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Greetings from the President

My term as President of the Friends of the Wellesley Free Libraries, two rewarding and productive years, is coming to an end. The Wellesley Library is a gem – beautiful spaces, run by talented staff, which serves the entire community from the very youngest to the oldest. In the current economy, when funds available to the library from the town budget are increasingly tight, other moneys must be raised in order to maintain the quality of the programs and collections.

To support these efforts, the Friends of the Libraries raise money primarily through membership dues and book sales. We rely on our members and other Wellesley residents to donate their gently used books to us for resale. In recent months the number of donations has fallen. There could be many reasons, and one could be the presence of well-advertised GotBooks in Wellesley. I hope that you all remember that GotBooks is a profit making organization and if you give them your books, you are donating directly to their bottom line.

I've enjoyed being on the Board of the Friends for the last six years. I've made many new friends and loved spending much time at the library. If you love books and libraries and have time to volunteer, I would encourage you to volunteer at the book sales and inquire about joining the Friends' Board.

Mary E. Whalen, President
Friends of the Wellesley Free Libraries

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Annual Arnold Lecture

The annual Arnold Lecture, sponsored by the Friends, was established in 1982 to honor Margaret "Peg" Arnold upon her retirement as the longtime and much beloved Director of the Wellesley Free Libraries. This year, we have invited two authors to speak. Please see the next page for more information on the 2010 Arnold Lecture Series and our invited authors, Sue Miller and Archer Mayor.

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2010 ARNOLD LECTURE SERIES

Archer Mayor and Sue Miller

In May, the 2010 Arnold Lecture will become the 2010 Arnold Lecture Series! We are fortunate this Spring to have two distinguished speakers from two different literary genres. The dates are Thursday, May 13th and Monday, May 17th. Both events will be held from 7-8:30pm in the Wakelin Room of the main library. Admission is free of charge.

Our first speaker is Archer Mayor. Mr. Mayor is the author of the critically acclaimed series of police novels, featuring detective Joe Gunther, which the Chicago Tribune describes as “the best police procedurals being written in America.” He is also the 2004 winner of the New England Independent Booksellers Association Award for Best Fiction—the first time a writer of crime literature has been so honored.

Whereas many writers base their books on only interviews and scholarly research, Mayor’s novels are based on actual experience in the field. He currently serves as a death investigator for Vermont’s Chief Medical Examiner, a Deputy Sheriff for Windham County, VT, and an investigator for the Windham County State’s Attorney’s Office. The result adds a depth, detail and veracity to his characters and their tribulations that has led the New York Times to call him “the boss man on procedures”. Mr. Mayor will be speaking on Thursday, May 13th.

Our second speaker is the best selling author Sue Miller. Since her first novel, The Good Mother in 1986, Ms. Miller has distinguished herself as one of our most elegant and widely celebrated chroniclers of family life, with ‘a singular gift for laying bare the interior lives of her characters’.

Two of Ms. Miller’s books (The Good Mother and Inventing the Abbotts) have been made into feature films; her 1990 novel Family Pictures was nominated for a National Book Critics Circle Award; Oprah Winfrey selected While I Was Gone for her popular Book Club; and in 2004, a first foray into nonfiction -- the poignant, intensely personal memoir The Story of My Father -- was widely praised for its ‘narrative eloquence and character dramatization’. Ms. Miller’s most recent book, The Lake Shore Limited, was released on April 6th, 2010, by Knopf, Doubleday. Sue Miller will be speaking on Monday, May, 17th.

The Friends are pleased to present this exceptional pair of authors for the Arnold Lecture Series. We look forward to seeing you there!



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- 10 concerts, lectures or children's programs or
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- 70 books on CD or
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Spring Book Sale

Wakelin Room, Wellesley Free Library

Members' Preview

Thursday, April 29, 5-9 pm

Public Sale

Friday, April 30, 9am-6pm

Saturday, May 1, 9am-5pm

Bag Sale

Sunday, May 2, 1-5pm