Library announces upcoming events and activities for adults

AGAWAM – Feeling the heat? Stop by the library for a cool place to relax and check out our programs and activities while you're here!

Come take a coast-to-coast adventure without leaving the public library. **America is Wild! with Author Brad Timm** is an engaging, visually rich presentation inspired by his newly released book, America is Wild! In this interactive and entertaining program, wildlife ecologist Brad shares some of his favorite animals and plants from across the country, offering a fresh perspective on the wildlife and landscapes we share our amazing planet with. Perfect for families, lifelong learners, and nature lovers of all ages, this presentation sparks curiosity, encourages learning, and inspires a deeper connection to the natural world around us. This event will take place on Thursday, Aug. 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Clini Community. Please register to attend.

Celebrate The 250th Anniversary of America's Beer with Advanced Cicereone Em Sauter and learn about the role of beer and brewing in American history. Starting from the Pilgrims landing on Plymouth Rock (because they were out of beer!) to the modern craft brewery movement and the beers we love today, beer has been woven throughout the fabric of American history. This event is a collaboration between the Agawam Public library and the Agawam Municipal Golf Course and will take place on Monday, Aug. 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the golf course. Beer samples will be available. Registration is required as space is limited.

Are you looking to dedicate some time to your body and mind? Join us on Monday, Aug. 31 at 6:30 pm. in the Clini Community Room for **Gentle Yoga with Jay.** This beginner-friendly class is designed to help you stretch, move, breathe, and unwind in a supportive environment. Whether you're stepping onto the mat for the first time or have years of experience, all levels are welcome. Modifications will be offered so everyone can practice comfortably. Please bring a yoga mat, yoga blocks, and water. This special class is a collaboration between Agawam Public Library, Studio One Agawam, and Nest of Peace Yoga, and registration is required.

Our regular programs are a great way for folks to pursue their interests or try out something new. Join us for weekly **Chair Yoga** at 9:05 a.m. on Wednesdays in the Clini Community Room. Led by yoga instructor Heidi Taberman, these drop-in classes are perfect for folks of all fitness levels. Are you a writer looking to connect with other writers?

Register to attend our **Writers Group** hosted by author Katherine Anderson on Thursday, Aug. 20 at 6 p.m. in the Peirce Conference Room. If you've been needing a place to get away and read for a bit, look no further than our **Silent Book Club.** Join us on 8 to 8:30 p.m. will be optional socialization time, and silent reading time will run from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Whether you'd like to join us to talk with others about your reading or just want to come in for the reading time, all are welcome. Registration is preferred but not required.

This month's **Virtual Author Talk Series** continues with a riveting conversation on Tuesday, Aug. 25 at 2 p.m. with award-winning biologist Beronda Montgomery as we discuss her book, *When Trees Testify: Science, Wisdom, History, and America's Black Botanical Legacy.* Combining the wisdom of science and history with stories from her own path to botany, Montgomery talks to majestic trees, and in this unique and compelling narrative, they answer. Don't miss out on this insightful discussion about Black history and botanical mastery. Mystery and thriller readers take note: bestselling author Lucy Foley will discuss her take on one of Agatha Christie's beloved detectives in her brand new *Miss Marple mystery, Murder at the Grand Alpine Hotel.* Join us on Thursday, Aug. 27 at 2 p.m. for this thrilling conversation. To register to attend any or all of these virtual talks, please call the library or visit libraryc.org/agawamlibrary.

Thank you to the Agawam Center Library Association and the Friends of the Agawam Library for sponsoring select library programs. We are closed Saturdays in the summer.

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On top of the program shifts, there have also been changes in administrator positions.

Alyse Roy is the new principal at Clifford M. Granger Elementary School.

With Roy taking over at Granger, Stephanie Gendrin, the former Granger principal, is moving to Benjamin Phelps Elementary School.

Mary Lynn Hunter will also be taking over as assistant principal at Agawam High School and Peter Lantaigne will be the new assistant principal at Roberta G. Doering.

Amber Hall, the former Doering assistant principal, is moving to an academic supervisor position. That is a district wide position for grades seven through twelve.

Martin is excited to welcome the administrators to their new positions.

"Stephanie, Alyse and Mary Lynn have been in our district in different capacities so we know the work they're bringing with them and their skills," Martin said. "Peter is coming from West Springfield to bring some new and fresh ideas."

Hall will be helping with some of the "reimagining work" that the district is doing in the junior high and high school, and Martin is thrilled to have her on the team.

"We are really rethinking the delivery of instruction, giving the students the opportunity to think deeply about their work and take more ownership of the work that's happening in classrooms," Martin said.

Martin is hopeful that this shift in instruction will help students to feel more engaged in their learning.

She invites students to reach out with feedback or ideas that they have so the district can continue to make their time in Agawam schools as successful and enjoyable as possible.

As each school prepares for the start of the year, students are invited to come out for the annual meet and greets.

These events give students the chance to meet their teachers before the first day and to reconnect with friends for some outdoor fun.

"Students can play on playgrounds and have popsicles with the principals," Martin said.

Each school puts their own spin on the meet and greets, so Martin encourages students and families to check their schools' websites for details.

After the meet and greets, students can get ready for the first day of school, Sept. 3.

The first day does fall before Labor Day this year, due to how the calendar falls.

Martin encourages students to have fun with their last few weeks of summer and to be prepared to hit the ground running once school begins.

"Get ready for an exciting and successful year," Martin said.

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required to accept all grant funds that are awarded to town entities.

Agawam received $91,700 plus a re-allocation from FY2026 for $4,750 for a total of $96,450 to complete the purchase of the radios.

Towns like Agawam rely on mutual aid from surrounding communities for police, fire, and emergency medical support. While mutual aid from police is less common, fire and EMS often cover for each other depending on the types of incidents. Types of mutual aid could include responding to incidents requiring more help like large fires that need more manpower, or staffing a fire station in case another incident rises.

Agawam also assists its neighboring communities with mutual aid as Agawam is surrounded by some smaller communities such as Longmeadow, Southwick, and beyond that, Granville. But the town has mutual aid agreements with most of its surrounding neighbors.

The grant states that the town will purchase 10 Motorola APX Mobile Radios, according to the grant award notice from the gaming commission.

Agawam has utilized grant funds from the gaming commission for several years, including more recently to help fund a project that will reconstruction the five-way intersection at Suffield, Cooper, and Rowley streets. The reconstruction drew some controversy earlier in the year due to proposed land takings. The grant funding was almost forfeited due to the timing of the votes, but town officials were able to work out the land takings with the business owners at the intersection.

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easier. Playing games together can really go a long way in making people feel seen and possibly giving them someone to connect to in the future, especially if they're new in town or just out of college.

LeFebvre believes anyone looking for something fun to do should come give Adult Board Game Night a try.

"It's a lot of fun and super flexible," LeFebvre said. "You can bring games you're comfortable with or give a new game a try. You can try to make some new friends or bring a friend or two and play with familiar faces! Sometimes we have quiet, slow nights, and sometimes we have folks at every table playing different games. It's an opportunity to just relax and have a bit of easy fun in a hectic world."

The library is an excellent resource for the community. They have yoga classes, Qigong workshops, books, films, music, and more. LeFebvre is committed to making Adult Board Game Night a welcoming space for all and understands the sense of community that the library provides.

"If anyone out there is struggling to find a sense of community, stopping by library events can give a great place to start. Join a book club or stop by silent book club to just chat about whatever you've been reading, come to a program to learn a little bit more about the world around you and find folks with similar interests, or come to our regular yoga or qigong events to get a little more active. There's something in the library for everyone, and if there isn't, let us know so we can make sure there is," she says.

Adult Board Game Night is a wonderful free opportunity to meet some new faces and chat over refreshments and board games. Bring your friends or try it out by yourself.

Public Notices

Agawam
Conservation Commission
Notice of Public Hearing

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, August 27, 2026 at 6:00 PM** at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the application of Charlies Garden Park for the Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation for property at 1399 Suffield Street and Parcel 2 Suffield Street.

By Order of
Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission

08/20/2026

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WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT FOR 2026 STATE PRIMARY

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To the Constables of the City/Town of Agawam

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said city or town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to vote at:

Precinct 1: William P. Sapelli School, 65 Begley Street
Precinct 2: Clifford M. Granger School, 31 South Westfield Street
Precinct 3: Agawam High School, 760 Cooper Street
Precinct 4: Roberta G. Doering School, 68 Main Street
Precinct 5: Benjamin J. Phelps School, 689 Main Street
Precinct 6: James Clark School, 65 Oxford Street
Precinct 7: Agawam Junior High School, 1305 Springfield Street
Precinct 8: James Clark School, 65 Oxford Street

On **TUESDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026**, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Primaries for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS ..... FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
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SECRETARY OF STATE ..... FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
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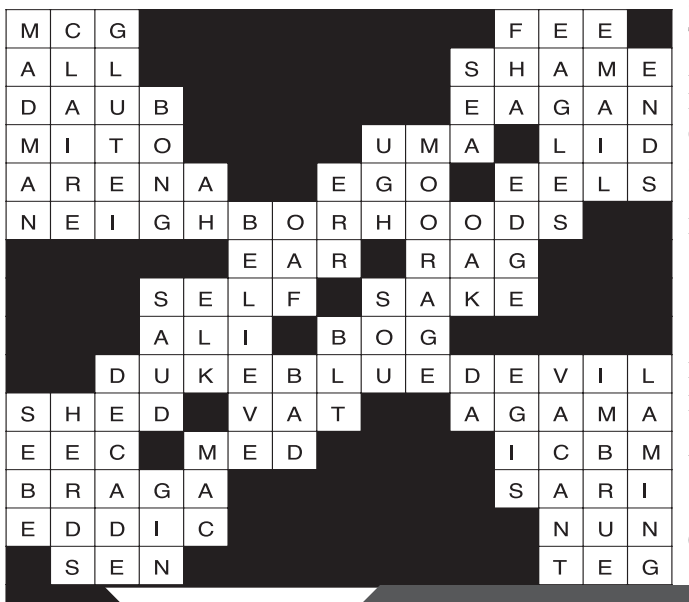
AUDITOR ..... FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS..... FIRST DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR..... EIGHTH DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT..... HAMPDEN & HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT ..... SIXTH HAMPDEN DISTRICT PRECINCT ONE ONLY THIRD HAMPDEN DISTRICT PRECINCT TWO THRU EIGHT
DISTRICT ATTORNEY ..... HAMPDEN DISTRICT
REGISTER OF PROBATE ..... HAMPDEN COUNTY

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hand this 14th day of August, 2026.

Vincent F. Gioscia, City Clerk

08/20/2026



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