



A Message from our Presidents...

Dear Friends,

It has been another wonderful year for the Friends and we can't thank you, our members, enough for your continued support! Once again, our February and April book sales were great successes! The quality of your book donations and the tremendous attendance at our sales make it all possible. We send a special thank you to our members who have actively volunteered at our sales this year; we are grateful for your continued enthusiasm and tireless dedication!

Please join us on Monday, May 7, for our Annual Arnold Lecture, featuring a conversation with local author Julia Glass! Read more on the next page and plan to attend this great evening!

There are some exciting changes ahead for the future of the Library – for both the Main and Fells branches. The Fells branch in particular will be renovated to foster early literacy and educational programming for our youngest readers and future Friends. We are excited to join these new initiatives as we fulfill our mission of supporting library programs and expanding WFL resources.

Our Library fish tank continues to bring smiles to faces young and old! Being a Fish Friend is great fun for children and grandchildren, so please consider sponsoring our fabulous fish tank for a month! We appreciate your continued support of the Friends with your membership and involvement.

Thank you for being a part of the Friends and for being a friend in every sense to the WFL. Have a wonderful summer and we will see you at our next sale in September!

Shannon Smith and Susan Calcio
Co-Presidents, FWFL

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: 2018-19 BOOK SALES

SEPT 13-16, 2018

JAN 31-FEB 3, 2019

APRIL 25-28, 2019

MEMBERS' PREVIEW NIGHT – THURSDAY

BAG SALE - SUNDAY



Spotlight on...

THE ANNUAL ARNOLD LECTURE
OF THE FRIENDS OF THE WELLESLEY FREE LIBRARIES

Julia Glass in Conversation with Nichole Bernier



Julia Glass
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Please join us as we welcome Julia Glass as our guest for the Annual Arnold Lecture on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 7:00pm.

Julia Glass is the author of six works of fiction, including the best-selling *Three Junes*, winner of the National Book Award, and *I See You Everywhere*, winner of the Binghamton University John Gardner Fiction Book Award. Her most recent book is *A House Among the Trees*, the story of an unusual bond between a world-famous writer and his assistant – a richly plotted novel of friendship and love, artistic ambition, the perils of celebrity and the power of an unexpected legacy.

A recipient of fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, the New York Foundation for the Arts, and the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Glass is a Distinguished Writer in Residence at Emerson College in Boston.

Join us as we invite Julia Glass into our Library community for a conversation with Nichole Bernier, local journalist, editor, and author. This event is free and open to the public.

**Monday
May 7, 2018
7:00pm
Wakelin Room**

Museum Passes are available all summer!

Sponsored by the Friends

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| Belkin Family Lookout Farm | Institute of Contemporary Art | John F. Kennedy Library and Museum |
| Boston Children’s Museum | Harvard Museums of Science and Culture | Museum of Fine Arts |
| deCordova Sculpture Park & Museum | Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum | New England Aquarium |
| Museum of Science | New England Quilt Museum | Trustees of the Reservation |
| Gardens at Elm Bank | Peabody Essex Museum | Zoo New England |
| Harvard Art Museums | | Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation |

Remembering a Friend: John Benfatto



In December, the FWFL lost a wonderful Friend, former board member, and amazing volunteer. John Benfatto was well-known for his prowess in our book sorting room. He was able to sort and pack book donations with a degree of precision that we still strive to reach! John was instrumental in preparing for our book sales - especially in showcasing our offerings in his beloved history section. The joy of working beside John extended far beyond his expertise with books. He was happy to chat about all his hobbies and interests, including travel, music

(especially opera, which inspired him to wax eloquent about particular singers and scenes), and good food, much of it cooked by his wife Claire, to whom he was married for 61 years. John was fun-loving and always saw the best in those around him. Volunteering beside him was a treat; a great raconteur, he kept the stories flowing and was delightfully entertaining. The FWFL will miss his presence in our sorting room, at our sales, and in our hearts.

We love volunteers! Want to help with the book sales?

Set up shifts – Muscles welcome, lifting boxes of books required!

Floater – Straighten books, assist customers, keep sale area neat.

Cashiers – Greet patrons, add up purchases, express our thanks.

Floor Manager – We welcome current and former board members.

Come join us and support the library with your time! If you would like information about volunteering with the Friends, please contact: friend@friendsofwellesleyfreelibraries.org, drop a note at the Library, or leave us a message

Did you know?

You can give the gift of membership!

New Baby * Marriage * New Neighbor * Birthday * Holiday * Because They Love Books

You can also give the gift of fish!

Sponsor a Fish Friend of the Month for only \$15

Any occasion is a great reason to introduce a friend or family member to the Library by giving them a gift membership and fostering a new friendship with the WFL!



FRIENDS OF THE WELLESLEY FREE LIBRARIES

Supporting Library Programs through Membership and Sales



A few upcoming Library events... Sponsored by the Friends

Upcoming Adult Programs:

The Fine Art of Conservation: Masterpieces, Ephemera, and Fakes ... Pamela Hatchfield, Head of Objects Conservation at the Museum of Fine Arts Boston, will share stories about how objects and sculpture are studied and cared for at the MFA. Thursday, May 10, 7-8pm.

Mark Weber: Digital Currencies and Blockchain Technologies ... a discussion on the basics of Bitcoin's distributed system as well as its potential to foster financial inclusion and property rights. Monday, May 21, 7-9pm.

Concert: Sumner Quartet ... a professional, community-centered string quartet. Sunday, June 3, 2-3pm.

Drones! ... Learn how to fly a drone! Sign up for a 15 minute slot to test out our new U818A drone. Registration required. Tuesday, June 5, 3:30-5pm.

Documentary Film Screening - 'Generation Zapped' ...

An eye-opening documentary revealing wireless technology 's serious health risks, from infertility to cancer. Q&A with Cecilia Doucette, Communications Director of the nonprofit organization Wireless Education, following the film. Thursday, June 7, 6:30-9pm.

Concert: Duo Anime ... Violinist Barbara Englesberg and pianist Esther Ning Yau. Sunday, June 10, 2-3pm.

Documentary Film Screening - 'Immigration Paradox' ... Filmmaker Lourdes Lee Vasquez set out to understand why people would risk their lives to come to the U.S. Thursday, June 14, 6:30-9pm.

Ongoing Children's Programs:

Girls Who Code, BookBabies, Sing and Swing, LEGO Club, Illustrators Workshop, Artists Workshop, Sensational Scientists, Reading Clubs, Picture Book Theater, and many others!

For a full list of programs sponsored by the Friends, including many children's programs, please see the main calendar at <http://wellesleyfreelibrary.org/events/>

Join Us! Become a Friend of the Wellesley Free Libraries!

Name _____
Address _____

Phone _____
Email _____

Annual Membership Contribution

- \$15 Student/Senior Citizen
- \$25 Individual/Senior Couple
- \$50 Family
- \$75 Supporting
- \$100 Patron
- \$400 Lifetime Membership
- \$ Additional Gift, amount \$ _____

- Yes! Please contact me to volunteer!
- This membership is a gift
- My company's matching gift is enclosed

Become a Fish Friend



- \$15 Fish Friend of the Month
- Give Fish Friendship as a Gift!

Make your tax-deductible check payable to: Friends of the Wellesley Free Libraries and send with form to: Membership, Friends of the Wellesley Free Libraries, 530 Washington Street, Wellesley, MA 02482
Membership is also Online!

Through book sales and membership, the FWFL is able to fund adult and children's library programs, the annual Arnold Lecture, museum passes, maintenance of the fish tank, and support library staff enrichment.