

Evening-and-Weekend Lecture Series 2018-2019

*All lectures are co-sponsored by the Wellesley Council on Aging
& the Wellesley Free Library*



**Sunday,
October 28, 2018
2:00 pm
Wakelin Room
Wellesley Main Library**

“Mary Brewster Hazelton: The Forgotten Pride of Wellesley”

Dr. Robert Savage, Retired Surgeon and Local Art Historian

Dr. Robert Savage, a retired surgeon and local art historian, will discuss the life and art of Mary Brewster Hazelton (1868-1953), a lifelong Wellesley resident and prominent Boston artist in the early 20th Century. Hazelton’s works include the portrait of Horatio Hollis Hunnewell on display in the lobby of the Wellesley Main Library, the murals in the Wellesley Hills Congregational Church, and a collection of 60 paintings at the Wellesley Historical Society. This program is co-sponsored by the Wellesley Historical Society.

**Thursday
November 15, 2018
7:00 pm
Wakelin Room
Wellesley Main Library**

“Behind the Scenes at Juniper and Sweet Basil”

David Becker, Owner and Chef at Sweet Basil and Juniper

Have you ever wondered what it is like to work at a popular restaurant? David Becker, Owner and Head Chef at Juniper in Wellesley and Sweet Basil in Needham, will give you a virtual tour of restaurant life. He will touch upon important topics such as food trends, culinary creativity, and share some recipes from his most recent cookbook! Learn why people keep coming back to these popular, local restaurants.

**Sunday
January 27, 2019
2:00 pm
Wakelin Room
Wellesley Main Library**

“The Power to Command Frequently Causes Failure to Think”

Charlene Smith, Authorized Biographer of Nelson Mandela and Political Journalist

So writes Barbara Tuchman in her marvelous, *The March of Folly*. Charlene Smith, authorized biographer of Nelson Mandela, and a political journalist who has covered the White House and politics and economics on four continents, looks at how, “the trappings of power deceive us, endowing the possessors with a quality larger than life,” but sadly, often leading to “the insidious spell of wooden-headedness.” Smith who is also a trained trauma counselor and popular writing teacher, looks at how any sort of power, whether in politics, at work, or even the family can cause us to become obstinate bullies who take no counsel and cause misery. She will argue that individualism most often leads to downfall and that true greatness lies in inclusivity, consultation, and putting the group before oneself. Her lecture will cause you to think, inspire you perhaps to debate, and ultimately leave you inspired and fill you with a sense of new purpose at home, at work, and as a member of your community.

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**Thursday
March 21, 2019
7:00 pm
Wakelin Room
Wellesley Main Library**

“The Civic and Scholarly Importance of the Arnold Arboretum in the Twenty-first Century”

William Friedman, Director of the Arnold Arboretum

Are nineteenth century botanical gardens relevant in the twenty-first century? It is a question worth asking and answering. Come find out how the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University is driving research in the living collections from climate change to genomics, all while encircling the globe to bring plants belonging to endangered species into safe harbor, and continuing its role as a great Olmsted-designed arboretum and park.

**Thursday
May 9, 2019
7:00 pm
Wakelin Room
Wellesley Main Library**

“Queer, There, and Everywhere: Incredible Stories from LGBTQ+ History”

Sarah Prager, Author and Activist

Sarah Prager will share some of the most talked-about true stories from her book *Queer, There, and Everywhere: 23 People Who Changed the World*. Did you assume Abraham Lincoln was straight? Have you never heard of Elagabalus, the Roman emperor who identified as a woman? Come learn what you were never taught in school and discover another side of history. The book received numerous accolades including Best Book of the Year from the New York Public Library. Sarah’s writing has appeared in many publications including *The Atlantic*. Copies of her book will be available for purchase and signing. This program is co-sponsored by the World of Wellesley.

The Wellesley Council on Aging Transportation Services may be available to provide transportation for these events. If you need transportation, please call the Wellesley Council on Aging Transportation Coordinators at (781) 235-3046 at least 3 business days in advance.

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