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Library Fish Market and Book Sale

Halloween is on Saturday this year, so the Library will have a program on Friday afternoon instead! That program is a combination mini book sale, and fish market. Get fish-themed treats, and shop for used books!

What's Happening?

October Calendar:

10/9 Monica Reads Storytime

10:30 am (Library)

10/25 Quiet Neighbors: Weston Cemetery 2:00 pm

10/30 Library Fish Market and Book Sale 3:00 pm

Tuesdays at 5:00 pm Come In For A Yarn Handwork Club

Wednesdays at 3:30 pm

Crafternoons

Fridays at 10:30 am Preschool Storytime

What's New?

This Book Made Me Think of You by Libby Page

The Keeper of Stars by Buck Turner

Hasta Que Caiga la Luna by Sarah A Parker

Conspiracy by Colleen Coble

A Rover's Story by Jasmine Warga

Carl's Doomsday Scenario by Matt Dinniman

Whistler by Ann Patchett

Scent of Hope by Susan May Warren

All Booked Up by Melody Carlson

The Belle of Chatham by Laura Frantz

The Lighthouse at the Cove by Amy Clipston



Scott Bannister Edith Lieuallen Darold Good Jean Filmore Harvey Gillum



Lula Boyer Sally Oefrichs David Cummings Sharon Exum Luke Conley



Charles Leonard Yelda Clark Roger Clifton Sandra Price



Dan Picard Charlene Hayworth John Ponti Helen Crowl

Class of 1959

WESTON HIGH SCHOOL

Weston High School Graduating
Class of 1958

Featuring our beloved Edith
Lieuallen, and Moke.

Hold That Tiger





Forced Flowers

Flowers are still apparent in the garden and along the roadsides, especially the sunflowers and asters. Planted pots are still in full splendor, including the Library's window boxes and whisky barrels. Stop by and have a look at them, they're spectacular. It's hard to imagine that soon they will be all folded up and put away for the year, and then the bright leaves will have blown away, and we will want to relieve the gray with flowers once again. Available to us in our time of need are forced bulbs. The one necessary ingredient, flower bulbs, are on sale now wherever you buy plants and flowers, but especially BiMart.

It just so happens to be time to plant bulbs for spring flowers, so they are widely available, in as many colors and varieties as you can possibly imagine. In theory, almost any bulb can be encouraged to blossom ahead of nature's schedule, but some respond more readily to the process than others. The easiest of all are narcissus, which require absolutely no preparation or chilling of any kind. Just set them on a bed of gravel, evenly spread in a shallow dish, pour water in to the level of the bottom of the bulbs, and let them get on with it. Don't let the water submerge the bulbs, or even get any deeper than the very bottom of the bulbs. They will rot and break your heart. Amaryllis respond to this treatment in the same way, but usually are planted in some kind of soil-less medium like coconut fiber. Hyacinths respond readily to being forced, but need to be chilled first. Plant them up in potting soil in a shallow pot, refrigerate them until Christmas. Do you have a garage refrigerator full of beverages? This is the perfect refrigerator for your bulb project. They don't do well sharing a refrigerator with fruit or vegetables. Apples are especially detrimental to forcing bulbs, so keep them well apart.

I wish I could tell you that tulips are easy to force, but I'm afraid they are very hit or miss in this application. I would love a big pot of frilly, striped parrot tulips for New Year decorations, but they are not reliable. I did have success with an antique scented tulip, double, and with a fragrance of roses, but absolutely none at all with a pink and cream naturalizing tulip. Siberian iris, the little ones, are said to do well in a forcing pot, as do those blue and white scilla that grow in everybody's front lawns.

A very kind gift at Christmas is a single hyacinth bulb in a forcing vase. People who don't want gifts want a sweet and valiant hyacinth growing brightly in the teeth of winter. Hyacinths come in many colors, and are quite large and beautiful to look at and to smell. Their odor can remind some people of burning wiring, however, so that might happen. Daffodils are another good choice as a gift, coming in a number of shapes, sizes, and colors. I don't personally believe in those pink ones, but I could be mistaken. Daffodils are, of course, the symbol of spring in Weston, so there's that as well.

Wisconsin Horticulture has an online article with invaluable information on the subject to help you, <https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/articles/forcing-bulbs/>. They tell you about the niceties of gradual chilling, and how to handle ten different types of flower bulbs, including lily of the valley if you can believe it.

