

Weekends ~ Look for *Pathway Story Walks™* featuring selected picture books near the Spaulding Street playground.

May 1-23 ~ Look for weekly *Downtown Story Walks™* in merchant windows, starting at the Wakefield Co-operative Bank. Visit all participating merchants at the following times and collect a reward paperback at Beebe Library!

May 3 Mon. at 10:00-12:00

May 12 Wed. at 2:00-4:00

May 20 Thurs. at 4:00-6:00 or **May 22 Sat.** at 10:00-12:00.

Guest Reader Days at 10:00 featuring thematic selections. Sponsored by the Wakefield Educational Foundation and WAAV.

May 4 Tues. Woodville School

May 14 Fri. Dolbeare School

May 21 Fri. Greenwood School

May 27 Thurs. Walton School

May 3 Mon. ~ **Movie & Trivia Contest: *The Ant Bully***
Beebe Library at 3:30-5:30. For ages 6 & up.

May 4 Tues. ~ **Teen Movie Night & Trivia Contest: *Speak***
Beebe Library at 7:00-9:00. Starring Kristen Stewart. Sponsored by the Youth Advisory Board.

May 4 & 6, 11 & 13 Tues. & Thurs.
Rape & Assault Defense Training
6:00-9:00 at a location to be determined.
A four-session self-defense course for women conducted by the Wakefield Police Department. Sponsored by The Savings Bank. Register by calling 339-219-4507.

May 5 Wed. ~ **Toxic Tongues and Cold Shoulders: Unmasking Relational Aggression in Boys and Girls**
Galvin Middle School at 7:30-9:30.
Keynote Speaker Randy Walsh of Families First. Sponsored by the Wakefield Parent Partnership. Tickets \$7 from www.wakefieldparentpartnership.org or \$8 at the door.

May 8 Sat. ~ **Craft & Book Discussion: *Super Emma***
Beebe Library at 2:00-3:00. For grades 2 & up.

May 12 Wed. ~ **Women's Self-Defense**
Beebe Library at 7:00-9:00.
Demonstration for ages 15 & up by Sensei Rick Alford of Defensive Edge Martial Arts.
Register in Youth Room 781-246-6334 or www.wakefieldlibrary@noblenet.org.

May 15 Sat. ~ **Stories for a Safer Wakefield Story Time**
Beebe Library at 10:00-11:00.
Story hour for children ages 4 to 7.

May 15 Sat. ~ **Bully Busters**
Beebe Library at 11:00-12:10.
Martial arts demonstration by Sensei Rick Alford of Defensive Edge Martial Arts for grades 5 & up. Register in Youth Room 781-246-6334 or www.wakefieldlibrary@noblenet.org.

May 17 Mon. **Book Discussion: *Strange Fits of Passion***

May 24 Mon. **Book Discussion: *Picture Perfect***

May 26 Wed. **Book Discussion: *Drawn to the Rhythm***
Beebe Library Lecture Hall at 7:00-8:00.

Join a small group of neighbors to discuss the selected adult readings. Register at the Reference Desk. 781-246-6334 or www.wakefieldlibrary@noblenet.org

May 20 Thurs. ~ **Dramatic Readings of Original Writings: *Giving a Voice***
Unitarian Universalist Church (326 Main St.) at 7:00-9:00.
Real life stories written by Wakefieldians, presented by the Wakefield High School Drama Club.

May 21 Fri. ~ **Rise Up Singing**
Unitarian Universalist Church at 7:30-9:30.
A community sing featuring songs of peace. Instruments welcome.

May 22 Sat. ~ **Film Screening & Discussion: *Hip-Hop, Beyond Beats and Rhymes***
Unitarian Universalist Church at 7:00-9:00.
A "loving critique" of rap music challenging the industry to take responsibility for glamorizing destructive stereotypes. Your kids listen to this music and it is shaping their world. \$5 donation requested.

May 23 Sun. ~ **Fruit Punch**
Unitarian Universalist Church at 7:00-9:00.
A comedy & variety show led by nationally known lesbian comic Chantal Carrere. An adult benefit for Rosie's Place sponsored by the LGBT/Welcoming Ministry of the Wakefield UU Church. Tickets \$12. Info at www.wakefielduu.org.

May 28 Fri. ~ **Craft & Book Discussion - *Shredderman: Secret Identity***
Beebe Library at 4:00-5:30 for grades 4 and up. Sponsored by the Youth Advisory Board.

The StoryWalk™ Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library.

For more information:
Wakefield Alliance Against Violence
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Violence-

Seen it
Felt it
Done it



What is it?

**What do
you consider
Violence?**



In one way or another, violence touches your life. We are all sometimes victims, sometimes witnesses, and, depending on how we define it, maybe sometimes perpetrators. It affects us individually and as a community.

Let's talk about it.

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Reading Selections



Stories for a Safer Wakefield

is a month-long community inquiry during May, intended to provoke thought and discussion about violence and its deterrence.

The cooperative project involves multiple organizations, coordinated by the Wakefield Alliance Against Violence (WAAV) and Beebe Library. Participating and contributing organizations:

- Wakefield Alliance Against Violence (WAAV)
- Lucius Beebe Memorial Library
- Friends of Beebe Library
- Hallmark Health System
- Northeast Metro Tech
- Rotary Club of Wakefield
- The Savings Bank
- Unitarian Universalist Church of Wakefield
- Wakefield Adult Mentors
- Wakefield Chamber of Commerce
- Wakefield Educational Foundation
- Wakefield High School Drama Club
- Wakefield Parent Partnership
- Wakefield Police Department
- Wakefield Public Schools



Beebe Library invites you

to read from a selection of stories that draw awareness to the effects of violence in a community.

Stories for a Safer Wakefield

will feature forums and activities to better understand and mitigate violence in our lives.



Picture Books for Preschool ~ Grade 1

The Bully Blockers Club by Teresa Bateman ~ Lotty Raccoon is bullied in school so much that it makes her feel sick. After several failed attempts to deal with the problem, she comes up with an idea that works.

No! by David McPhail ~ Repeated only three times, "No!", is the only word spoken in this beautifully illustrated book about a boy who walks to the post office to deliver a letter to his President and witnesses the war raging around him. A good story dealing with bullying.

The Recess Queen by Alexis O'Neill ~ Mean Jean is the biggest bully on the school playground until a new girl arrives and challenges Jean's status as the Recess Queen.

Chapter Books for Children

Secret Identity by Wendelin Van Draanen ~ Fifth-grader Nolan Byrd, tired of being called names by the class bully, has a secret identity - Shredderman!

Super Emma by Sally Warner ~ Third-grader Emma becomes a reluctant heroine when she defends a friend from the class bully.

Young Adult Novels

Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson ~ After making a 911 call at a party, popular Melinda finds herself abandoned by her friends and an outcast among her classmates.

Crash by Jerry Spinelli ~ Football star John "Crash" Coogan enjoys making touchdowns and rough-housing for fun. Not until his pranks have serious consequences does Crash begin to think of himself and his friend Mike as bullies.

High School Selections

Breathing Underwater by Alexandra Finn ~ Sent to counseling for hitting his girlfriend, a sixteen year old boy recounts their relationship, examines his anger and controlling behavior, and describes living with his abusive father in the journal he is ordered to keep.

Give a Boy a Gun by Todd Strasser ~ Through testimony of survivors and perpetrators, the reader learns of the events leading up to a night of Columbine-like terror at a high school dance.

Adult Selections

Picture Perfect by Jodi Picoult ~ A charismatic actor sweeps a sophisticated anthropologist off her feet when she serves as an advisor on his latest film. The Hollywood marriage crumbles as the actor's past shapes his inability to control his anger.

Drawn to the Rhythm: A Passionate Life Reclaimed by Sara Hall ~ The process of mastering the art of rowing strengthens the author's resolve to escape her abusive husband and overcome the haunting memories of childhood sexual abuse. A compelling memoir.

Strange Fits of Passion by Anita Shreve ~ When domestic violence shatters her seemingly perfect family life, a woman flees with her baby to a Maine fishing town where a fresh identity cannot protect her. A fast-paced suspense told in a variety of formats and voices. See below.

During May, WCAT will air a discussion of Anita Shreve's *Strange Fits of Passion*, featuring prominent members of the Wakefield community and experts in various aspects of violence deterrence. Times are posted on the library website, www.wakefieldlibrary.org, WCAT and in local newspapers.