

**Get to Know—Annie Reuter  
Storyteller Extraordinaire**



If you enter the Children's Library, you are likely to hear—"Where's Miss Annie?"—

from young and old alike. Since joining the Library staff a dozen years ago, **Annie Reuter** has managed to remember the names of every child, from the youngest to the oldest, who come through the door.

Remarkable? Yes, indeed. She fills her day with storytimes for babies, chess matches with older children, and everything in between.

Annie came to Connecticut in 1971 from New Rochelle, NY, and began her library career at the public library in Ridgefield. She's a graduate of Springfield College, has three grown children, two grandchildren, a Yorkie dog named Toby, and a big cat named Max. Knitting, reading, and walking are her other interests. She feels very fortunate to have the opportunity to work with the great staff here at the Library.

*Thank you, Annie!*

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*Make a bequest to the  
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*To learn more about planned  
giving, contact Cindy Clark at  
[cclark@westportlibrary.org](mailto:cclark@westportlibrary.org)  
or 291-4824.*

**A Word from Kathie**

*Cell phones, email, texting, Facebook—in these modern times, there are more ways than ever to connect to one another. But, just for the month of January, let's try to connect in an "old-fashioned" way and get together to talk about a book. Not just any book, but the **WestportREADS** selection, *The Housekeeper and the Professor*. This charming story will engage old and young alike with some very accessible topics, as well as a special connection to a Westport neighbor. Read the book, mark your calendar, and connect to a friend or neighbor in a new, old way—through conversation.*

*You'll need to mark your calendars for February as well— for the always-popular*

*Crossword Puzzle contest on Saturday, February 6th and the second annual Booklover's Bash on Friday, February 12th. Sharing your favorite books with other booklovers is a great way to start a weekend. You're sure to come away from the evening with a great list of books to keep you well-read for the rest of the long, cold winter!*

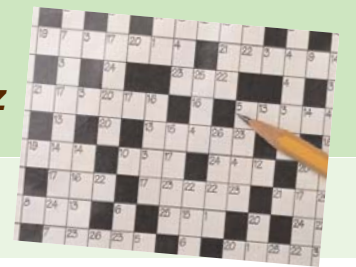
*And finally, thank you to all who supported the Friends book sale in December. Whether it was by volunteering, donating, or purchasing books, the record-setting revenues will be enjoyed by Library patrons all year long.*

*I wish all of you a Happy and healthy New Year!*

*Kathie Fording, President  
Friends of the Westport Library*

**The 11th Annual Crossword  
Puzzle Contest  
with Puzzlemaster Will Shortz**

**February 6, 1:00 pm**  
Online registration now open.



**Save the Date:  
Friends Annual Meeting**

**Friday, April 30, 6:00 pm**

The Friends Board is pleased to announce that the Special Friends Award will be given to the SpokenWord committee — Carol Diamond, Simone Dubow, Phyllis Groner, and Nikki Untermeyer. Don't miss it!

# AROUND THE LIBRARY

## FRIENDS HOLIDAY BOOK SALE

*Before*



Once a month, workers from the Gillespie Center move mountains of boxes filled with books. Thanks to Cheryl Scott-Daniels Real Estate for use of her indispensable truck.

*During*



Volunteers Cathy Ryan, Mimi Greenlee, Karen Kleine, and Suzy Hooper after the sign went up.

Mimi, the penultimate conductor, directs another successful book sale.

*After*

Happy patrons and another record-breaking sale were made possible by the planning and preparation of Mimi Greenlee, Suzy Hooper, Dick Lowenstein, India Penney, Sal Porio, Susan Ritter, and all the volunteers.

## ART OPENING OF PAUL RABUT'S "AFTER HOURS"



Paul Rabut's widow Peggy adjusts a painting one last time.

Howard Muncie admires one of the displays with Peggy.



## The Library Scavenger Hunt



The hunt begins.



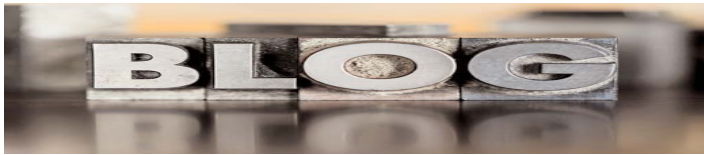
The Kesslers

Thank you to photographers Phyllis Groner, Ann Quasarano, and Larry Untermeyer for their photographs of Library happenings.



Team Westphal has a pow-wow.

# AT THE LIBRARY



Blogs (a contraction of the term web log, a frequently updated commentary) cover interests from movies to books to teens, a hidden treasure, or local happenings. Plan your next read, learn about authors, musicians, performers, and awards by discovering and exploring — the blogs at [www.westportlibrary.org](http://www.westportlibrary.org).



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“Coastal Views,” an exhibit of marine photography by Dan Murdoch



**February 1 — March 31**  
**The Great Hall Gallery**

*You are cordially invited to an art reception  
on Friday, February 5*

**6:00 to 7:00 pm.**

*Light refreshments served.  
Enter through the upper level  
Library entrance.*

## Marta Reports: The Newest Books on the Library

*Swan Thieves* by Elizabeth Kostova. An artist acts out his torments by battering a painting at the National Gallery of Art.

*Nanny Returns* by Emma McLaughlin & Nicola Kraus. Nan of *The Nanny Diaries* has her own family now, but her old charge needs her help.

*Where the God of Love Hangs Out* by Amy Bloom. Passion, family & friendship in interconnected stories about love. *Hear the author at the Library on February 2 at 7:30 pm.*

*A Dark Matter* by Peter Straub. Writing a scary book brings bad vibes into the lives of the author and his family.

*Mornings in Jenin: A Novel* by Susan Abulhawa. Palestinian exile by the child of refugees from the Six Day War. *Hear the author at the Library on February 8 at Noon.*

*Alice I Have Been: A Novel* by Melanie Benjamin. Another take on the life of Lewis Carroll's muse.

*The Secret Life of Emily Dickinson* by Jerome Charyn. A re-imagined life for the brilliant poet surrounded by fictional & historical characters. *Hear the author at the Library on March 2 at Noon.*

*Committed: A Skeptic Makes Peace with Marriage* by Elizabeth Gilbert. A meditation on deciding to marry the Indonesian man she introduced in *Eat, Pray, Love*.

*Just Kids* by Patti Smith. She reveals her enduring tie with Robert Mapplethorpe and their other famous friends.





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Friday 9-6, Saturday 9-5

Sunday 1-5

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Closed: Friday, January 1

Monday, January 18

Monday, February 15



A community-wide read to bring people together over a book—this year, *The Housekeeper and the Professor* by Yoko Ogawa.

- **Wednesday, January 6 at 7:30 pm**  
Coping with memory loss with Westporters **Doug and Patti Brill**.
- **Monday, January 11 at 7:30 pm**  
The art of translation with **Dr. Stephen Snyder**, Associate Professor of Japanese at Middlebury College.
- **Tuesday, January 12 at 10:30 am & 7:30 pm**  
Join the **PageTurners** discussion of the book at either time in the Seminar Room.
- **Thursday, January 14 at 7:30 pm**  
Math in sports and gambling with **Bruce Bukiet, Phd**, Associate Dean, College of Science and Liberal Arts, and Associate Professor, Department of Mathematical Sciences, at NJ Institute of Technology.
- **Wednesday, January 20 at 7:30 pm**  
Japanese baseball with **Harry Sakamaki**, President of the Japan Society in Greenwich.
- **Thursday, January 21 at 7:30 pm**  
Brain and memory with **Dr. Louise Resor**, Director of Neurology at Stamford Hospital.
- **Wednesday, January 27 at 7:30 pm**  
Learn how math enriches lives with the **Staples math team**, teachers, and coaches.
- **Saturday, January 30 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm**  
A fun family afternoon with activities on **Math, Memory & Making Connections**.

Check the Library website [www.westportlibrary.org](http://www.westportlibrary.org) for more details. For copies for your bookclub, contact Susan Madeo at 291-4821.

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