

## April programs at the Weston Library

The Friends of the Weston Public Library have an amazing lineup of events for April! All are free and open to the public. In addition, The Friends of the Weston Public Library is holding its annual meeting on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at 7:30 PM at the library. You are welcome to join us!

### **The Joy of Silent Film - Buster Keaton's *SEVEN CHANCES* with live accompaniment by David H. Connell**

**Sunday, April 7 at 3:00 PM**

Buster Keaton's classic silent film comedy "Seven Chances" (1925) will be shown at the Weston Library with a live piano accompaniment by David H. Connell, Artist-in-Residence of Norfield Church. Keaton, known as "The Great Stone Face" for his deadpan approach to comedy, plays lawyer James Shannon, who stands to inherit \$7 million from his grandfather, but only if he is married by 7 p.m. on his 27th birthday. But wait, that's today! The 56-minute film features Keaton's hilarious visual comedy and hijinks, which served as inspiration for physical comedians who came after him like Jackie Chan and Donald O'Connor. Dr. Connell played for his first silent films as a teenager, under the influence of the local "Wurlitzer Lady" who had played for these films when they first came out. There's nothing like seeing the silents as they were originally seen, with live musical accompaniment.

### **Lunch and Learn – Introduction to Mindfulness**

**Tuesday, April 9**

Join Joy Abrams for an Introduction to Mindfulness at this Lunch and Learn. Mindfulness offers support for challenges with anxiety, depression, or simply wishing to live a fuller life. Meditation enables us to recognize repetitive thought patterns, gain perspective and act on it, a process that allows us to take control of our own lives. The benefits of meditation have been proven in research so come check it out for yourself. Bring a towel or yoga mat, wear loose fitting clothing and be prepared to relax!

### **Thursday Morning Book Club – *Scoop* by Evelyn Waugh**

**Thursday, April 11 at 10:30 AM**

Our next group will meet Thursday, April 11th, 10:30 am at the Weston library for another, though lighter, masterpiece from a 20th Century British author, *Scoop* by Evelyn Waugh:

"Lord Copper, newspaper magnate and proprietor of the *Daily Beast*, has always prided himself on his intuitive flair for spotting ace reporters. That is not to say he has not made the odd blunder, however, and may in a moment of weakness make another. Acting on a dinner party tip from Mrs. Algernon Stitch, Lord Copper feels convinced that he has hit on just the chap to cover a promising war in the African Republic of Ishmaelia. So begins *Scoop*, Waugh's exuberant comedy of mistaken identity and brilliantly irreverent satire of the hectic pursuit of hot news." - Amazon

### **Family Fun Week at the Library**

**April 15-19 at 12 Noon**

Celebrate Spring Break with us! All programs start at noon. Bring your lunch! Caregiver must remain with children.

April 15 – Family film – *Wreck it Ralph* (PG)

April 16 – Family Game Day on the PS3, Sports Champions and Just Dance!

April 17 – Family film – *Rise of the Guardians* (PG)

April 18 – Family Game Day on the PS3, Sports Champions and Just Dance!

April 19 – Family film – *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* (G)

## **Snapshot Day @ The Library**

Wednesday, April 17

During National Library Week, the Weston Library will participate in Snapshot Day! We will be taking photos all day of events and activities at the Library and sharing them with other libraries across the state.

### **Wednesday Evening Book Club – *Winter in the Blood* by James Welch**

Wednesday, April 17 at 7:30 PM

“During his life, James Welch came to be regarded as a master of American prose, and his first novel, *Winter in the Blood*, is one of his most enduring works. The narrator of this beautiful, often disquieting novel is a young Native American man living on the Fort Belknap Reservation in Montana. Sensitive and self-destructive, he searches for something that will bind him to the lands of his ancestors but is haunted by personal tragedy, the dissolution of his once proud heritage, and Montana's vast emptiness. *Winter in the Blood* is an evocative and unforgettable work of literature that will continue to move and inspire anyone who encounters it.” - Amazon

### **Movie Night Feature Film – *Les Miserables* (PG)**

Wednesday, April 17 at 7 PM

In 19<sup>th</sup> century France, Jean Valjean, who for centuries has been haunted by the ruthless policeman Javert after he breaks parole, agrees to care for factory worker Fantine's daughter, Cosette. The fateful decision changes their lives forever. Free popcorn and water! Come and enjoy the movie!

### **Broadway-The American Musical Series from PBS**

Friday, April 26 at 7 PM

Join us for the first in a series of shows created by PBS. Episode One, *Give My Regards to Broadway (1893-1927)*, portrays New York City's turn-of-the-century musical theater that embodied the hope that America offered to millions of immigrants. The story of the legendary producer Florence Ziegfeld introduces the era's key figures: songwriter Irving Berlin, comedienne-singer Fanny Brice and comic Bert Williams-America's first "crossover" artists-and brash song-and-dance man George M. Cohan, Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein II unleash Broadway's potential with the groundbreaking. Join us for a reception at 7:00 with the show starting at 7:30.

### **“Meet John Adams” at the Weston Public Library**

Sunday, April 28 at 2 PM

Re-scheduled from February, the acclaimed re-enactor George Baker will portray the father of American independence, John Adams, who will talk about his life and his views on American society in a humorous and inspiring performance entitled "Meet John Adams - A Lively and Revolutionary Conversation with America's Second President". This event, to be held at the library, is being jointly sponsored by the Friends of the Weston Public Library and the Weston Historical Society. While geared for adults, Meet John Adams is suitable for families, even those with young children. This program is both entertaining and educational - President Adams sings three songs accompanying himself on the piano and will take questions from the audience.