eisler, Barry. *Zero Sum*
- Ephron, Hallie. *You'll Never Know Dear*
- Evanovich, Janet. *Dangerous Minds*
- Farnsworth, Christopher. *Flashmob*
- Finder, Joseph. *The Switch*
- Gardiner, Meg. *Unsub*
- Gleason, Robert. *And Into the Fire*
- Grisham, John. *Camino Island*
- Harris, Charlaiane. *Indigo*
- Harrison, Colin. *You Belong to Me*
- Hoag, Tami. *The Boy*
- Kubica, Mary. *Every Last Lie*
- Maden, Mike Tom. *Clancy Point of Interest*
- Meltzer, Brad. *Escape Artist*
- Oates, Joyce Carol. *Dis Mem Ber*
- Patterson, James. *Murder Games*
- Ponsor, Michael. *The One-Eyed Judge*

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You are cordially invited to a week of festivities celebrating the world of Harry Potter. Please note that registration is required for all events. Space is limited for some events, so register early.

All children under the age of 12 MUST be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Please note - all events are free, but we are asking you to **HELP FREE DOBBY** by bringing a pair of new socks as your admission to each program. For each pair of socks you bring, you will be entered into a raffle to win one of two GRAND PRIZES. All donated socks will be given to local charities.

Pizza & a Movie: *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*

Monday, July 10th
Showing I - 12:00 PM
Showing II - 6:00 PM

Meet Hagrid and His Pets: Animal Program

Tuesday, July 11th at 10:30 AM.

Harry Potter Trivia Night for Families

Tuesday, July 11th at 6:30
Please note that this event will take place at the Council

on Aging, which is located at 951 Mammoth Road.

Harry Potter Scavenger Hunt

Wednesday, July 12th at 9:00 AM
We will meet at Veteran's Park, which is located at 80 Broadway Road in Dracut. Look for the Sorting Hat. Please note that this program is FULL.

Dragon Story Time

Wednesday, July 12th at 10:00 AM. Ages 2-1st Gr.

Middle School Harry Potter Fandom Party

Wednesday, July 12th at 4:30 PM. Grades 6 - 8.

Visit Diagon Alley!

Thursday, July 13th
Grades 1-5. Two sessions:
Session I - 10:00 AM
Session II - 2:00 PM

Hogwarts Bingo

Friday, July 14th 10:00 AM
Students in Grades 2-5

Yule Ball

Friday, July 14th from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM. *Please note that this event will take place at the Council on Aging, which is located at 951 Mammoth Road.*

Harry Potter Week is Sponsored by:

Friends of Dracut Library,
Dracut Recreation Depart-

ment, Dracut Council on Aging, and The Arbors.

For more information about these programs, or to register, please visit our website at www.dracutlibrary.org

SUMMER READING REWARDS PROGRAM



Registration for the Summer Reading Rewards program begins on **Friday, June 23rd.**

Stop by the Children's Room between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM to register and pick up your log.

This program is for children entering ages 2 - Gr 5.

Children will earn a sticker and a prize for every 5 days that they read or listen to stories for at least 15 minutes each day.

Our registration and prize table will then be open Monday - Wednesday, 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM, and Thursday & Friday, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM until August 11th.