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*“To read a book for the first time is to make an acquaintance with a new friend;
to read it for a second time is to meet an old one.”*

— Anonymous, Chinese saying

WAS AN E-READER IN YOUR STOCKING THIS YEAR?

If Santa left an e-reader in your stocking this year, be sure to check out our free, downloadable e-book collection through the library’s catalog.

Our downloadable e-books and audiobooks are compatible with almost all e-reading devices, including the most popular ones such as the Kindle, the Nook, the iPad, and smartphones like the iPhone and the Android.

In addition to the titles that are available throughout the library

network, Whitman also subscribes to an “advantage” program. This program allows us to lend you books—typically best sellers—that only circulate in Whitman.

The library is happy to help you learn more about this service, and we offer one-on-one assistance for help in downloading e-books. See our Web site or stop in to the library for our handouts about setting up your account and downloading your first book.

***Please stop by the front desk or speak to our Reference Librarian, Sam Soucy, for help with your new device. ***



DIRECTOR’S CORNER: 2011—A GREAT YEAR FOR THE WPL!

Like many people, each New Year I stop and reflect on what has happened in the previous year, the accomplishments and the highlights, as well as the low points and things I wish had been done.

Looking back on this year at the library, I’ve been thinking that we have a lot to be thankful for.

This year, we have had a number of building issues that have been resolved. We have beautiful (and safe!) new sidewalks, thanks in large part to our wonderful Department of Public Works

and the generous donations of past benefactors.

We also were able to resolve what many of us here at the library feel is one of our worst problems—dim lighting. We can barely believe our eyes at the difference in the old and new lights. We can’t thank our Building Inspector, Bob Curran, enough for the time he put into this project.

I personally am grateful for the hard work of our staff, volunteers, Library Friends, and Trustees, and the cooperation and support of our Town Administrator and

all of the departments we work with each and every day.

Most of all, I’m grateful and thankful for working in such a warm, caring community that truly supports their library.

I hope that 2012 brings just as much fun and excitement—and no doubt some new challenges—as 2011!

Sincerely,

Jessi Finnie
Library Director

LEARN TO KNIT THIS FEBRUARY!

Learn to Knit! This is a 4 week series on beginning knitting. No experience necessary. Due to the popularity of this class, registration begins on Thursday, December 1 at 10am for Whitman residents only. Open registration for residents of other areas starts Tuesday, January 3. Participants must commit to all 4 Tuesday sessions in February, 6pm.



FEBRUARY SCHOOL VACATION IS COMING UP—ARE YOU READY?

Are you and your family having a “stay-cation” this February break? Don’t forget that the library has passes to many of the area museums.

Passes book up fast, especially for vacation weeks, so make your reservations now! For your convenience, museum passes can be booked online at www.whitmanpubliclibrary.org or by calling the library at 781-447-7613.

MEET OUR NEW YOUTH SERVICES LIBRARIAN—DINA BRASSEUR

****Our new Youth Services Librarian Dina Brasseur takes a few minutes to introduce herself below. We hope you'll stop by to say hi to her in person really soon!****

Hello Whitman! My name is Dina Brasseur, and I'm your new Youth Services Librarian.

I grew up in New Bedford, about 50 minutes down Route 18. As a kid, during the summers, I'd set up a mock library in the back hallway of my house, and friends from the neighborhood would borrow Nancy Drew and Babysitter's Club books.

In college, I worked in the library on campus and found a wonderful mentor in my boss. I decided then that I would definitely go on to pursue a master's degree in library science. A unique job opportunity brought me to New Jersey and then New York, which put graduate school on hold. It wasn't until 2004, when I was working as an executive assistant in NYC, that I knew the time was right to continue my education.

I enrolled at Pratt Institute and was hired by the New York Public Library as a Children's Librarian. I spent seven wonderful years working in a variety of branch libraries in Manhattan.

About a year ago, I began thinking about moving back home, to be closer to my family. I left NYC in September and was extremely fortunate that the Whitman Public Library was hiring soon after. I remembered Whitman because of childhood visits to King's Castle Land and Peaceful Meadows. It's exciting to be working here! Please come in and meet me soon. Programs for babies, toddlers and preschoolers will be starting up in January. Looking forward to seeing you!

****For a list of the programs Dina will be holding this winter, see below!****

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS THIS WINTER

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Looking for something to do with your children this winter?

Please look no further than the Whitman Public Library. Programs for children begin in January!

Baby Lap Sit will be held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, starting January 18th. There will only be one session in January. This program is structured to share activities and tools parents can use with their children that will help with their child's development. Babies, from birth through 18 months, along with a parent

or caregiver, will enjoy rhymes, finger plays, songs and stories. It's never too early to introduce your child to the wonders of language in a group setting!

Toddler Time will be held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, starting January 11th. Toddlers, from 18 to 36 months, along with a parent or caregiver, will enjoy rhymes, finger plays, songs and stories especially geared toward their developmental skills. Toddler sessions are an excellent way to promote socialization in a fun and friendly environment.

Preschool Story Time will be held every Wednesday, starting January 11th. This is a program designed to stimulate the pre-literacy skills of children ages 3-6. Picture book favorites, old and new, will be read aloud. January preschool story time sessions will feature books with a winter theme.

Please see our calendar for a complete list of programs, dates and times. To start, there will be no form of pre-registration for these programs, so drop in soon!