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Western Mass HELP

“HELP”: Hospital Equipment Loan Program

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FOR HOME USE: Walkers, Shower Chairs, Hospital Beds, Wheelchairs and more

If you are looking to obtain medical equipment for use at home, consider contacting the Freemason's Western Mass Help program located at 72 Broad Street, Westfield, MA. Any of the items they have may be borrowed AT NO COST for an UNLIMITED period of time. The Freemasons' only request is that the item be returned when no longer needed.

It is not necessary to call ahead and make an appointment to borrow an item. The hours for appointments are EVERY SATURDAY morning from 9 until 12. If you are looking for a hospital bed, please arrive before 11 so that the bed can be put together, checked that it is working, and instructions given to the new user.

If looking for a hospital bed, please call ahead to make sure one is available. The PHONE NUMBER IS 413-301-3293. Please bring a truck or van if borrowing a hospital bed, and an appropriate vehicle for any other item.

For additional information, the website is westernmasshelp.org or westernmasshelp.com. Donations of equipment are appreciated.

Western Mass HELP is a service of the Massachusetts Freemasons from the 29th District. There are several locations throughout Massachusetts.

This service to the community is being provided by Massachusetts Second Masonic and is one of several medical equipment locations in the state of Massachusetts.



Old News From the Granville Historical Room:

HeritageQuest Online Is Now Available FREE To Granville Library Cardholders

Did you know that if you have a Granville Public Library card you can now access FREE genealogy research information online simply by going to the following URL then clicking on the HeritageQuest link provided on the page? <https://www.granvillepubliclibrary.org/about>

You will be taken to a Massachusetts Libraries page where you should enter your library card number and click on "Submit." You will then be taken to HeritageQuest Online, where you can search over 25,000 books, the entire US Census, and other expanding collections, making it one of the largest collections of genealogy material in the country. The search process is simple and very intuitive. The site provides useful tips and guidance if needed.

Hope your family roots research produces some surprises, all of them good!

Care To Share Your Harvest Fair Photos?

With the 40th anniversary of the Granville Harvest Fair approaching we are looking for photos of past fairs. The goal is to create an album with photos documenting every year of the Harvest Fair. Donations and/or loans of photos for digitization and addition to the Granville History site are very welcome and can be dropped off at the Granville Library during regular library hours and then picked up when scanning is completed. Please include a note indicating whether the photos are being loaned or donated, and the name(s) of the donors(s). Thank you!

New Lemuel Haynes Discoveries Added To Granville History Site

Historian Corey Phelon Geske has authored a new scholarly paper which includes important discoveries concerning Rev. Lemuel Haynes. The full text of the document is at the following URL: <https://granvillehistory.omeka.net/items/show/1531> Among the significant findings of the paper is Corey's well-supported assertion that Lemuel Haynes authored his earliest known writings, "Lexington" and "Liberty Further Extended," in West Granville where he grew up and served as the first pastor of the West Granville Congregational Church in the late 1700's. Lemuel Haynes has been described as "the most influential black man in America prior to Frederick Douglass." His "Liberty Further Extended" is among the earliest documents opposing slavery, written by a black man in America.

TOWN GREEN NEWS!

The committee would like to thank all the volunteers that helped with this year's spring cleanup. Special thanks to the Community Christian School, Art Adams and John Velkey.

Throughout the month of June Art and John worked many days and hours edging around trees, flower beds and walkways along with trimming and pruning trees and shrubs. Thanks guys!

I would also like to mention the Greens Committee members for all the hard work they do at keeping and maintaining the green looking picturesque.

Thank you Nate Woodger for donating 7 yards of mulch.

On the lawn care side of things, we have switched to organic fertilizer.

Lastly, we greatly appreciate the DPW for keeping up with mowing and making the lawn look great.

PAVILION UPDATE

YES, it will happen!

We are expecting the prints and spec sheets soon, then, off to bidding.

Any questions on volunteering or donations, please call Joe @ 413-530-6634

Joe Pietroniro, Green's Committee

**RECORDS and COLLECTABLES
WANTED**

Buying old vinyl records, LPs and 45s. Interested in most types of music. Cash paid, I will come to you. Also buying old advertising, signs, postcards, stoneware, comic books, Granville related items, etc.

Contact Mark @ 413-626-6396
or 357-6346.

Email- vinyl4mark@gmail.com

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**Granville Public Library/Granville Library Club
Open House/Bench Dedication Speech
Held June 24, 2023**

A special thanks to the Granville Selectboard Members, and the Granville Library Trustees. I would like to take this time to acknowledge our outgoing president, Sue Jones and our incoming president, Fran Gleason. In addition, the Granville Library Club would like to express their gratitude to two members who have served in various offices and on many committees within the club for sixty or more years: Rose Miller and Patty Dickinson.

It all started over 125 years ago with an idea of a need, a group of determined women, and a pot of tea. Ria Cooley, seeing a need for a centrally located library, gathered twelve women at her house in 1896 and the brainstorming began. With matching funds from Milton Whitney, many chicken pie dinners, and other fundraising strategies and donations, the Granville Public Library was opened in February of 1902 with a circulation of 900 books.

Mr. Wilson, while providing the history of the library, stated in his book, "The History Of Granville", (1961) -
"The acorn has grown to be a sturdy tree."

As he could watch the progress of the library being built from his home down the road.

Through trusts, fundraising, and donations the club has continued to support the library in many capacities. The recent renovations were made possible by the Granville Library Club funds, the Community Preservation Committee Grant, the Association for Rural and Small Libraries Grant, and with Matt Streeter's insight and the Selectboard's approval, extra monies from the Green Communities and also Town funding.

Donated skills and time, helped keep expenses down. Thanks to Bob Gleason, Lise and David Letellier, Dick Rowley, Bob Stevens, Town Highway Crew, Club Members, and anyone else we may have missed.

Before the dedication of the bench, the Club would like to acknowledge the creation of the "Ria Cooley Reading Nook" located in the Robert Dowling Children's Room. It was the vision of Lise Letellier, our library director, in trying to create more shelf space. In September of 2020, two shelving units with an arch connecting them, was built and installed by David Letellier. Upon its completion, it was named in honor of the first library club president in January of 2021 for the 125th anniversary of the club.

Today we are here to dedicate this bench for two reasons. The first being in memory of Donna Fillion, who was a Granville Library Club member and who also held the seat of president. She was a dedicated librarian for nine years. Donna was town clerk and a town assessor for many years. Donna Fillion was always willing to lend a helping hand.

The second dedication is in recognition of all the passionately committed women who have been members of the Granville Library Club over the years. In 2021, the club celebrated its 125th anniversary, and this bench and its location looking over the Town Green, symbolizes the connection Ria Cooley envisioned so many years ago, of gathering and connecting the community.

Thanks to the Granville Fire Department for putting up the tent and Pat Pratt for the beautiful flowers. Thank you to David Letellier for providing the music today.

Information Gathered/Written by Linda Dickinson for the Granville Library Club

Winner Winner Chicken (Pie) Dinner!

Congratulations to Chris Teter for winning our Guess the Number of Dishes contest at the Library Club's Open House and Dedication on June 24.

The total number was:



123 Dinner Plates

101 Fruit Bowls

73 Cups

124 Saucers

For a grand total of 421!



Thank you to all who submitted a guess and for coming to see our beautiful library and new renovations.

GRANVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2023 TALENT SHOW - "Find Your Voice"

August 12 (Saturday) - 6:00 p.m.

Granville Public Library Lawn
(if raining - inside lower level)

This finale program is put on by the Summer Reading Program participants. The whole community is invited to come and help celebrate the end of a fun summer of reading, and finding our voices through music and craft projects.

ADMISSION: Canned good for Our Community Food Pantry

Bring a chair or blanket for your comfort. Hope to see you there!



Granville Public Library 2 Granby Rd · 357-8531 ·

www.GranvillePublicLibrary.org

Email for general inquiries: Granville@cwmar.org

Email for Program Registration: GranvillePrograms@cwmar.org

Our Hours:

Monday, Thursday, and Saturday 10 AM-Noon
Monday 5-8 PM, Wednesday 3-8 PM, Thursday 3-6 PM

Granville Public Library Summer Reading Programs

The Fun Continues



August 2 (Wednesday) 3:30 – 4:30 **Pokémon Club**
August 3 (Thursday) 10:30 – 11:30 **Gran-Val Scoop**
August 5 (Saturday) 10:30 – 11:30 **Bob Carr – Author and poet.**
August 7 (Monday) 6:30 – 7:30 **Practice** for Talent Show (more information to come)
August 9 (Wednesday) **Practice** for Talent Show
August 10 (Thursday) 10:30 – 11:30 **Practice** For Talent Show
August 12 (Saturday) 6:00 p.m. **FINALE** Talent Show



August 2

Our new Librarian- Shianne will lead the youth thru various aspects of the Pokemon culture. From understanding trading, game play, fake vs real cards, and also just some good ol' fashion socializing, through this popular card trading game and app.



[This is part of the Summer Reading Program.](#)
[SRP registration encouraged](#)

Show up and participate in the Summer Reading Program Talent Show! Contact Linda Dickinson or Bridget Nobbs for more details



August 5 (Saturday) 10:30 - 11:30
Bob Carr-Artist, author & poet.
Granville Public Library

Come enjoy a reading of his newest book " Rainbows" and then be guided by Bob, through your own creations with words and pictures.
Bring a chair or blanket for your comfort. Family Fun!

Preregistration encouraged for material planning



Granville Public Library
and Pathways for Parents
GROW, PLAY & LEARN
PLAYGROUP

for children ages Birth-5 with caregiver.

This program will include a story time curriculum & fun play activities. Caregivers to complete the Ages and Stages Questionnaire.

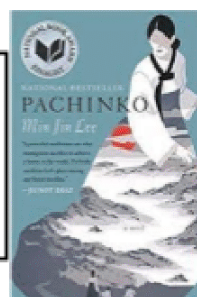


Monday's
10:00 AM-11:00
August 7,14,21,28

Pathways for Parents is administered by Ludlow Public Schools & is funded by the Coordinated Family Community Engagement Grant through the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care.

July 12
7:00-8:00 PM

Book club with Gloria
"Pachinko" by Min Jin Lee



Nurse's Hour: 5:00-6:00
Thursday August 10

Stop in and visit the nurse. Blood pressure or questions; She is here for you.



Rest and Restore Yoga

Granville Public Library

Thursdays, August 3, & 10: 6:00-7:00 PM

Join us for this trial series. Gentle movement to restore, and peaceful stillness to relax, along with gentle music, and calming essential oils. Leave feeling refreshed and renewed.

Instructor can support the use of mat or chair. Feel free to bring your own props or use hers, whichever suits you best. She looks forward to providing a beautiful experience that contributes to your overall well-being

rest relax recharge. Space limited, so preregistration required.
413-357-8531 or GranvillePrograms@cwmar.org



Wednesday August 23, 6:00-6:45PM

Granville Public Library and your Public Health Nurse invite you to:

Join a discussion about the basics of sun exposure, types of skin cancer and what to do to prevent it, as well as interactions with medicines.

Learning and sharing: It is what your library is for!

Registration is helpful for planning:
GranvillePrograms@cwmar.org or 413-357-8531

Below is a VERY IMPORTANT opportunity for the entire Granville Population, but especially those with a disability. These conversations are very important and we need your input. Please consider joining a conversation. But if you can't, please take our online survey.



ACCESS 4 ALL: NO MATTER THE DISABILITY A LIBRARY MAKEOVER

A disability is any condition of the body or mind (impairment) that makes it more difficult for the person with the condition to do certain activities (activity limitation) and interact with the world around them (participation restrictions).

61 million adults in the United States live with a disability

2 in 5 adults 65 or older have a disability.

"Access 4 All" Conversations

Simple meal and drinks provided at all events

Join the conversations: Help us understand needs, prioritize grant funds, and move forward.

Granville Town Hall

- o Wednesday August 9- 5:00 PM

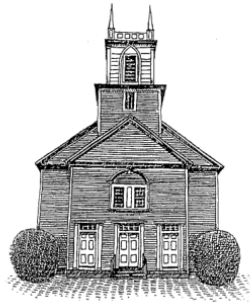
Granville Public Library- Downstairs or Under the tent based on need

- o Thursday August 17 - 3:00 PM and again 6:00 PM
- o Monday August 21 and Thursday 24- 12:00 Noon



Registration necessary for food ordering
GranvillePrograms@cwmar.org or 413-357-8531

"NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US."



West Granville Congregational Church

1580 Main Road, Route 57 - West Granville

Services will be on the 2nd Sunday of each month:

June 11

July 9

August 13 - Old Home Sunday

September 10

October - No service this month due to Harvest Fair

November 12 and

December 10

All services are at 7PM.

Refreshments and fellowship in the Academy Hall after each service.

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Upcoming Events:

- This year we celebrate our 20th Annual Potluck Picnic on Saturday August 19th at 4PM. This year "Sarah the Fiddler and Band" will return for a concert following the picnic!

Check out Sarah's FaceBook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/sarahthefiddler>



Thank you to the Granville Cultural Council for helping to fund the Concert!

Both the Church and Academy are available for rental.

Please call Deborah Boulanger at 357-6360 for more information.

Check our Facebook Page for updates on upcoming services and events!

<https://www.facebook.com/WestGranvilleCongregationalChurch1778/>

GRANVILLE FEDERATED CHURCH

American Baptist and United Church of Christ
16 Granby Rd., Granville, MA
Interim Pastor: Dr. Rev. Johnny Wilson
Church Services: 10:00 a.m. Sunday mornings
Coffee Hour following the service.

EVENTS

DRIVE UP DINNERS

Dinners are paused for the summer. We will resume in November with our ham and bean dinner. Thank you to all who ordered dinners this past year!

BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Johnny has been leading us in a study of the book of Acts. We meet at 10:45 am on the first and third Wednesdays. Our next studies will be August 2 and August 16th.

LUNCH BUNCH

Join us for our monthly lunch get together in the Fellowship Hall on the FIRST Wednesdays of each month. We will meet at 12:00 on Wednesday, August 2nd. Bring a sandwich. Coffee and dessert and great fellowship are provided. ALL ARE WELCOME!

MISSIONS NEWS

AGAPE SCHOOL

You may be aware that parts of Africa are experiencing a severe drought. Some food has been brought in to help feed the 100 orphans and 600 students at the Agape School. Fortunately, the well that we had dug is still functioning, so water is not an issue at this time. If you would like to help us continue to support the school, please give Bobbi a call.

In Assisted Living

Alice Demarais
The Arbors
40 Court Street Apt 108
Westfield, MA 01085

Marge Feeney
Heritage Hall North
55 Cooper Street
Agawam, MA 01001

INFORMATION

BIG Y GIFT CARDS

Big Y gift cards are available. Please see Eileen Jerome to purchase them. A percentage of the sale goes to help support the church.

FELLOWSHIP HALL RENTALS

The Fellowship Hall is available for rent for functions. It is complete with 2 restrooms, tables, chairs, kitchen facilities and parking. For more information contact Bobbi at 413 357-0194.

CONTACT US

To contact the church to leave a message for Pastor Johnny, please call 357-8583. You can also call a Deacon (Dale Florida 357-8775, Eileen Jerome 413 896-0002, Fran Wackerbarth 357-6492, Alan Gregg 357-6156, Laura Fielding 357-6368), or our head Trustee Bobbi O'Connell 357-0194.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday evenings-AA-8:00 pm
Tuesday evenings-Church Board meetings
Wednesday morning- Bible Study-10:45 am
(1st and 3rd Wednesdays).
Wednesday afternoon Lunch Bunch 12:00 noon (1st Wednesday)
Thursday evenings- Choir-6:30pm



Joe Pietroniro

Granville, MA

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Loretta Ruth Davis Day

Loretta, age 83, passed away January 2, 2023 at home surrounded by her beloved husband. Loretta was born on July 29, 1939 in New Britain, CT, daughter to Maurice and Ethel Davis. She was raised and educated in Farmington, CT. Loretta worked for Travelers Insurance. On July 30, 1960 in Plainville, CT she married the love of her life John David Day. After marrying, they had two daughters, which she stayed home to raise. Loretta enjoyed traveling to Hawaii, Washington, Vermont, Puget Sound, and raising cattle for beef. She loved music, dancing and her cats. She made friends with everyone she met. Loretta is survived by her loving husband of 63 years, John David Day; her brother Maurice Davis of Farmington, CT; a daughter Lori Nelson and her husband Ray of Oregon; as well as her grandchildren, great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, sister Bette Hubbard, and daughter Bobbie-Jo Campbell.

DO YOURSELF A "PAVER"

Looking for a gift for the person who has everything?

How about honoring a loved one with a PAVER on the Green?

Need a last minute gift? We have Certificates for you to give as a "Paver Gift"

You can personalize a loved one's name or celebrate a special date, by adding a paver to our walkway for \$75.00 per **PAVER**, (check to Town of Granville).

Fill out the form below and send it to

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ADDRESS: _____ PHONE # _____

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