

# Weston Library Page

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## FOWL

The Weston Public Library has a group of Interested community volunteers dedicated to the support of the Library and its functions and programs. Many libraries do, they are called a Friends of the Library group. Our is called Friends Of Weston Library. That spells out FOWL, so when

you see FOWL on anything Library-related, that is who we mean. FOWL has a meeting of the entire membership every year, our Annual Meeting. You can join FOWL and attend the meeting, and this year you really should because our speaker will be Klaus Hoehna, describing his time in Antarctica. You want to be present for that.



## What's Happening?

### April Calendar:

**4/10 Monica Reads Storytime 10:30 am (Library)**

**4/16 Garden Club 5:30pm (Library)**

**4/20 FOWL Annual Meeting (Library)**

**Every day 3:30pm-4:00pm After School Library Club**

**Wednesdays at 3:30 pm Crafternoons**

**Fridays at 10:30 am Preschool**

**Storytime**

### New Materials at the Library

*The Humble Pie* by Jory John

*How to Draw Inky Wonderlands* by Johanna Basford

*Who Would Win? Ultimate Reptile Rumble* by Jerry Pallotta

*The Secret of Roan Innish: the Island of the Seals*

*The Crossroads* by C. J. Box



Weston High School Graduating

Class of 1953

Hold That Tiger





## Outdoor Reading Time

It is once again time for reading outside. It has been consistently warm for many days together, and often sunny! The lawns have been mown for the first time, the afternoons are pleasant with the hollerings of little children roaming the streets. Let's get out on that porch and crack a book!

I like a nice light novel for afternoon porch reads, preferably one where nothing at all happens. Just harmless, low-stakes doings of unremarkable, gentle people. Miss Read, the pen name of Dora Jessie Saint MBE, wrote about just such people in her series about Thrush Green, an imaginary village in the Cotswolds of England. The vicar, the artistic lady, the slightly cracked old lady who loves animals, the retired military gentleman all pursue their quiet lives across 50 years of British history. The activities of the well-to-do are displayed, but so are those of not-quite-so-well. The traveling carnival, the raffish and roguish family, the cook at the little tea shop who is married to the laziest church sextant you ever heard of, all have their quirks and peccadilloes described by an understanding author. There are 13 books in the series, you have all this lovely warm weather to read all about them.

I have been revisiting the works of Patrick McManus as well. He wrote just about 50 years worth of AMERICAN history, if you want to be sure there is equal time given to domestic products. He wrote 15 autobiographical collections of essays, chiefly about hunting and fishing, with clever humor unlooked-for on those subjects. My first experience with him as an author was when Dick Estell read *The Grasshopper Trap* on his radio show The Radio Reader. The seasoned professional broke on air, and laughed heartily at a story about running away from a dead rattlesnake. This is exactly the time of the year to sit down and start re-reading those lovely books.

I may be an enjoyer of light reading, but I do understand that not everyone is. Perhaps you would care for something serious on a balmy afternoon, and why don't you try some Nard Jones? His works are serious and gritty! They are unfailingly realist! And there are 20 of them! There is our own *Oregon Detour*, of course, but *The Scarlet Petticoat* is probably his most popular work. I lean toward *Wheat Women*, myself, as my grandpa's uncle is mentioned by name in that one. That's a good long season of reading and improving one's mind, I think this is the year for stretching ourselves intellectually.

