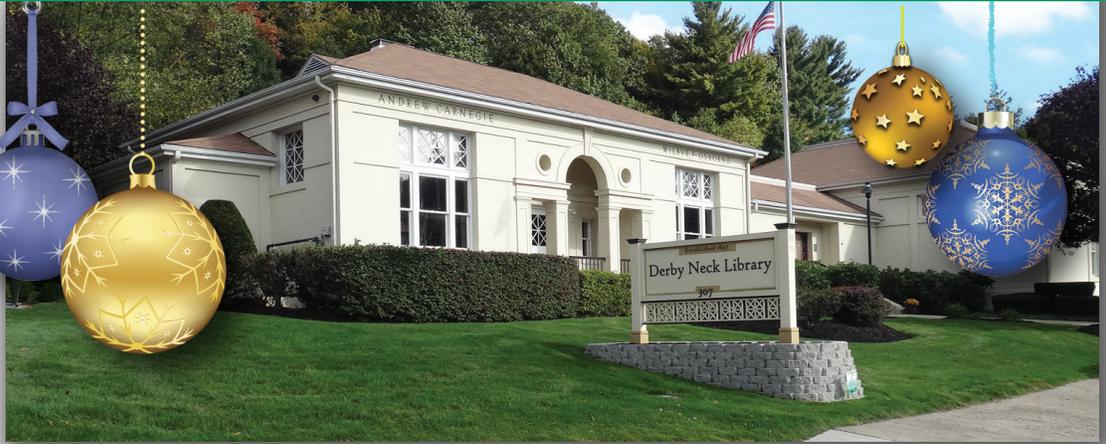


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Family Fun Holiday Activities

Take time during this busy holiday season to make time, slow down and spend some time reading with your child. There is a large selection of holiday books to check out from the library. We are also having some fun family friendly holiday activities so be sure to check the events calendar for dates and

times. Thor and Baley will be here during both months to listen to holiday stories and enjoy meeting new reading friends. Sign up at the circulation desk to reserve a space to read to one of these fabulous service dogs. Miss Kathi's music and movement programs will continue throughout both months.

A family holiday themed jigsaw puzzle will be available to work on during December. When the puzzle is finished it will be preserved, framed and hung in the reference area for everyone to enjoy. Children aged 8 and up (with parental supervision), teens and adults are welcome to help put the puzzle together.

The library will host a Holiday Fun Day in December. There will be crafts, games, music and refreshments to enjoy throughout the day, for families to enjoy together. See the website for more details.

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Friends November Book Sale

The Friends of Derby Neck Library will hold our annual book sale from Saturday, November 1 through Sunday, November 9. There will be hundreds of new titles. We offer fiction, non-fiction, children's books, videos, magazines and more. Hardcover books are \$1.00; paperbacks are \$.50. Come to our book sale and browse for as long as you like. Hours are 1-5 on weekends and 10-8 on weekdays. We are closed on Fridays.

Most of our funds are raised through book sales. With these funds, we purchase supplies and equipment for the library. We also sponsor programs including the annual Kerry Boys Irish Music Concert around St. Patrick's Day. The Friends meet the third Wednesday of every month at 6 P.M. We think Derby Neck Library is a very special place. If you love the library, join us at one of our Friends' meetings. New members are always welcome.



Evening Book Club

In late September we launched our Evening Book Club and found a great group of people interested. On the last Monday of each month at 6:30-7:30 p.m. we discuss a novella-length book. We focus on award-winning literature and authors of worth from the present and the past—including fiction, biography, and some non-fiction. For Mon., Nov. 24 our book is "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie" by British author Muriel Sparks. This fascinating novel was featured on Broadway and in the movies. Copies of this book are available to be checked out on a front display stand in the New Book Section of the library. For more information about this club please talk with Pat Sweeney.



Enjoy the Holidays at

Osborne Homestead Museum

By Patricia E. Sweeney

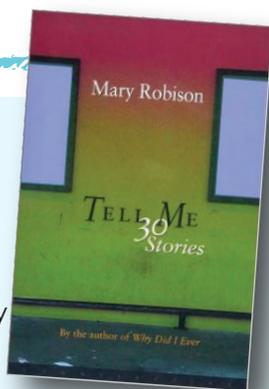
This year's theme for free tours of the beautifully-decorated rooms at the museum is "Holiday at the Symphony." Come to the museum at 500 Hawthorne Ave. and enjoy a pleasant time. Several local garden clubs use their talents to create an interesting and lovely display of the theme in each of the rooms. This season, docents will explain the parts of a symphony orchestra and tell visitors about aspects of Mrs. Frances Kellogg's involvement in music.

The tours will take place beginning Friday morning Nov. 28 and run through Sat., Dec. 20. The hours are 10-4 each Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, with twilight tours on Friday Dec. 5, 12, and 19—from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. People coming to visit in groups of eight or more are asked to call ahead to confirm a time at 203-734-2513. Mrs. Kellogg's home and land are maintained by the CT D.E.E.P. Donations are gratefully accepted.

The Olde Kellogg Garden Club will decorate the Studio with woodwinds. Pomperaug Valley Garden Club of Woodbury will feature harps in the milkroom. The kitchen will be done by the Orange Garden Club using percussion instruments. On the upper floors, the Long Hill Garden Club of Trumbull will focus on string instruments in the childhood bedroom. The parents' bedroom will be devoted to the role of the symphony's conductor, as interpreted by the Oxford Garden Club. The chorus will be the topic in the French room and front bedroom, decorated by the Roxbury/Bridgewater Garden Club. Composers and Mrs. Kellogg's involvement with them will be the theme in the library, as done by the Olde Ripton Garden Club of Shelton. Naugatuck Garden Club will decorate the living room to reflect the use of keyboard music. The dining room will be done by The Derby Garden Society to explain the brass instruments. Adding to the display will be decorated hallways and staircases done by the club Women Redefining Retirement.

Women's Forum Upcoming Topics

Women's Forum, our lunchtime literary discussion group, meets each month on the third Monday from 12:30-1:30 p.m. We will be discussing two short stories at the November meeting on Monday the 17th. Mary Robison's two stories—"In Jewel" and "Look at Me" are available for free by asking at the circulation desk. We focus on stories, poetry and sometimes history or current events. Feel free to bring a light lunch. We serve free coffee and tea. On Mon., Dec 15 we will celebrate the holidays with a pot-luck lunch at 12:30-1:30 p.m.



Christmas in July

Preston Sturges, 1940).

By 1939, Preston Sturges was one of the highest-paid screenwriters in Hollywood, but he was frustrated with

the limited amount of creative control allotted to writers under the studio system. He offered to sell Paramount a script entitled "Biography of a Bum" for just \$10, on the condition that he be allowed to direct it himself. The picture that resulted, *The Great McGinty*, ushered in a period of legendary productivity for Sturges: over the course of just four years, he wrote, produced, and directed eight films, almost all of them among the greatest comedies of the sound era. *Christmas in July*, Sturges's second picture, was adapted from an unproduced play of his called "A Cup of Coffee," and starred Dick Powell, Ellen Drew, and a number of Sturges's famous "stock company" of character actors, including the great William Demarest. It is usually considered one of Sturges's "minor" works—certainly it is not to be compared with *The Lady Eve* (1941) or *The Miracle of Morgan's Creek* (1944), for my money the two funniest sound films ever made—but it does feature most of Sturges's stylistic hallmarks: madcap action, unique and witty dialogue, and an eclectic sense of humor that can accelerate from gently satiric to absurdly anarchic to shockingly dark in two seconds flat. The movie also demonstrates Sturges's distinctively paradoxical view of human nature, by turns affectionate and contemptuous, indulgent and derisive, optimistic and misanthropic: Sturges is a chimera, the Frank Capra of *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington* (1939) and *It's a Wonderful Life* (1946) crossed with the Billy Wilder of *Double Indemnity* (1944) and *Ace in the Hole* (1951). In any case, *Christmas in July* is an excellent introduction to Sturges's remarkable body of work.



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Dinner and a Movie

Taking place on the 1st Thursday of the month, adults are invited to the library's Dinner and a Movie. Featuring movies new and old on Blu-ray, this popular program has something for everyone! Dinner 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. There will be no November movie night due to the annual book sale. Dinner and a Movie will return on December 4.

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TEEN HAPPENINGS

Teen Movie Night

On Tuesday, November 18 at 5:30pm, teens are invited to watch the blockbuster Maleficent on Blu-ray. In this retelling of Disney's Sleeping Beauty, the evil sorceress Maleficent gets to tell her side of the story. Refreshments will be served at the start and pizza at the midway point. The doors will be locked to latecomers at 5:45pm, so be sure to be there on time, or you won't get in! Registration is required as seating will be limited, so sign up early.

Teen Video Game Tournament

On Saturday, December 13, teens are invited to take part in a contest of skill, cunning, and just a hint of luck. The Teen Video Game Tournament will feature a huge new release on the Wii U, Super Smash Bros.! Depending how many players attend, you will have the chance to win one of up to 3 prizes! Registration is not required so bring a friend! Refreshments will be served throughout.

Tech Talks

"Tech Talks", the program series that focuses on topics related to modern technology that you may be interested in learning more about, is a recurring program that takes place on the third Wednesday of every month at 10:30am and in the evening on the Monday prior at 6:00pm. Both sessions will happen in the same week. So if you cannot attend the Wednesday morning session, perhaps you can come to the Monday evening class! Each month will introduce a different topic. Registration is required. Registration forms are kept at the front desk. In November, we will be covering the ins and outs of Facebook. December's topic will be revealed on promotional flyers.

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.

Writers' Round

Writers' Round is a club for writers of all sorts to come together and share their work, critiques, and experience. Taking place on the 3rd Thursday of every month, we start every meeting 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.



Recurring Children's Programs

These programs offer a wonderful way to spend time with your children while you dance and sing. While each class is designed for an age group, infants of all ages are welcome. It is never too early to introduce your child to these programs. Check the calendar for exact dates and times. All programs will be drop-in with no registration required. We welcome patrons from all towns to come and enjoy the programs.

Prethrees classes are for ages Birth-3yrs and offer age appropriate stories, finger plays, Nursery rhymes, puppets, coloring pages and music. Name tags and a different theme are provided each week. Classes regularly occur on Mondays at 10am.

Monday Math is for toddlers age 3 and up. Beginning math concepts (counting, sorting, shapes). Stories, games and music help little ones learn about math. Enjoy working with your child and help them to learn these basic math skills through play. Blocks and toys add an extra element of fun to the learning. Classes regularly occur on Mondays at 11am.

Been There Done That Movin' On Twos and Threes is for children who have been coming to the classes for a while and are capable of following more specific directions to musical games and are ready to learn new songs. Each week a different type of instrument is introduced and shared. Classes regularly occur on Tuesdays at 10am.

Toddler Science is for children ages 3 and up. Experiments, books, music and crafts encourage you and your child to explore the world around you. Relearn things you forgot as you work with your toddler to learn about such subjects as space, magnetism, chemistry and physics. Classes regularly occur on Tuesday at 11am.

Music and Movement programs are for ages Birth to 5 and use instruments, scarves and singing to enhance children's language proficiency. Songs and dancing combine to help children learn about rhythm and practice motor skills needed to improve their communication abilities. Scarves and musical instruments add to the fun. Classes regularly occur on Thursdays at 10am and 11am.

Bedtime Music and Movement programs are fun for the whole family. This evening program offers a chance for working parents and older school aged children to join in the musical fun together. Jammies and favorite stuffed animals are encouraged. Classes occur on one Wednesday per month at 6:30pm. Check the Website for exact dates.

Evening Chess and Go Club

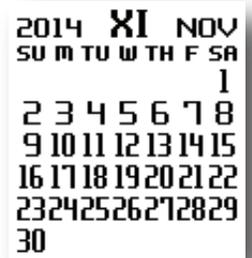
Adults and teens are invited to the library's new Evening Chess and Go Club, formerly Ancient Games. Occurring on the first Tuesday of every month at 6pm, players of all skill levels will come together to play the ancient games of Chess and Go, as well as Mancala, Backgammon, and Parcheesi. New players will be given 1-on-1 lessons until they feel comfortable with the games. Boards and pieces will be supplied by the Library. 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:

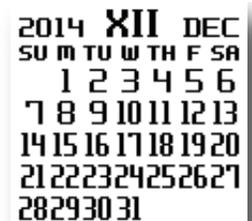
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November 1-9	Friends Book Sale	All Open Hours
November 10, 17	Pre-Threes classes for children	10:00 am
November 10, 17	Math for Toddlers	11:00 am
November 11, 18	Been There Done That classes for children	10:00 am
November 11, 18	Science for Toddlers	11:00 am
November 13, 20	Music and Movement classes for children	10:00 & 11:00 am
November 4, 11, 18, 25	Teen Film Club	4:00 pm
November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Needlers Club for adults	1:00-4:00 pm
November 3, 10, 24	Computer classes for adults	6:00-7:00 pm
November 4, 11, 18, 25	Computer classes for adults	10:30-11:30 am
November 5, 12, 26	Computer classes for adults	10:30-11:30 am
November 4	Evening Chess and Go! Club	6:00 pm
November 16	Bring on the Hoopla	2:00 pm
November 17	Women's Forum	12:30-1:30 pm
November 17	Tech Talks Evening (Reg. Req.)	6:00-7:00 pm
November 18	Teen Movie Night - Maleficent (Reg. Req.)	5:30 pm
November 19	Tech Talks (Reg. Req.)	10:30-11:30 am
November 19	Read to Thor and Bailey	6:30 pm
November 20	Writers Round	6:30 pm
November 24	Evening Book Club	6:30 pm
November 26	LIBRARY EARLY CLOSING (Thanksgiving Eve)	5:00 pm
November 27	LIBRARY CLOSED (Thanksgiving Day)	



December 2014

December 1, 8, 15	Pre-Threes classes for children	10:00 am
December 1, 8, 15	Math for Toddlers	11:00 am
December 2, 9, 16	Been There Done That classes for children	10:00 am
December 2, 9, 16	Science for Toddlers	11:00 am
December 4, 11, 18	Music and Movement classes for children	10:00 & 11:00 am
December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Teen Film Club	4:00 pm
December 1, 8, 22, 29	Computer classes for adults	6:00-7:00 pm
December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Computer classes for adults	10:30-11:30 am
December 3, 10	Computer classes for adults	10:30-11:30 am
December 6, 13, 20, 27	Needlers Club for adults	1:00-4:00 pm
December 2	Evening Chess and Go! Club	6:00 pm
December 4	Dinner and a Movie	5:30 pm
December 10	Bedtime Music and Movement	6:30 pm
December 15	Women's Forum	12:30-1:30 pm
December 15	Tech Talks Evening (Reg. Req.)	6:00-7:00 pm
December 17	Tech Talks (Reg. Req.)	10:30-11:30 am
December 17	Holiday Fun Day	ALL DAY
December 18	Writers Round	6:30 pm
December 24	LIBRARY CLOSED (Christmas Eve)	
December 25	LIBRARY CLOSED (Christmas Day)	
December 29	Evening Book Club	6:30 pm
December 31	LIBRARY CLOSED (New Year's Eve)	



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