

Greetings Wayne Library Patrons,

The Board of Trustees would like to announce a wonderful gift to the Library, of folk art Alice in Wonderland Panels, from Grace Burleigh. The panels were painted in 1932 by Alfred Merian as a gift to his mother who lived in Wayne. They were installed in a small upstairs room, and have been visited by many children and Wayne residents and visitors over the years. Grace has now lived in the house for many decades, and has decided to donate the panels so they continue to share their magic with future generations. A team of professional conservators have now removed and crated the panels.

The 'Mad Hatter Committee', and members of the Board have been meeting with designer, Augusta French, to decide on possible places to recreate the room at the Williams House. A Fundraising Effort will begin shortly. We will keep you informed of this fascinating effort.

Judy Danielson, President  
Wayne Library Association Board of Trustees

**And a note from the "Mad Hatters" Team:**

The Alice in Wonderland Room is being preserved!

Thank you Grace Burleigh! Many of us have fond memories of the "tea parties" Grace hosted in the unique "Alice Room" at her home (it was also a centerpiece stop on a recent Home Tour). This iconic cultural art installation has a special place in our hearts and in local Wayne history. Grace has asked that it be preserved for future generations of Wayne families and has donated the entire room to the library for the enjoyment of the Town. The Library has accepted the painted wall panels recently painstakingly removed by Maine based internationally acclaimed art conservators. The next steps are to properly treat and protect the artwork and then to replicate the room and reinstall the art. Watch for more news about this special project as the "new home" plans are completed. The room was created in 1932 by Alfred Merian as a gift for his mother; who owned the home in the 1930's. More information is available in Wayne Historical Society records and reports. FMI: Holly Stevenson 685-9005.