

Happy New Year to all! Here are the programs being sponsored by the Friends of the Weston Library in January. All take place in the Community Room at the Library and are free and open to the public, but registration is requested at [friendsofthewestonlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofthewestonlibrary@gmail.com) or by signing up at the library. We hope you will join us!

### **Lunch and Learn - How to Use Your Smartphone “Smarter”**

Tuesday, January 11 from 12:00 - 1:30 PM

Many of us have smartphones - iPhones, Androids and Blackberrys are almost ubiquitous mobile computing devices. Yet many of us only know how to use the basics of these devices and don't have the time, inclination or technology mindset to figure out all of their uses. If you are interested in making better use of your Smartphone, bring your lunch and your device, and come hear Richard Frisch at the Weston Library Community Room on Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.

Frisch, a 23 year Weston resident, will address:

- Shortcuts to making your phone more useful
- Arranging apps and screens to simplify your life
- Organizing your contacts to work better on your smartphone
- Using Google Voice with your smartphone
- Making better use of your phone's camera creatively and productively
- Synchronizing your phone and computer
- Important accessories you should have

Frisch is the founder of RHFtech, which provides technology support to small businesses and residences. He is a member of the Microsoft Partner Network, a blogger and technology journalist who writes *The RHFtech Help Desk*, which is published online at RHFtech, the Norwalk Hour, Stamford Times and Wilton Villager newspapers.

Frisch's talk is part of the Friends of the Weston Public Library's popular "Lunch and Learn" series. The program begins at noon and ends at 1:30. Attendees can bring their lunch; the Friends provide coffee and dessert. The event is free but registration is requested at [friendsofthewestonlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofthewestonlibrary@gmail.com) or by signing up at the library.

### **Thursday Morning Book Club - Little Bee by Chris Cleave**

Thursday, Jan. 13th at 10:30 a.m.

Our selection is the contemporary novel (and best seller) *Little Bee* by Chris Cleave. The Weston library is getting copies of the book on a rolling basis, so please leave your name at the desk and Karen will call you as copies come in.

Little Bee:

"immensely readable and moving ... While the pretext of *Little Bee* initially seems contrived —two strangers, a British woman and a Nigerian girl, meet on a lonely African beach and become inextricably bound through the horror imprinted on their encounter—its impact is hardly shallow. Rather than focusing on postcolonial guilt or African angst, Cleave uses his emotionally charged narrative to challenge his readers' conceptions of civility, of ethical choice." - The New York Times

### **Wednesday Evening Book Club - The Work of Wolves by Kent Meyers**

Wednesday, Jan. 19th at 7:30 p.m.

The selection is *The Work of Wolves*, by Kent Meyers. Set in South Dakota, a 14-year old protagonist at the beginning of the novel, whom we meet later when he's a respected horse trainer, Lakota Indians, a German foreign exchange student who is fascinated by Lakota myths and lore--and whose grandmother still believes in Hitler's goals--and an antagonist "whose desire for power extends toward animals as well as men". Here is what a review says:

"Throughout the novel, it is the stories the characters learn from their parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles which connect the various themes, unite the characters, and show the overlaps between cultures. As the young characters recall these stories and hear new ones, they also understand that underlying all stories are dreams, some living and some destroyed, some emanating from higher powers and some coming from within."

## **Animal Embassy African Adventure**

Saturday January 29th at 4:00 p.m.

Join Naturalist Chris Evers of Animal Embassy for this exciting look at the incredible wildlife of this sometimes volatile region. Chris' trip began with the wildebeest/zebra migration in Kenya, travels overland into Uganda to photograph chimpanzees and ends in the mountains of Rwanda with giant gorillas. This trip was part of Chris' effort to photograph the most critically endangered species of the world and the challenges and successes associated with their preservation and conservation. Explore the region with Chris, through his amazing photographs, artifacts and stories.

This is a family-oriented digital presentation with artifacts. The event is free but registration is requested at [friendsofthewestonlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofthewestonlibrary@gmail.com) or by signing up at the library.

**We look forward to seeing you at any or all of these programs!**