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Detective Diggs is on the Case

A dinosaur fossil has been stolen from the local museum. Fortunately, Detective Diggs is on the case! He may be clumsy. He may be silly. He may be out of his league. But Detective Diggs knows the key to solving a problem is asking for help! That's why he needs you! Join the detective Wednesday, July 1st AT 3:30PM to help solve THE CASE OF THE BONE BANDIT!



Yvonne Bannister



Bob Conner



Beverly Exum



Marianne Johnson



Jack King



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WESTON HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1956

Weston High School Graduating
Class of 1956

Featuring Our Aunt Marianne
Hold That Tiger



What's Happening?

July Calendar:

7/1 Detective Diggs 3:30PM (In the Park)

7/3 Closed for Independence Day

7/8 Read To A Dog 10:00 am (Library)

7/10 Monica Reads Storytime 10:30 am (Library)

Movie Mondays every week at 2:00 pm

Wednesdays at 3:30 pm Crafternoons

**Every Thursday 1:00pm-5:00pm Library
Club In The Park (Elliott Park)**

Fridays at 10:30 am Preschool Storytime

New Materials at the Library

For Children

Stickler Loves the World by

Shmoof by Heidi McKinnon

I Survived the California Wildfires, 2018
by Lauren Tarshis

I Survived the Japanese Tsunami, 2011
by Lauren Tarshis

Large Print

The Astral Library by Kate Quinn

Never Be Free by Nicci French

More Than Enough by Anna Quindlen

What About Your Pen Pal?

Long ago, when I was an elementary school student, it was often suggested that children adopt pen pals. Someone far away, perhaps in another country, with whom to correspond. We could discuss our daily lives, and learn about the daily life of a complete stranger. The first letter was okay to write, it was introducing yourself, and talking about what you liked, and what you liked to do, and where you liked to go, and who was in your family and who your friends were, and the pets you had and their names and interests. but that was about all a child could think to write to a stranger. If you met another child in real life, the next step was playing. A child on paper was a different prospect. We are no longer children, and now I know how to go on in the next letter.

The popular crafters' social media website Pinterest has lately shown us a few ideas about what could be included in light mail and small envelopes for the edification and entertainment and even enlightenment of the recipient. In fact, I now know how to start playing. You can send that pen pal a puzzle, either one you have made, or one you clip or copy from a magazine or puzzle publication. You can slip some stickers in the envelope. You can do a little drawing, with pencils or pens, or even a tiny little painting. The person you're sending to gets very little enjoyable mail these days, this is your opportunity to make sure they get some variety.

You have found yourself and your pursuits to be difficult to write about after the first letter? It all seems to be the same thing you sent in the last letter? Allow me to suggest that you could send a list of favorite things and why. The albums you would like to have on a desert island, superpowers you wish you had, best sandwiches you ever ate, dream vacations with lodgings and itineraries. Not all of these in one letter, you understand. Just one per letter, and an invitation to the other person to tell you their own. Is it silly? Yes. Is it learning about another person through the ephemera they choose to share? Yes again.

Where do we find pen pals these days? Global Pen Friends is a heavily vetted, relatively safe place to get a pen pal you don't know. But what about a pen pal you already know? What about cousins, aunts, uncles, extended family of all kinds. What about old classmates? What about the person who sends you a family newsletter at Christmas? You don't have to write a stranger, you can write a relative. Or even, dare I suggest, you pick up the pen and write that old pal you were assigned in third grade. They want to hear what you've been up to.