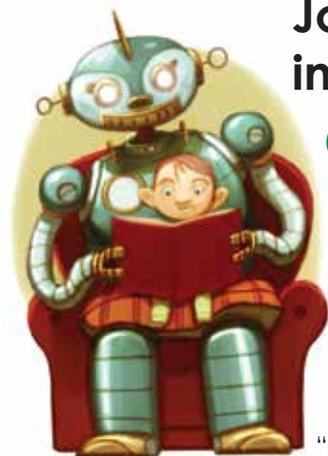


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Join in the Fun . . . Children's Summer Reading 2014



**FIZZ BOOM
READ**

"Fizz, Boom, Read" is the theme for Summer Reading 2014. As the name implies, the emphasis is on science this year. This fits in well with the new Toddler Science program that started last July and continued through the rest of the year. Children are naturally inquisitive and ask a lot of questions about the world around them. By encouraging them to read non-fiction books about science and how things work, parents can support their children's natural curiosity. Sign up begins June 21st after school lets out for the summer. Just come to the circulation desk and sign up to receive a bag with a variety of fun things to get you started including a brochure with all of our programs listed on it. The children will be able to fill up our science lab posters with flasks (flask shaped tags with their name and book read written on it) displayed around the library. Each week the readers may choose a gift from the Blue Bucket! Ages Birth-5 are Read-To-Me-Readers and ages 6-12 are Independent Readers. Our Kick Off on Wednesday, June 25, at 3:30 PM will be Animal Embassy with Chris Evers bringing live animals to view, pet and learn about. Last year he brought 8 different species to entertain children of all ages. No registration is necessary. On August 20th, come and celebrate summer with our Annual Beach Party at 3PM in our garden area! Remember to check out our list of on-going programs of music and movement and story times for babies and toddlers on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

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- Wed, June 25, 3:30 PM** – Animal Embassy with Chris Evers. Come and explore the science of nature with real live animals from around the world. All Ages.
- Thur, July 10, 10:30 AM** – Robert Rodgers Puppets and "Little Leonardo and the fantastic flying machine". Time travel back to 15th Century Italy, where young Leonardo Da Vinci is an apprentice in the studio of the "great" Master Andrea del Verrocchio, the foremost painter and sculptor of his day. Inspired by all the books, tools, charts, art work and maps around him, Leonardo is drawn to the world of science, and uses his sense of invention to build a machine that flies. Best for Ages 3 +.
- Wed, July 16, 2 PM** – Mr. Bungles Balloons and comedy show. Join Mr. Bungles for his comedy show including a variety of amazing balloon animals. All attendees will receive their own balloon animal. All Ages.
- Mon, July 21, 10 & 11 AM** – Art Truck. A mobile art truck filled with supplies to spark creativity and imagination. 10AM is for toddlers age 2 & 3. 11AM is for ages 4 +. Space is limited, so registration is requested. To register call 203-734-1492.
- Wed, July 23, 10 AM** – Marvelous Marvin's Science Dance Experience. Are you ready to see a magic show, play with toys, and do some Science/Dance Experience gives young students the opportunity to learn about basic science principles and discover the world of movement at the same time. Kinesthetic teaching at its best. Pre-K through 4th grade.
- Mon, July, 28, 10 & 11 AM** – Miss Deirdre's Music for Children. Come sing and dance to summer music with Miss Deirdre. Instruments and scarves add to the fun. Ages Birth -5.
- Tue, Aug 5, 1:30PM** – Wonderful World of Bats. Learn about bats with a slide show and audio program. Learn about bats in our attics, vampire bats, bat eyesight, migration, hibernation and echolocation. The program concludes with a bat T-shirt craft. Children may purchase a T-shirt for \$4 or bring their own. Best for ages 5+.
- Wed, Aug 13, 6:30 PM** – Science Tellers –Dragons and Dreams. In a faraway world with castles, kings, dragon keepers, ice sorceresses, and a powerful item known as the Horn of Fire, two villagers must take a daring journey to release the dragons and save the entire kingdom! Join us as we learn about the science of fire and ice through the tale of "Dragons & Dreams." Wouldn't dragon's breath be an amazing sight to see?! Well, get ready to see it ... feel it ... smell it ... maybe even taste it! This story features interactive science experiments with dry ice, flash paper, exploding bottles, and much more. AGES 5 +.
- Thur, Aug 14, 10 & 11 AM** – Miss Deirdre's Music for Children. Come sing and dance to summer music with Miss Deirdre. Instruments and scarves add to the fun. Ages Birth -5.
- Mon, Aug 18, 10 & 10:45** – Mad Science. Space Frontiers for toddlers age 3+ at 10 AM take a trip through the solar system and launch a rocket in our garden! Space travel for grades K-4 will race balloon rockets and devise a balloon powered rocket car. Build a space copter to take home. Launch a rocket in our garden!
- Wed, Aug 20, 3PM** – Annual End of Summer Reading Beach Party – Kiddie pools sprinklers, water toys, bubbles and snacks. Mr. Bungles will be here to entertain everyone with giant bubbles. Goldfish and juice provided.

“DERBY NECK” DEFINED

By Patricia E. Sweeney

According to an Evening Sentinel story by Leo T. Molloy dated December 29, 1967 the earliest origins of the name



Derby Neck pre-date the settlement of Derby in 1651. It was a wide swath of land, densely wooded, that was first called “the Neck” or “Great Neck” and later transformed to “Derby Neck”. It was a place full of animal life only traversed by local Indians while hunting.

Shedding more light on the name's origins, Molloy

explains that the earliest European settlers to this region called the Housatonic River “the Great River.”

Rev. Samuel Orcutt, an esteemed historian, whom Molloy referred to in this article, also called this area “the Neck.” Molloy, a member of this library's Board of Trustees for many years, defined Derby Neck as “Derby's southernmost boundary where it merges with the Naugatuck River to form a broad tidal stream to Long Island Sound between Milford and Stratford.”

Museum Summer Events

The Osborne Homestead Museum, 500 Hawthorne Ave. offers two new summer events on Sunday afternoons. On Sunday, July 28 from 1-2:30 p.m. “Learn Simple Crochet” will be offered for ages 8 and older. Practice on sample hooks and yarn and learn how to fashion a simple scarf at home. On Sunday, August 24 from 1-2:30 p.m. “A History of American Quilts” will be presented—including actual quilts and a large number of photos. For details on either program talk to Pat Sweeney. To register please call 203-734-2513.



CT Drug Trends Workshop

In this information session offered through a partnership with the Greater Valley Substance Abuse Action Council (VSAAC) and the Derby Youth Service Bureau, teens and adults will learn about current drug trends, especially amongst youth.

Topics to be covered will include:
- Prescription drug use and Heroin
- Synthetic Drugs (“Bath Salts” and “Spice”)

- Decriminalization of Marijuana and Medical Marijuana Local data will be presented on the extent of use and how it impacts children and families in our community

All attendees will learn the facts and be better informed to make safe, healthy choices. Refreshments will be served. Registration is requested.

Our presenter will be VSAAC Prevention Coordinator Lorrie McFarland. Lorrie earned her Master of Science degree in School Health Education, is a Certified Prevention Professional through the State of CT, and a Master Certified Health Educator Specialist.

BHcare's Valley Substance Abuse Action Council (VSAAC) is a public/private partnership comprised of community leaders and citizens who develop and carry out strategies to reduce alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use in the Lower Naugatuck Valley, Greater New Haven and surrounding communities.



The Life of Oharu

(Kenji Mizoguchi, 1952).

Of the three giants of the “Golden Age” of Japanese cinema, Kenji Mizoguchi is arguably the least well-known to Western audiences

today. Akira Kurosawa is almost universally beloved by critics and audiences alike, and Yasujiro Ozu is widely regarded among cinephiles as one of the four or five greatest directors who ever lived, but Mizoguchi is an acquired taste, perhaps because his vision of the world is so unflinchingly bleak. The Life of Oharu is no exception: every time fortune seems about to smile on its long-suffering heroine, she is instantly met with some new torment or humiliation. “You're no different from a fish on a chopping board,” Oharu is told. “We can serve you up any way we like.” Mizoguchi, whose boyhood was traumatized when his sister was sold to a geisha house, was perhaps the first great feminist director; but it is his masterful artistry, far more than his politics, that demands a wider audience for his films. Long takes, astonishing tracking shots, exquisite compositions, and meticulously crafted mise-en-scène are Mizoguchi's hallmarks, and The Life of Oharu delivers on all counts.



Dinner and a Movie

Dinner and a Movie continues on July 3 and August 7 at 5:30pm when we will be showing new releases as well as old favorites on Blu-ray! Pizza will be served at the half-way point with refreshments being served throughout. Viewers must be 18 or older as movies may contain adult themes and content. No registration is required. Movie selections will be revealed on promotional flyers in the library.

Too Human Jazz Performance

On Saturday, August 9 at 2:00pm, the jazz band Too Human will put on a performance for the Derby Neck Library community. Performing jazz standards from the American Songbook with a fresh interpretation, Too Human combine vocals, guitar, percussion, and, on occasion, upright bass to create their jazzy/bluesy feel with a lot of heart. Sweet harmonies, unusual arrangements, and one member's famous mouth trombone are the musical elements that frame their performance. High quality musicianship with humor and passion, totally in sync with each other, Too Human create a strong and intimate atmosphere. Join us for what is sure to be a memorable performance! Visit www.toohumanonline.com for more on the band.



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TEEN HAPPENINGS



Teen Video Game Tournament - July 8 & August 12, 1:00–3:00pm

Looking for some competitive gaming this summer with a chance to win some great prizes? On July 8 and August 12 from 2–4pm, you will get your chance when you compete on the Wii U. But, don't expect to play the same game twice. Curious what we're playing? Check the flyers in the library for more information. Registration is strongly recommended, but not required. Sign-up sheets will be available at the circulation desk.

I-Spy Teen Movie Night - July 10 & August 6, 5:30-8:00pm

This summer, we will be showing 2 movies in July and August for teens. Both movies will be on Blu-Ray and as always, refreshments/pizza will be served! But, there's a twist. At each movie, teens will need to keep their eyes peeled for special moments and details. A list of clues will be given at the start of the film. The teen who spots the most will win the prize! On July 10, we will be watching *Insidious Chapter 2*. On August 6, we will be watching *Divergent*. Registration is required.



Teen Crafting - July 14, 2:00–4:00pm

On July 14 from 2–4 pm, felting will be the focus of the Teen Crafts event. Learn how to make creative and original creations using felt in any way you can imagine; you're the artist! Materials will be supplied and everything you make is yours to keep! Registration is required as materials are limited.



Teen 3D Puzzle Tournament - July 17, 2:00-4:00pm

Working as a pair or solo, teens will be tasked with putting together one of an assortment of small 3D puzzles. Be the first person or pair to complete the puzzle and you will win the grand prize. Everyone who finishes their puzzle will be able to take their home. Seats are limited so registration is recommended to guarantee your place.



Teen Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament - August 4, 2:00-4:00pm

Think you're fast at jigsaw puzzles? Bring a friend and beat the clock! The most complete puzzle wins. Seats are limited so registration is recommended to guarantee your place.

Teen Film Club - Every Tuesday in July and August, 4:00pm

Learn the ins and outs of amateur film production working alongside fellow teens in areas like writing, directing, and editing. This is a recurring program, not just a summer offering, so consider staying on through the school year! All attendees will receive a prize!



Beat the Director at Checkers - June 23 – August 20

All summer long, you can challenge the director, Ian, to a game of checkers. If you win, you get a book of your choice and an entry into the summer sweepstakes! Ian may be challenged Mon–Thurs. when he is in the building. 1 challenge per person, per week.

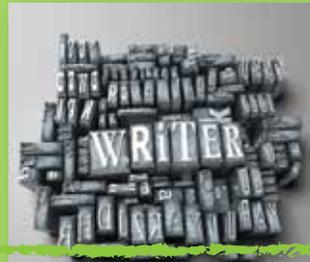
Readathon - June 23 – August 20 Deadline

Read as many books as you can this summer and come in every 2 weeks to log your submissions. With each submission, you gain points that unlock fantastic prizes at higher and higher tiers (4 total) as well as entries for the summer grand prize sweepstakes (1 for Tier 1, 2 for Tier 2, and so on)! For full rules, pick up a Readathon flyer.



Teen Photo Scavenger Hunt June 23 – August 20 Deadline

Derby has a lot of unique plants. How many can you find? You have until August 20 to find as many unique Derby plants as possible and take a photo of each. The teen/tween who submits the most will win the grand prize, but ALL SUBMITTERS will win a prize and 2 Sweepstakes Entries! All photos should be taken as close as possible without touching the plants themselves.



Writers Round

Meeting on the 3rd Thursday of every month, Writers Round is a club for writers of all sorts to come together and share their work, critiques, and experience. We start with an inspirational quote on writing and end with a writing prompt for the next meeting. For more information, feel free to contact Ian Parsells, head librarian and club coordinator: headlibrarian@biblio.org or call 203-734-1492.

Computer Classes

If you know little to nothing about computers, are afraid or confused about them, or interested but don't know where to start, this is the place for you. We cover the basics of Microsoft Word and Excel, email, and how to search the Internet for whatever interests you. There is no fee, you can start any day, but you can only attend once a week. Classes last an hour and are held on Mondays at 6pm and Tuesdays/Wednesdays at 10:30am. For more information, call Bob Carmona at 203-734-1492.

Tech Talks

Continuing in July and August, Tech Talks has expanded to include an evening class! As usual, there will be a class on the third Wednesday of the month at 10:30am, but in July and August there will also be a class at 6:00pm on the Monday prior. Classes will always fall in the same week. So if you cannot attend the Wednesday morning session, perhaps you can come to the Monday evening class! Registration forms are kept at the front desk. Topics will be revealed on promotional flyers.



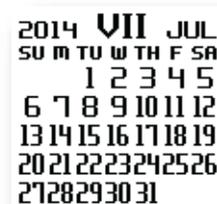
ANCIENT GAMES

Adults and teens are invited to the summer meetings of the library's new Ancient Games. Occurring on the first Tuesday of every month at 6pm, players will learn to play the ancient games of Backgammon, Chess, Go, Mancala, and Pachisi. Each represents a major evolution in gaming and new games will be added as we progress. Each time a new game is presented, a lesson will be provided. Boards and pieces will be supplied by the Library. Teen attendees can earn special summer points to spend on fabulous prizes for Summer Reading. For more information, contact Ian Parsells, the head librarian and club moderator at headlibrarian@biblio.org or call 203-734-1492. Registration is not required. No previous experience required.

Calendar of Events:

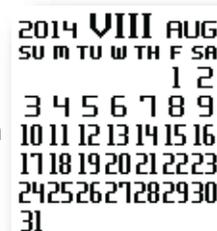
July 2014

July 1, 8, 15, 29	Computer Orientation Classes for Adults	10:30–11:30 am
July 2, 9, 16, 31	Computer Orientation Classes for Adults	10:30–11:30 am
July 7, 14, 28	Computer Orientation Classes for Adults	6:00–7:00 pm
July 12, 19, 26	Needlers Club for Adults	1:00–3:00 pm
July 7 & 14	Pre-Threes classes for Children	10:00 am
July 7 & 14	Summer Stories for Children	11:00 am
July 8, 15, 22, 29	Been There Done That Classes for Children	10:00 am
July 8, 15, 22, 29	Science for Toddlers	11:00 am
July 17, 24, 31	Music and Movement Classes for Children	10:00 & 11:00 am
July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Teen Film Club	2:00 pm
July 1	Ancient Games for Adults and Teens	6:00 pm
July 3	Dinner and a Movie for Adults	5:30 pm
July 5	LIBRARY CLOSED (Independence Day Weekend)	
July 6	LIBRARY CLOSED (Independence Day Weekend)	
July 8	Teen Video Game Tournament	1:00 pm
July 9	Bedtime Music and Movement for Children	6:30 pm
July 10	Little Leonardo – Mr. Rodger's Puppets for Children	10:30 am
July 10	I-Spy Teen Movie Night	5:30 pm
July 14	Felting Crafts for Teens	2:00 pm
July 14	Tech Talks Evenings for Adults	6:00 pm
July 16	Tech Talks Mornings for Adults	10:30 am
July 16	Mr. Bungle's Balloons for Children	3:00 pm
July 16	B.A.R.K. Read to Thor & Bailey for Children	6:30 pm
July 17	Teen 3D Puzzle Tournament	2:00 pm
July 17	Writers Round for Adults and Teens	6:30 pm
July 21	Women's Forum for Adults	12:30 pm
July 21	Art Truck	10:00 & 11 am
July 23	Science Dance Experiment for Children	10:00 am
July 24	CT Drug Trends Workshop for Adults and Teens	6:00 pm
July 28	Miss Deirdre Music for Children	10:00 am



August 2014

August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Needlers Club for Adults	1:00–3:00 pm
August 4, 11, 18, 25	Computer Orientation classes for Adults	6:00–7:00 pm
August 5, 12, 19, 26	Computer Orientation classes for Adults	10:30–11:30 am
August 6, 13, 20, 27	Computer Orientation classes for Adults	10:30–11:30 am
August 4 & 11	Pre-Threes classes for Children	10:00
August 4 & 11	Summer Stories for Children	11:00 am
August 5, 12, 19	Been There Done That Classes for Children	10:00 am
August 5, 12, 19	Science for Toddlers	11:00 am
August 7, 21	Music and Movement classes for Children	10:00 & 11:00 am
August 5, 12, 19, 26	Teen Film Club	2:00 pm
August 4	Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament for Teens	2:00 pm
August 5	Wonderful World of Bats and T-Shirt Craft for Children	1:30–2:30 pm
August 5	Ancient Games for Adults and Teens	6:00 pm
August 6	I-Spy Teen Movie Night	5:30 pm
August 6	Bedtime Music and Movement for Children	6:30 pm
August 7	Dinner and a Movie for Adults	5:30 pm
August 9	Too Human Jazz Performance for Adults and Families	2:00 pm
August 12	Teen Video Game Tournament	1:00 pm
August 13	Science Tellers – Dragons and Dreams for Children	6:30 pm
August 14	Miss Deirdre Music for Children	10:00 & 11:00 am
August 18	Mad Science for Toddlers	10:00 am
August 18	Tech Talks Evenings for Adults	6:00 pm
August 20	Tech Talks Mornings for Adults	10:30 am
August 20	Annual Beach Party for Children	3:00 pm
August 21	Teen Wrap-Up Party and Sweepstakes	2:00 pm
August 21	Writers Round for Adults and Teens	6:30 pm
September 1	LIBRARY CLOSED (Labor Day)	



New programs are added frequently, so check in the Library and our Website for the most up-to-date schedule.